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1:00pm

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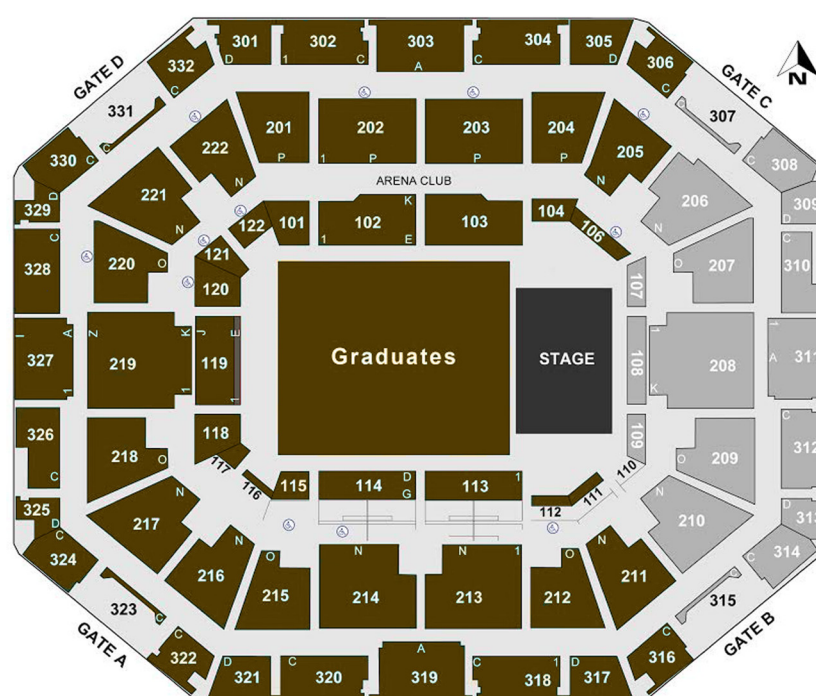
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OUTSTANDING Senior



Nurah Koney-Laryea

GPA: 4.5114

It definitely is an honor. It felt good when I was voted outstanding senior because I have worked so hard all four years and getting some sort of recognition was really nice. I really wasn't expected it because a lot of people in that pool were very competitive as well, so it was really cool to get it.

Top Ten Seniors



VIRAJ PATEL

GPA: 4.7381

College attending: Duke University

Senior Quote: "He who says he can and he who says he can't are both usually right."



HAILEY WISE

GPA: 4.5238

College attending: University of South Florida Honors College

Senior Quote: "I value chips and queso more than my GPA."



KIANA KEHL

GPA: 4.5714

Best classes: Musical Theatre (Mr. O'Hara), AP World (Hampton), DE Comp 1&2 (Vanno)

Plans after high school: Study Health Science and become a Physical Therapist



NICHOLAS CARTER

GPA: 4.5116

College attending: University of South Florida

Plans after high school: Major in mechanical engineering "because math and puzzles are my forte and I've always wanted to build and design for a living."



KIKO LABAYAN

GPA: 4.5476

College attending: University of Florida

Best classes taken: Band, World History, and "definitely Econ"



NURAH KONEY- LARYEA

GPA: 4.5114

College attending: University of South Florida

Senior Quote: "I don't know what I'm doing, but I know that I'm doing it really well."



CHRISTABEL JOHNSON

GPA: 4.5366

College attending: University of Central Florida

Plans after high school: Major in Biomedical Science and become a Plastic Surgeon



MARIO BENNETTI

GPA: 4.5

College attending: University of Florida

Senior Quote: "He who wanders is not always lost."



KELVINE MOYERS

GPA: 4.5326

College attending: University of Miami

Senior Quote: "I guess we are who we are, and even if we don't have the power to choose where we came from we can still choose where we go from there."



ERIC CUSPILICH

GPA: 4.5

College attending: University of South Florida

Plans after high school: Major in Engineering

Becoming Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Max Trettin
Reporter

With the senior class of 2017 leaving soon, students anticipate beginning their college careers. The valedictorian, Viraj Patel ('17), plans to attend Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. The salutatorian, Kiana Kehl ('17), currently attends the Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC), working towards graduating with her Associates in Arts (AA) degree. In the fall of 2017, Kehl will be attending the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. Kehl planned

early, in her sophomore year, to work towards an AA degree.

"I started taking dual enrollment classes my sophomore year when I took English Composition 1 & 2 with Professor Vanno. In my junior and senior years, I took dual enrollment classes at PHSC exclusively," Kehl said.

Patel has a grade point average (GPA) of 4.7381, and Kehl has a GPA of 4.5714. Hard work leads to these GPAs, which brings the achievements of

valuedictorian and salutatorian.

"In total, I've taken seventeen AP classes, and I've passed nine so far. I [received] six fives and three fours. I don't really put that much on myself compared to the teachers. I wouldn't have had valedictorian without the help of Mr. Braddy (FAC), Ms. Pertilla (FAC), Ms. Seletos (FAC), and Mr. Scott (FAC) and all of my other teachers," Patel said.

In addition to the strong academics of these students, they also involve themselves

in extracurricular activities.

Patel plays as a mid fielder on the varsity soccer team, and is a member of multiple honor societies. Kehl is involved in the Thespians, which started by taking Musical Theatre with Mr. O'Hara (FAC).

