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NSU takes pledge for sustainability

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In response to the United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11, NSU signed the American Campus's Act on Climate Pledge on Dec. 16 to transition to low-carbon energy and to enhance sustainable practices on campus.

The White House created a generic pledge for colleges and universities to base their personal pledges from. According to whitehouse.gov, the official pledge states that the institution signing the agreement wants a comprehensive and ambitious agreement to stem from the climate negotiations.

It reads, "We recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community's economic prosperity and public health and are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low carbon future."

Jacqueline Travisano, executive vice president and chief operating officer, expressed in an official letter that as an extension of NSU Vision 2020, the university will educate students and the local community about renewable resources and low-carbon footprints.

The initiatives created as part of the extension include campus vehicle reviews to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution and carbon footprint, emphasis on the Green Driver Program – a speed, acceleration and idle time-monitoring program, furthering the

partnership with Waste Management to use a single-stream recycling, participation in the annual national recycling competition, RecycleMania, reducing water dependency by incorporating low-to-no maintenance landscaping material and using reclaimed water from the Town of Davie and normalizing temperature ranges and replacing lights with LED fixtures as part of the building automation system.

In an interview, Travisano said NSU is known for leading the way with energy conservation, water usage reduction, waste stream diversion and greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

"This particular pledge compliments our efforts, and I hope it will encourage more student engagement as we work together as a community to steward our environment for the future," she said.

The pledge was brought to the attention of the Office of the President after Green Sharks President Cassilly Lobaugh, junior environmental studies major, approached the Office about the opportunity. Lobaugh found out about the pledge while interning at Broward County's Office of Energy and Sustainability.

Lobaugh said that signing the pledge makes NSU nationally-recognized and holds the university accountable for its actions, makes people aware of its initiatives and educates about

what sustainability is.

"A lot of people don't know what sustainability is, and they don't really understand it," she said. "I think that education is really important. Not just for third-world countries who are really going to be affected by climate change, but also big countries and people like you and I who have an impact."

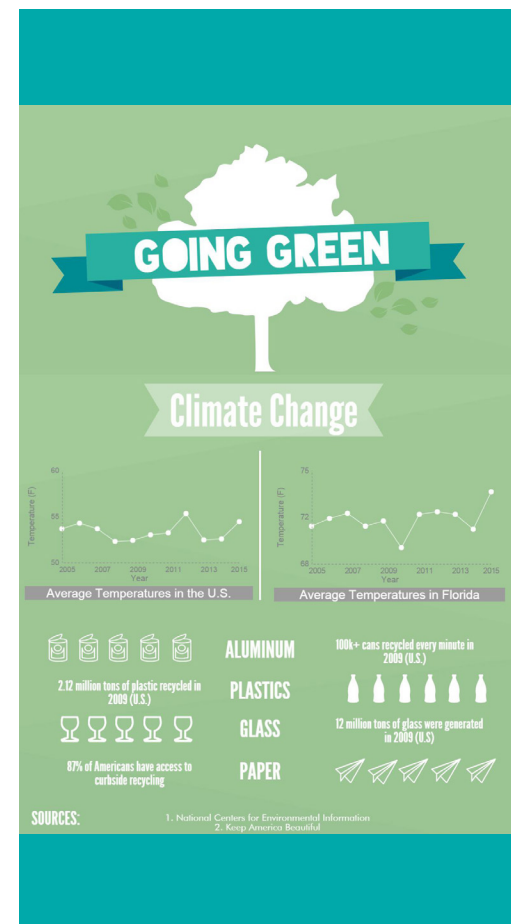
More than 300 colleges and universities in more than 40 states signed ACACP. It was created to gather support for environmental changes at the United Nations COP21 climate negotiations, which was the first global climate deal.

The international agreement aims to reduce emissions and stated that governments will reconvene every five years to update goals, stay in continuous contact and provide international support for climate adaptation.

Travisano said that the pledge reinforces and highlights some of NSU's efforts to be a more sustainable, green campus and that it is even more special because it was learned about after a student leader recognized the opportunity.

"The campus, as a whole, benefits by having more students actively involved in green initiatives and assisting in the implementation of sustainability plans because it creates a sense of campus ownership and pride," she said.

Jessica Brumley, vice president of Facilities Management, agreed with Travisano



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Learn to lead at NSU's Leadership Conference

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The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will host its annual Leadership Conference for students to participate in workshops designed to define and refine their leadership skills on Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the RecWell basketball courts in the Don Taft University Center.

The workshops will cover diverse subjects, including interpersonal dynamics, communication, leadership styles, personality types, learning teamwork through improvisational comedy, using leadership skills through dance and how communication leads to feng shui. Students can choose workshops based on their interests.

Stephanie Schoeder, graduate assistant for Leadership and Civic Engagement and organizer of the Leadership Conference, said she hopes the conference will motivate students to make NSU

better.

"Making NSU better might be helping out other students, helping out their organizations or something bigger," she said. "Also, I want students to do that self-reflection and see who they are as a leader and grow from that."

Ujala Ahmed, junior finance major, has attended the Leadership Conference since her freshman year. She took what she learned from the conference and applied it to Relay for Life at NSU, which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

"I was having trouble getting people involved," she said. "But I got my members involved because I helped them connect to a cause and made it personal for them. That's something I learned from the conference."

Attending past conferences expanded Ahmed's definition of leadership, as well as

increasing her effectiveness as a student leader.

"Leadership isn't just about managing people," she said. "It's about connecting with them, getting on their level and influencing them. If you can't connect with someone, you can't lead them."

Schoeder said that leadership goes beyond organizations and is the number-one skill that employers look for in job applicants.

"You should know how to be a leader, so that you can use that to improve your employment prospects," she said.

President Hanbury will welcome students to the event, and the keynote speaker, author Pete Mockaitis, will close the conference.

According to Mockaitis's biography on CAMPUSPEAK, an agency that represents college speakers, he wrote "The Student Leader's Field Guide" during his time as a

student at the University of Illinois. He has also been the leader of nine different student organizations. He will speak on how students can achieve higher levels of involvement in student organizations in a single year.

The Leadership Conference is only open to NSU students. Students can sign up online at orgsync.com/45785/forms/168459. The registration deadline is Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., and check-in begins on Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. at the RecWell basketball courts. Snacks will be available for breakfast, and lunch will be provided. Business casual attire is required.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at 954-262-7195 or slce@nova.edu.

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Japanese researchers to give official name to element 113

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry announced that scientists from RIKEN, a large research institute in Japan, will name element 113, currently under the placeholder name ununtrium, due to research studies published between 2004 and 2012. The studies prompted IUPAC to credit the Japanese scientists at the institute with discovering the synthetic element. Japan is the first Asian country to give an official name to an element, and one possible name is "japonium." Ununtrium is one of four newly discovered elements, and their discovery completes the seventh row of the periodic table. Teams of Russian and American scientists discovered the remaining three elements, which have atomic numbers 115, 117 and 118. Their respective placeholder names are ununpentium, ununseptium and ununoctium; they will also receive official names. The last two elements to be officially added to the periodic table were element 114, flerovium, and element 116, livermorium, in 2011.

Spanish police seize cocaine, arrest smugglers

In what is the largest seizure of cocaine in Galicia since 1999, Spanish police said they confiscated more than three tons of cocaine and took 11 suspected drug smugglers into custody. The UK National Crime Agency, a law enforcement agency, received a tip, and Spanish police discovered the cocaine in van in a warehouse, along with one million euros (more than \$1 million) and a gun. The alleged smugglers hail from Spain, Britain and the Netherlands.

U.S. justice department sues Volkswagen

Following the emissions scandal of September 2015, the U.S. department of justice filed a lawsuit against the German car manufacturer on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The suit posits that Volkswagen's faulty emission control systems caused emissions that exceeded the EPA's standards, "resulting in harmful air pollution," and that VW "violated" clean air laws by selling vehicles with a different design than that of those approved by the EPA. Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, said the filing is a step toward maintaining public health in holding VW accountable. VW also faces separate criminal charges, as well as class-action lawsuits. The car manufacturer will recall millions of cars worldwide and has set aside more than \$7 million to cover expenses, although experts project that the cost will be much higher.

France passes law banning excessive skinniness in modeling

Modeling agents could face six months of imprisonment and a fine of up to 75,000 euros, or more than \$80,000, for violating new legislation prohibiting the hiring of excessively skinny models. The law maintains that models must provide medical proof of good health and an appropriate Body Mass Index (BMI). Along with the new law, deputies in France's National Assembly agreed to an article requiring that photos of models that have been digitally edited to be identified as such. Violators will face a fine of at least 37,500 euros, equivalent to more than \$40,000. In April 2015, France's Parliament passed a bill requiring models to provide medical proof of a BMI of at least 18 before they are able to work.

Mexican governor attributes mayor's death to gang activity

Mayor Gisela Mota was shot dead at her home in Temixco, located near Mexico City in the state of Morelos, less than 24 hours after she took office. Morelos Governor Graco Ramirez took control of police in 15 cities and towns following Mota's murder, saying that the government would not be "intimidated" by organized crime. Mota pledged to clean up the drug- and organized crime-ridden city of Temixco, which is one of Mexico's most violent states. Graco said Mota's murder was "a message and a clear threat for the mayors who recently took office to not accept the police coordination scheme that we have supported and that is being built at a national level." Police shot and killed two of Mota's attackers and arrested at least two more.

World's largest blue star sapphire discovered in Sri Lanka

Nicknamed "The Star of Adam," the gem, weighing 1,404.49 carats, is worth between \$100 million and \$175 million. The current owner of the gem, who wishes to remain anonymous, bought the gem for an undisclosed price after suspecting that it was the largest blue star sapphire. He named it "The Star of Adam" after a Muslim belief that Adam came to Sri Lanka after he was cast out of the Garden of Eden. The gemology institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, has not certified anything larger than the million-dollar sapphire, and a leading gem and jewelry dealer in Sri Lanka confirmed the gem's status as the largest of its kind. The next largest blue star sapphire weighs in at 1,395 carats. Sapphires are the main export in Sri Lanka's gem industry; the gem was found in Ratnapura, a southern city also called the City of Gems.

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Human Trafficking Awareness Week

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As part of Human Trafficking Awareness Week, the Multicultural Association for Pre-Health Students (MAPS) will host events to raise awareness about human trafficking from Jan. 11-15.

According to the Department of Justice, South Florida is the third-busiest area for human trafficking in the United States. The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking's website states that human trafficking is the second-most common illegal activity in the United States.

"Human trafficking could happen to anyone," said Jenna Knafo, President of MAPS. "It's such a huge problem in South Florida."

Kaisha Butz, vice president of MAPS and a senior biology major, explained that Human Trafficking Awareness Week is especially relevant to NSU students planning on a career in healthcare.

"It's mainly healthcare providers that see the people that are victims and they don't really recognize them as victims," she said. "This school has a lot of people going into medicine, so if more people going into medicine get some sort of training, they can spot human trafficking."

Students can stop by an informational table in the Don Taft University Center each day during Human Trafficking Awareness Week from noon to 1 p.m. They can hear about human trafficking issues from prominent community members at an event on Jan. 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Carl DeSantis Building Knight Auditorium.

At the table, students will be able to learn about human trafficking and fill boxes with clothing and toiletries for human trafficking victims. The boxes will be donated to a local victim advocate association.

The event on Jan. 13 will feature

speakers from NSU's College of Health Care Sciences, NSU's Department of Health Science, the Plantation Police Department, the Office of Child Welfare and the U.S. Attorney's office.

This is the second year that MAPS has organized Human Trafficking Awareness Week at NSU. The association wants to do more to aid human trafficking victims in the coming years and hopes to raise more awareness at NSU.

"I think awareness helps students not get into those situations, and if they see someone who's going through something they've heard about, they can ask the right questions and get them help," said Butz.

All are invited to attend the events.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline is 888-373-7888. For more information on NSU's Human Trafficking Awareness Week, contact Jenna Knafo at jkr1124@nova.edu.



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and said that she believes NSU's students have innovative and fresh ideas.

"These ideas are invaluable and support NSU's core values," she said. "In particular, those of being student-centered, innovation and community involvement."

The White House initiated a generic pledge for applicants to format, so Lobaugh worked with Trivisano to write an NSU-specific pledge that included bullet points of sustainable initiatives the university has made, including continuing to improve the single stream recycling program and develop a program to reduce landscape waste recycling, construction material recycling and used furniture redistribution.

