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## STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR SCHOLARLY WORK AT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**  
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NSU's Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will host the 2015 Undergraduate Student Symposium on April 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Alvin Sherman Library.

The Undergraduate Student Symposium is an annual event that inspires undergraduate students to pursue an area of research that interests them. During the symposium, students will showcase their scholarly work through poster displays, oral presentations and the annual Undergraduate Film Festival.

Don Rosenblum, dean of Farquhar College, said NSU's small classes and focused faculty allow students to go beyond learning in just the classroom and that students spend months preparing their projects with faculty.

"Ultimately, we are about defining who we are and where we belong in this larger world," Rosenblum said. "Research and inquiry is a human drive; the symposium is not about a research



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Students discuss their research with President George Hanbury at a previous Undergraduate Student Symposium.

project that sits on a shelf, it's about realizing who we've become."

The event includes a welcome talk, presentations and an award ceremony. Rosenblum said many of the projects featured at the symposium lead to further research, publication, national conferences and other great opportunities.

"The projects in the symposium are amazing, and students need to

attend to see what's possible. If a student goes to this university doing the basic minimum, just going to class, then what a shame that is," he said.

Mentor for students presenting their work Weylin Sternglanz, professor in the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, believes the journey a student takes in creating their projects is nothing

less than rewarding.

Sternglanz said even for those students who are not presenting, the symposium is an invaluable experience.

"It is inspirational for students to see their peers engaging in high level scholarship and working closely with faculty mentors. My hope is that students will feel inspired to seek out faculty members to serve as mentors for the students' own creative ideas in the future," he said.

Senior psychology major Idania Elizabeth Cater and sophomore biology major Guy Merus will present their psychological research entitled "Evaluating Participant Pool Characteristics across the Semester via Replication." They have been working on their project since September and said they are happy to finally have their hard work recognized.

Cater said the research study was a crowd-sourced project that utilized 23 university student pools.

NSU contributed 131 participants.

"The main point of the study was to determine whether researchers' intuitions about student's characteristics being different in the beginning of the semester as opposed to the end of the semester had any statistically significant effect on research results," she said.

Around 60 faculty will judge projects based on the significance and importance of the topic, appropriateness of the research question, research methods and procedures, result interpretation, creativity, oral presentation clarity and professionalism.

Rosenblum said, "The interesting part is that the students don't know who the judges are."

Prior to the event, the judges look at the projects to evaluate and take notes, without the students there. On the day of the event, the judges will look to see how well the students explain and connect

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## LITERARY MAGAZINE DIGRESSIONS TO LAUNCH NEW ISSUE

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**  
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On April 8, the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will celebrate the launch of the new issue of the student-run literary magazine, "Digressions," with a release event at 4 p.m. in the Performing and Visual Arts Wing in the Don Taft University Center.

The magazine, produced by the college's Division of Humanities, is a compilation of student submissions in three categories: short fiction, poetry and visual art.

Digressions Editor-in-Chief Angelica Zadak, senior theatre and humanities major, said 28 submissions were accepted: three photography pieces, three short story pieces, six art pieces and 16 poetry pieces.

Zadak said Digressions gives students the opportunity to share their dreams or ideas to a group of people who are not judgmental.

"There are so many people out there who have a dream or idea buried deep inside. They don't dig it up because they're too busy, or they're scared of what it would

mean if they were to show people," she said.

Writers' and artists' names were withheld from submissions during the review process. The Digressions editors gave each piece a score from one to five. The results were tabulated, and the pieces with the highest scores were selected for publication.

At the event, Digressions contributors and staff members will read selections of the published student poetry and short fiction.

"It is always magical to hear the words come to life through the eyes of the writer," said Zadak.

Photographs and paintings from the new issue will also be on display in the gallery, along with entries from this year's cover-design contest and covers from the past 10 issues.

Destiny Everett, senior philosophy major, said this is the second year her work has been published in Digressions.

"I feel very honored to have two pieces of my poetry selected for publication this year including the poems titled 'We Weren't Love' and 'Becoming,'" she said.

Zadak said that students

both involved and not involved in Digressions should attend the launch.

"For a student whose work is accepted into the magazine, there is recognition, and, for the readers of Digressions, it provides an avenue of discussion," Zadak said. "There are so many concepts brought up in the art and words of this literary magazine — to communicate these ideas with peers would be great; it's something to build a community on."

Everett said it is important for NSU to have a literary magazine because it allows the undergraduate student body to have their voice heard.

"Self-expression is an art that can be understood universally; and, having this opportunity as an undergraduate student is a major accomplishment that most writers don't get the chance to experience until later on in their careers," she said.

Ursalina Aguilar, senior art major, said Digressions allows students to show how hard they have worked and what they are able to accomplish.

This is also the second year

Aguilar has been featured in Digressions. Her art pieces include "Ice Cream City," "A Mickey's Nightmare" and "When I Saw I Cried."

"It means a lot to get to showcase my work to the entire NSU student body, faculty and staff. It's a pretty big honor if you ask me," Aguilar said. "I tend to paint colorful abstract buildings. They have become known as a signature of mine. Over the summer, I grabbed an ice cream cone for inspiration and started drawing out my sketch on a canvas, and there you go, that's how 'Ice Cream City' was created — out of pure fun."

Aguilar said if a student submitted work and didn't get accepted, then they should keep trying.

"Success doesn't happen overnight. You got to keep working. Keep practicing, and you can make your dreams happen. The first time I submitted work to digressions was in my sophomore year, and I submitted the max number of submissions, and none of them got in," she said. "I was sad, but I used that as inspiration to try harder."

Zadak said the launch is the

best time for students to network as well as show pride in their work.

"There are so many faculty members who appreciate the work these students have created and would be happy to bestow some wisdom on any student who asks," she said.

Digressions will be available to all NSU students, faculty, staff and members of the community after the release event. Copies will be available in the third floor of the Parker Building and Room 127C.

Prizes will be awarded for the strongest submissions in each category, and a reception at the Flight Deck Pub with light refreshments will follow. Winners will also be recognized at the Undergraduate Student Symposium.

Zadak said, "Though this is my last year as part of the team, I really hope to see Digressions flourish into something big and beautiful. It's possible, too, if enough heart is put into it."

For more information about the Digressions magazine, contact Zadak at az174@nova.edu.

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with their research. The judges will ask questions, general or specific, while filling out a rating sheet and evaluation form.

At the award ceremony, students will be awarded first, second and third place, along with honorable mention awards.

“To see all of the students on the edge of their seats, waiting to find out if they’ve been awarded or recognized for their work, is simply gratifying,” Rosenblum said. “If you talk to students, you’ll find that while they enjoy recognition, they don’t care if they win or lose. They admire each other’s work; the symposium is not so much competitive as it is celebratory. All of them realize they are doing something special.”

During this year’s symposium, additional students who’ve done work that is not a part of the symposium will be acknowledged as well.

“While the symposium is

certainly to honor the work that is showcased that day, it also to acknowledge other students’ achievements — whether it is the winners of the literary magazine, Digressions or the student’s artwork featured in the Juried Student Art Exhibition,” he said.

Cater said it is essential for NSU to host the symposium each year because it allows students who are working above and beyond the regular course load to show their hard work.

“The symposium is a moment of pride for the student and their family and friends. It feels incredible to be able to say, ‘I was able to present some of my findings to my university,’” she said.

Cater said attending the symposium will help ignite passion in a student for scholarship.

“Students should attend the symposium in hopes of being inspired to get involved in research and other endeavors on campus,

to learn from fellow peers and to present their own findings,” she said.

At many universities, Sternglanz said that this type of experience is reserved only for graduate students earning their doctoral degrees.

“Here in the Farquhar College, we have very small classes and no graduate teaching assistants; this means that undergraduate students have the opportunity to receive guidance on scientific research and creative endeavors directly from faculty mentors,” he said. “Such experiences are seen very positively in graduate school applications and on the job market.”

Cater said the faculty at NSU is eager to see students succeed.

“I have not come across any professors in my department who are not exceedingly helpful. The students who do not realize this and do not take advantage of the outstanding professors here are

not taking advantage of what this university has to offer,” she said.

Merus said the symposium allows students to build relationships and exchange ideas with other students, faculty and experts from various career backgrounds.

“For students who are thinking about taking part in the 2016 Undergraduate Student Symposium, I have learned that the faculty of NSU is here to help as long as you are willing to work for your goals. Use them to your advantage. Remember, it all starts with an idea, so don’t be afraid to ask,” he said.

Rosenblum said he is moved by students’ work.

“Throughout the event, I witness students become very connected to the deeper understanding of their research,” Rosenblum said. “It is truly amazing to see students in their element.”

Admission to the Undergraduate Student Symposium is free, and everyone is invited to

attend.

Students interested in starting their research project and participating in the symposium next year should contact Sternglanz at sterngla@nova.edu.

### Dean Rosenblum’s advice for students who are participating in the 2015 Undergraduate Student Symposium:

“Enjoy the moment. You’ve done all this work. When you pause for a moment and put your work on display for the larger community, it’s frightening and exciting. When you see the genuine interest and curiosity of your work from others, you feel like a resource, you feel important. Everyone should experience this feeling.”

# NEWS ANCHOR

## Stay up to date with current events.

### UberX Driver arrested for trying to rob woman’s home after taking her to airport

Police in Denver arrested a driver for UberX, a low-cost version of the wildly successful ride-sharing program, last week on suspicion of attempting to rob a woman’s house after he dropped her off at the airport. According to the Denver Post, 51-year-old Gerald Montgomery was taken into custody on suspicion of attempted second-degree burglary, a felony. Montgomery allegedly tried to break in through the backdoor of the woman’s home but fled when her roommate noticed him.