"Theatre is a very demanding activity that requires a great amount of dedication. It's long hours in rehearsal and then even more outside of rehearsal. It was tough at times to keep up with both school and theatre, but I

managed my time in order to do so successfully. Even still, I've had to put in some long nights and weekends to get it done," Kehl said.

Between school and extracurricular activities, Patel and Kehl managed their time to become successful in high school. Patel plans on entering the medical field through Duke, and Kehl is majoring in health science to become a physical therapist.

A JUMP BACK IN TIME

Most popular TV show: E.R. (NBC)

Super Bowl XXXII Champion: The Denver Broncos

Biggest toys: Furby Babies and Scooter Robot

Billboard Year End Chart Number One Song:
"Next" by Too Close

World Series winner: New York Yankees

1998

Stanley Cup winner: Detroit Red Wings

The big movie: Saving Private Ryan

Most popular names in Florida:
Girl-Emily Boy- Michael

NBA Finals Champion: Chicago Bulls

People's Sexiest Man Alive: Harrison Ford

Most popular TV show: Who Wants
To Be a Millionaire (ABC)

Super Bowl XXXIII Champion: The Denver Broncos

Biggest toys: Pokemon and Furby Babies

Billboard Year End Chart Number One Song:
"Believe" by Cher

World Series winner: New York Yankees

1999

Stanley Cup winner: Dallas Stars

The big movie: Star Wars Episode
One: The Phantom Menace

Most popular names in Florida:
Girl-Emily Boy- Jacob

NBA Finals Champion: San Antonio Spurs

People's Sexiest Man Alive: Richard Gere

Gotta go my own way

Students share what they plan to experience during their upcoming senior trips

Mackenna Shiver
Reporter

For their final year in high school, seniors want something to look back on and remember. At the end of the school year, many seniors go on a trip before they leave for college to make one last memory with their friends or families. Dion Young ('17) is excited to start marking off his bucket list with his friends before they go their separate ways for college.

"Some of us are staying local for school and others are going

upstate and I'll be going to the Marines. We want to make sure we have the most memorable summer so we came up with things that we haven't done and things that would be a lot of fun like a road trip, paint balling, and things like that. This way, where ever everyone goes, we'll always have the memories to hold onto and we can go into the next part of our lives with a smile on our faces and our heads held high," Young said.

Some seniors had their senior trips with their friends early. This way, students won't have to stress all vacation about packing, moving in, and handling all things necessary before heading off to college. Bailey Bodden ('17) took his senior trip over spring break to ensure that his experience was the best it could be.

"I went on a cruise over spring break for a senior trip instead [of going over the summer]. This

way I was able to include all of my friends and everyone could go," Bodden said.

Although taking a final trip is one option to maximize the post-senior year summer experience, some students don't have the money in their budget and are facing reality slightly earlier than others. Dillon Shearer ('17) does not have any trips planned for this summer.

"I am getting to finally relieve all my stress by finishing my

\$3,000 bike payment. That is the best way to feel free and relax during summer after graduation to me," Shearer said.

Taking a senior trip is just one of the several ways students' will spend their final high school moments. Gathering with friends and exploring the world makes for everlasting memories to close off this chapter in seniors' lives.

Hats off to the Hoofbeat

After reading issues of the Hoofbeat, a select group of students make hats out of them and wear them around campus

Sam Burchick
Reporter

Throughout the past year, a select group of students took issues of the Hoofbeat newspaper and made hats out of them on every distribution day. Robert Jozic ('17) and Billy Dorkowski ('17) finished their class work early and decided to make something with the leftover newspapers. After their friends Christian Pauls ('17) and Eric Cuspulich ('17) saw them, they decided to join in on the trend, and began to make them every issue. This group of friends even vary their hat designs each time. On every distribution day, they come up with versatile hat style ideas including baseball caps, propeller hats, Viking hats, boat hats, and more. These boys invented a new way to recycle the school newspapers, which will likely leave a lasting memory for all seniors to look back on as they head off to begin the new chapter of their lives in the fall.



Left to right: Zeke Pollard ('18), Andy Palamar ('17), Noal Gesler ('18), Billy Dorkowski ('17), Christian Pauls ('17), Thomas Peyton ('17)

Photos by Sam Burchick



Enlisting into your future

Seniors enlisting into the military share what branch they are choosing and where they will be sent

Alyssa Magilligan
Reporter

When it comes to life after high school, other alternatives are available besides going straight to college. The military offers a variety of jobs for recruits to possibly acquire after taking a required test called the ASVAB, or the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Students enlisting in any branch after graduation may expand their career and life choices, as the

military has a lot to offer.

"I leave for basic [training] for the Army in June, and my training site is at Fort Jackson in South Carolina," Tarra Connor ('17) said.

When enlisting in the military, there are five different branches to choose from. With every branch also comes basic training, where a recruit goes for weeks at a time to prepare themselves

for what intense situations may occur if they ever get deployed.

"I'm joining the Marines, and I leave for boot camp in August," Trevin Valdes ('17) said.

The ASVAB is required to take when wanting to join the armed forces. The results of this test determine which jobs would provide the best military career for you.

"Just take it, don't study for

it. Studying for it will open more paths for more jobs, but you might not be any good at those jobs," Valdes said.

Enlisting in the United States military provides a variety of options for seniors when it comes to career choices after graduating high school.