Future plans include connecting additional buildings, such as the Family Center and the Center of Collaborative Research to the Lafferty Energy Plant and striving to make the CCR and Noel P. Brown facility LEED-certified.

"Climate change is real, and it's affecting us right now. We, in South Florida, are already experiencing the effects of sea level rise... It's our responsibility to make sure we take care of our one and only home," Lobaugh said. "There are little things that everyone can do that will make an impact. If everyone does something, that's when we'll start to see a big difference."

For more information on the pledge, visit whitehouse.gov. To see the full agreement from the Paris negotiations, visit unfccc.int.

Sustainability initiatives currently in place at NSU include:

- Using the Lafferty Energy Plant to cool NSU buildings by producing ice at "off-peak" times, as designated by Florida Power and Light
- The Green Driver Program, which includes 107 vehicles that monitor speed, acceleration and idle time
- The Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center has secured a silver rating by Leadership in Energy

& Environmental Design (LEED)

- Utilization of green cleaning products
- In 2015, the single stream recycling program diverted over 165 tons of trash from the landfill
- All residence halls shower heads, excluding Rolling Hills Graduate Residence Halls, are low-flow
- Automated building control systems for energy conservation
- A partnership with the Town of Davie to use reclaimed water for landscaping irrigation
- Use of native landscape to reduce water usage
- Use of solar panels to heat Rolling Hills swimming pool
- Use of solar panels at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park to provide energy to the area
- Participation in RecycleMania competitions
- Diverts six tons of food waste from Lower School using Green Key Bio-Digester
- Participation in the BetterWorld Book Repurposing since 2011

NEWS BRIEFS

Construction closure

The Dania Beach Boulevard Bridge, which goes over the Intracoastal Waterway, is under construction and is expected to be closed for 60 days. Once the bridge reopens in March, one lane will be closed in each direction until summer 2016. The area is accessible through SE 5th Avenue to Sheridan Street to N. Ocean Drive/SRA1A. One lane in each direction of N. Ocean Drive may be closed on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from Sunday through Thursday, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. until summer 2016.

Register for Open House

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Psychology and Mailman Segal Center for Human Development will host a graduate Open House on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Maltz building. Attendees will be able to meet with faculty and staff, learn about master's and doctoral programs and learn about financial aid options. For more information, call 954-262-7563. To register, visit nova.edu/webforms/sharkopenhouse/index.html.

Sign up to volunteer or perform at CommunityFest

NSU students can register as a volunteer at the 13th annual CommunityFest until Jan. 22. CommunityFest will be Feb. 6 around Gold Circle Lake and is hosted by the Division of Student Affairs' Special Events and Projects. If a volunteer is the member of a student club or organization, SERV hours will be given to the student after their shift. In order for the organization to receive SERV hours, a minimum of two members must volunteer throughout the day. Student organizations can also sign up to perform at the event. The deadline to sign up Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. To register, visit orgsync.com/46362/forms/93877. For more information or to sign up, contact Danielle McCalla at dm1840@nova.edu or Lorena Cabrera at lorencabr@nova.edu.

Special Olympics service trip

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will host a service trip to volunteer with the Special Olympics in Tavares, Fla., from Jan. 29 to Jan. 31. Students will volunteer with the Special Olympics State Basketball Championship Tournament and the deadline to sign up is Jan. 18 at 11:59 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$30, which includes transportation and lodging. To sign up, visit orgsync.com/45785/forms/176452. For more information, contact the SLCE Office at slce@nova.edu or 954-262-7195.

Meet and chat with President Hanbury

The Department of Special Events and Projects will host a Student Town Hall meeting with President Hanbury on Jan. 21 at noon in the Arena Club Room in the Don Taft University Center. Hanbury will answer questions from the NSU community. Pizza will be provided. For more information, contact Special Events and Projects at 954-262-7494.

Take a break with a service day

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will host the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 18 from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will be assigned to volunteer at Flamingo park, Flamingo Gardens or Feeding South Florida. Shark Shuttles will transport students to the sites at 8:15 a.m. Pizza and a guided reflection will be provided after the projects are completed. To register, visit orgsync.com/45785/forms/176246. For more information, contact the SLCE Office at slce@nova.edu or 954-262-7195.

NSU ranks high in undergraduate student earnings

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According to studies by the Economist and the Brookings Institute, NSU ranks among the top 25 percent for undergraduate student earnings ten years after enrollment.

Both studies used data from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard, which published demographic and earnings information about students based on information submitted on financial aid applications and on tax returns. In both studies, the financial advantages of attending a particular university were calculated by comparing the gap between how much money a student earns, to the money they could have made if they had studied at a different school.

NSU scored in the 77th percentile in the Economist study and in the 76th percentile in the Brookings study.

In an article on the studies by Kristel Tiwari in SharkFins, President Hanbury said, "Our priority at NSU is preparing our students for success in their chosen career fields. The fact

that NSU graduates are earning more than three quarters of their peers from other colleges is a testament that our faculty members, researchers and other support staff are focused on helping our students realize their potential."

The Economist found that NSU students earn \$2,261 more per year than expected. The expected earnings for a student attending NSU ten years after enrollment are \$44,239, and the median actual earnings are \$46,500.

The Brookings study predicted that earnings for NSU students ten years after enrollment would be \$42,828, and the actual median earnings are \$48,939. In the Brookings study, NSU students earned an estimated \$6,111 more than expected.

The Economist determined its ranking of schools by first determining how much money a student could expect to make after graduating, which they calculated based on SAT scores, ethnicity, gender, the size of the college, whether the college was public or private and the major of a student. They compared that number to the amount of money that students actually make.

The study included 1,275 four-year colleges.

Brookings' method for determining rankings was similar but gave more weight to different variables. Brookings found that curriculum value, the share of graduates in STEM occupations, high completion rates and high faculty salaries are all associated with high student earnings. The study included 1,666 four-year colleges.

In the Economist study, NSU ranked higher than Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida and the University of Florida. In the Brookings study, NSU ranked higher than all of the previously mentioned universities, with the exception of the University of Florida.

The studies were published in October 2015. Both the Economist and Brookings admitted that the studies are likely limited in some way.

"No ranking system is perfect," said Brookings.

On Shore Calendar

IFC Rush Week

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IFC Rush Week

Sharks Helping Sharks
Open Math Lab
@SAB 104
1:30 - 4:30 PM

Best Buddies Board
Game Night
@Commons 123
4:30 - 6:30 PM

JAN 14

IFC Rush Week

JAN 15

Martin Luther King Day of Service

JAN 18

I Have a Dream
Conversation Board

Study Math Smarter, Not
Harder Seminar
@Knight Auditorium
12:10 - 12:50 PM

JAN 19

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Candidacy column: Candidates viewpoints on gun regulation

On Jan. 5, President Barack Obama announced that he will implement a series of executive actions to regulate guns in the country. Some actions include expanding checks for buyers, requiring that individuals selling firearms are licensed gun dealers and mandating that all sellers keep formal sale records. Presidential candidates made the following statements about gun control.

“We should never compromise the Second Amendment. Of course, we should be thinking about what we can do to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of mentally unstable people. The two things are not incompatible.”

—Ben Carson, in a “Meet the Press” interview with Chuck Todd in 2015

“There are a lot of things we’ve gotta do in our country. Reigning in Wall Street is certainly one of them. I agree with that. That’s why I’ve got such a good plan. But we have to also go after the gun lobby. And 92 percent of Americans agree we should have universal background checks, close the gun show loophole... And I will do everything I can as president to get that accomplished.”

—Hillary Clinton, in the *Democratic Debate* on Nov. 16

“I feel that the gun-free zones and, you know, when you say that, that’s target practice for the sickos and for the mentally ill... They look around for gun-free zones. You know, we could give you another example — the Marines, the Army, these wonderful six soldiers that were killed. Two of them were among the most highly-decorated — they weren’t allowed on a military base to have guns. And somebody walked in and shot them, killed them. If they had guns, he wouldn’t be around very long. I can tell you, there wouldn’t have been much damage. So, I think gun-free zones are a catastrophe. They’re a feeding frenzy for sick people.”

—Donald Trump, in the *Republican Debate* on Oct. 28

“Florida is a pro-gun state. Gun violence has dropped. There’s a reason for it. We created a balance that’s focused on lowering gun violence, but protecting the Second Amendment, and it’s a model for many other countries and many other states because of that. These cases of people who are just mentally deranged — we as a society better figure out how we identify these folks long before they feel compelled to take up a gun and kill innocent people.”

—Jeb Bush, during *CNN coverage of presidential hopefuls* on June 27

“Before we start calling for more laws, I think we ought to consider why we don’t enforce the laws we have, and I think we need to know a little bit more about this incident...

Well, let’s start with we know: a whole bunch of people who have guns and aren’t supposed to. They’re on a list, and yet we’re not doing anything about it. We’re not prosecuting them. Many murders are committed by people who are not supposed to have guns and who have guns. We know this. It’s a fact, and yet these people aren’t prosecuted.”

—Carly Fiorina, in an interview with ABC’s *Margaret-Ann Carter* about the *Roseburg, Oregon, school shooting*

“Obama can shamelessly try and exploit any tragedy he wants, but it’s clear that gun-free zones are sitting duck zones... His passion is grossly misplaced into destroying the Second Amendment. There were 50 shootings in Chicago the past two weekends, and this administration failed to utter a word. Gun violence is a problem in this country, but it’s not the fault of the Second Amendment; it’s the fault of evil people doing evil things.”

—Mike Huckabee, on his *Facebook page* following the *Oregon school shooting*

“The most poisonous force in American politics today is not the bad people who do bad things... It is the good people who do nothing... If the thousands of young men killed by gun violence every year across America were young, poor and white rather than young, poor and black, it is hard to imagine that our Congress would continue to block common-sense measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill.”

—Martin O’Malley, at the *U.S. Conference of Mayors in San Francisco*

“The Second Amendment to the Constitution isn’t for just protecting human rights, and it’s not only to safeguard your right to target practice... It is a constitutional right to protect your children, your family, your home, our lives and to serve as the ultimate check against governmental tyranny — for the protection of liberty.”

—Ted Cruz, in an article in the *New York Times*

“While the president did propose some reasonable measures, I’m disappointed, yet not surprised, to see so much emphasis on gun control and not enough on key contributors to mass shootings — mental illness and the impact of the entertainment industry’s glorification of violence.”

—Rick Santorum, in response to *President Obama’s gun control recommendations* in 2013

“Protecting and preserving our constitutional freedoms is one of the most important things a governor can do. The Bill of Rights forbids the government from infringing on the freedoms unique to America, but that

hasn’t deterred politicians who want to treat the Second Amendment as optional and strip us of the right to keep and bear arms. I will fight these attempts to get around the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions, and I will strive to protect our rights today and for future generations.”

—Scott Walker, on his *campaign website*

“There are two fundamental issues. The first is the issue of who should be kept from having guns and using firearms. A lot of them are criminals. And a lot of people who are getting killed are members of gangs inside our urban areas.”

—Jim Webb, on *Democratic Primary Debate* on Oct. 13

“We certainly need an assault weapons ban, but we need more than that. There are some 260 people every day who are injured or killed by gun violence, so it’s very important that we ban assault weapons, for starters, but there are other steps that need to be taken quickly. Local communities need to be able to regulate guns, as needed, to deal with their violence. So we need to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. We need background checks so that the mentally ill are not possessing and using guns. And we need to end the gun show loopholes, as well, because there’s far too much violence from guns, which is not needed.”

—Jill Stein, on the *expanded second Obama-Romney 2012 debate*

“I come from a state that has virtually no gun control. And yet, at political peril, I voted for an instant background check, which I want to see strengthened and expanded. I voted to ban certain types of assault weapons, which are designed only to kill people. I voted to end the so-called gun show loophole. What I think there needs to be is a dialogue. And here’s what I do believe: I believe what I call common-sense gun reform. Plus, a revolution in mental health, making sure that if people are having a nervous breakdown, or are suicidal, or homicidal, they get the care they need when they need it.”

—Bernie Sanders, in a “Meet the Press” interview with *Chuck Todd* in 2015

“My position on guns is pretty clear. I believe law-abiding people have a fundamental constitutional right to bear arms, and I believe criminals and dangerous people should not have access to guns. There are laws that protect those two things, but many of these [additional] gun laws are ineffective. They don’t do those things. They either infringe on the rights of law-abiding people or do nothing to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people... It should be about violence. Violence is the problem; guns are what they’re using.”