### Terrorist attack in Kenya

On April 2, Somalia-based Al-Shabaab militant group murdered 147 people, mostly non-Muslims, at Garissa University College in Kenya. Along with the deaths, 79 people were injured and 587 people were evacuated from the university. The gunmen attacked early in the morning during prayer services. According to Kenya’s National Disaster Operation Centre and Kenyan media reports, the death toll is the highest in a Kenyan terror attack since the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in 1998. Four of the gunmen were killed. Officials have arrested five people in connection with the attack and are looking for Mohamed Mohamud, also known as Dulyadin and Gamadhere, who they believe is responsible for the attack.

### Obama suggests “good deal” with Iran

On April 2, President Barack Obama said that the U.S., Russia, China, Great Britain, France and Germany struck a good deal with Iran that will prevent it from obtaining a nuclear

weapon. The countries agreed on a “framework” for a deal that limits Iran’s nuclear motivations. The deal would last at least 10 years and limit Iran’s centrifuges, reduce its uranium stockpiles and increase inspections of its nuclear facilities. In return, the negotiating countries would drop sanctions against the Middle East. The final text for the deal is due June 30.

### White House works to combat greenhouse gas emissions

The White House announced a plan on March 31 that will curb greenhouse gas emissions by 28 percent. They will submit the proposal to the United Nations, who will finalize a global treaty to combat climate change at the 2015 Climate Change Conference in December. The plan includes an implementation of fuel economy standards, energy efficiency measures for buildings and appliances and programs to decrease hydrofluorocarbons, or climate pollutants.

### Philadelphia woman attempted to join ISIS

Keonna Thomas, a 30-year-old mother of two from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was arrested on April 3 for trying to support ISIS with money and resources. Federal prosecutors say that Thomas, who goes by the username “YoungLioness” on Twitter, posted updates that led authorities to believe she supports the terrorist organization and was planning to become a martyr for their cause. Her court case is scheduled for April 8. If convicted, Thomas will face a maximum of 15 years in prison.

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# GAS LINE BREAKS AT CONSTRUCTION SITE

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## NSU ALERT

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A message from NSU-ALERT

**Davie Fire rescue is investigating a possible natural gas line break near the Shark Athletics Building. Sports Center, Shark Athletics Building and University Center are being evacuated. Do not re-enter affected buildings until all clear issued.**

One of the safety announcements released by the Office of Public Safety about the gas leak.

On April 1 at approximately 1:45 p.m., a natural gas line broke near the Shark Athletics Building, resulting in evacuations until the area was declared safe at approximately 2:10 p.m.

The gas line was accidentally hit by an independent contractor who was digging underground with a backhoe as part of the Noel P. Brown Sports Center construction project. The Davie Fire Department shut off the gas valve leading to that line until NSU's gas utility company, Teco, was able to repair the rupture.

Executive Director of Facilities Management Jessica Brumley said Teco was not responsible for the break and that the university will mark existing utility lines in the future to avoid another incident.

Director of Public Safety James Ewing said better attentiveness by construction personnel using machinery should prevent accidents like this and that there is no further concerns for what happened.

"The safety of the NSU community is

our highest concern," he said. "The university alerted the entire community of the situation and exercised every precaution to help avoid any possible danger."

The Sharks Athletics Building, the Don Taft University Center, Campus Support Building, and Noel P. Brown Sports Center were evacuated when the gas line was hit. There were also multiple alerts issued by the Emergency Mass Notification System to the NSU community about what happened and when it was safe to return to the buildings. The mass notifications included indoor and outdoor public addresses, building alarms, phone and email messages and verbal commands from emergency personnel.

Davie emergency officials responded to the situation within minutes of the alert. Officials included Public Safety, Davie Fire and Rescue, Broward Sheriff's Office and Hazardous Materials Management (HazMat).

"The tiered system worked effectively to assist with the required evacuation and to alert the NSU community," Ewing said.

Ashlee Schuchmann, freshman marine biology major, said she was doing homework in the UC when she received notifications on her phone to evacuate the building. She said people weren't scared because they were aware what was going on and that NSU did a good job of organizing the information.

"It was really well-organized," she said. "There wasn't any panic or anything. Having the alerts definitely helped."

Lila Munoc, sophomore biology major, was in the Rosenthal Student Center when she received the alert. She said she and her friends didn't think much of it as first, but a few minutes later the alarm sounded in the building and they evacuated. She said people didn't really know what was going on at first and they were looking around trying to figure out what happened, but that the process ultimately ran smoothly.

Munoc said a staff member from the Office of Student Activities notified the students when they were allowed to re-enter the building.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### From the Big Apple to the Black Box Theatre with Broadway Bash

NSU's Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Performing and Visual Arts will host Broadway Bash, a mix of musical performances, on April 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at the Don Taft University Center. Broadway Bash will include popular hits from Broadway and off-Broadway shows, including numbers from "Heathers," "In the Heights," "Legally Blonde," "American Idiot," "Spring Awakening" and more. Tickets are required for admission. Visit [sharkfins.nova.edu/?p=29443](http://sharkfins.nova.edu/?p=29443) to purchase tickets. For more information, contact Bill Adams, associate professor and coordinator of performing arts, at 954-262-8025.

### Brain Awareness event

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Division of Math, Science and Technology will host an interactive demonstration on April 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library. The "I Love the Brain" demonstration is for children 5 and older to learn about the brain through hands-on activities, craft projects and games. Students and faculty will lead the activities. For more information, contact Leanne Boucher, associate professor, at 954-262-8469.

### UNICEF Dance-a-Thon

The Unite for Children Club, NSU's UNICEF club, will host a Dance-a-Thon on April 14 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the RecPlex basketball courts. The event is to promote healthy life styles and teach attendees about malnutrition in non-developed countries. For more information, contact Marcela Sandigo at 954-262-7301 or [pmarcela@nova.edu](mailto:pmarcela@nova.edu).

### Shin Ju Japanese Buffet reopens after inspection

Shin Ju Japanese Buffet on University Drive was allowed to re-open last Thursday afternoon after passing inspection by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The restaurant was closed that Tuesday after an inspector found 47 code violations, including live roaches near the sushi prep area. A second inspection on Wednesday found the same issues. The department inspected the restaurant after a patron took a photo of a brownie with a cockroach on it and sent it to Local 10.

### Amazon Prime Now offered in Miami

Amazon's Prime Now service offers two-hour delivery in more than 10 ZIP codes in Miami-Dade County, including parts of Doral, Sweetwater and Kendall. Amazon Prime members living in these ZIP codes can receive two-hour delivery for free and one-hour delivery for \$7.99. Amazon Prime members can also check the status of their deliveries with the Prime Now app available for iOS or Android.

### View the de la Cruz Collection

NSU's de la Cruz Collection showcases a group of female artists who are at the forefront of American painting and sculpture. The exhibition will be displayed until May 4 and can be viewed in the Alvin Sherman Library's Cotilla Gallery. Artists in the exhibition include Kathryn Andrews, Rachel Harrison, Dana Schutz and Paulina Olowaska. For more information, visit public.library.nova.edu or call 954-262-4613.

### Become a personal trainer

The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) will host a workshop for participants who are interested in becoming a personal trainer. The workshop provides information in the exercise sciences, including updated ACSM and industry guidelines as well as behavioral objectives, dimensions of wellness and more. The workshop is from June 5 to 7 and costs \$375. Space is limited. To sign up, visit [acsm.org](http://acsm.org). For more information, and to save \$30, visit [sharkfins.nova.edu/](http://sharkfins.nova.edu/)

## NSU INTRODUCES FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**  
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Office 365 ProPlus will be available through students' Office 365 NSU SharkMail account.

The Office of Innovation and Information Technology (OIIT) is offering the new Microsoft Student Advantage program for NSU students. Due to NSU's enterprise agreement with Microsoft, students will be able to download and install Microsoft Office ProPlus desktop applications for free.

Office 365 ProPlus is available for Windows, Mac and mobile devices, including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows Phone. Students will be able to download Microsoft Office ProPlus applications on up to five devices. These applications include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Access and Publisher.

Technology Design Engineer at OIIT Danny Dorvilier said NSU is offering this program because it gives students the opportunity to have students and faculty working on the same Microsoft Office platform.

"Students will be able to use the same programs as the faculty to ensure file fidelity and gain valuable skills on the world's most

popular productivity software," he said.

NSU Microsoft Student Partner Erich Von Hinken, second-year graduate student in the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences, said Microsoft Office is the standard for businesses today.

"Any student that is looking to be competitive in the workforce must have a masterful knowledge of these essential systems" he said. "Being able to use Microsoft Office is a requirement for any competitive job in today's market."

Von Hinken said NSU providing its students with access to Microsoft Office is a great opportunity, and he's excited for his fellow peers.

Dorvilier said students will always be able to use the software for free.

"The software will be offered

permanently, but we are unsure if we will be expanding upon this service," he said.

Dorvilier said once a student leaves the university, their Microsoft Office ProPlus subscription will end.

Students having trouble signing in or downloading Office can contact the Help Desk at 954-262-4357 or email [help@nova.edu](mailto:help@nova.edu).

### To get your free Office 365, follow these steps:

1. Visit [sharkmail.nova.edu](http://sharkmail.nova.edu)
2. Log in with your NSU email credentials
3. Click on the Office 365 icon on the left top corner to install
4. For additional instructions, visit <http://nova.edu/oit/office-365/>

# TEST YOUR STRENGTH AGAINST BRAIN CANCER

By: **Li Cohen**

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NSU's Kappa Sigma fraternity will host its first annual Strongman competition to raise awareness and funds for the Florida Brain Tumor Association on April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

The weightlifting competition is open to the general public. Competition events will include a farmer's walk, dead lift, bench press, crucifix, medley, tire flip, loading and a truck pull. The weigh-in will occur after contestants check in at the event.

Judging is based on the heaviest weight used for five repetitions for the dead lift, bench press, crucifix, medley and loading. Truck pull is based on the fastest time, and farmer's walk is based on the distance. At each event, participants will start at the minimum weight and can individually choose to increase the weights incrementally or go straight to their maximum.