ENLISTING SENIORS

Aaron Bruegger
Gunnar Christian
Ethan Collier
Tarra Connor
Larry Dalla Betta
Paul Licciardone
Gavin Nall
Stephan Ricci
Trevin Valdes
Dion Young-Benitez

Stick to the status quote

Seniors' beloved teacher say goodbye before the class of 2017 moves on

"The future is here. Do not squander this opportunity to improve yourself! My hope for your future is that you live a life of integrity, conviction and kindness. Walt Whitman once said that we all contribute a verse to the powerful play of life. As you commence your journey into adulthood, I ask you: What will your verse be?"

- Ms. Seletos

"Live life to the fullest and seize every moment."

- Ms. Desiante

"Be intentional."

- Mr. Causey

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

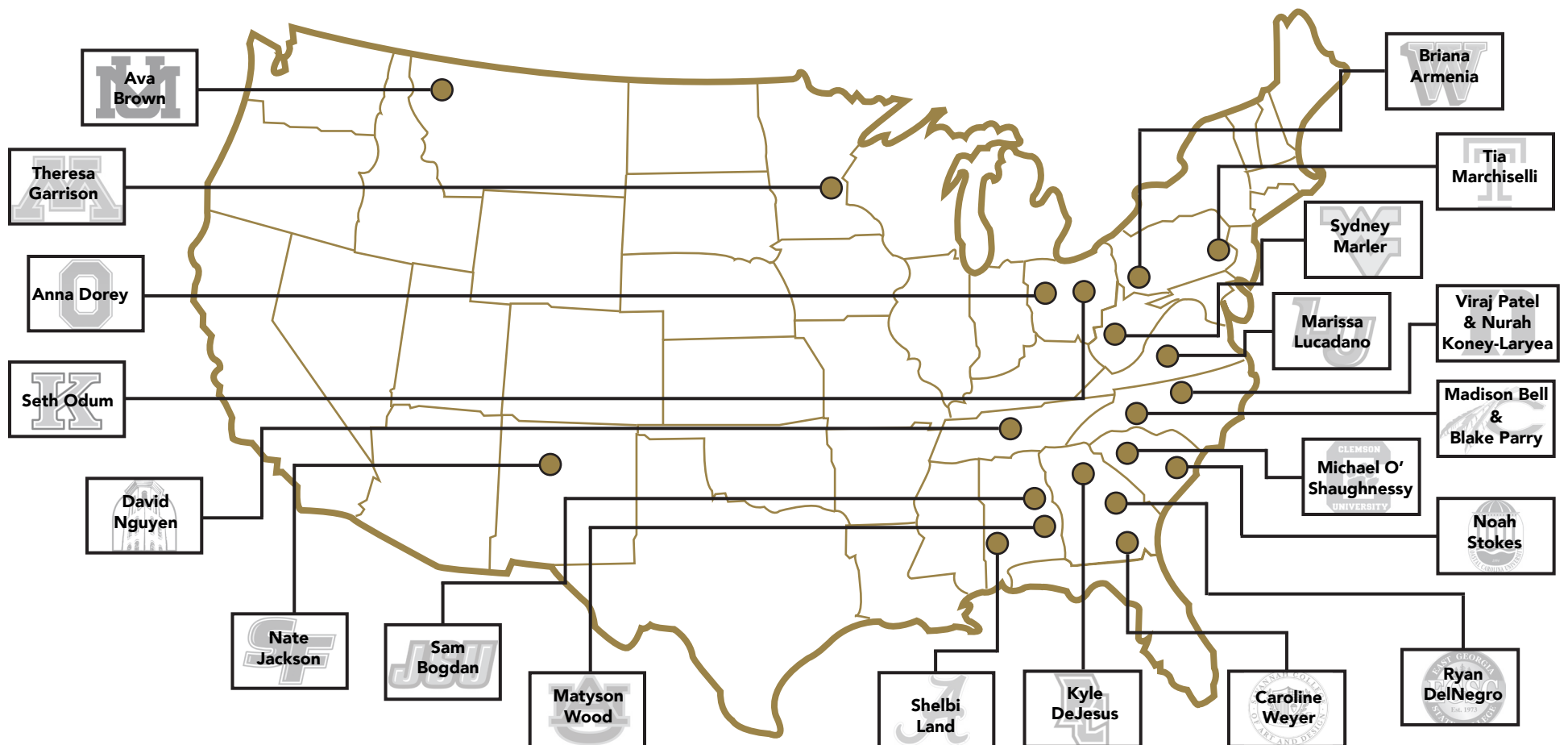
- Ms. Berry-Guth

"Everything you do should be done to the absolute best of your ability - no exceptions! Your name is your reputation, so make it a good one."

- Ms. Orrego

One chapter ends, another begins

Students filled out a Hoofbeat survey given in Government/Economics classes about the four year university they plan to attend



USF

Anthony Alvarez
Grant Bailey
Bailey Bodden
Nicole Benitez
Ashley Campbell
Julia Capo
McKenna Chefero
Brianna Cisek
Eric Cuspulich
Alexander Cuccio
Billy Dorkowski
Laura Duque
Lauren Freda
Amanda Garcia
Rebecca Glomski
Bella Gonzalez
Emily Gray
John Guirguis
Rebecca Glomski
Bre Hackney
Tula Himonetos
Cheyanne Johnson
Russell Khan
Nicole Kramer
Olivia Mathieson
Amanda Markunas
Michael Milford