—Marco Rubio, in the *CNN SOTU 2013 interview series of presidential hopefuls*

“I’m very concerned about the mental health side of this. Let’s do some tough things on mental health, let’s make involuntary commitment of people who speak violently easier for doctors. I think that makes sense. But let’s remember something else, in many of the places around this country where they have the toughest gun laws, they have the highest violent crime rates. Violence in America that’s happened on our streets in our cities, like Chicago, up 19 percent, the murder rate. New York, up 11 percent. And you have some of the most aggressive gun laws in cities like that. So let’s enforce the law.”

—Chris Christie, in an interview with ABC’s *Martha Raddatz* in 2015

“As President, I vow to uphold our entire Bill of Rights, but specifically our right to bear arms. I will not support any proposed gun control law which would limit the right to gun ownership by those who are responsible, law-abiding citizens. In the White House, I will remain vigilant in the fight against infringements on our Second Amendment rights.”

—Rand Paul, on his *campaign website*

“I’m a Second Amendment advocate. I don’t believe the government should be taking guns from people. I think people have a right to be armed. It’s about keeping the Second Amendment, and it’s allowing legitimate gun owners to be able to do what they want, which is exercise their constitutional right.”

—John Kasich, in a *Fox news report* in 2015

“Gun control is not the answer... The real answer at this point is more community-based mental health, which is what I attempted to do as governor. But the main thing we have to do is be resolute about standing for the rights of all Americans, even in the face of criminal conduct that would create an excuse for diminishing those rights.”

—Jim Gilmore, in an interview with *CNN’s Poppy Harlow* in 2015

“If you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns. The first people who are going to be in line to turn in their guns are law-abiding citizens. Criminals are going to be left with guns. I believe that concealed carry is a way or reducing gun violence.”

—Gary Johnson, in an interview with “*Playboy*” magazine in 2000

Fraternities 'rush' new members

By: **Li Cohen**

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NSU's Interfraternity Council will host the semi-annual Rush Week for interested students to learn more about the social fraternities on campus from Jan. 11 to Jan. 15.

IFC is composed of the campus's three social fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, or Fiji, Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi. During rush week, each fraternity hosts events to find potential new members and for non-Greek affiliated males to learn more about each organization.

Each fraternity has a different events, goals and criteria for accepting new members. In order to rush, undergraduate students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

IFC Vice President for Recruitment Shawn Stricker, junior sport and recreation management major, said there are various reasons people join Greek life — to establish life-long friendships, gain leadership experience, to network or to do service.

Stricker said that joining Kappa Sigma helped him develop interpersonal skills and values and provided him with a brotherhood that became family. After his father passed away, Stricker said that his brothers attended his dad's

funeral and continuously supported him through the process.

"These acts of kindness made my mother and I realize how important my fraternity's brotherhood really was to us all," he said. "I can truly say the title of 'brother' is an accurate one to represent each of them."

Stricker said people who want to get involved or learn more should attend events to meet the brothers of each fraternity.

"Anyone with an interest or curiosity is welcome. The guys from every fraternity are friendly and welcoming," he said. "There really isn't a reason not to stop by."

IFC President Chris Joyce, sophomore business administration major, said that typically, students in Greek life have better GPAs than unaffiliated students and that joining a fraternity can help students find a "home away from home."

"If it wasn't for Greek life, I wouldn't have gotten involved, and I probably wouldn't like NSU as much as I do now," he said. "It has given me a group of people whom I can rely on no matter what."

For more information about Rush Week or IFC in general, contact nsuifc@nova.edu.

Rush Events

Fiji
Point of Contact: Bairon Madrigal at bm1010@nova.edu or Christian Charles at cc2590@nova.edu

Jan. 12
Phi Gam BBQ Slam 4-7 p.m. @ Commons Pagoda

Jan. 13
Informational noon-1 p.m. @ Commons 123

Jan. 14
Phi Gam Field Day 4-6 p.m. @ Intramural Fields

Jan. 15
Invitation Only Bid Ceremony 4-9 p.m.

Beta Theta Pi
Point of Contact: Corey Chan at cc2407@nova.edu or Michael DeSimone at md1873@nova.edu

Jan. 12
Basketball 6-8 p.m. @ RecWell basketball courts

Jan. 13
Football 11 a.m.-1p.m. @ Alvin Sherman Library Quad

Jan. 14
BBQ noon-1 p.m. @ Commons Pagoda

Jan. 15
Invitation only event 7 p.m.

Kappa Sigma
Point of Contact: Josh Haeffner at jh2372@nova.edu

Jan. 12
Game Night 7 p.m. @ Commons 123

Jan. 13
Chick-fil-A Beach Day 3-6 p.m. @ Commons Pagoda

Jan. 14
Dodgeball 8 p.m. @ RecWell basketball courts

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THAT TIME I... WENT TO CABO

By: **Jordan Luscier**

From the white sandy beaches to the perfect blend of Mexican culture, Cabo San Lucas was, by far, the most beautiful place I had ever been to. It was May when my best friend and I departed from the airport in Seattle, Washington, to go to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, at 5 a.m. This trip was for both her and me to just relax before we started summer classes, and since her family normally travel to Cabo every year, they invited me to come this time.

Normally, when they would invite me, I would be busy with my high school finals. Waking up at about 3 a.m. was not my idea of a good time, but I knew right when our plane landed in Cabo that all of my problems and worries would just disappear for a couple of days.

The flight from Seattle to Cabo San Lucas took about four hours. It flew by fast because both my best friend and I slept the whole time, and when we woke up and looked out the plane window, all we could see was paradise.

Once we finally got through customs, we got on the van that would then take us to our hotel. As we were driving, we passed many different landscapes. There were both desert landscapes, as well as tropical ocean landscapes, and the weather was perfect.

The temperature was in the upper 80s with a nice, cool breeze since our hotel was located next to the ocean. It was neither a dry heat nor a humid heat — it was right in the middle, which was perfect.

As we arrived at our hotel, my jaw hit the floor because the building was absolutely

breathtaking and overlooked the ocean. As I looked to my left and my right, I saw white sand, jet-skis and parasailers who were having the time of their lives. At that point, I knew exactly what I wanted to do during this vacation. We went to our room, got our bathing suits on and hit the beach.

The next couple of days were filled with amazing food, good people and lots of adventure. The second day of our vacation, we woke up and walked down to the beach to rent jet skis. That was the first time I had ever been on one, and it was nothing but pure thrill.

Throughout the trip, we explored the culture and got a taste of the ethnic food. The food was vibrant and colorful, and the smells were outrageous. I was nervous about the food in Mexico since I am a very picky eater, but when I ate this food, I immediately fell in love with it.

The restaurants where we ate dinner were so authentic and filled with the Mexican culture. One restaurant we went to was called “Mi Casa,” and it had a stand in the middle of the restaurant where a woman was making homemade tortillas. I ordered tamales surtidos that came in a simple platter of four tamales representing different regions of Mexico: shrimp, beef, chicken and pork. This was my first time eating tamales, and it was truly amazing to be able to step foot in these restaurants and experience the little things about this country.

On the very last day of our stay, we headed to the beach and saw a tent that offered parasail tours, which is where a boat tows two people



Luscier (left) went on a trip to Cabo with her best friend (right) - the adventure of a lifetime. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM J. LUSCIER

wearing a specially designed parachute/canopy over the water. My best friend and I knew from the beginning of our trip that we wanted to try this, so on the last day that is exactly what we did.

We signed up for the tour, and 15 minutes later, we were out on a boat getting ready to take flight. Both my best friend and I live for adventure, and this was so spontaneous, which made the experience that much better.

Once we were strapped in with the harness, the parasail guide asked us to stand on the rear of the boat. As we were standing there, the boat started to move, and we slowly started to float over the water. It was a little scary at first, but once we were all the way up, the view was amazing. On our tour, we saw the beautiful Cabo San Lucas horizon, a green sea turtle and a

manta ray. It was such an incredible experience.

Going to Cabo San Lucas was the best vacation I have ever been on. I had experienced an entirely new culture, and I saw how individuals live and how simple their lives were. The people in Cabo were happy people who did not need much to be content. This was inspiring to see because here in the U.S., it is not necessarily a simple life for a lot of people. No matter who you are, the men and women who live in Cabo will do everything they can to make you feel welcome, and that will always stay with me.

The people, scenery, food and culture truly made this vacation that much more memorable, and I cannot wait to go back next spring.

Songs, snowflakes, skin care: Protecting your skin during the winter

By: **Roddia Paul**

Just because the weather outside may be frightful, it doesn't mean that your skin won't be delightful if you keep up a good skincare routine. It's true that Florida only has one season, hot, but it is still important to protect your skin. Stay tuned for some tips to keep your skin toned.

Wash, rinse, repeat

Depending on your skin type, you might notice a change in your skin as a reaction to the change in weather. During the wintertime, especially if it is windy, it is very hard for our skin to retain moisture. As a result your skin may become dry and in some cases red and flaky.

To circumvent that, the first place to start is with your wash routine. Most people will agree they love a long hot shower or submerging their face in warm water during the coldness of the winter, but too much water applied incorrectly can have a negative effect on the skin.

According to webmd.com, hot water dries out the skin, so it's better to use lukewarm water to wash your face.

So first wet your face with lukewarm water, apply your face wash, and then when you are ready to rinse, make sure to rinse with cool water so that you seal in the moisture.

When bathing, try not to take extremely long showers because the repeated steam and heat from the water can remove moisture from your skin and cause it to be dry. If you normally use an oil-free liquid wash, you might want to find a backup cream-based wash — they tend to be the friendliest.

Breaking skin barriers

An important part of any skin routine is

your exfoliator. Yes, breaking through those dead layers of skin is essential. Your skin cannot shine if it's trapped under layers of old skin. Removing dead skin is essential year-round because it helps prevent unhealthy wrinkled skin.

During the winter, exfoliating is even more essential because, with the harsh weather, you can experience dry, patchy skin, and exfoliating will help even out your skin's appearance by removing that dead skin.

Exfoliating is all about the technique — do not think that the bigger the crystals in the product or the harder you scrub, the better and clearer your skin will be. In reality, the harsher the product, the greater the possibility of irritating your skin and or causing a break out. So try to get a product with good quality and decent-sized exfoliators.

You do not have to wash your face with rocks just to break through dead layers. If you have sensitive skin, you might want to cut down exfoliation during the winter season to about once per week just because over-exfoliation can lead to dry skin, and giving yourself dry skin during the winter is like going fishing with no hook.

According to stemologyskincare.com, exfoliates can be in either mask- or scrub-form and are good to use year-round in your skincare regimen because they effectively remove dead skin cells and increase moisture in the skin.

Keep it toned

If you want a summer glow during the winter, then you need to invest in a good toner. A good toner is usually witch hazel-based and works to protect, moisturize, refresh and prevent

breakouts. The theme of winter skin care is moisture, moisture and more moisture.

You want to incorporate a good toner so that your skin stays balanced, and after washing your face, you need to make sure you lock in that moisture. Most importantly, if there were any impurities in the water you just washed your face with, the toner will help prevent against any negative effects of that, as well.

According to stemologyskincare.com, toner removes residue from your face while simultaneously adding moisture to your skin. Not only does it add moisture, but applying the right toner can also help fight against acne-causing bacteria.

The magic of water

According to webmd.com, water is good for your overall health, and you should drink more water to help create and or maintain a youthful glow. Not only does it help get rid of impurities, but it is also the only thing guaranteed to keep you hydrated.

Moisture is more than something you apply to your skin; it's something you need to provide to the systems within your body. During winter, the air is dry, and it's the time that your organs, such as your skin and hair, are the most vulnerable.

If you want to get technical, let's think of your skin in its most basic form, a cell. Just like any other cell in the body, your skin cells are predominantly composed of water and, therefore, need water to function. Lack of water will lead to dry, flaky, aged-looking skin. While young, nobody wants skin that's anything less than radiant.

Yes, our cells are made of water, but you constantly, throughout daily activities, lose significant amounts of water from the body, and so it is up to you to replace this water and make sure to stay hydrated. Most importantly, water consumption is a natural way to rid to the body of unwanted toxins that might otherwise appear on our skin as bumps, rashes and pimples. It does not happen overnight, but if you stick to it, you will definitely see the importance of incorporating a large quantity of water into your skincare routine.

All moisture everything

Remember how important staying hydrated is? Well, the truth of the matter is, as we ingest water, the benefits of it will reach our internal organs before we ever see its effects on our skin. That's why it's important that we remember moisture is more than just drinking water.