Vendors will distribute and sell energy drinks, T-shirts, drawstring bags and protein drink samples. Davie Fire Rescue will provide more than 600 pounds in weights and will attend the event to show support and provide emergency personnel, if needed.

Each event will have five weight classes for the males to choose from and two weight classes for females. Prizes will be given to each

weight class in each event and include protein snacks and certificates.

Each event has a \$5 entry fee, or contestants can compete in all events for \$30. Those who participate in six or more events will receive a T-shirt. Admission is free for non-participants. Kappa Sigma will accept cash, check or money orders.

Strongman Chair Benjamin Lowry, sophomore biology major, said Kappa Sigma chose the Florida Brain Tumor Association as its philanthropy for the event because his father has been fighting brain cancer for the past four years.

"We've seen how tragic brain cancer can be," he said. "It can really devastate someone in a really short amount of time, and it's very hard to detect. It can get really severe really quickly, and it affects a larger number of people than you would think."

Kappa Sigma has set up a GoFundMe account for donations at [gofundme.com/kappasigstrongman](http://gofundme.com/kappasigstrongman).

For more information or to purchase a T-shirt, contact Lowry at [bl657@nova.edu](mailto:bl657@nova.edu) or at 214-621-7430.



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# PROFESSOR SEEKS TO START EQUESTRIAN CLUB

By: **Keren Moros**

Maryann Tobin, program professor of reading education at the Abraham S. Fischler School of Education, will host two informational meetings for students interested in joining the club on April 15 at noon and April 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building, Room 2064.

Tobin, a third-generation equestrian who judges horse shows, previously began an equestrian team at the University of Miami. She said the club will be affiliated with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, which has chapters in more than 370 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, including Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University and the University of Florida.

Tobin believes having a club would be ideal for NSU because of the local horse facilities. She mentioned her idea to President George Hanbury at a Town Hall Meeting, who expressed his support for the idea.

"We are across the street from a very well-known rodeo ground," Tobin said. "There are horse farms within a 10-mile radius of the university. So many schools struggle to find a home for their equestrian team because they're in very urban locations, whereas we have the beach nearby, and we have horse country in our backyard."

Tobin said the club would allow students to compete and ride at all levels and is open to those who have never ridden horses before.

"If you love horses, if you're ridden in the past, if you want to learn to ride, and you know nothing about horses but have always been interested, it's open to riders at all levels," Tobin said.

Opportunities will include the chance to compete, even for beginners.



Reading education professor Maryann Tobin holds her horses Bowen and Jigs. She hopes to start an equestrian club at NSU for students.

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"You can be a beginner, and, if you put in some hard work and some luck, you can go right to the national level, which is a great opportunity," she said.

Tobin will be the adviser to the club under the Office of Student Activities. However, she hopes the organization will grow into an organization that is open to the NSU community.

"It's not just about competing; it's also for everyone who loves horses," Tobin said. "I'd like to see this branch out past just a competition team

and more into the global world of horses and ways that students can be involved in philanthropy as well."

Tobin said these philanthropic opportunities include working with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, helping neglected and abused horses and working with therapeutic riding programs aimed at children and adults with physical or mental disabilities.

Members will not have to own their own horses as they will be able to ride horses from local

trainers.

"Besides making life-long friends with your teammates, you have the opportunity to work with these magnificent animals, and you really can't do it without them," Tobin said. "The bond that is formed with the horses you work with is, to me, the most fulfilling thing."

For more information, contact Tobin at [mt745@nova.edu](mailto:mt745@nova.edu).

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# Diary of... a once-rejected student

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There have been times when I felt like it was the end of the world. I'm specifically referring to this time of year when those of us who decided to take our education to the graduate level await the classic, thin envelope that either opens the doorway to our dreams or bluntly marks the start of a prolonged depression.

No matter how you look at it, college rejections are a slap in the face especially after considering all the time and effort you put in for your application.

If you've had nightmares about receiving a palpable sting in a thin envelope, my story will prove to you that an initial rejection is not the end of the world.

Precisely a year ago, my application to NSU's College of Optometry was rejected. Even though I accepted this decision, feeling that I wasn't quite ready for the toughness of grad school, I felt lost in a vortex of having no clue what I should do with my life.

My options were either to simply accept the situation and convince myself that this path was not meant for me or to go back to school for a second chance to be admitted, take out loans (because I wouldn't qualify for scholarships or financial aid) and take the chance of either succeeding or getting another letdown.

One side of the scale had the rest of my life with a one-year penalty of going back to school, while the other side had a minimum-wage job plus the pleasure of not having to go school or study ever again.

The decision wasn't hard at all. I knew that if I didn't take the chance to go back to school, I wouldn't do it later. All I could think about was the reason my parents decided to move to the U.S. 14 years ago. They wanted me to get a better education and become independent and influential in society. I didn't want to let them down after all these years, and, more importantly, I didn't want to regret my decision years down the line. I wanted to be proud of my decision, so I made the honorable attempt.

I made sure to address every weak point that appeared to devalue my application the previous year. I went back to school with the goal of improving my GPA as much as I could. I also made weekly arrangements to study for the Optometry Admission Test to improve my score and I worked on getting stronger

recommendations.

I took advantage of all the chances that came my way. I wasn't in a situation that allowed me to say no to anything that might make me a better applicant. To address my lack of work experience, I took the opportunity for a job that didn't seem like my biggest passion at the time. That was how I went from being sports-impaired to sports-literate in a matter of weeks as I took on the position as sports editor for The Current. The experience was — and still is — priceless. It restored my confidence, and I realized that all I was missing was a true opportunity. All it took was this extra push, and thousands of dollars in loans.

Going back to school was definitely a challenge and was also discouraging at times.

There were times when I asked myself "What if I don't get accepted again? What if I end up on the same fork in the road as last year?" I always found the answer to my baffling questions when I shared my frustration with my friends and family and my ever-supportive boss.

January rolled around, and I was ready to apply again. I submitted my application only to find that my stress levels tripled. There was nothing I could do except wait. I found myself going through the infamous college waiting game as anxiety accumulated for the next few weeks.

On March 5, I finally received the email that read, "On behalf of the committee on admissions at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry, I am pleased..." Yes! That was the word I was looking for: "pleased." I laughed and screamed and jumped and cried with tears of joy. And then it occurred to me that I should probably finish reading the email. It read "...that you have been selected to interview..." I was as happy as a wave dancing on the sea.

At this point, you're probably thinking that I got accepted into optometry school and am now living a happy ending, or beginning. However you want to look at it. But, that's not quite what happened.

I chose the earliest available appointment date mainly because I couldn't live through the

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Randa Djabri preparing for her optometry school interview.

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stress any longer. I interviewed and learned more about the other, graduate, side of my school and fell in love even more with optometry.

Waiting to hear back after the interview was only the next level of horror. A week later, I received a call from an admissions counselor who nicely informed me that I was put on hold. My brain was stuck on that word — "hold" — and I couldn't grasp the rest of the phone call. That day felt like the end. All I could think about was the curse of becoming someone without a dream, someone who doesn't have an inspiring story to share with their kids, someone who seems like they're giving excuses for why they didn't stick with their dream while they had the chance to. All these thoughts were mixed with the remains of the reminiscent cluelessness from the previous year.

I decided to talk to someone and find out why I was put on hold and if there was anything I could do about it. I decided to question the decision to put me on hold and find out what I did wrong.

I was fortunate to contact the right person at the right time. He was very understanding and comforting. He told me not to compare myself to others and took the time to listen carefully to my situation and analyze it.

A few days later, I was notified that I was granted admission into the Preparatory Optometry Program, a one-year applied professional studies program that gives those who qualify a chance to guarantee their spot in optometry school if they meet certain

requirements. I believe this was the result of the call I made because they saw that I cared. I wasn't just another person who decided to live with the rejection.

I was thrilled. I'm sure that my happiness was no less than getting accepted into optometry school itself.

I was yet another step closer to my dream. This rewarding feeling confirmed the validity of the decision I made one year ago. My hard work was appreciated, and my long nights of studying and hours of working hard weren't tossed in the dumpster of forgotten hopes and dreams.

No need to worry, fellow graduate school rejectees. Though the experience can be shattering, there are plenty of reasons an initial rejection is not the end of the world.

What I once thought was the most devastating thing that ever happened to me turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me. It wasn't just another year that passed in my life. I developed my personality and gained priceless experiences. I wouldn't trade this past year of my life for anything.

No one should let rejections control his or her life. Allowing other people's assessment of you determine your own self-worth is a very big mistake. Being rejected made me value who I am and what I want to become even more. It made me appreciate the small successes that accumulate and lead to accomplishing big goals.

Most of the time, all it takes is that one extra step that wasn't outlined in your application checklist. Go beyond the limits and seek opportunities, make yourself stand out and dig for another way out of your frustration. Always remember that a temporary defeat is not a permanent one. You can make it into an opportunity.

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# EARTH DAY 2015: THE THREE R'S REVISITED

By: **Michaela Greer**

Most students aren't "tree huggers," insisting that people must banish toilets in the name of "humanure." We also don't demand the boycott of companies that do not use biodegradable products. However, college students can do certain things to decrease our individual ecological footprints. Reducing, reusing and recycling are really not as labor intensive as people might think.

Although I do not consider myself an environmentalist, I abhor trashing things that can be recycled, such as the large plastic bags that freshly dry-cleaned clothes come in. A few months ago, I had a part-time job babysitting three rambunctious children who seemed to be on a mission to destroy the interior of my car. That was when I had the idea to solve two problems at once, and I converted my mountain of dry-cleaning bags into cheap chair covers for my car. For a while, it worked well, but, like all good things that come to an end, I had to leave my job, and the bags started to pile up at my house again.

I then figured that a dry-cleaning bag was the same as a regular trash bag and could be recycled. But, a few minutes of web surfing proved that it was just too thin to be recycled. Out of options, I called the Town of Davie and was connected with Gay Moo-Young, who handles the city's recycling issues, to find out if there was some inside scoop I was missing.