FSU

Alex Moreno
Jonathan Morris
Maria Otalvaro
Andy Palamar
Michael Pizzolato
Aleyah Proper
Reanna Rawlings
Allison Rosulek
Dan Sandoual
Lauren Sawyer
Danny Schwindt
Matthew Smith
Mike Smith
Crystal Sourivong
Slade Stafford
Noah Sullins
Brie Tsamis
Sabrina Wagner
Carson Wicker
Bain Wills
Morgan Wiley
Hailey Wise
Sierra Zambo
Justin Zellers

Skylar Andrews
Jessica Balter
Meghan Bertig

UCF

Ryan Cannizzaro
Jessie Colegrove
Makailyn Conway
Chandler Dempsey
Noal Gesler
Gabby Gopie
Zach Harrison
Holden Honor
Benny Hook
Taylor Hughes
Jillian Kirkpatrick
Gabby Martin
Rachael Martin
Connor Myers
Lauren Puskaric
Jeremiah Schimka

UCF

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Chase Biondo
Sam Burchick
Mia Calderone
Matt Dawson
Connor Dimestico
Vanessa Galluppo
Bryce Hill
Emily Klein
Angeline Matrone
Trey Martinez

UF

Demitria Rao
Jordan Winchell

UF

Mario Bennetti
Dalton Brooks
Hanna Cavallaro
Kiko Labayen
Victoria Martin
Santiago Ortiz
Natalie Phanco
Claire White

FGCU

Trevor Foggia
Anthony Moe
Yasmina Naim
Zachary Rossignol
Nik Schmidt
Tyler Yhel

UNF

Alec Burchick
Abby Fairbank
Sarah Hanson
Ashlee Sidorewich
Ave Maria
Matt Hegwood
Brandon Comito

UT

Madison Kelton
Bridget Ludwigsen
Christian Hernandez

FAU

Madison Hueholt
Sydney Kraus
Mya Campbell

UM

Kelvine Moyers

Stetson

Erin Kerns

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Picking puck over prom

The Hockey team misses out on prom to participate in Nationals

Josh Wagner
Reporter

With their thrilling 8-7 overtime victory, the varsity hockey team made history in their 2015-16 season, becoming the first team from Florida to win the USA Hockey High School Nationals. This season the team looked to live up to their newly created reputation and revisit Nationals, a goal that was conquered without question.

After going 18-2-2 in the regular season, and after passing States, they packed their bags and headed to Cleveland, Ohio for the 2017 National Championships.

"It was fun [going back there for a second year in a row], we were short [players] though so it was a lot of hard work," Shawn Terry ('17) said.

As the team battled the tougher competition brought by Nationals, they had to deal with a second opposition, player

injuries.

"It's always tougher, they are hard teams to play, we were short guys too, so that makes it even worse. We did not have [Josh] Corrow, Jon Heller got hurt, and Jack Mazur got hurt as well," Nathan Smith ('17) said.

Senior players had a tough decision to make, as Senior Prom and Nationals fell on the same date. The team's first playoff game was March 30th, and Prom was March 31st.

"It was definitely worth skipping my senior prom, but I do regret not going [to Senior Prom]," Terry said.

Even if senior players had personal intentions on going to Senior Prom, they didn't have much choice.

"At the beginning of the year each team signs a thing with the Lightning saying if you win States, you had to go to

Nationals. We were going to go against that, and so they were going to disqualify us next year from States and Nationals, if we made it, by us not going to Nationals this year," Smith said.

During Nationals, the team dominated the first few games, beating teams from Kentucky, Nebraska, Texas, and Indiana. However, near the end they fell short to Frisco, Texas in a 4-7 loss.

"It was a good run, and only having twelve kids we brought up there, and then having so many get injured. It was a pretty cool experience still, coming up in third place," Dave Hawkins ('17) said.

Despite the injuries, tough competition, and the unfortunate decision for seniors, the group put up a fighting force at the 2017 Nationals.



Year Recap

A look back on the final W-L records of all varsity sports over the 2016-17 school year

BASEBALL	BOYS' GOLF	BOYS' SWIM	GIRLS' XC	GIRLS' BASKETBALL
24-5	5-1	5-1	7th in Regionals	19-6
BOYS' BASKETBALL	BOYS' XC	WRESTLING	GIRLS' SOCCER	GIRLS' WEIGHTLIFTING
28-1	13th in Regionals	5-11	21-3	3rd in Regionals
BOYS' WEIGHTLIFTING	BOYS' SOCCER	GIRLS' SWIM	GIRLS' TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL
3rd in Conference	19-3-4	5-1	6-3	18-2
FOOTBALL	BOYS' TENNIS	GIRLS' GOLF	SOFTBALL*	TRACK & FIELD
8-3	6-4	6-2	22-6	1st in Gulf & Mitchell Quad

*Denotes season still in progress, record may change by the time of distribution.

Memories to last a lifetime

The softball seniors reminisce on their high school careers



"My favorite memory was going 15 innings in the District Championship and winning."

MADISON BELL



"My favorite memory was when Maddie tried to jump the fence for batting practice and ripped her pants."

HAILEY PROFETA



"My favorite memory was being able to play along side the people I grew up playing with from the start."

JULIA JERARD

Looking back on the end of an era

The baseball seniors reflect on their favorite memories over the past four years



"My favorite memory is when I straight stole home in a game and was safe."

DALTON BROOKS



"My favorite memory is bowling after the playoff game last year."

BLAKE PARRY



"My favorite memory is winning the District Championship."