You can add moisture to your skin by applying a hydrating moisturizer to your skin daily. For your body, make sure that you apply your moisturizer within two minutes of getting out of the shower — that way you lock in that moisture from the bath. For your face, you want to not only have a hydrating moisturizer but also a moisturizer that has SPF in it. Especially in Florida, while it may be wintertime, the sun shines year round, and so you should have protection from its rays year round as well. According to webmd.com, the winter sun, combined with the glare can still greatly damage your skin.

Secret Life: Dr. Rheanna Rutledge

By: **Nicole Cocuy**
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Rheanna Rutledge, visiting assistant professor of communication in the Department of Writing and Communication, started teaching here last semester, but before joining the NSU family, she spent a year deployed in Afghanistan. From 2011 to 2012, Rutledge traveled all over Afghanistan, primarily in places that had been strongholds for the Taliban, working as a lead social scientist assigned to the Special Forces.

“I would go out when the Special Forces were having some problems engaging with the locals, so I would go out with them and do on-the-ground research and engage the locals in a peaceful way and get them to open up and figure out ways that we can actually peacefully reduce conflict,” said Rutledge.

Rutledge embarked on the adventure of a lifetime, during which she experienced crippling fear, cultural breakthroughs and heartwarming moments. Fortunately for her students, she brings the many lessons she learned throughout her experiences into the classroom.

What made you decide to deploy?

“I had wanted to deploy for a long time. In 2004, I originally went into the military. I ended up getting out because I got ovarian cancer, so I left the military and came back after working for the military for several years and getting a doctorate. I came back in the role of a civilian in uniform, and I was able to deploy. I had always wanted to deploy to make that difference because it was just something that I had always felt almost obligated and meant to do. I was working for the government, and I was reading all of these fascinating things that were going on and watching all of this stuff, and I was sitting here behind a computer. I felt like I wanted to be on the ground actually making a difference, and I felt like I wasn’t making the difference I wanted to make being behind that computer. I wanted to actually be in the midst of it and to do what I knew I could do with my background. So I literally signed up, somebody told me about a program, and I said, ‘Okay, I’m in for it.’ I got a call a week later, and within a few months, I found myself in training and left for Afghanistan for a year.”

Do you feel like you did make that difference?

“It’s the biggest difference I think I’ve made in my entire life, up until now. Even though I thought that was the only time in my life that I could make an incredible change in people’s lives, I’m actually finding that now, being a parent, I’m able to do that for my son and make this difference as a mom. But, actually, with my students, I’m finding that I’m equally as engaged as I was in Afghanistan, and I would have never thought that was possible. But now I’m finding that I get that same type of energy coming from leading my students into forms of leadership and actually encouraging them in their fields. Who knew?”

What was being in Afghanistan like?

“The best way to describe Afghanistan as far as the environment itself was if you were to turn on a hair blow dryer on hot and on high — that’s what it feels like to be in Afghanistan. Put it on your face and just leave it there, and you can’t turn it off. There are sandstorms and things like that, so the sand is going everywhere, and it’s hot, and it’s humid, and you’re breathing it in. And so you finally get used to it, but that’s what it’s physically like. It’s over 100 degrees most of the year, and you have all the gear on. Being a little over 100 pounds at the time myself, I had to carry over about 70 pounds of gear. You wore weapons, and you had all the gear, and it

weighed so much.”

What was Afghanistan like culturally?

“Going out there talking to locals was interesting because you’d walk in initially not knowing them and you’d have to put on a smile, even though you were nervous and afraid because you never know what you’re going to find. But you have to go in open-minded and put aside your fears, and eventually after meeting the people and coming back a few different times, you find that you actually develop friendships, and they’re just the same as anybody else. I made a wrongful assumption that the male population wasn’t going to open up to me as much as the female population, but I was wrong in that. As it turns out, they considered me a third gender — that’s what they call it — where I was in uniform, and even though I was female, they didn’t consider me like they would their local females. The men were willing to open up to me, even though I had assumed that they wouldn’t do the same as they would to the men. So we actually found that they didn’t find me as threatening as our men, and that was able to reduce some of the conflict and resolve some things. Culturally, there are differences, and they don’t treat women the same way. They’re respectful of the women, and I don’t think we always understand that. We have an American perspective of others that we put on them. This is a society that is very family-based. They care about their children, and they do care about their women. It’s just they have different social norms — some of it’s religion-based — and they’re trying to protect the women from outsiders. But being female, I was actually able to go in and engage with the women as well, while all of our men were not allowed to do that.”

Did your experience in Afghanistan impact your decision to go into instructing?

“Absolutely. It sure did. I had taught before going to Afghanistan at the university level at Florida State University and Seminole State College, and I had also done training for the government and things like that. But after going to Afghanistan, I wanted to share with people the education side of it and encourage them in that direction mostly because the girls and the women I came across couldn’t even get an education in Afghanistan. One group of girls I had met had been burnt with acid for trying to go to a school. This didn’t happen often, but there were parents who would dress their little girls up like little boys up until puberty so they could get some form of education. Then, suddenly puberty hits, and they have to take on the role of being in the house and not being really able to leave. But the fact that we have the opportunities over here for education to me is inspiring, and I wanted to share that, because people take education for granted.”

How does this influence your teaching?

“I think I’m able to understand multiple perspectives of things. In life, we always take on the perspective from where we come from. Once you understand that people are generally all the same across different cultures and different societies, we understand how to bring people together, and I feel like that’s something that I’ve been able to bring out in the classroom. I’m trying to help people find their voice in the classroom, and I feel like that stems from being there.”

What was the biggest lesson you learned or takeaway you gained from this experience?

“There are so many. One of them was an appreciation for some of the basic things that we have, for example running water, an actual toilet and edible food. In Afghanistan, we brought bottled water because we can’t drink [the water there]. We dug a hole to use the bathroom. I now



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Left: Dr. Rutledge in all of her gear.

Down: Rutledge interacting with the local children of Afghanistan.



have an appreciation for some of the most basic essentials. I love the fact that I can go home and take a hot shower in clean water — and I can drink that water. In Afghanistan, the water system that runs through the village is where their sewer ends up going, and it’s where they bathe. Every need for water takes place in this exact same water system, and so there’s constantly illness. I also learned that people are capable of anything. It’s easy for us to judge in our own circumstance, but if we were born in a different place or put in a different circumstance, humanity is capable of all kinds of things — good or bad.”

What was your most memorable moment?

“One of them was when I brought a new group of soldiers into a village, and they were nervous coming in. It was their first time going out in Afghanistan, and they marched in with hard faces, and the villagers immediately got defensive. After coming back, I talked to them and explained what we needed to work on and gave them the tactics. We went back in with a more friendly approach, and the villagers opened up. I taught them, for example, ‘qalam,’ which is the word for a pen. I gave them all pens, and they passed them out to the kids, and the kids went crazy. They were like, ‘Qalam! Qalam!’ So we’d hand out these pens or just basic items, and the children flocked to these men, and once the children were accepted and welcomed in, all the villagers were willing to come out and start talking and engaging in a good way. Initially, the villagers felt threatened, and there were going to

be some violent attacks, I guarantee you. So I feel like that was huge.”

What was the hardest part about your experience in Afghanistan?

“It was feelings of loneliness. Even though I was in the midst of constant company of people I considered friends and peers, I always missed my home, and I always missed the feelings of safety. You are never truly safe at any moment, so even when you’re asleep, you can’t have the satisfaction knowing that you’re asleep and safe and sound in your bed. I think that was one of the biggest struggles. It was the feeling of being away from your loved ones and what is known.”

Are you still involved in the military in any way?

“I’m focused on teaching, but I’m still involved when it comes to peace studies and trying to bring people into understanding the world, negotiation tactics and conflict resolution. I’m also still actually friends with the people I was deployed with and a number of people I just worked with from the government. They still contact me with questions or if they’re trying to figure out a solution to a problem they’re having; they still call and they still email. One of the colonels, for example, is now a general, and he has contacted me since then, asking for some different input, so I’m still very much involved, but just not in the same role. I have no intentions on deploying anytime soon, especially now that I have a 1-year-old at home.”

CAREER CORNER

The Career Play Book: Your strategy guide to reaching your professional goals

By: **Emilio Lorenzo and Emily Tasca**

Emilio Lorenzo is the assistant director of career advisement in NSU's Office of Career Development. Emilio understands the importance of helping students reach their career goals and works with all students, including undergraduate, graduate and professional level students, to achieve their professional goals.

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Just like every good coach must strategize for a victorious season, you, as an aspiring professional in your desired career, must develop a strategic game plan for your success, not just upon graduation, but within your first year on campus. Throughout your four years, you should set mini-goals or planned initiatives you hope to accomplish, which will put you in an advantageous position as you move along your collegiate journey.

FIRST YEAR: Explore, identify, set plan in motion

Just like a traveler who has arrived on a new island, he or she would probably explore the surroundings while taking an inventory of valuable resources that can support him or her on this adventurous journey. You, as a college student, should have this same exploratory mindset during your first year, which can be a catalyst to ease your transition into this new environment.

A good first step is to begin experiencing the services available to students on campus, including but not limited to, academic advising, career advising, tutoring and testing, undergraduate student success and student activities. Each of these offices can assist you in exploring opportunities available within

the university, as well as help you clarify your specific interest areas while providing support to be successful in these career tracks. Additionally, you can continue exploring on your own by joining student groups related to your interests or getting involved in activities that can spark your passion for a certain area.

Assessments such as the MBTI and StrengthsQuest can be useful tools to identify key components that will help you understand how certain interest areas align with your personality, values and overall skill sets. This information will lead you to a better understanding of how you would fit in a certain major or career path.

Once you have identified and clarified your specific career interests, the next step would involve developing, as well as implementing, a plan to not only confirm these professional goals, but also begin forging a path to reach them. Advisors and mentors can be key stakeholders in helping you formulate an effective plan while assisting you with putting that plan in to motion.

SECOND YEAR: Experiential learning, building and leveraging relationships

Once you have identified your key areas of interest, the best way to confirm your passion is to experience it yourself or immerse yourself in the industry. These types of experiences can range from shadowing a professional in your field to doing research or participating in an internship. The relationships you build through internships can be long-lasting, as you never know where your career will take you and when you will cross paths again. This is why maintaining relationship is so key in your journey; your path may lead you back to such key stakeholders, and you want to make sure that the bridge is not burnt, but solidified enough to revisit.

A good way to maintain relationships is to first send thank you letters or emails after interning or working for an organization. You can also look to maintain the relationship by



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Not sure how you should be planning for your post-grad life at this stage of your undergraduate career? Lorenzo and Tasca have some suggestions.

periodically keeping in touch or using social media strategically through LinkedIn.

You can also immerse yourself in an industry by participating in projects, inside and outside the classroom, that focus on particular topics or require the use of skills needed in the career field. For example, if you are a computer science major, and you are currently building your own computer or perhaps developing your own app, although these activities were done independently, they are still very valuable to add to your resume or discuss in an interview.

THIRD YEAR: Focusing goals, industry immersion and clarifying interests

After you have immersed yourself in an industry, it is important to reflect back on how these experiences fit in to your goals and overall future interests. Internalizing this information will give you a better handle as to the next steps. For example, if after building your first computer, you have now decided that working with hardware is more desirable than dealing with the software side of computer science. Knowing this information would then lead you to doing a more targeted search for an internship that incorporates this type of on-the-job tasks.

It is also important to ask yourself the right questions. If, for example, you did not enjoy your internship experience, you should then ask yourself "Why did you not enjoy it?" or "Were there aspects that you did enjoy, and

are there other ways to explore those aspects in a different setting?"

FOURTH YEAR: Professional polishing, proactive job search and self-marketing

Through all of these hands-on experiences, you will be able to explore interest areas of your career, but you will also gain skills to help you be a more polished professional upon graduation. By involving yourself in internships, shadowing professionals or even collaborating with faculty on research, you will not only gain industry-specific knowledge, but also receive coaching and mentorship.

Having these professional soft skills will enable you to take on a proactive job search, as you will be able to reach out to organizations and network with professionals in your field. Experience is important, but understanding the value of the experience and being able to articulate that back to a wide range of audiences, including employers, is what a coach would call his "secret play."

Knowing these things early on in your undergraduate journey will allow you to formulate a strategic game plan for success. Just like you need an instruction manual to build your Ikea furniture, your career game plan will help you build your future on a solid, lasting foundation.