Moo-Young said, "Unfortunately, the recycling system here in Florida has not been developed as much as in places like Toronto that even collect organic waste. So, we are still unable to recycle quite a few things."

Sadly for me, that meant that I was stuck using my dry-cleaning bags as trash bags for the time being. Nevertheless, Moo-Young did give me a wealth of information and tips about recycling that won't leave us stuck with soap suds in our eyes because shower time is up.

## Half is better than none

Coffee sleeves, the previous issue of your favorite magazine, cereal boxes, mailing boxes and even egg cartons can all be recycled when broken down. Believe it or not, you can also recycle pizza boxes. It's common for the rest of the garbage to be sorted while the pizza box is left out in the rain — sometimes literally. Moo-Young said that if the top of the box is grease free, pizza lovers can tear the tops off for recycling. This can also be done for food containers made of the same material.

## Water is liquid gold

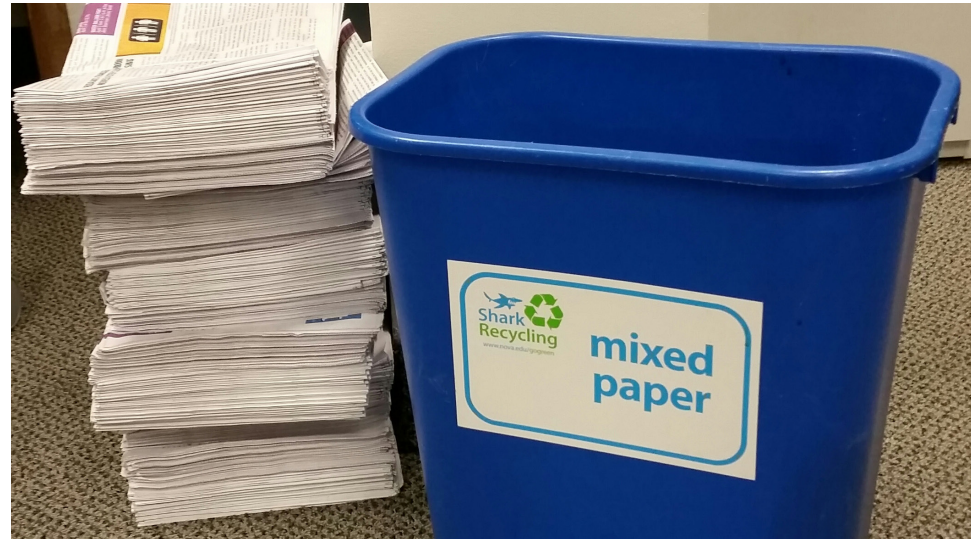
Most people have already heard the tips about turning the tap off when lathering during your already shortened showers, brushing your teeth, scrubbing dishes, etc., so there's no point in repeating the same things. But, one rarely considered tip involves a trip to the mall. The next time you visit the food court, ask to skip the tray. Opting to not use a tray eliminates one more item that has to be washed with tons of water. Water can also be saved at home by filling a tightly closed bottle with sand or stones and placing it in your toilet's tank. The bottle serves as a weight and will cause the tank to fill up with a less but still adequate amount of water for the next flush. Excess water from washing fruits and vegetables or leftover ice cubes from drinks can also be used to water plants.

## Join the vegan side

Think about all of the energy that is put into just growing the food for these animals and the fuel needed to cart it to them; it adds up. Choose a day during the week to experiment with and experience vegan foods. Of course, meat lovers can always go back to reveling in their carnivorous ways, but it is fun to try something new, and helping the environment is an added bonus.

## Let there be energy-efficient light

In addition to switching to energy-efficient appliances such as new televisions, light bulbs and washing machines, don't neglect to off the light when leaving the room. Energy-efficient



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This Earth Day, students can reconsider their recycling and energy consumption habits.

light bulbs tend to last three to 25 times longer, "reducing" the long-term cost. Many laptops, tablets and phones, like the HTC M7, have energy saving options that lessen how often the devices have to be charged. Google also powers a search engine called Blackle.com that features a black screen instead of white, which saves energy simply by using a darker color scheme as it requires less energy to display the page.

These are just a few of the countless ways in we can reduce, recycle and reuse everyday items. Recycling does not have to be a chore, nor does reducing mean that one has to live in squalor. Of course, there may be variations on recycling

depending on the county that you live in, but Moo-Young insists that all of the counties and towns in South Florida are diligently working to serve the communities. Residents who wish to find out more about recycling can visit their district's town hall or access their website for more information.

"Recycling is easy, and it's not as difficult as people think it is to train themselves into the habit. Many people think that one person can't make a difference, but they really do," said Moo-Young. "Getting started is simple. All you have to do is ask."

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# Career Corner

Requesting letters of recommendation



By: **Emilio Lorenzo**

Letters of recommendation are common documents needed at this time of year when you may be getting ready to apply to graduate school, potential research opportunities or internships. Now, requesting a letter of recommendation is not as simple as asking your friend to borrow a pen as it requires some strategic planning.

What is a letter of recommendation you may ask? A letter of recommendation is defined as someone writing on your behalf, usually a professional or someone who can speak as to what you can offer a company or the specific opportunity. While anyone could write a letter, it is usually most helpful to have a professional or academic contact write your letter. Be careful as to whom you choose to write your letter and ensure that they know you well enough to write a thoughtful document that will cast a positive light and work to your benefit.

As you start to brainstorm whom you should reach out to for a letter of recommendation, keep in mind that an effective recommendation letter is written by someone who meets some of the following criteria:

- Is aware of your field of interest and the schools you are applying to.
- Is able to evaluate your performance in your field of interest.
- Is able to discuss your personal characteristics
- Is able to discuss your capacity to work with others
- Can discuss your leadership skills
- Can evaluate your level of professionalism (e.g., punctuality, efficiency, assertiveness)
- Can discuss your academic skills — not simply experience, but evaluate your potential to succeed in graduate-level study
- Can evaluate you positively relative to others
- Has some recognition and whose judgment is highly valued within the field

If you are using a letter of recommendation for graduate or professional programs like medical school, you should be strategic as to whom you select and the time you give the professional to write your letter. Many students may be applying to graduate programs as well and you want to ensure the person you plan on asking will have ample time to write your letter.

A good rule of thumb is to reach out to the professional at least a month before you need to submit the letter. You can reach out via email the first time. A sample email would look something like this.

“Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

Would you be willing to write me a letter of recommendation for my application to the graduate program at NSU?

The application is due in six weeks. I know you are busy with final exams and the end of the semester, but this will hopefully allow enough time for you to put something together if you are willing.”

Once you have established contact and the professor or letter writer has assured they will write the letter, you can follow up by providing all necessary information, including your resume, due dates, name of program, details on the opportunity and, at times, your personal statement (if it is for graduate school).

Overall, you want to take some time to identify which individuals would be ideal letter writers for your recommendation. Take the time to evaluate your options and have a strategic plan so that you are going about the process in a timely manner.

# DROPPING A CLASS? DON'T DESPAIR

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We have arrived at the semester's point of no return. The final date to withdraw from semester-long courses, April 12, is almost upon us, and many students are making the tough decision to withdraw from their most challenging class.

But, the decision to drop a class or instead risk failure affects more than just a student's morale. It has long-lasting impacts on one's GPA and the ability to qualify for an academic scholarship in the future. If you are in danger of losing your scholarship after this semester, there are still options to ensure that you can afford tuition next year.

### NSU's Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)

A visit to OSFA can clarify all of your questions regarding your eligibility for future scholarships, grants and loans. Financial aid counselors in the One Stop Shop can answer questions on everything from application and payment deadlines to missing financial aid requirements and charges on your student account. Contact the office at 954-262-3380 or stop by the Horvitz Administration Building to make an appointment or for walk-in assistance.

### The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The 2015 FAFSA is due on April 15, and this essential online form determines a student's eligibility for grants, scholarships, loans and work-study programs based on income and level of need. This is the first step to ensuring that you've maximized your potential to receive financial aid, and it must be completed with accuracy and attention to detail. You do not need your or your family's

2014 income tax information on hand while filling out the FAFSA. You may enter estimated values and update the form when you've done your taxes. Contact OSFA if you require assistance with the FAFSA.

### NSU institutional scholarships

NSU maintains an extensive list of 278 institutional scholarships available to undergraduate and graduate students through the university's own benefactors and alumni. Visit NSU's financial aid website to conduct a scholarship search to find one that will suit your program of study and current GPA. Most of these institutional scholarships require a simple one-page application, and the latest deadline for some is in May.

### Fastweb.com

This is the easiest and most reliable resource for non-institutional scholarships and essay contests to secure some extra cash for tuition or textbooks next semester. After creating a free account and profile, the website will match you up with scholarships that best fit your program of study and interests. From video and art contests to corporate scholarships, the awards can vary from \$100 to \$10,000 per contest.

Falling below your maximum credit requirement or a suffering GPA can seem like the end of the world for a hard-working college student. But with a little effort, one can always find alternative means of securing funds for their education.

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# ON THE BENCH: Video games are not a sport

Commentary by: **Nicole Cocuy**  
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Anyone who has ever participated in a Super Smash Bros. Melee tournament, spent countless hours fighting a bunch of strangers online in Call of Duty or even challenged a friend to a game of Trivia Crack while waiting in traffic cannot deny the fact that video games are incredibly competitive. We yell at our screens, accuse our competitors of cheating and, in times of victory, boastfully dance like we just made the winning touchdown.

Video games used to simply be a hobby reserved for free time or for friendly rivalries. But, video games have evolved significantly from Pokémon battles and Mario Kart races. For some multiplayer online video game League of Legends players, video games are not just a hobby; they're a professional sport. Players from around the world are actually getting paid to join professional League of Legends teams, spend several hours a day training and compete against other teams in tournaments. Fans and wannabe professional gamers watch tournaments live on their computer screens and buy merchandise from their favorite teams. Universities are also catching on to the latest gaming trend; college

campuses around the country have school-sponsored League of Legends teams, and a couple schools have even offered athletic scholarships to players.