RYAN DELNEGRO



"My favorite memories are the bus rides before away games."

KYLE DEJESUS



"I agree with Blake, bowling after playoffs is my favorite memory."

TREVOR FOGGIA



"My favorite memory was starting pitching against Anclote on Senior Night."

KYLE WHITE

Teaching the legacy of track

The track seniors inspire and guide the underclassmen

Bailey Illig
Reporter

Ending their High School career, Billy Dorkowski ('17) and Dion Young ('17) made it to regionals for track and field. These role models for the track team guide athletes and show that anything they dream of can happen if they are willing to put in hard work and effort in order to succeed.

"When we have under-class men who are new to the sport I and the other upper-class men

make sure to show them how to do the drills so that they can get the most out of them and be the best athlete they can become along with being able to help others that may have the same questions," Young said.

The seniors specialize on specific events as they help teach and "coach" the other athletes that need guidance in that special event. Dorkowski specializes in pole vault, triple

jump, and long jump and is a figure to go to for the under-class men.

"When a freshmen, who does not know anything about track, goes into a track meet then they will think that everyone is lazy. This is because everyone is just lying around and not doing anything. But in reality I teach freshmen that the goal at a track meet is to reserve as much energy in order to perform

at a high level at each event," Dorkowski said.

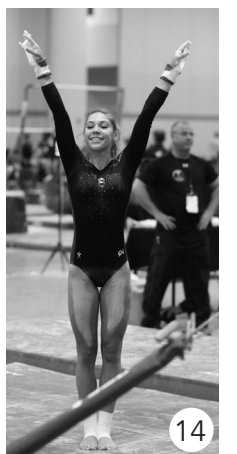
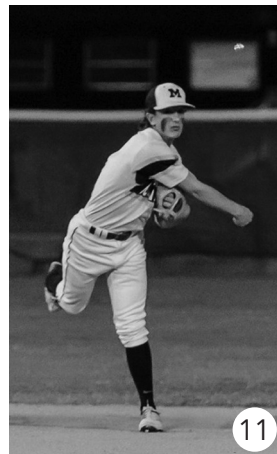
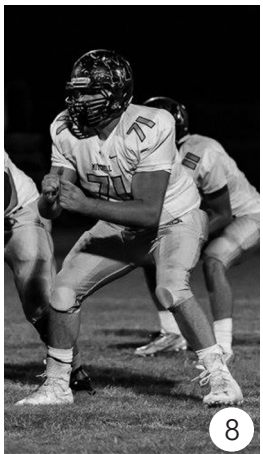
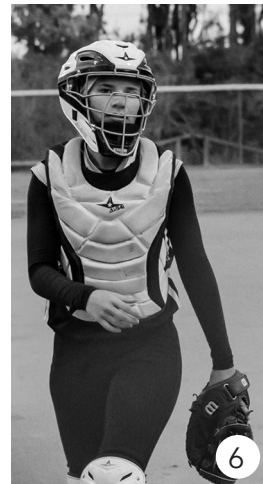
Although the senior student athletes continue to exceed in their events and the freshmen look up to them, it does not mean that they cannot get stressed out and worried about their events.

"You have throwers, distance runners, sprinters and jumpers. So you have four big groups, and me, I have a bunch of events

going on at the exact same time, I have about three that happen within fifteen minutes, so it is pretty stressful," Dorkowski said.

The knowledge passed down from the seniors experiences to the up and coming seniors and even the under-class men guide them in their dream of succeeding in the sport they love.

Where their **FUTURE** takes them



1 ALEXIS ZEAGAN

Lacrosse
Coker College

2 BRANDAN COMITO

Football
Ave Maria University

3 JERMANE CROSS

Football
Trinity Valley

4 NOAH STOKES

Soccer
Coastal Carolina

5 KYLE DEJESUS

Baseball
Piedmont College

6 MADISON BELL

Softball
Catawba College

7 MASON CASTRICONE

Football
Monmouth University

8 MATT HEGWOOD

Football
Ave Maria University

9 MIKE DOYLE

Football
LIU Post

10 REECE WILLIAMS

Soccer
Marbella United FC, Spain

11 RYAN DELNEGRO

Baseball
East Georgia State

12 SABRINA WAGNER

Soccer
University of South Florida

13 STEFNAIE GUIZAR

Golf
Wingate University

14 SYDNEY MARLER

Gymnastics
West Virginia University

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PRINCE Jordan Winchell

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ROYALTY

Demetria Rao

Bianca Richko

Mario Bennetti

Nik Schimdt



Mariah Guy ('17)
Jordan Winchell ('17)

“Prom was amazing. Court overall was fun, being able to stand on the steps with other people in your class as names get announced. It was definitely humbling knowing my class and the school elected me again. I could not be happier that my peers think so highly of me.”

Briana Armenia ('17)



“I enjoyed prom from beginning to end. I knew this was one of the last major school events I would have to enjoy with the kids I've grown up with the past 4 years so I just tried to make the most of it in every way possible. Winning Prom King was so incredible. I'm honored to have been chosen and it was a great way to top off an even better night.”

Viraj Patel ('17)



Photo by Gigante

“My favorite part of prom was being able to show off my love for my country through fashion. I pulled up stuntin' on 'em with my American flag suit, which seemed to be loved by most everyone.”