By: **Nicole Cocuy**
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Four apps to help you get organized

Whether or not you believe in New Year's resolutions, it's always a good idea to start off the year on the right foot. As college students, one of the most important things to accomplish is organization, and the technology at your fingertips makes this easier than ever before. To help you reach your resolutions or goals, here are a few helpful — and free — apps worth a download that can really make a difference.

Google Keep

Everyone loves sticky notes. They're bright, color-coded reminders of things you don't want to forget and other tidbits of important information. Google Keep imitates the look, feel and purpose of sticky notes by allowing its users to quickly jot something down, create checklists and color-code the rectangular little notes as needed.

Even better, notes on Google Keep aren't limited to just text; rather, you can snap a picture of something really quick and stick it on your board or attach a time-based or location-based reminder to a particular note, in case you need to remember to do something at a certain time or when you get to a particular location.

Notes can be categorized by labels, like

work, school, personal and other customizable categories, to make navigating the large collection of colorful boxes that much easier. The notes automatically sync to your Google account, so you can access your notes while you're on your computer doing homework and on your phone while you're on the go. You'll never forget anything again.

FocusNow

Do you ever grab your textbook, reserve a library study room and plan to get a head start on your studying, only to spend hours on your phone scrolling through Instagram or texting your friends? If your phone is your number one distractor, FocusNow may just be the app for you.

With FocusNow, you set a timer for as long as you need, be it 15 minutes or three hours, and a virtual seed slowly grows on your screen until time is up. Seeds will grow virtual fruit and will be planted in your virtual farm, a documented illustration of your ability to avoid — or fail to avoid — procrastination. But don't navigate away from the app; the fruit plant will die, and you will have to start over again.

Habitica

Every Jan. 1, we make resolutions to create new habits or end bad habits but rarely ever succeed. Habitica, however, makes this seemingly impossible task fun. On Habitica, you can make a personalized avatar which can level up and fight monsters depending on whether you achieve your personal goals.

There are three categories on Habitica: habits, dailies and to-dos. Habits can be positive or negative, and be granted different difficulty levels, according to how easy it is to complete these tasks. When you check off a positive habit, like going to the gym or finishing something ahead of time, your experience points — which make your avatar level up after a certain number are accumulated — goes up and you receive gold, which can be used to buy armor, potions and weapons; however, when you check off a negative habit, like eating something unhealthy or spending money on something you don't need, your health points go down, and if you run out of health points, you automatically drop a level.

Checking off dailies, like flossing or drinking enough water, also raises your experience points and earns you gold, but if

you don't check them off daily, your health points will be reduced. To-dos can include anything from a homework assignment to finally remembering to drop a box off at the post office and can help you keep track of everything you need, as the name implies, to do. Not marking them off won't penalize you, but finally getting a to-do completed rewards avatars greatly, as it earns the greatest amount of gold and experience points. With Habitica, it's impossible to forget the little things, as your avatar's life depends on it.

Glass Planner

Have a lot of upcoming deadlines but don't know when to get those assignments done? Glass Planner connects with your calendar app to help you solve this problem. Glass Planner is essentially an agenda that organizes itself. With Glass Planner, you can see your schedule for the next few weeks, add tasks, document your progress and keep an eye on upcoming deadlines. You can move around items in your to-do list according to priority and even add alarms to certain to-dos. If you are terrible at managing your time, Glass Planner will be your personal assistant and your new best friend.

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By: **Erin Herbert**
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Winter break sports recap

While most students spent their winter breaks catching up on sleep and watching Netflix, a number of NSU's athletes were hard at work. Catch up on some of the action that happened while you were away.

Women's basketball

The women's basketball team competed and were victorious in four games over winter break. The Sharks are on a seven-game win streak, which is currently the highest win streak in the Sunshine State Conference. As of Jan. 4, the Sharks are ranked first overall in the SSC, with a conference record of 4-0 and a season record 12-1.

The team kicked off winter break with a close 90-84 victory over Shaw University at home on Dec. 17. The women's December schedule also included the Shark Holiday Classic on Dec. 19 and 20. The Sharks competed against Miles College and Albany State University in the NSU Arena and won both games by scores of 103-50 and 78-63, respectively.

Over winter break, the team scored a total

of 334 points and allowed 250 to be scored by opponents. The team's final victory over break was a 63-53 win over Embry-Riddle on Jan. 2.

Men's basketball

The men's basketball team went 2-2 over their winter break competitions to earn a current season record of 5-6. They are currently ranked seventh in the SSC and hold a conference record of 1-2 so far this season.

The men's team started out strong with an 81-70 victory over Eastern University on Dec. 16 in the NSU Arena. On Dec. 18 and 19, the Sharks traveled to Melbourne, Fla., to compete in the Florida Tech Holiday Classic. The men faced Arkansas Tech and Lane College during the two-day tournament but fell to both teams by a close margin. Arkansas Tech defeated the Sharks by a score of 61-76 and Lane College defeated the team by a score of 80-85. Senior Chris Page and junior Harrison Goodrick led the Sharks in scoring for the tournament, scoring 20 and 19 points, respectively.

The men finished out winter break with an

87-64 victory over Embry-Riddle in the NSU Arena on Jan. 2.

Women's volleyball

During December, senior women's volleyball player Dana Holger received a South Region Honorable Mention from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Holger was the only player from NSU to receive an award of this type.

Earlier this season, Holger, along with teammates Caitlin Donahue, Katie Pyles and Denvyr Tyler-Palmer, was named to the All-Sunshine State Conference Volleyball team. Holger also became a member of the 1,000 Kill Club earlier this season and ended the season with a total of 1,219 career kills.

In addition to receiving a multitude of accolades throughout the season, Holger was also able to post some of the best numbers of her career in 2015. One of Holger's best single-season stats was her career-high 430 kills, with a career-high of 22 kills in a single match.

Spring 2016 Intramurals

Preseason Basketball

Registration Dates:
Jan. 4-16
Competition Dates:
Jan. 19-25

Basketball

Registration Dates:
Jan. 4-22
Competition Dates:
Feb. 1-25

4v4 Flag Football

Registration Dates:
Jan. 18-28
Competition Dates:
Feb. 4-25

Racquetball

Registration Dates:
Jan. 4-22
Competition Dates:
Jan. 26

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

Brazil to waive visa requirement from June 1 to Sept. 18 for 2016 Olympics

Brazil announced that U.S., Australian, Canadian and Japanese citizens will not need visas during a 90-day period that includes the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Summer Olympics, from the lead-up to the end of the Paralympic Games. The waiver program is an attempt to increase leisure travel to Brazil by 20 percent. Many Latin American countries and European Union members do

not need a visa to travel to Brazil. Normally, U.S. citizens must pay \$160 to obtain a tourism visa in Brazil. The Summer Olympics will take place from Aug. 5-21, and the Paralympics will be from Sept. 7-18.

Rhett Ellison out with knee injury

Ellison, tight end for the Minnesota Vikings, is out for the rest of the season with a torn patellar tendon in his right knee. He will undergo surgery and is expected to need six months of recovery time. Ellison

came from USC in the round four of the 2012 draft, and his rookie contract expires in March.

NBA fines players involved in Pacers, Pistons scuffle

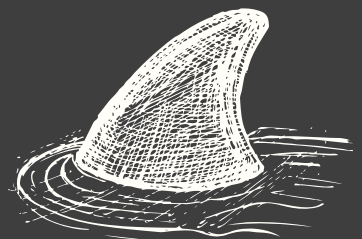
The NBA fined Detroit Pistons forward Marcus Morris \$15,000 for shoving and Indiana Pacers forward Paul George \$10,000 for retaliating during the Jan. 2 game in Indianapolis. Morris shoved George at the end of the game while attempting to retrieve a loose ball,

and George chest-bumped him. The Pacers won 94-82.

Zimmerman, Howard suing Al Jazeera for steroid scandal

Ryan Zimmerman, Washington Nationals infielder, and Ryan Howard, Philadelphia Phillies first baseman, are suing Al Jazeera for the news organization's claims that the players used steroids. The players are suing for defamation. Al Jazeera claimed that the two players, along with Denver Broncos

quarterback Peyton Manning and other NFL players, were connected to a clinic that distributed steroids and human growth hormone (HGH) in a documentary titled "The Dark Side." Zimmerman and Howard deny using any banned substances.



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Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team defeated Embry Riddle 87-64 on Jan. 2. Senior Chris Page was the Shark's leading scorer with a total of 21 points.



Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team earned a 63-53 win over Embry Riddle on Jan. 2. The Sharks were led by Senior Ida Krogh, who scored 16 points. This victory marks the Shark's seventh straight win.

Women's Basketball

vs. Barry
Miami Shores, FL
Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m.

vs. Florida Southern
NSU Arena
Jan. 16, 2 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, FL
Jan. 16, 11:30 a.m.

ON DECK

Men's Basketball

vs. Barry
Miami Shores, FL
Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.

vs. Florida Southern
NSU Arena
Jan. 16, 4 p.m.

vs. Florida Tech
Melbourne, FL
Jan. 18, 2 p.m.

Athlete of the Week: Casey Carroll

By: **Erin Herbert**
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As the son of a Division I basketball coach, basketball has always been a big part of Casey Carroll's life.

Due to his father's involvement in the sport, Carroll was exposed to basketball at a young age and has played ever since.

He said, "I grew up around basketball and I just fell in love with the sport at a young age and just continued to play throughout my whole life."

During his first year at NSU, Carroll was the star of a social media campaign for the Department of Athletics called "#UCallItForCasey." Facebook and Twitter users were given the chance to suggest various trick shots for Carroll to complete. Carroll then performed each trick shot on video for NSU's basketball fans in an impressive display of his skill.

Carroll recently finished his undergraduate degree in sport and recreation management and is now pursuing his MBA in management.

I got the chance to sit down with Carroll and learn a little more about him.

After you finish your MBA, do you plan to continue playing basketball?

"That's the goal right now. I would love to continue playing basketball, but if something else pops up career-wise, I'll always consider that option. I'm leaving the door open for whatever comes around."

What's the most difficult aspect of playing basketball?

"Probably staying healthy. I've had a couple bad injuries throughout the year. It's been tough to stay healthy and maintain that health throughout the whole season since it's such a long season."

Do you have any specific tools that you use to motivate yourself throughout the long seasons?

"I'd definitely say my teammates. They're always supportive of me because they know about my health issues, so they're always saying 'Keep pushing, keep pushing, we'll help you out when we can.' So my teammates are my motivation to play hard. I always want to get wins for them."

Have you had any coaches that have influenced or inspired you throughout your basketball career?

"Definitely my dad. I played for him my senior year of high school. It was only his second year of coaching high school, so it was really cool. I've always grown up watching him coach, and I've always liked his style, and for him to be my official mentor as a coach, rather than a dad watching on the sidelines, was really cool."

What has been your greatest accomplishment while playing basketball?

"It would definitely be getting a scholarship to play here. I know I'm very fortunate to have a



Carroll has been passionate about basketball since he was young, and it shows on the court. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM J. FRAYSURE

scholarship because I know a lot of people have to pay for college and don't have the opportunity that I have."

What is the most rewarding part of playing basketball?

"I'd say making lifelong friends. I'm still really close with teammates from high school and from my previous college and all of the people who have previously graduated here. So those friendships are definitely very rewarding."

A number of other teams have mentioned that they have specific rituals or superstitions they perform before or after games — does

the basketball team have anything like that?

"Individual players do, but I don't have any, actually. I'm not superstitious at all. I'm very laid back and kind of a jokester, so even during the games I'm cracking jokes with the other team or my teammates. It lightens the spirit for the people who are really superstitious."

What do you enjoy doing when you're not practicing or in a game?

"I play video games a lot. My teammates and I always get online and play 'Call of Duty' together. It's usually just video games or hanging out with my teammates."



ON THE BENCH: Players wanna play, so let 'em

By: **Jazmyn Brown**

For the Jan. 7 Los Angeles Clippers-Portland Trail Blazers game, C.J. McCollum, Portland shooting guard and point guard, sat out due to a "clerical error," according to ESPN. The Trail Blazers reportedly submitted a roster with McCollum listed as "inactive" in place of teammate Luis Montero, a rookie shooting guard who's been mostly inactive since signing with Portland in July 2015. McCollum's inactive status prevented him from participating in the game.

McCollum is Portland's second-leading scorer, behind Damian Lillard, point guard, according to stats listed on ESPN's website. Portland fell 109-98 without McCollum, not only because of human error, but also because of poor judgment and poor sportsmanship.