It's easy to see how a game like League of Legends could be classified as a sport. On the surface, it's like a low-key NFL, but with an international appeal and an entirely different fan base. Just like how football teams train, strategize, cooperate and compete, League of Legends teams practice and plan every day with coaches and work together as a team to destroy the enemy team's Nexus. Games are broadcasted live with actual sportscasters, and fans host viewing parties on major tournament days like it's the Super Bowl.

Similarities aside, video games, even League of Legends, cannot possibly be classified as sports because, besides mashing buttons and clicking mouses, there is no real physical element. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary definition of "sport" is "a contest or game in which people do certain physical activities according to a specific set of rules and compete against each other." While definitions are malleable and change

overtime, our society will always perceive sports as physical demonstrations of agility and strength. Even when we describe someone as "athletic," we refer to how muscular his or her build is and how well he or she throws a ball. Granted, video games require the same level of alertness, teamwork and hand-eye coordination, but it's impossible for a gamer to be considered "athletic" without actually running or picking up a ball.

The same goes for college athletics. While League of Legends teams are usually sponsored by universities, compete against other college teams and could possibly win campuses a considerable amount of money in tournaments, it wouldn't be fair to classify college players as student athletes. Student athletes are required to wake up at ungodly hours and spend a considerable amount of their time training. But, the dedication doesn't stop there; student athletes even maintain special eating and sleeping habits to perform to the best of their ability on game day.

This is not to say that League of Legends is by any means easier or requires less work than

playing a sport does. Playing League of Legends does require a lot of skill and practice, and players train tirelessly to master their craft. However, the type of work and dedication required of athletes and gamers is so different that it's impossible to compare the two. Athletes require a constant maintenance of physical shape and ability, while video games are primarily mental.

It's premature to already shove League of Legends into the "athletics" category because, in reality, it's on a league of its own — pun intended. With our growing reliance on the Internet and the constant advancements of technology, there will certainly be other games in the near future that will seem to blur the line between hobby and sport. Until then, let's label League of Legends what it actually is — a hyper-competitive video game.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Talyn Washington

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In running track, the competition is not about the opponents; runners compete against themselves.

"You can beat everyone in the field, but you're still running slowly," said Talyn Washington, senior athletic training major and member of the men's track team.

Born and raised in Palm Beach, Florida, Washington played basketball for four years and ran track for two. He played basketball until his sophomore year at Berean Christian High School.

"My friend just asked me to try out for team, so I went out one day and started to run. My coach saw that I had talent, and I went on from there," said Washington.

Although he wasn't very attracted to running at first, he worked hard for a chance to get a scholarship to go to college.

It didn't take long for Washington to use his talent at NSU. He ran 22.45 seconds at the FIU Felsberg Invitation in the 200 meter dash his freshman year. He also finished fifth in the 400 meter Kip Janvrin meet that year.

As a sophomore, Washington earned All-Region honors for his performance at the Peach Belt Conference Championships in the 200 meter, 400 meter and 4x400 relay team. Washington was the only male representing NSU at the NCAA championships.

Washington's junior year was another year full of accomplishments. He participated in a total of nine events and was recognized by the United State Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as an All-South Region honoree.

I got the chance to sit down with Washington and ask him a few questions to get to know him better.

**Will you continue to run after college?**

"Yes, if my times allow me to, and if I can run fast enough times."

**What are your future goals?**

"I want to get a job as a weight trainer at a gym for sports performance and fitness and, possibly, continue to and try to get sponsorships. As of right now, I'm done with school."

**Did you play any other sports growing up?**

"Yes, basketball. I actually liked basketball more than track, but track presented itself with a scholarship opportunity."

**What are your hobbies?**

"I like to play ping pong. I like to play the NBA 2K15 video game."

**Did anyone in your family play any sports?**

"My dad ran track in high school, but he was never really into it."

**Who's your favorite runner?**

"Michael Johnson because he set an unbelievable world record in the 400. I don't think anyone will ever break his record."

**Do you have any special rituals before you get on the track?**

"Nothing too special; I just try to stay focused and not stress."

**What do you feel motivates you the most?**

"I just try to do my best to represent myself in the track in front of everyone. I push myself as much as I can. Sometimes, my teammates motivate me, but, for the most part,

it's an individual sport, so you have to motivate yourself."

**How do you interact with your teammates in an individual sport?**

"We practice together, and we know each other's struggles, and we always try to support each other because, in the end, we always come back together as a team."

**What has been your most memorable moment running?**

"It was probably my sophomore year when I qualified to go to nationals."

**When's a time you felt proud of yourself?**

"This season because I ran 20.98, and I've trying to run that for a while, since last year."

**Do you have a coach who influenced you?**

"Coach Booth, I've been with her for four years. She knows me, and I know what to expect from her. She's a good coach that looks out for her athletes."

**How would you describe yourself as a runner?**

"I'm strong, humble and competitive, and I have heart."

**How do you celebrate winning?**

"I always appreciate the accomplishment, but I still seek improvement. I don't get too excited about it."

**What's the main thing on your mind when you're running?**

"I get in my zone. You don't want to focus on everyone around



Washington is a senior athletic training major and a member of the men's track and field team. COURTESY OF E.CANAL

you, but you still have to be aware of them and focus on the race. Just execute how you're supposed to run."

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

"I would go to Jamaica. My best friend's been there a couple of times, and I heard it's beautiful."

**Who's the most influential person in your life?**

"My mom. She's a single mother. She raised my sister and me, and she always tried to push me

in the right direction. She sacrificed a lot for me."

**How do you balance between school and track?**

"It's hard to focus on both without letting one fall a little. It took me two years to find the balance."

**If a movie were to be made about your life, who would you want to play your role?**

"Young Will Smith."

# Coach's Corner:

## Andres Pedraza

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Just like any soccer player, Andres Pedraza's feet were his main tool for playing soccer, and, now, he uses them while coaching the game.

Pedraza, the new women's assistant soccer coach, started out playing soccer in the streets of Colombia.

"I started playing soccer in the street, and that's how I started loving the game and getting pretty close to it," said Pedraza.

Pedraza's first opportunity was presented to him at the age of 15 when Argentinian coach Mario Vanemerak saw him playing and asked him to practice and play with his team.

"I practiced with his team in a club on a regular basis, and I went with him to Argentina and played there for a few months," said Pedraza. "None of the clubs there gave me sponsorships, so I went back to Colombia, and I played in Brazil as well."

Following this new experience, Pedraza was unable to play for a while because of an injury. That was when he had the chance to come to the U.S. and play four years of soccer at the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky, while he pursued degrees in journalism and Spanish.

When he finished his journalism degree, he applied for different graduate assistant jobs. His first job was at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he led goalkeeper sessions and coached the field players over an 18-month period.

"There was a lot of progress there," said Pedraza, as he helped guide the team to their first-ever regular season conference championship.

As a player-turned-coach, Pedraza found it difficult to transform from athlete to coach at first. He made sure to always present himself to the players in a way that they could trust.

"When you're a player, you're a little selfish sometimes as you always seek self-improvement more than team improvement," said Pedraza. "But as a coach, you make sure the team works more as a unit, and you want

all your players to improve and do well."

Pedraza made sure he utilized his journalism degree while he coached. He took advantage of social media to build a connection between the team and their families and friends.

"I always posted photos and videos, which are an important part of journalism, to create that bond," said Pedraza. "In the future, I hope to somehow combine his journalism skills with his love for soccer."

Pedraza's next opportunity was at NSU. Although he has only been at the school for a month, Pedraza feels that his experience with the women's team has been positive so far.

"I truly believe that they're a great group, and I'm looking forward to seeing them play in the fall," said Pedraza.

As a coach, the concept of teamwork and being successful is extremely important for Pedraza. The way he accomplishes both of these points is through respect and being positive.

"This always proves to be effective because you can always tell them what you think, but you have to tell them in a respectful way," said Pedraza.

His constructive feedback works hand-in-hand with his positive coaching style.

"I give them advice so they can get better because our goal is not to criticize them in the end. You can't just go negative on them," said Pedraza.

Although there are many similarities between coaching men and women, Pedraza was able to explore both worlds and discover the differences through his experiences.

"Men are always in their own little world, and they're all about themselves, but with women you can see that the relationships are definitely better," said Pedraza. "You can see that how they try and push hard just for the team and for the coaches."

Through his positive work ethic and equality with the players, Pedraza tries to establish a stronger relationship with the young women on the team and be their role model as a coach.



COURTESY OF A. PEDRAZA  
Standing in the background is Pedraza, the women's soccer assistant coach, who is pursuing his master's in liberal arts.

"I'm always trying to find a way so that everyone has a role in the team," said Pedraza. "I show them that I value their time, and I respect their efforts."

Being a superior motivator is an important part of being a coach. That is why coaches get together sometimes and play with the athletes to transfer the positive energy vibe to them on the field.

"I motivate them by giving them examples and good arguments," said Pedraza.

On his part, Pedraza gets his motivation from his goals in life and by reminding himself constantly of why he chose this career.

"My goal is to become a better coach each day and to expand my knowledge and apply that knowledge," said Pedraza.

Pedraza mainly lives with the philosophy of following his dreams and expanding his knowledge to achieve his goals.

One of the main things he had to learn as a coach is dealing with different kinds of people and their personalities.

"Communication is key between the coach and the players, and the next big thing is being able to motivate them," said Pedraza.

When Pedraza is not running on the soccer field, he likes to spend his time off reading news from around the world.

"Other than that, I've been able to go to Colombian restaurants down here, which I haven't had the chance to do before because there wasn't much diversity like there is here," said Pedraza.

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# SPORTS SHORTS

## Softball

The softball team fell in their series opener to Lynn, as the Fighting Knights went home with a 6-1 victory at the A.D. Griffin Sports Complex.



## Men's Golf

The men's golf team finished its regular season with a second-place finish at the Buccaneer Invitational at the Normandy Shores Golf Club.