Noal Gesler ('17)



Tyler Corbin ('17), Joey Weierheiser ('18), Jack Davis ('17), Stephan Ricci ('17), and Noal Gesler ('17)

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Emily Larcom ('17), Lilly Doherty ('17), Marina Deitz ('18), Sara Reid ('17), Kayla Lopez ('17), and Elizabeth McCoy ('17). Photo by Gigante

“Prom was a lot of fun and the place was absolutely beautiful, it felt like I was in a movie.”

Lilly Doherty ('17)

Universal Appeal

On April 7, the senior class took a trip to Universal Studios to celebrate for upcoming graduation

Raleigh Illig
Editor

At the end of every school year, one of the last events the senior class gets to do before they graduate is go to Grad bash. This event is normally held at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in celebration for the senior class surviving their high school years.

“Being able to have the park accessible to me and my friends all night and being able to ride whatever rides we wanted to was so much fun and I had a great time,” Mya Campbell ('17) said.

Before leaving the school, every student had to wait at school and one by one be inspected by faculty. This process took three hours which ended up causing the seniors to arrive at Universal two hours later than expected.

“It would have been a lot more fun

if we actually got to leave on time and didn't spend so much time at the school trying to leave and we actually got more time at the park,” Jordan Winchell ('17) said.

As soon as students were let into the park and free to roam around, the night got better.

“I hung out with my friends Milfy, Brett, and Dalton and it was a pretty fun time, it was a privilege to go as a senior with all my friends and it was just an amazing time,” Chase Kerr ('17) said.

Universal Studios provides a guest performer each year for the event.

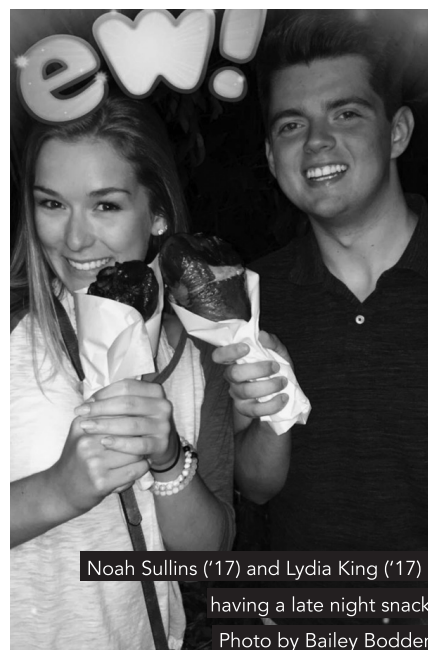
“I was looking forward to watching Jason Derulo but it was disappointing that he was 45 minutes late, but overall it was pretty fun,” Campbell said.

While walking around the park at

midnight, Noah Sullins ('17), Lydia King ('17), and Bailey Bodden ('17) decided to try something new from the park.

“I wanted a turkey leg because I haven't had one in a long time. We were in line for the Harry Potter ride and we saw people walking around with them which made us ask people where they got them so we could go buy some. We were so happy that we finally found them,” Sullins said.

Seniors took their experiences at Grad Bash to reflect upon their years in high school.



Noah Sullins ('17) and Lydia King ('17)

having a late night snack.

Photo by Bailey Bodden

“The whole thing is very surreal I really didn't imagine my senior year to go by this fast but I'm glad that my friends and I got to do something fun like that to celebrate Graduation,” King said.

As senior year approaches an end,

memories made on the Grad Bash trip celebrate good times in high school.



Mathue Warren ('17), Ethan Colier ('17), Jessica Troche ('17), Caroline Weyer ('17), and Lizabeth Mendoza Vega ('17) in the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Photo by Caroline Weyer



Editorial: Pay check, or pay tuition?

Sadie Turnbow
Guest Columnist

In the modern world, students are given more options than ever. With thousands of colleges in America and the world, young adults are offered a variety of choices when furthering their education. With the aid of student loans and scholarships, even the less fortunate have the opportunity to attend college. But is a college education truly beneficial?

Wealthy alumni and successful businessmen continually glorify a college degree, stating that it is vital to economic prosperity. According to Bobby Scott, Virginia representative, "It is virtually impossible to compete

in today's global economy without a college degree."

However, in recent years young people have looked up to amazingly successful individuals who refrained from college. Just a few examples include Steve Jobs, Tom Hanks, Tiger Woods, and Adele.

Overall, college graduates make more money. According to procon.org, "on average, a college graduate with a bachelor's degree earns \$30,000 more per year than a high school graduate." The figure increases further with a master's or

doctorate degree.

On the other hand, student loan debt can be devastating to young adults. According to ticas.org, "seven in 10 seniors (68%) who graduated from public and nonprofit colleges in 2015 had student loan debt, with an average of \$30,100 per borrower." This is a serious concern for poor post-college students, who can barely make ends meet. If they cannot find an appropriate job, even with a degree, it can completely destroy their financial state.

The majority of jobs require college

degrees. "Based on economy and job projections calculated by Georgetown University, in 2018, approximately 63% of jobs will require some college education or a degree." (procon.org). Furthermore, college graduates are more likely to be satisfied with their jobs. According to procon.org, college graduates are 8% more likely to enjoy their job than high school graduates, and 18% more likely than college dropouts.

Despite this a large number, even up to half of college graduates perform an occupation that does

not require a college degree. This means that all of their time, work, and money invested in college was unnecessary. In addition, many college graduates are unemployed. These people are left educated, but penniless and out of time.