Although Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts said he signed the paperwork "without really noticing it" and thought that the team had caught the error in time, the "inactive" ruling stood, according to ESPN; however, the Trail Blazers contested the ruling, and the NBA gave Clippers coach Doc Rivers the option to allow McCollum to play, according to an unspecified league source.

But Rivers did not agree to allow McCollum to appear on the court in a shoddy show of sportsmanship. His decision to essentially keep McCollum, one of Portland's best players, on the sidelines was a cheap and dirty trick that undercuts the meaning of true competition.

One doesn't have to be a Portland Trail Blazers fan to notice that both the "clerical error" and Rivers' refusal to allow fair play hurt the integrity of the

game. A team's honor rests on their ability to bring everything they have — whether it's skilled players and a brilliant game plan — to the court and face the opposing team at their strongest. Rivers' decision was, in essence, an attempt to give his team the upper hand, and it shows in the final score.

According to ESPN, Rivers said that his team has made the same error twice with its players, who had to sit out, and he also said that he's been "fighting" the active list for years. So maybe he wasn't trying to gain an advantage over Portland and rather wanted to level the playing field, in a way. Regardless, he had the power to override the rule and chose not to.

Human error is one thing — it happens randomly and arbitrarily, and sometimes, you can't fix these mistakes. But when someone purposefully makes a decision that will alter how events play out, as Rivers did, that's inexcusable. It's not fair to McCollum, it's not fair to the rest of the Trail Blazers, and it's not fair to the spectators.

When fans purchase tickets to go to a game, they do it to get a chance to see the NBA's best in real-time, up-close action. Imagine if this happened to someone like Dwayne Wade or LeBron James, and the opposing team's coach decided to have Wade or James sit out. That's just blasphemous.

Perhaps the issue really isn't with human error or a coach's poor judgment but with NBA policy and procedure. Maybe more coaches need to fight having to submit an active list to prevent these types of problems in the future. But for the time being, let the players play.

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A piece of Mexico in Davie

By: **Petra Jurova**

Tijuana Taxi Co. is an authentic Mexican restaurant that serves outstanding traditional food and, probably, the best margaritas outside of Mexico. It's located a few minutes away from NSU on University Drive.

There are many reasons why Tijuana Taxi Co. is unique and worth trying. Those who decide to drive to this location will appreciate the big number of parking spots in front of the restaurant. When approaching the restaurant, it feels like visiting a scenic garden full of colorful plants and cacti somewhere in Mexico.

Tijuana Taxi Co. truly embraces the Mexican culture in everything inside and outside of the restaurant. All of the fun decorations and signs help engulf the customers into the Mexican culture. Some of them are in Spanish, but most of them are in English and are very funny. One of them reads "you know you had too much to drink when..." followed by four funny ways to test if customers had enough to drink.

It feels like a vacation to an exotic country. One of the greatest things in the restaurant are fans with sprinklers that are placed above each outdoor table to refresh people who sit outside on a hot day. Customers can have a better experience eating at a place where they are not fighting the heat.

The menu can be overwhelming because it is extremely colorful and unorganized. It is a little difficult to go through it without assistance. Each page of the menu is written in a different font and size and there are multiple background colors, as well; however, the staff is particularly welcoming and helpful. They are happy to assist at any time and are also very good in explaining the Mexican dishes on the menu.

What makes this restaurant better than other Mexican eateries around is the delicious food. The authenticity is easy to taste. Before ordering anything, a big serving of warm tortilla

chips will arrive to each table, along with a tasty mild salsa.

One of the recommended dishes is the quesadilla filled with steak, grilled onions, peppers, cheese and mushrooms (\$12.99). There is also an option to customize this dish and remove or add ingredients. This filling quesadilla is served with sour cream and guacamole on the side. The waiters give customers an option to add a hot sauce, if they would like. For the full experience, customers should try their signature margarita (\$4.99) to accompany their dish.

Besides quesadillas, there are many more dishes to choose from. There are lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (\$5.99). The favorite lunch specials are chicken enchiladas served with Spanish rice and beans or buffalo chicken sandwich. For those who like spicy food, mango chile chicken served with rice and sweet and spicy glaze (\$8.99) is the way to go.

Save room for a dessert. The options for desserts are limited to only about four or five, but each is fantastic. The most requested one is a warm brownie with fried vanilla ice cream (\$6). This dessert pleases the eyes and tastes beyond delicious.

Overall, the experience from Tijuana Taxi Co. is exceptionally satisfying. It's perfect if you're looking to try authentic exotic food and experience the Mexican culture while enjoying great margaritas.

Address: 4400 S University Dr., Davie
Hours: Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to midnight, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Staff Picks—What we look forward to in 2016

By: **The Current Staff**

2015 was filled with some incredible moments in the entertainment industry. Between Kylie Jenner's never-ending transformations, Shia LaBeouf's motivational rants and the reappearance of Star Wars in our lives, it seems like a year that will be difficult to top. But the staff at The Current anticipates that 2016 will be bigger and better than ever. Here's a sneak peak of some of what we're looking forward to.

Li Cohen, co-editor-in-chief, said "Game of Thrones"

"Game of Thrones" is one of those shows that once you start, you really just can't stop. The incredible storyline is known to be addictive, and after the season five finale, I and every other GoT fan really have to know what's going on with our favorite characters, if they're still alive that is. This series really isn't for the faint of heart or for the squeamish, but for those who don't mind a little fighting, OK, maybe a lot of fighting, on their television screens, be prepared for another riveting season of "Game of Thrones" glory. We may live in South Florida, but winter is definitely coming, and I absolutely cannot wait.

Nicole Cocuy, co-editor-in-chief, said Majid Jordan's debut album

After releasing a flawless EP in July 2014 and a few singles here and there - including a collaboration with Drake - Canadian duo Majid Jordan will finally bless the world with their first full length album in February. The self-titled album will be released through Drake's label, OVO, and, hopefully, it will exhibit the same genre-bending sound I fell in love with, including their soulful R&B vocals, hip-hop-inspired rhythms and catchy alternative vibes.

I don't know what I'm anticipating most: the opportunity to finally listen to more Majid Jordan or to see them finally enter the spotlight and receive the attention they deserve. Keep an eye on Majid Jordan; I foresee great things in their future, and I think 2016 might just be the year they rise into stardom.

Jazmyn Brown, copy editor, says "Suicide Squad"

From the moment I found that DC Comic's Suicide Squad were getting their own movie, I was hyped. I am living for "Suicide Squad" right now. Yes, ironic pun intended. If you've watched the trailer, you might, like me, be most excited to see what Jared Leto's iteration of the Joker will look like on the big screen. I mean, just listen to him say, "Oh, I'm not gonna kill you... I'm just gonna hurt you really, really bad" with that crazed look in his eyes. Since I know and love the team from the CW show "Arrow" and wished the TV series would continue their storyline, I'm really looking forward to seeing Will Smith's version of Deadshot. Margot Robbie's Harley Quinn also looks promising, and I can't wait to see how this movie ties in with Ben Affleck's new Batman. It's about time the DC Comics universe expanded, and, for once, I'm actually looking forward to August. The movie releases on Aug. 6.

Amanda Kaplan, multimedia manager, said "Fuller House"

Growing up, one of my favorite shows was "Fuller House." OK, OK, it still is. When I heard Netflix was making a spin-off, "Fuller House," 20 years after the show ended, I couldn't believe it. Unfortunately, the Olson twins will not be a part of the cast, but John Stamos (Uncle Jesse)

and the rest of the family will return. I'm trying not to get my hopes up because I don't think any spinoff could live up to the original. Although I can't wait to see where they take the story, there will be only 13 episodes. If the series lives up to "Full House" expectations, then I am crossing my fingers for more. I mean, I could always use a new show to binge watch.

Roger Atangana, visual design assistant, said "Captain America: Civil War"

Among all the upcoming Marvel movies, I am excited about "Captain America: Civil War," not because of its outstanding, breath-taking action scenes or the intriguing collaboration between Captain America and his previous foe The Winter Soldier, but because of the heavy array of heroes, namely Captain America, Iron Man, Black Widow, Ant Man, Black Panther, Scarlet Witch, Vision, The Falcon and, most especially, Spider-Man, who has yet to be featured in any of the trailers. It is also worth noting that these heroes will battle each other for a reason that I'm eager to find out when the movie comes out on May 6.

Erin Herbert, sports editor, said "Street Fighter V"

The classic arcade fighting game "Street Fighter," comes back to life this year with its latest installment, "Street Fighter V." After far too many remakes of the game's predecessor, "Street Fighter IV," which included ultra, super and arcade editions, "Street Fighter V" looks like a breath of fresh air for the franchise. The game will feature a number of classic characters, such as Ryu, Cammy and Chun-Li, but it also boasts a large of roster of brand new characters, with a plethora of new fighting styles and abilities.

The release of "Street Fighter V" will be a huge revival for the FGC, and Feb. 16 can't come any sooner.

Grace Ducanis, news editor, said "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story"

I'm a huge "Star Wars" fan, so getting to see "Episode VII" over winter break made my life. I can't believe I'll have to wait until 2017 to see "Episode VIII." Thankfully, Disney has been so kind as to plan several spinoff movies to tide us content-hungry "Star Wars" fans over between episodes. "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" comes out in December 2016, and it's going to be about the freedom fighters who stole the plans for the Death Star before the events of "Episode IV." In other words, it's going to be ridiculously awesome.

Roddia Paul, opinions editor, said "Finding Dory"

Who can forget the infamous "P. Sherman 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney," "Squishy" and "Just keep swimming?" If you didn't fall in love with Dory in "Finding Nemo," then your heart must be two sizes too small, Grinch. Laugh at me if you want to, but my inner child is screaming and dancing at the thought of a sequel to "Finding Nemo." In 2003, we followed the story of Marlin, a not-so-funny clown fish, along his mission to rescue his son, Nemo, from a toilet drain graveyard. With a serious message of the importance of family and trust, we still laughed our way through the sorrow with the help of some laid back turtles, vegetarian sharks and a forgetful Dory. I can't wait to see what happens in this sequel - Dory, don't worry I'd never forget you.

SOUNDBITE

'Sonic Monarch' by Krisp

By: **Marie Ontivero**

Interested in independent music, emerging artists and new album releases? DJ Marie, music director at Radio X, will keep you updated every week in *The Current* on what's new in the world of music. You can catch her on Thursday nights from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. on 88.5FM, bringing you new music you're sure to love.

To kick-off the new year, Soundbite would like to start locally. This week's album review is of no other than Miami's own Krisp. "Sonic Monarch" will be the band's sophomore album, following its eight-track debut album, "Mamani Vice." The four-piece band has already released two singles from their latest album in anticipation of its release on Spotify this Friday, and it's only a taste of what is to come. The album is as ingenious and as artistic as Wynwood itself. There's an experimental and playful vibe in their alternative-dance sound. They also managed a nab a slot on last October's "III Points" festival lineup in Miami, where they were able to not only test out some of their new material, but also play songs from their debut. This created major exposure for the band, which, as a result, currently has about 3,000 likes on Facebook.



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Krisp is an up-and-coming right from our back yard.

Don't be fooled, though, these guys will climb the college charts and perhaps even make it onto your next house party playlist. You can find Krisp on both Spotify and Bandcamp.

Release Date: Jan. 15

Perfect if you like: The Mary Onettes and Skylar Spence

Favorite Tracks: "167" and "Riverside Strangler"

'The Ridiculous 6': An absurd Netflix gem

By: **Jazmyn Brown**

Fans of crude, satirical humor and painfully awkward stunt work will enjoy the Netflix original "The Ridiculous 6," released last December. Starring Adam Sandler as Tommy Stockburn, aka White Knife, the film follows a man raised by Native Americans as he sets out to save his bank robber father, played by Nick Nolte, from a nasty group of money-hungry bandits.

Sandler and Tim Herlihy, known for "Pixels," "The Wedding Singer," "Grown Ups," "Grown Ups 2" and "Happy Gilmore," wrote the film, and Frank Coraci, known for "The Wedding Singer," "The Waterboy" and "Click," directed it.

Filmed in New Mexico, which gives the film an authentic Western look, "The Ridiculous 6" tells the story of a band of half-brothers who must come together to rustle up \$50,000 to save their womanizing father, who happens to be a notorious bank robber. Along the brothers' journey, they must learn to use their respective talents to become skilled robbers; the only caveat is that "The Ridiculous 6" only steal from those who have no honor.