## Baseball

The baseball team went back to its winning ways, after defeating the Palm Beach Atlantic University Sailfish, scoring seven runs in the last three innings to win by a score of 10-3.



# FRIEND THE “UNFRIENDED”

By: Alyssa DiMaria  
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“Unfriended” is a terrifying cyber nightmare for today’s generation.

Take a piece of everyday technology and turn it into an object of uncommon terror and you’ll have the chilling cyber nightmare “Unfriended.”

The story follows a group of high school teenagers haunted by the spirit of their dead friend Blair on the one-year anniversary of her tragic suicide. One-by-one, each friend is stripped of their secrets and lies as the spirit maliciously attacks each with gruesome deaths. Here’s the catch, though: this all takes place online, visualized through Blair’s desktop.

The storytelling is an incredible combination of Skype video/chat, Facebook posts/messages, Google searches and search histories, YouTube videos, memes and webpages. Even her cursor movements help to tell the story. The intricacy is refreshing and effective.

“Unfriended” follows a familiar formula. From the awkward cyber-sex that opens the film to the one-by-one jarring deaths, it’s a classic set-up, and it works surprisingly well.

What makes this film successful and quite enjoyable is its foundation in real fear. Like all great horror, “Unfriended” accesses the zeitgeist of a generation, tapping into our subconscious and conscious terrors: loss of privacy, incriminating or embarrassing content existing forever online, secrets broadcast to the world in a second, only to define us for the rest of our lives.

And like all great horror, the film accesses

not only fear of external forces, but also our inner-most fears: those secret wrongdoings we hope to hide from the world, terrible things we do when we believe we are anonymous. Like all beloved scary stories, “Unfriended” exists to teach a valuable lesson.

Writer Nelson Greaves creates one of the more competent techno-horror thrillers I’ve seen. The reason to see it — and the reason some probably won’t — is the fact that it all proceeds in real-time on the laptop screen. We never see any of the characters, except when they’re visible in a Skype window, and there are long stretches without any spoken dialogue because Blair is busy typing.

The film’s vision of the Internet is generally very convincing; all of the programs, apps and websites (Google Chrome, Skype and YouTube) are real, and director Levan Gabriadze litters the screen with small but smart details, paying attention to everything from the other tabs in Blaire’s web browser (Forever 21, Jezebel) to the way typos get shifted by the autocorrect function.

Because we’re voyeuristically intruding on Blair’s private screen, we have access to her thoughts as they’re formed; she might type “He didn’t do it, I promise,” and then hesitate and cut the “I promise” part — or delete the whole thing and send an entirely different text message. Naysayers will say this is irritating and a gimmick, but it’s a novel and persuasive one.

The so-called “gimmick” of watching only a computer does not wear off. The windows shift around at a quick-enough pace to promote changing settings, like you’re reaching a new scene. If you have poor eyesight, I suggest you sit in the front row or bring your glasses because you will be doing a lot of reading. You’re always darting around the desktop looking for possible clues, and certain societal behaviors reveal themselves as tension mounts.

As the movie unravels, it gets creepy, comical and just plain weird, as the chilly atmosphere gives way to silly histrionics and gore effects. The initial moments are scary specifically because they seem genuine; later moments are not scary specifically because they do not.

The only thing that holds back “Unfriended” is the limited nature of its scares, brought on by the hellish scenario of fuzzy Internet connections. The Skype connection is constantly breaking up, which at first is annoying but quickly becomes unnerving. The video chat contorts human faces into unrecognizable, inhuman shapes.

The jumps are pretty generic, and they only come when video feeds cut away, which is what we’re expecting. The microphone picks up loud noises at the most inopportune moments to provide some extra jolts, but it’s nothing that techno-horror flicks haven’t pulled on us before. Don’t worry though, there’s a saving grace: the kills.

You remember the drinking game “Never Have I Ever,” right? Well, what if instead of drinking a beer when you lose, you get a bullet to the head? “Unfriended” finds new and creative ways to kill off its whiny, spooked victims (who are funny, entertaining stereotypes), and even though the action is only caught in a chatroom frame, each payoff is pretty brutal in the most gratifying of ways — like, let’s stick your hand in a blender or force a flaming hot straightener down your throat.

“Unfriended” is a 21st century nightmare; someone can post hurtful pictures, videos, text messages and more on social media venues without your permission. What’s worse is you’re at the mercy of the Internet, something so vast it could never be contained — unless it’s in a paranormal haunting by a vengeful ex-classmate.

For such a manipulative genre to survive, filmmakers have to adapt to the times and find horror in the ways people are living today, and that’s exactly what “Unfriended” does. It’s a smart, thrilling and addicting “byte” of horror that’s worth thinking about. It’ll be a while before your mind hits CTRL + ALT + DEL on this one.

“Unfriended” comes out in theaters April 17.

# A DIFFERENT KIND OF WINTER IS COMING

By: Jazmyn Brown

As we leave winter behind us, we look forward to spring — and season five of “Game of Thrones.”

Whether you’ve read the books or not, if you watch, you know that it’s a pretty awesome show that makes it hard to believe it isn’t real. From the sex scenes to the unforgettable deaths — and let’s not forget the freaking dragons — “Game of Thrones” will always leave you hankering for more. And, you should thank the gods because it returns April 12 with an episode titled “The Wars to Come.”

If you’re sick of watching the season five trailer over and over again, or you’re new to the series, here’s what you can do before the show premiers.

Catch up on HBO GO, free through your HBO subscription with your cable company, or watch with Amazon instant video through your Amazon Prime account. You can buy individual high definition episodes for \$3.99 and standard definition episodes for \$2.99 and entire seasons in high definition for \$38.99 and in standard definition for \$28.99. You should, at least, watch season four so you know what’s going on; season five will continue where it left off. Happy binge-watching.

Look into HBO NOW, an online streaming service that doesn’t require you to have cable service; all you need is an internet connection. HBO announced it is launching the service sometime in April. For \$15 a month, you can stream any HBO show, including “Game of Thrones,” on your Apple devices, including the iPad, iPhone and Apple TV. You can subscribe for updates and offers at <https://order.hbonow.com/?camp=NowM46>.

Skim through recaps. Websites like vulture.com will refresh your memory while offering insightful and refreshing commentary and some pretty funny criticisms of the characters. What’s more, most sites that provide recaps also allow readers to post comments, offering a community of fellow-watchers a chance to talk about the show and guess what will happen next, why one character did or said something and how events will play out. Beware those who have read the books. You’ll know them when you see them.

Read the books. Yeah, they’re long. But, so what? If you’re dying for some Westeros drama, and you’ve already rewatched the first four seasons 15 times, then invest in the

books. You’ll get a lot more details, and you’ll probably be able to easily follow the show without thinking, “WTF?” Season five events are pulled from books four and five, “A Feast for Crows” and “A Dance With Dragons.”

Buy or borrow “The World of Ice and Fire,” the companion to the novels. It gives an illustrated history of the fantasy world of Westeros, where the “A Song of Ice and Fire” series takes place. Take each page with a grain of salt, though; like any other collection of historical accounts, it may be misleading. In an interview, George R. R. Martin, creator and author of the series, said the sources in the book can contradict each other, like a real history book.

Do any work or homework beforehand so you can mentally prepare for the show and then process it once you’ve watched it without having to worry about assignments. Don’t take the chance that the show will be so mind-blowingly good that you won’t be able to function properly.

If your friends aren’t watching with you, tell them you’re busy. Need I say more? All that’s left is to wait.

## THE RETURN OF “THE X-FILES”

By: Destinee A. Hughes



Mulder and Scully will be piquing our interest yet again

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The truth is out there, and it’s returned after 13 years.

In the “The X-Files,” controversial FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully had us pondering upon the most outrageous paranormal phenomenon and, now, Fox network has agreed to air six new episodes, reuniting Mulder and Scully for another mysterious adventure. Production will begin this summer, but no air date has been set for the show.

If you weren’t peering over your safety blanket while watching “The X-Files” in the 90s, then here’s what you missed. The pilot episode aired in

1993. Agent Fox Mulder is a strong believer in supernatural mysteries, and he works with unsolved cases known as the X-Files. His belief in paranormal activities stemmed from his childhood when he was convinced his 12-year-old sister was abducted by aliens, and he’s been trying to prove his theory ever since. Agent Dana Scully is the opposite of Mulder; she’s a straight-forward, logical agent, who bases all her hypotheses on pure science. This duo certainly represents left-brain and right-brain thinking.

Mulder took Scully on a series of cryptic cases, which strongly suggested his irrational theories may

just be true. As the show progressed, the heinous monsters continued to develop as well. Creatures from our darkest nightmares began to appear, such as the New Jersey devil, conduits, mutants, werewolves, demonic spirits, aliens and much more, and they left us in states of complete shock. Alien abductions occur, and Scully, eventually, begins to become a believer.

This show always made viewers question the unthinkable; and it certainly spoke to their inquisitive side and somehow always left them on the edges of their seats. “The X-Files” completed nine successful seasons, airing its last episode in 2002. Two feature films were made in 1998 and 2008 to further explain the heavy extraterrestrial presence in the show.

For almost 10 years, “The X-Files” showed how conspiracy theories pique people’s interests. It’s rare to find shows that are fictional but focus on the factual and unexplainable mysteries which shape our world today. It appeals to two different types of audiences — the skeptics and believers — and leaves the skeptics questioning their firm position.

A lot has happened in the world since the last episode and it’ll be exciting to see how the new episodes plant newer conspiracy theories in our heads and feed our inquisitive minds. It’s refreshing to have this show back, even if it makes us sleep with one eye open.

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# NIPPLES, PERIODS AND PUBIC HAIR

By: Destinee A. Hughes



The Instagram image that caused a stir online.

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The title of this article was probably startling to read, but why? What is it about the words “nipples,” “period” and “pubic hair” that is offensive? All relate to the human body, more specifically a female human body.