All in all, the decision to get a college education, or refrain from one, is significant and will affect the rest of your life. Despite all evidence, the path you follow is ultimately your decision. It is imperative that you make the right choice.

Go Greek or no Greek

The pros and cons of joining a Sorority or Fraternity in college

Michelle Cervera
Reporter

A fraternity or a sorority is a group of people living together sharing a common professional interest or interest in social activities. There are a variety of fraternities and sororities students can join. Some types of fraternities or sororities are centered around meeting people, creating new friendships, and being social. Another type would be businesses fraternities or sororities that can create more opportunities through connections with members that can advance a career.

But is Greek life really necessary? Social networking gives members the opportunity to meet people, help communicate with other organizations, increase leadership development, push people to get involved and by doing projects. And ultimately have the feeling of being a part of something bigger than yourself, a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Student Jackson Rossi ('17) discusses the benefits of fraternities as he is planning on joining one when he attends college in the fall.

"You immediately have a group of friends and a network, and you also have a lot of great service opportunities for volunteering. When you are new to college you might not know everyone and especially if you're going to a big university you might feel like a small fish in a big pond so joining a fraternity definitely allows you to meet new friends and form a brotherhood," Rossi said.

But of course Greek life also has some negatives such as stereotypes and being put into a box or even putting yourself into a box because of the organization's image without even considering the organization's ideals of brotherhood. In short, people will expect you to act a certain way based on the image that your group has. Depending on the

organization they will put you to work immediately which can be overwhelming.

Sammi LeRoy ('16) graduated from Mitchell and went to Florida Gulf Coast University for the fall semester. LeRoy is a first year Tri Delta member and plans to stay in this sorority for her remaining years.

"I think being in a sorority is something college students should look into because they give you great opportunities and help you grow as a person in ways you wouldn't have imagined," LeRoy said.

Every sorority has values that they plan to focus on. At FGCU, there are philanthropies like St. Jude, Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Make a Wish Foundation, etc. Sororities such as Tri Delta put on events to raise money for the

philanthropy throughout the year.

"Yes there is the social aspect of it as well where we have socials, and mixers with other sororities/fraternities. We have chapter meetings every week on Sundays and that's where we find out activities for the week and upcoming events," LeRoy said.

Although there are both positives and negatives to being in a Sorority or Fraternity in college, joining one could impact people's lives and teach life skills.



The Tri Delta Sorority at FGCU.

Photo provided by Sammi LeRoy

Working their way through college

As the senior class prepares to leave for college, one of the biggest questions they will be asking is "should I get a job?"

Morgan Fliss
Reporter

After high school, comes the challenge of transitioning into college and deciding whether or not to maintain a college job. Students like Connor Dimesitico ('17), plan on sustaining a job in college to afford the expensive cost of tuition looming over his head.

"I need [the] money, since college is expensive, but I feel students can gain a lot of experience in the workforce and it will help keep students financially stable. [In addition] it can help them on their [future] resumes," Dimesitico said.

As students start getting jobs throughout high school, they learn that balancing work inside and outside of school is the key to

success. McKenna Chefero ('17) already works two jobs as a high school student, at a day care and tanning salon. She plans on having an on-campus job to pay back all her student loans.

"Days that I have tests, I really don't want to work, but I know have to go in. So, I might have to stay up extra late studying or just study on the job. I

feel that academics should be more important but you can't tell your boss that, so you have to try and find a way to make them both work. I have been able to juggle my college classes fine so I think it will probably be the same in college, too," Chefero said. In addition, retaining a job in college teaches students, like Chefero, to

become more responsible with their money because they worked hard to call it their own.

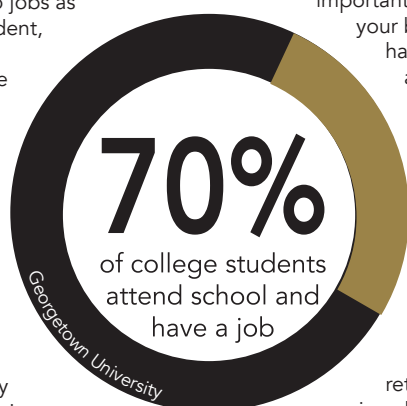
"You begin to feel more frugal with your money [when you have a job]. You don't want to spend it because you worked hard for it, but at the same time, you know you are able to sustain yourself instead of having to ask your parents for money," Chefero said.

Ms. Michelle Chamberlin (FAC), the career specialist at school, accomplished many jobs during her years at FSU. She worked for the Florida Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner for the Deputy Director of the Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. She feels that the

experience she earned helped her in the future.

"Having a job helped offset some of the expenses of college, but it also helped me build my resume and get experience. The jobs I had in college actually helped me obtain the job as Career Specialist at Mitchell," Chamberlin said.

Based on experience, Ms. Chamberlin knows that working in college helps students in the future when building resumes and searching for upcoming occupations. Chefero and Dimesitico plan to follow in her footsteps by possessing a job during college to further their career choices.



UBER EVERYWHERE

Students share why they will be leaving their car at home before heading off to college

Jess Mason
Editor

Commonly known as the day teens are set free from their routine lives at home, a 16th birthday provides the opportunity to finally roll the windows down, blast the radio, and hit the road. However, as freeing as receiving a car may initially feel, having a car comes with many decisions. One of the most significant being whether or not to bring a car to college.

Entering college as a freshman is a stressful transition to begin with.