Sandler's usual cast of Rob Schneider, Terry Crews, and David Spade expanded to include Taylor Lautner, known best for his role as Jacob Black in "Twilight," Lautner's former co-star Julia Jones, country star Blake Shelton, rapper and actor Vanilla Ice, comedian and actor Jorge Garcia, and many more. The cast seems haphazardly thrown together, but the absurdity of the cast adds to the comedic value of the film, and, besides, what else can you expect from one of Sandler's movies?

As their name implies, "The Ridiculous 6" are a ridiculous and random set of brothers; Schneider plays Ramon, a Mexican burro rider, Crews plays Chico, a pianist, Garcia plays Herm, a wild mountain man, and Wilson plays Danny, a former president's bodyguard ridden with guilt.

Lautner, the sixth brother, plays White Knife's hillbilly half-brother, a drastically different role for the actor, who typically portrays more serious characters, as in the "Twilight" franchise and in movies like "Abduction," an action-thriller film, and "Tracers," a crime drama. Lautner surprisingly brings a lot of humor to the Western comedy with his naive,

dim-witted and stupid-funny character; Lil' Pete says the funniest lines in the movie.

Trejo stars as one of the film's antagonists, Cicero, a rough and tough outlaw — typical for the actor — Vanilla Ice gives his character, Mark Twain, a comical twist, and Spade brings General George Armstrong Custer to life, a spitting image of the Union officer and commander. Shelton plays Wyatt Earp, who is not only a historical figure but also a legendary character from several well-known Western films.

The two-hour movie slows down from time-to-time, and some random scenes are interspersed throughout the film, slackening the pace of the movie so much that it becomes boring at parts. The plot thickens closer to the end of the movie, but in terms of storyline, "The Ridiculous 6" is predictable, and it parodies other, more serious Westerns; however, it does manage to combine comedy with the theme of brotherhood, offering a funny lesson on the importance of family, loyalty and honor.

What "The Ridiculous 6" lacks in plot, it makes up for in terms of comedic worth; White Knife's stereotypical Native American wisdom, coupled with Lil' Pete's inanity and Herm's incomprehensibility, along with a generally ridiculous atmosphere, come together to produce a sidesplitting comedy set in the violent world of the Western.

According to Business Insider, Netflix announced that "The Ridiculous 6" had the most views within the first 30 days of its release. Still, "The Ridiculous 6" is a quirky film hated by critics; on Rotten Tomatoes, a film review website, the movie has a zero percent rating. Surely, the bizarre and offensive nature of the film has something to do with this; however, this movie needs and manages to meet a single criterion: that it's hilarious.

"The Ridiculous 6" is one of those movies that make you think, "Oh boy, I've stumbled into the weird part of Netflix again," and you're right. It's one of those Netflix gems you studiously avoid because it just looks weird. But it's a movie you didn't know you needed until you watch it. Best watched with some friends, have the remote ready to rewind and re-watch the film's most ridiculous scenes.

Garth Brooks
@BB&T Center
7:30 PM

JAN 14

Movie in the Park
@City of Coconut Creek
Community Center
6:15 PM

Garth Brooks
@BB&T Center
7 PM

JAN 15

Pompano Beach Green
Market
@Pompano Beach City
Hall
8 AM

Miami City Ballet
@Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
8 PM

MLK Tribute Concert
@ArtsPark
8 PM

2016 South Florida Folk
Festival
@Hugh Taylor Birch State
Park
11:30 AM

JAN 16

Off Shore Calendar

Sunshine Music Festival
@Mizner Park
Amphitheater
11 AM

Miami City Ballet
@Broward Center for the
Performing Arts
2 PM

2016 South Florida Folk
Festival
@Hugh Taylor Birch State
Park
12 PM

JAN 17

Macklemore & Ryan
Lewis
@Fillmore Miami Beach
8 PM

JAN 19

Arcade Odyssey is winning the game

By: **Nicole Cocuy**
@CurrentNicole

Many of us were blessed with high-tech goodies over the holidays — devices with 3-D interfaces, devices that obey verbal orders and follow the directions in which we flail our arms or even devices that we place over our eyes to transport us to a virtual world.

Yet, even though we live in a world which once described the future — a world of hoverboards, robots and voice-operated technology — there's something about the past that still draws us in, and nostalgic 8-bit games with only a couple buttons and a joystick are certainly no exception.

Traditional, old-fashioned arcades are few and far between and have been replaced with high-tech entertainment centers like Dave & Buster's and GameRoom. But Arcade Odyssey, with its wide collection of the traditional games we all know and love, serves as a time machine back to when arcades were popular places to hang out with friends and spend extra allowance money on competing to get the highest scores on games.

Regardless of how advanced technology becomes, Pacman and Galaga will always be classic, and playing them online or on an app will never be the same as competing to get the high score on its original, massive, rectangular device. The founders of Arcade Odyssey were clearly aware of this, and that's what makes it so special.

Arcade Odyssey looks pretty underwhelming from the exterior, with its seemingly random location in the middle of a Miami shopping center, but once you enter the front door, it's clear that this hidden gem is every videogame lover's dream. Arcade Odyssey has one of the largest private videogame collections in the area, with over 100 consoles available for gameplay. Included in its expansive collection are rows and rows of the original versions of games we all know and love, like Donkey Kong, Mortal Kombat, Dance Dance Revolution and a few lesser-known games, like Rampage and Burger Time.

It's easy to spend hours wandering around the arcade like it's a museum, admiring the nostalgic sentiments each game possesses and trying to figure out which game to play next. It's even easier to spend hours entering coins into the same machine, desperately striving to see

your name on the leaderboard.

Near the back of the facility, there's a room filled with computers for those who want to play online games, like League of Legends and Hearthstone, serving as a reminder that, yes, it's 2016, and, no, we didn't just step out of a time machine. Here, the arcade's staff hosts Hearthstone and Super Smash Bros. tournaments on a weekly basis. The tournaments are open to everyone, but cost \$10 to enter — 50 percent of which goes into the earning pot for the winner. If you're interested in competing in a tournament, or you really just want to watch, check out Arcade Odyssey's Facebook for event dates at facebook.com/arcadeodyssey. If you're not, don't worry; the tournament won't overcrowd the facility or obstruct your gameplay.

Arcade Odyssey is also incredibly affordable compared to its competitors. One dollar is worth three tokens, and a majority of the games are worth only one or two tokens. Meanwhile, games at Dave & Buster's can cost anywhere between five to seven tokens, and just an hour of entertainment is usually at least \$25. Meanwhile, I only spent \$25 total for three hours of gameplay at Arcade Odyssey, and it was worth every penny.

If you need to rest your hands after hours of rigorous videogame playing and are craving a snack break, the concession desk offers a variety of popular Japanese drinks and treats, like Ramune sodas, Pockeys, Panda Crackers and more. But if you're looking for something more substantial, there's an excellent pizza place right next door and a sports bar a couple doors down.

While Miami is quite the drive away, Arcade Odyssey's unique assortment of video games and the opportunity to crush your friends in them makes it worth the drive.

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Friday from 2 p.m.-2 a.m.
Saturday from noon-2 a.m.
Sunday from noon-10 p.m.

Seriously Kidding

a satire column

And the miserablest country in the world is...

By: Jazmyn Brown

The Huffington Post reported that the annual WIN/Gallup International Association global end-of-the-year survey found that Colombia is the happiest country of the world with 87 percent of Colombian participants answering that they were happy with their lives.

A arbitrary and non-partisan research and polling company conducted a survey of 80,445 people from 65 countries and found that the most miserable country in the world is — drum roll, please — the U.S.

The survey, conducted between November 2015 and December 2015, asked participants whether they were “satisfied,” “miserable” or “neither satisfied nor miserable,” and an overwhelming majority of U.S. citizens — 92 percent — said that they were “miserable.”

The remaining 8 percent remained indifferent.

The survey asked participants to indicate which aspects of society, if any, made them feel “satisfied” or “miserable.” Nearly all of the U.S. citizens — 96 percent and 98 percent, respectively — who were surveyed said the imminent threat of death by gun-related violence and Chick-fil-A’s Monday through Saturday business hours made them feel “miserable.”

The 96 percent is shocking considering that only 147 people died because of gun-related activity within the first four days of 2016 in the U.S., according to Vocativ, a media and tech company. But if the numbers stay consistent, by

the end of this year, more than 13,000 people will have died because of guns, so at least the U.S. will be number one in that regard. God bless America.

51 percent of U.S. citizens surveyed said they were miserable “because Obama is leaving office.” Interestingly, 49 percent said Obama leaving office made them feel “satisfied.” 51 percent also said Trump’s bid for presidency made them feel miserable, and one participant emphasized his or her complete, utter, despondent abjection at the Republican candidate’s joke of a campaign.

“Please save us,” the participant wrote.

Other contributors to U.S. citizens’ degree of misery include the widespread and unnecessary coverage of the antics of the Kardashians and Jenners, not getting enough likes on Instagram, politicians’ refusal to address issues such as homelessness, women’s rights, tax breaks for the rich and weed legality, the depressing output of the Dallas Cowboys, watching Leonardo DiCaprio almost kill himself for an Oscar, rampant meme usage, Twitter savagery and Chipotle’s downfall.

No other country came even close to the U.S. in terms of miserableness. The runner-up, Canada, came in at 2 percent “miserable,” and the Canadian Prime Minister announced in response to the results of the survey that those who responded “miserable” were probably afflicted with the knowledge that some of the worst artists of the century — including but not limited to Carly Rae Jepsen, Nickelback and Justin Bieber — are Canadian. The 2 percent did indeed express displeasure with their country’s contribution, or lack thereof, to the music industry.

President Obama has yet to suggest a plan to make U.S. citizens happier. Thanks, Obama.

She’s too young for you, bro

By: Roddia Paul

It’s no secret that people tend to judge those closest to them the harshest when it comes to controversial topics because the actions of family, friends and neighbors tend have a more direct effect. So in the case of underage dating, one might be quicker to scold his or her relative than to frown upon someone else’s, especially if he or she is a teen sensation. However, regardless of how many followers a child has on Instagram or how many zeroes are in their net worth, children should stay children and should not be robbed of their innocence. If he or she is not 18, dating him or her is illegal.

A prevalent display of underage dating is Tyga and Kylie Jenner. When they began dating, Tyga was 25 years old, and Kylie was 17. It’s hard to say whether people should be more disgusted with Tyga or more appalled at Kylie Jenner’s parents for allowing this. What a 25-year-old would want with a 17 year old is a mystery, and her parents are even more at fault for allowing such a relationship to spark.

One could have expected that of Kris, aka “Momanger,” but Caitlyn, or Bruce at the time, should have intervened a little more, as Bruce is often referred to as the stricter parent versus Kris, who is commonly referred to as being too permissive.

However, sometimes unexpected relationships and situations just happen, but that’s why children have people around them who love them and should make an effort to tell them that maybe that isn’t the best decision.

It’s not only the physical aspect of the relationship that is the problem, but it’s also the innocence a teenager loses by dating an older person. Be it a boy or a girl, dating someone in his or her 20s while underage is just not right. Someone who’s 17 is barely even old enough to handle a serious relationship, let alone a

relationship with someone who is almost a decade older. Imagine all that someone in their mid-twenties has been through and done. So many experiences, mistakes and lessons that a teenager could not begin to understand.

A 17-year-old is supposed to be growing, having fun and learning, not taking on the stress of a committed relationship with someone who is in his mid-20s. In Kylie Jenner’s case, not only is Tyga eight years older than her, but he also has a child. What 17-year-old has the mentality and willingness to play the step-mother role?

Underage dating is a common practice of the past. Just check your history textbooks, and you’ll discover that young women have been dating and marrying men much older than them since the dawn of time. When we think about the customs, lifestyle and lifespan of people in the 1600s we can imagine why this was the social norm. If you take into account how dependent women were on men for shelter and resources, a large age difference during that time period seems sensible. However, with the average lifespan in 2015 at an all-time high of 78 years and our innovative 20th century culture, this practice no longer has any validity.

If it was anyone else, many parents in this situation would have probably cried “statutory rape” in a heartbeat. Yet if it’s for the good of a career and publicity, it’s all right. Go figure.

We all need to keep in mind that we were once teenagers, too, and, of course, we did not make the best decisions. That’s all a part of growing up and learning from our mistakes. However, if we can help today’s teens avoid mistakes they may soon regret, shouldn’t we? Guys and gals, let’s make sure we are dating people of legal age, and if we can, let’s not condone illegal age differences. Underage dating is simply unacceptable.