Recently, Rupi Kaur, a well-known poet with more than 167,000 Instagram followers, posted a picture to represent the beauty of a woman in her natural state of menstruation. The photo depicts a woman sleeping who is on her period, which has leaked through her sweatpants, a situation all females are comfortably familiar

with. Apparently, this highly controversial image offended so many people that Instagram users reported the photo and had it removed due to “inappropriate content.” After the first deletion, Kaur re-posted the picture, and, surprisingly, it was removed again.

I find this baffling. Photos on Instagram of women who are clad in nothing but their skin and about a foot’s worth of floss for underwear, float around on social media and receive enough “likes” to persuade people that this is, in fact, the only positive portrayal of women that should be

accepted. Yet, these racy photos have never been deemed “inappropriate.”

The female body is so much more than the sexual object society desires it to be. From the moment a woman is born to the moment she perishes, she is blessed with the most miraculous opportunity: the chance to create life. The female body is designed to carry a child. Nipples and breasts produce milk to nurse a hungry baby. Natural pubic hair, which is deemed unsightly, prevents dirt and particles from entering the vagina. And, periods, which

pharmaceutical companies are trying so hard to eradicate through birth control and other unnatural methods, is a monthly reminder to some women that they haven’t created life, but they have ability to.

The only people who are offended by the image above are the ones who see women as one thing and one thing only: sex objects. It’s sad that society has succeeded so well in convincing people that a woman in her natural state is inappropriate. The “Free the Nipple” campaign strives to allow nursing mothers to feed their babies in public without any backlash, laws against abortion are dominating in several states, and now a simple picture of a woman on her period is being removed from social media because it’s offensive.

When is this patriarchal society going to start letting women have control over their own bodies? When is society going to project an image of women who isn’t sleazy, slutty or suggestive, like they want us to be? If this article were titled “breasts, butt and hips,” then the expectations of this piece would have been completely different; a lighter, sexier, probably entertaining, article would have been anticipated. It’s amazing that simple words regarding the female anatomy are conditioned in our brains to represent positive or negative images. Hair is praised on upon women, unless its pubic hair and breast are bountiful and full until they’re used to breastfeed.

Women are divine in so many ways, and it’s time for society’s portrayal of us to start reflecting that — period.

# NSU’S NON-ATTENDANCE DROP POLICY IS NOT COMMON KNOWLEDGE

By: Nicole Cocuy  
 @CurrentNicole

Excellent attendance is essential to professionalism. It’s a sign of respect and dependability. It shows professors and employers that we value their time, respect their work, and prioritize the opportunity to learn and grow. It makes sense that NSU would adopt a policy that forces students to get it together and actually show up for class, but it isn’t common knowledge. Most students assume that the only consequences for missing class are academic.

Professors usually set up their own attendance policies: some reward attendance through participation points, some deduct points or even fail students for poor attendance and others assign quizzes to pressure students not only to show up, but to also show up prepared. Institutional policies that drop students from courses for poor attendance are an unexpected punishment.

According to the non-attendance drop policy, students who miss a class on the first week of the semester or term, even if the student misses the first Friday class of a course that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, are automatically dropped from the course. Fortunately, if the student has a reasonable excuse, he or she can discuss the absence with the professor and possibly get

reenrolled in the course. However, this policy is not common knowledge and several students, myself included, were caught off guard when we received an email notification that we were dropped from a course for our absence.

The non-attendance drop policy can be found in a brief couple sentences in the Student Enrollment Agreement. Let’s be real: no one ever actually reads the terms and conditions to anything before clicking “I agree.” Reading the Student Enrollment Agreement that pops up right before the registration portal opens while students are rushing to get into their top course selections on a Monday morning at 12:01 a.m. is certainly not an exception. It’s not surprising that only a few students know about it, but it’s a little disappointing that NSU administrators aren’t working harder to make sure important information about policies that could possibly negatively affect its students is common knowledge.

Granted, students rarely miss class on the first week unless there are extenuating circumstances. It’s the week when students get to meet their classmates, go over any questions they may have on the syllabus and learn introductory course material. It’s the week when students still have the opportunity to readjust their schedule

and determine if every course works best for their schedule. However, situations do happen where attendance becomes impossible. Tires pop. Flights delay. Illnesses emerge. Family emergencies occur. Alarm clocks fail us. Life happens.

In my particular case, I went out of town for a conference. I informed my professor well in advance that I would be missing the first class and visited her during her office hours before my trip to go over the course material, and I still received an email from the Office of the Registrar a week later that I was dropped from the course. Fortunately, I was brought back into the course, but I was caught off-guard.

The worst part was finding a member of NSU administration who could answer my questions about the policy. I spent two hours straight getting bounced back and forth from office to office and no one could answer my questions. The Office of the Registrar, the office that informed me via email that I was dropped from the course, was not only incredibly difficult to get ahold of, but also couldn’t even answer my very basic questions — what is the policy and when did it start — and instead referred me to someone else without even giving me the contact information.

Imagine if a student were permanently dropped from a course but relied on those credits to qualify for a scholarship or program that requires full-time student status. Imagine if a senior were dropped from a mandatory course that fulfilled a major requirement and this drop, in turn, postponed his or her graduation date. Considering the level of difficulty I faced just to get two basic questions answered, students trying to have their problem solved or seeking closure will likely face the same challenge.

Communication is key, especially when it comes to policies that directly affect students. NSU administration should make it their goal to warn students effectively of important policies and answer any questions students might have to avoid breaking the rules. There are several institutional policies and resources listed in the back of every course syllabus and the non-attendance drop policy should really be one of them. Or, NSU administration could send out an email with a reminder of the rules laid out in the Student Enrollment Agreement before the term begins. Either way, it’s only fair that students receive an adequate warning of every possible consequence before they stay home from class.

# SOME MEN JUST WANT TO WATCH THE WORLD BURN... OR FLOOD

By: **Jazmyn Brown**

Whether you're new to Florida or have lived here your entire life, one thing you know for sure is that it's hot. Florida is flat and lies on a bed of porous limestone, and much of it is below sea level. Combine those facts with rising sea level and torrential rain, and you have the perfect recipe for an underwater state.

According to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, within the next 85 years, 30 percent of Florida's beaches will be threatened by sea-level rise. The Guardian reported that the city of Miami will drown as sea levels rise six to 10 feet by the end of this century, as predicted by Harold Wanless, geology professor at the University of Miami.

Yet, an unwritten policy stands in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that officials cannot say neither "global warming" nor "climate change" in any setting and under any circumstances. The rule was verbally enacted when Gov. Rick Scott entered office in 2011. Since then, numerous former DEP employees have attested to being told not to use these terms.

Scott and other global warming deniers refuse to accept that climate change is occurring and that global warming is a serious issue. Their way of handling these crises is to pretend neither exists. Deniers refute science in favor of an irrational mindset that they're trying to brainwash into others: climate change is not a real issue that we have to worry about.

There's enough evidence to shoot down those who say, "God won't destroy the Earth with another flood," and those who stubbornly persist that global warming is a hoax.

Google "satellite images of the Antarctic ice sheets 20 years ago versus now," and you can plainly see that they're shrinking. The most frightening part isn't even that they're smaller;

the implications of glacial retreat go beyond the fact that there won't be any more ice. Once the ice melts, sea level rises and ocean temperature increases, jumpstarting a downward spiral for the entire planet.

We're supposed to trust the government with making decisions that are in the best interests of their constituents. But, when it comes to global warming, we can't face it head-on because the people in charge refuse to admit that our reliance on fossil fuels is literally making the Earth uninhabitable. As of 2011, Florida has the fifth highest energy-related emission output in the U.S., at over 300 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Lawmakers refuse to give up the multi-billion dollar industry that has become the world's poisonous lifeblood.

Let's admit that the idea of global warming is terrifying. But, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't talk about it. The way to fight mass hysteria isn't to pretend the gradual warming of the Earth isn't happening; it's having an educated discussion about what it is and what we can do as a species to combat it.

The irony is that not talking about it will push Earth past its point of no return, the point at which it will be too late to fix our mistakes, the point that some scientists believe we've already passed.

We can't be willing to send people to Mars without first addressing the issues we're having on Earth, just like you wouldn't fix your Wi-Fi at someone else's house.

Deniers can continue to deny that climate change and global warming are not happening, but that doesn't change the hard scientific evidence that shows that both are problems that threaten Earth's future. With its ever-expanding population, it's hard to imagine South Florida engulfed by the Atlantic Ocean. But, with deniers in our government, it seems that it can't happen any other way.



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**The Non-Attendance Drop Policy, found in the Student Enrollment Agreement, drops students from a course if they miss class during the first week of the term. This can affect students who have to meet credit requirements for financial aid. Were you aware of this policy? How do you feel about it?**

"I was not aware of this policy, and I don't think it's fair. Things can happen on the first week of school, just like how things can happen any other week."

**Karan Patel,**  
junior biology major



"I didn't know about the policy, but if you are paying for the class, kindly show up."

**Akshay Naraine,**  
sophomore biology major



"I didn't know about it, but I think it's fair because, if people are not invested in the class, other people who would be more invested would be more deserving of a seat in the class."

**Alissa Svedberg,**  
sophomore marine biology major



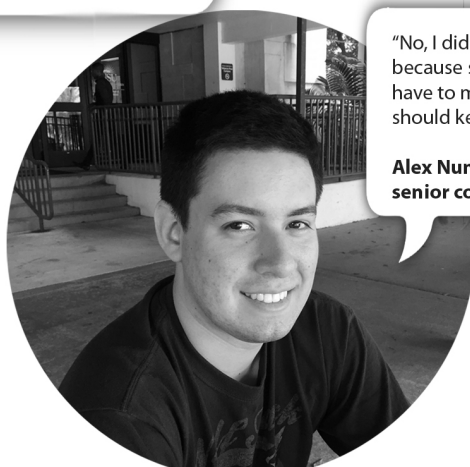
"I didn't know about the drop policy, but I actually think the drop week should be the second week of class. Class schedules aren't really official until the second week anyway. Students are still getting used to their new schedules during the first week and are still dropping and adding classes. By the second week, students are committed to their schedules and should be dropped if they don't attend class that week."