For many, college is the beginning of adulthood and may bring on many challenges such as managing classes while still making time for a job, a social life, and extra-curricular activities like sports, clubs, and sororities/fraternities. Adding in the maintenance of a car to an already crammed schedule complicates life even more.

"[Leaving my car at home] would eliminate any stress I could have about keeping it

running as smoothly as possible while still being over a thousand miles from home," Kasey McNaughton ('17) said.

In addition to creating further stress, the cost of keeping and maintaining a car while still trying to possess enough money for school and necessary living expenses exceeds the ordinary college student's budget.

"I will not be bringing my car with me to college because at this

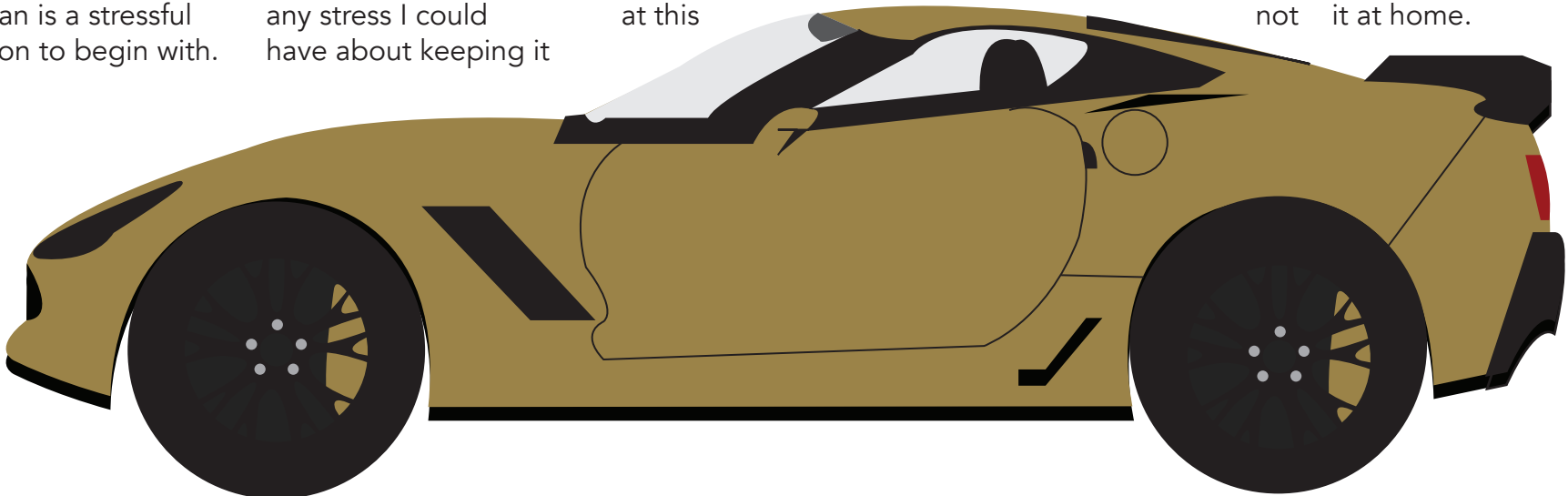
point in time I will be attending [Marymount Manhattan College], a school in Manhattan, New York. It's expensive to keep a car in the city, especially when traffic is usually always at a standstill. I find it easier to walk in Manhattan and don't feel like paying for gas or maintenance when I'm trying to focus on paying tuition," McNaughton said.

Leaving the car behind not

only prevents stress and saves money, but also allows for it to go to good use at home.

"If I leave my car at home then I am able to let my younger sister use it when she receives her license," McNaughton said.

Although bringing a car to college may be the more convenient route, the expense and stress that comes with it provides more than enough reason to leave it at home.



TAKE YOUR CAR THERE

Students share why they will be bringing their car with them to college

Kaitlyn Klein
Reporter

As high school comes to an end for seniors, they anxiously await the beginning of their first semester of college. Bringing a car to campus remains one of the toughest decisions for seniors to make. However, the college experience can be more manageable for students with a car of their own.

Jenna Miller ('17) plans on attending UCF in the fall.

"I'm going to school in Orlando and there's a lot of fun things to do in the

area that you can't walk to. All the amusement parks that are there would be fun to go to on weekends or breaks, but without a car it'd be harder to meet up with people," Miller said.

Miller believes getting everyday things done can be difficult without having her car on campus with her.

"Things like going to the grocery store, getting a haircut, and going shopping may have to be done on others' time if you

don't have your own transportation. I don't want to constantly be asking others for rides," Miller said.

After having her car for over a year, Miller has grown accustomed to driving herself around.

"When I need my parents or friends to drive me around I feel like I'm in middle school again, so I don't want to feel like that while living on my own," Miller said.

The idea of having the ability to get away from campus whenever

he wishes is something Bryce Ramirez ('17) has been looking forward to.

"When I got my car it was like I had a new freedom, and now that I'm going to college I feel that again. But I don't want one freedom taken away just because I have another. I think the idea of leaving campus whenever is really cool, and I don't want to not have that," Ramirez said.

Leaving a car at home also creates the issue of what happens to the car.

"My brother is turning 16 and I know he wants my car, so if I left it at home my parents would probably give it to him. It's my car, and I don't want him going around crashing it" Ramirez said.

Bringing a car to college can maximize one's overall experience. From helping accomplish simple everyday tasks to helping boost fun on the weekends, a car is almost an essential for any college student.