**Liz Burbano,**  
junior communication studies major



"No, I didn't know about it, and it's not fair because situations happen where students have to miss class, and administration should keep that in mind."

**Alex Nunez,**  
senior communication studies major





# Help Wanted

All students should contact the Office of Student Employment Website to apply for these positions:

[http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how\\_to\\_apply.html](http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how_to_apply.html)



## **Student Research Assistant- (HPD187)**

**Job ID: 5436**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Conduct research related to cell and molecular biology and experiments related to them. Follow all safety instructions, help clean lab & experiment tools. Follow instructions to use microscope.

## **Student Assistant/Clerical-(HPD408)**

**Job ID: 4891**

**Hours: 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Filing, maintaining inventory of pharmaceuticals and alerting supervisor when it is time to replenish. Other duties as assigned.

## **Contact Lens Technician-(HPD34)**

**Job ID: 5440**

**Hours: 5 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Responsible for the key administrative activities of the contact lens service, including the triage of patients who call the contact lens services or present without appointments, the distribution to students or patients with appointments and procurement of insurance authorization for procedures and materials. The primary patient issues involve ordering and contact lens ordering or pick-up and instruction on contact lens insertion, removal and daily care.

1. Request and retrieve the patient schedule prior to the onset of patient care.

2. Pick up fee tickets as patients present for appointments and highlight their names on the daily appointment schedule.

3. Answer the telephone in the contact lens lab and address the issue accordingly, or document the patient information on the telephone log form and handle at a later time that day.

4. Retrieve messages received in either the contact lens lab or preceptor room via Audix and address the issue accordingly or document the patient information on the telephone log form and handle at a later time that day.

5. Create lens order via Optik:  
a) Confirm that CL Rx is current (not expired)

b) If CL Rx current: create order, have attending faculty or on call doctor save the order, secure the deposit from patient and print/file CL order tray. If dispensing from stock, document on form "dispensed from stock", scan item into Optik and obtain full payment from patient upon dispensing

c) If CL Rx expired: check history to confirm that the last CL fitting performed about one year prior to expiration date. If so, notify patient that "annual CL appointment" is necessary prior to ordering. If a more recent fitting was completed and no CL Rx created or approved, retrieve record and present to attending faculty or on call doctor for consultation

6. Respond to in-person inquiries from patients, including requests for contact lens ordering or dispensing.

7. Obtain insurance authorization and complete an insurance worksheet for a covered procedure and/or lens order.

8. Instruct patients on how to insert, remove and care for lenses and related supplies. Have patients sign Patient information sheet after completion by student doctor.

9. Escort patients to cashier desk to pay for services rendered, deposits or balances on contact lens orders and schedule return visits.

10. Clean and put away diagnostic lenses/soft lenses; clean and organize diagnostic GP lenses.

## **Student Assistant-(827)**

**Job ID: 5028**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Assist with the operation of Student Poster Printing Services. Job functions include but are not limited to processing print request sent via email, online and/or in person; keeping log files for printing requests. Answer phone and email. Other duties as assigned.

## **Student Assistant-(1105)**

**Job ID: 5435**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Review student accounts, review reports send out letters and imaging documents.

## **Fry Cook/Prep-(JLD320)**

**Job ID: 5438**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour to \$10/hour**

Frying, mostly seafood such as fish, shrimp, scallops, oysters, clams, etc. Preparing ingredients for chowders and other dishes, grilling.

## **Cashier-(JLD319)**

**Job ID: 5439**

**Hours: 20.5 hrs./week to 30 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Taking orders over the counter and by phone and inputting them into a POS system. Expediting and preparing orders for the customer. Some prep and cleaning in the kitchen.

## **Senior Student Assistant-(042)**

**Job ID: 4993**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Assisting the Dean's office with various clerical duties including typing, word processing, copying, filing, etc. Answer phones, take accurate messages, route calls, respond courteously and professionally to routine inquiries. Assist with special projects. Other duties as assigned.

## **Administrative Student Assistant- (HPD196)**

**Job ID: 5009**

**Hours: 15 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Data entry, design promotional materials. Write articles for newsletters. Act as student ambassadors in IDEP strategy sessions. Assist in generating training materials.

## **Associate Assistant-(1104)**

**Job ID: 5433**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Oversee student workers, create

weekly/monthly schedules, schedule appointments for Director of Athletics in the absence of his assistant, train new employees on an as-needed basis for reception area and organize and oversee student worker personnel files.

## **Graduate Student Assistant-(086)-(SCH)**

**Job ID: 4519**

**Hours: 15 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$11/hour**

Assist department with various on-going projects within the department.

## **Graduate Student Support Services**

**Agent- (1047)**

**Job ID: 4974**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$14/hour**

Assist Strategic Support Services Specialists by routing technical support calls to appropriate departments in OIIT. Provide end-user support including triage troubleshooting, problem/incident recording, problem escalation and incident/resolution tracking. Courteously obtain and convey concise problem information for cross-functional units via E-Mail, phone and ticketing systems. Utilize superior customer service skills. Perform other duties and work on special projects as assigned to meet the service objectives of the department.

## **Student Assistant-(561)**

**Job ID: 5431**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Assist the team with marketing, event planning and research. Support the administrative needs of the office. Work with students and employers aiding the employment database process.

## **Student Assistant-(073)**

**Job ID: 4512**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.75/hour**

Answer phones, organize front desk. General office operations. Be on time and open office at 8:30 a.m. when needed. Answer, respond and take messages via phone or in person. Update sports publicity in accordance to the Marketing Manager. Report supply or inventory orders to the Graduate Assistant. Complete other duties as assigned.

## **Math/ Science Tutor-(67)**

**Job ID: 4509**

**Hours: 12 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.75/hour**

Work with students in one-on-one tutoring session both live and online. Discuss learning, test-taking and study strategies while assisting with course work assignments and questions. Maintain familiarity with all courses that you are responsible for tutoring by reviewing textbooks, software/videos and solutions manuals.

## **Group Exercise Instructor-(550)**

**Job ID: 4608**

**Hours: 5 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$14/hour**

Create and lead safe and challenging group exercise classes.

## **Administrative Student Assistant/ Proctor-(732)**

**Job ID: 4692**

**Hours: 5 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Responsible for administering the Child Care Exams at exam site. Set up room for testing, admit persons to testing site, verify person, test and date, maintain security of exams, validate inventory prior to and after the exam. Ensure that the room is prepared and materials are distributed and returned; maintain integrity of the tests. Schedule may be for every other weekend.

## **Facility Supervisor-(785)**

**Job ID: 4721**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Manage recreational facilities in conjunction with and in lieu of a professional staff member. Supervise other student staff through training, supervision and evaluation. Open and close the facility, attend to injured patrons, supervise all behavioral control incidents, prepare shift reports, supervise all facility reservations, set-ups and breakdowns.

## **Graduate Assistant/ Writer of Stewardship and Donor Communications-(872)**

**Job ID: 4769**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Write and prepare all gift acknowledgments and receipts of major gifts. Revise all communications as specified by supervisors, the Vice President or the President. Input of gift and pledge acknowledgment data. Assist in the development of pledge reminders, gift acknowledgment receipts and letters. Produce labels, correspondence and reports as requested. Set up and maintain appropriate files. Other administrative duties as assigned.

## **Senior Student Assistant/ Marketing Assistant-(878)**

**Job ID: 4772**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Support marketing efforts including: press releases, visual displays, targeted mailings, market research and other projects as needed. Support development efforts including: special events (RSVP management, auction support, etc.).

## **Head Lifeguard-(1007)**

**Job ID: 4847**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$12.50/hour**

Primary Duties:

- Effectively communicate with staff lifeguards and monitors their actions
- Assist with the delegation of maintenance and clean up duties
- Assist professional aquatic staff with the planning and setting up of all events and training sessions
- Responsible for making sure all opening and closing procedures are performed for assigned shift
- Act as the primary contact for all facility and programming inquires in the absence of a professional aquatic staff personal

• Report to Aquatics Director and/or Coordinator any incidents, rescues, problems or equipment in need of repair

Additional Duties:

• All Head Lifeguards will uphold the same work standards and skills as those of a staff lifeguard in addition to the aforementioned responsibilities/duties

• Teach American Red Cross certification courses: Lifeguarding, First Aid/CPR/AED, CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, Bloodborne Pathogens and Administering Oxygen (must hold current Lifeguard Instructor certification)

## **Graduate Assistant-Audiology Clinic-(HPD105)**

**Job ID: 4936**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$11/hour**

Schedule appointments, enter patient info to database system, order products, make follow-up phone calls and appointments, troubleshoot hearing instrument problems for walk-in patients, mine data, research discovery, professional writing, program marketing and presentations.

## **Career Ambassador/Lead CA-(1058)**

**Job ID: 4999**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Outgoing, energetic undergraduate student that markets the office from a peer-to-peer relationship. Inform students about resources and events offered by the Career Development Office.

## **Career Ambassador-(1055)**

**Job ID: 4998**

**Hours: 6 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Outgoing, energetic undergraduate student that markets the office from a peer-to-peer relationship. Inform students about resources and events offered by the Career Development Office.

## **Water Safety Instructor (Swim Instructor)-(866)**

**Job ID: 4767**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$11/hour**

This position is responsible for the planning and teaching of group and private swim lessons.

- Be familiar with American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program/levels and other Red Cross water safety courses and know how to teach and apply course material
- Communicate effectively and efficiently participant progress, cancellations and/or rescheduling
- Complete records and reports in a timely manner and return them to Coordinator of Aquatic Program's and Services
- Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned by supervisor
- Maintaining certifications
- Assisting Coordinator of Aquatic Program's and Services with special demonstrations/events
- Helping with the promoting of swim lessons and other programs
- Attend scheduled staff meetings and in-service trainings