White has its privileges

By: Cerone White

Our social media platforms and television screens have been inundated with news and imagery of minorities being savagely attacked or even killed by those who are supposed to protect and defend them. Racial discrimination is prevalent in our society, and even though we have elected a black president, nothing has changed since Obama was sworn in. In fact, many might agree that our society has worsened rather than gotten better.

White ranch handlers armed with guns took over a federal building in Oregon, defying officials’ orders to vacate the building after being told repeatedly to leave. They argued that if law enforcement attempted to disrupt their lawful protest then they would fire their weapons.

Now, let us flip the script. Imagine if these “protestors” were minorities. Be it black, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern or another racial or ethnic minority, the outcome would not have been the same. The state of Oregon would have turned into Ferguson or Baltimore after word spread that someone of color was holding up a federal facility. The CIA, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), FBI, the National Guard and local police departments would have all been brought to the scene, and everyone would have been killed or locked up for standing up for what they believe in.

There was no coverage of this event until people on social media started discussing it and making it relevant. If the people who were protesting were a part of a minority group or practiced a non-Christian religion such as Islam, there would have been wall-to-wall coverage of this news story, and the major news networks would be the first to break the story.

The choice of words people use to describe events greatly affect how someone views something, whether it be in a positive or negative light. We are in an era in which social media runs the world, and media groups perpetuate this part of the pop-cultural phenomenon where

the words we use can either make or break a person. Often, negative words are associated with minority groups when they stand up for the injustices they face. Their protests usually end with police intervention, while positive words are associated with white protests. The disparity is clear.

In the minority community, it is guilty until proven innocent. Words such as “terrorists,” “thugs” and “unlawful citizens” are used to describe criminals who are minorities, and these labels have been the center of many debates on media outlets like FOX News and even CNN. But this language nor any other derogatory phrase is used when a group of white protestors do the same thing or even worse, as is clear by the armed occupation in southeastern Oregon. Unquestionably, words with a negative connotation would not be used in the same sentence as the names of the armed Bundy brothers and other protestors and supporters involved.

So one might wonder if our police forces and government officials have favoritism for those who are not minorities and if certain privileges are only extended to white America that other minority groups would otherwise be exempted from. Was this same privilege given to Tamir Rice, the 12-year-old who was shot to death in Cleveland for having a toy gun? No, for him, it was guilty until proven innocent. Unfortunately, the courts decided that, despite his youth, his death was justified, and his privilege was denied.

There’s no doubt that the protestors in Oregon should receive the same treatment as minorities who commit similar crimes, instead of authorities taking the situation lightly. I am sick and tired of the two-way street that the justice system and police trod on. Enough is enough. White, black, brown, yellow or red, everyone should be treated the same by the authorities.

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Stupid shopping stigmas

By: **Roddia Paul**

News flash — young people shop, too. It may be hard to believe that because many of us sport baggy clothes, tattoos and are fluent in foul language, we actually do everyday things besides stir up trouble, but society would be surprised. Appearances are just appearances and should not be used to determine character.

Racism is a harsh word to just throw around, but I do not take stereotyping lightly. Being a black female under the age of 21, I feel as if I am striking out in the “judge me” category. Why is it that when young adults walk into a store they are watched like a predator’s prey?

Excuse the cliché, but do not judge a book by its cover. My gender, age, race and/or ethnicity should not be the deciding factor on whether or not someone thinks I have enough money to be shopping in his or her store.

Some young people give us all a bad name with their reckless behavior. I, in no way shape

or form, condone bad manners, graffiti, drug use or burglary, all things commonly done by my fellow youth. With that said, the acts of a few does not and should not speak for the whole.

Furthermore, it does not give store owners and employees the right to single us all out. I’ve worked in retail, so I know all about the loss prevention tactics, and I can tell you that a lot of it is based on profiling. Loss prevention is a technique that stores use to prevent the loss of inventory or money. This is done by creating new policies and procedures to be followed by both staff and customers.

We’d like to think that retail companies practice loss prevention solely to ensure the safety of their customers and maintain profit, but when it comes down to it, in many cases, these profiling techniques are based on stereotypes of race and age. Unfortunately, it is often used as a way for people to exercise their own personal

prejudices. Instead of checking someone for theft because “I have reasonable suspicion or probable cause,” it’s “I’m checking them because I think they look like someone who would steal.”

Let a young minority walk into a corner store or gas station and see how closely he or she is watched. I’ll admit that the older I become, the less negative attention I receive from store employees, but I strongly believe that is because of my gender. Take my brother, for instance; he is a black male in his 20s, and if he and I walked into a store together, employees would expect him to be a shoplifter or a potential threat before they thought that of me.

According to the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention (NASP), men and women shoplift at about the same rate; they just tend to steal different items. Moreover, research done by NASP also shows that only 25 percent

of shoppers are adolescents and young adults, while 75 percent are adults between the ages of 35 and 54.

We can’t breathe without being questioned, or at least society is starting to make me feel claustrophobic. Retail stores are a part of our community, and we, just like everyone else, deserve to feel welcomed, not followed and looked down upon. The actions of our peers are out of our hands, but we can do our best to show and prove that we are respectable, responsible and, most of all, law-abiding. Maybe that will help those around us realize that they should not let the acts of some young adults shape their view of us all. Not only do we shop, but we are human, too.

New year, same you

By: **Erin Herbert**
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Lose weight, find a boyfriend, get a better job; all of these have been one of my New Year’s resolutions at one point or another; however, just like for many others, my ambition to keep these resolutions typically dies off around mid-February, leaving my resolutions as a distant memory until Jan. 1 of the next year. Year after year of half-completed, or totally failed, resolutions have led me to believe that New Year’s resolutions really aren’t worth all of the hype.

New Year’s resolutions are highly overrated. Realistically, nothing magical will happen on New Year’s Eve at the stroke of midnight; you’ll still be the same person you were only moments ago. Yet, New Year’s resolutions remain so common. Every year, thousands of people convince themselves that this will be their year. Though these resolutions may seem like a great source of motivation to start the year off with, they can end up making your entire year feel like a bust if you can’t reach

your goal.

The start of a new year may seem like the perfect time for a fresh start, a new chance to better oneself. But why should Jan. 1 be the only time you actively try to improve the quality of your life? Jan. 1 is probably the worst day you could choose to begin a major lifestyle change. You wake up after a long night of partying to ring in the New Year, and you have to drag yourself out of bed and convince yourself that today’s the day you’ll start going to the gym or go out and hunt for a new job. Yeah, right. Adding the stress of a resolution to your life while trying to get back into the swing of things after the holidays just can’t end well.

However, the main problem with these resolutions is that they imply that there has to be something you want to change about yourself; it’s not enough to be content with yourself anymore. New Year’s resolutions are very trendy and just about everyone makes at least one every year. The trend of New Year’s resolutions makes

it seem like you have to find something about yourself that you dislike and want to change, year after year.

But after abstaining from making resolutions for a few years, I’ve found that I’m much happier and more relaxed at the start of the year, and if later on in the year I find something I want to change in my life, I can start whenever I please. Long gone are the days of saying, “I’ll do this next year,” and putting off resolutions simply so they could be used next year.

Whether it is tradition or superstition that drives thousands of people to make these resolutions, we may never know. But this is one custom that we should all start next year without. New Year’s resolutions may seem like a fun way to kick off the start of a new year, but in the long run, they definitely aren’t worth your time. A new year doesn’t always have to mean a new you.

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“I was going to transfer out my freshman year, but I got more involved with student organizations and stayed. I feel like those students that leave want to be involved. So by promoting student organizations.”

— **Tiffany Kelly, senior sport and recreation management major**



“I transferred into NSU, and I think they do an awesome job with student activities. I mean, I’m satisfied.”

— **Carlie Morley, senior psychology major**



“If NSU undergraduates could be guaranteed entrance into the graduate programs, I think that would improve retention rates.”

— **John Skicki, clinical psychology graduate student**



“I was an RA in Goodwin, and in my freshman year, a lot of my friends transferred out because they felt there wasn’t school spirit. NSU should have events throughout the whole school year to keep the freshman population excited, not just stop after, like, basketball season ends.”

— **Nathalie Moreau, senior communication studies major**



“I knew some people who transferred out of NSU and they had multiple reasons for doing so, including homesickness and tuition. They weren’t locals, and it’s easier to be closer to home. Making sure the students feel at home and involved could improve retention.”

— **Miriam Zelden, junior chemistry and biology major**



“More majors. Some friends of mine have actually transferred out because NSU didn’t offer their desired major.”

— **Marisa Maura, senior biology major**

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Program Director-(607)
Job ID: 5176
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$10/hour

Assist with special video production and post-production projects. Create student produced video packages for SUTV programming and Radio X website.

Graduate Student/Data Entry Specialist-(847)
Job ID: 4962
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$11/hour

Assist the systems team with data entry functions within the Banner Student system. Other duties as assigned.

Lifeguard-(165)
Job ID: 4542
Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$10/hour

- Ensure the safety of all swimmers, patrons and user groups
- Communicate and enforce pool rules/regulations in a professional manner
- Provide emergency care and treatment as required until the arrival of emergency medical services
- Maintain a professional appearance and attitude at all times and carry out a high level of customer service
- Conduct simple water test to determine water quality
- Perform various maintenance duties as directed to maintain a clean and safe facility
- Assist with the setting up and breaking down of events/competitions
- Attend scheduled staff meetings and in-service trainings

Graduate Student Assistant-(086)-(MK)
Job ID: 4520
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$11/hour

Assist, answer questions and direct students to the appropriate area. Assist with on-going projects within the department.

Program Evaluator-(812)
Job ID: 5675
Hours: 5 hrs./week to 15 hrs./week
Rate: \$12/hour

1. Conduct assessments and observations at various afterschool programs in Miami-Dade County.
2. Provide feedback of assessment results to afterschool providers.
3. Develop improvement plans

to be implemented in the afterschool programs.
 4. Assist with off-site trainings for afterschool providers.
 5. Help make and organize materials for training.
 6. Collect data from trainings, organize/score data and input into Project RISE databases.
 7. Develop and coordinate research projects.
 8. Assist with administrative duties when necessary.
 9. Additional duties as assigned by the Director.

Graduate Student Assistant-(918)
Job ID: 4795
Hours: 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$10/hour

Assist with marketing-related tasks to support the Vice President of the department. Duties will include special projects to promote and organize the department. Other duties as assigned.

Graduate Student Assistant-(86)-(SLUN)
Job ID: 4519
Hours: 15 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$11/hour

Assist department with various on-going projects within 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.

Graduate Student Assistant-(154)
Job ID: 4539
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$11/hour

Analyze accounts for reconciliation and placement with third parties. Assist with filing, mailing letters and mail merge projects in all areas of the department (Perkins student loans and tuition accounts). Maintain and prepare documents for imaging. Assist management and staff in other duties as necessary.

Graduate Student Assistant/Student Proctor-(64)
Job ID: 4507
Hours: 12 hrs./week to 19 hrs./week
Rate: \$10.75/hour

Provide excellent customer service to student, faculty and other members of the NSU community, both fact-to-face, over the phone and via email. Schedule testing appointments for students utilizing the testing database and scheduling assistant. Work with faculty to check in and out exams, maintaining the academic integrity of testing materials. Proctor exams for NSU students, as well as member of the community. File and store exams. Replenish, restock and maintain supplies in testing rooms. Maintain confidentiality of student customers and professors, also working to maintain a professional environment. Check NSU e-mail frequently for staff communications. Other duties as assigned.

Performing & Visual Arts Technician-(793)
Job ID: 4725
Hours: 12 hrs./week
Rate: \$8.75/hour

Assist the Theatre Technical Manager of the Scene Shop and Performing & Visual Arts Faculty and Staff in the daily planning, preparing and execution of Performing and Visual Arts events. Duties include but are not limited to: constructing sets and props, painting scenery, operating lighting and sound systems, sewing costumes and scenic items, answering Box Office reservation line, distributing tickets, data entry, set up of art galleries, maintenance of PVA public spaces and other general administrative duties as needed. Proper work clothing is required, including: closed toe shoes, clothes for painting and general "construction" attire events.

Special Events/Office Assistant-(858)
Job ID: 5668
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$8.75/hour

Assist the Honors College with events, outreach and office coverage. Support event set up and break down; may draft event flyers and other materials. Outreach to student participants. Serve as a greeter in the Honors College Office and at events. Answer telephones, check voice mail and relay phone calls/messages to staff members. Makes copies. Perform other duties as assigned.

Administrative Student Assistant-(679)
Job ID: 4666
Hours: 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$9/hour

Provide clerical support and administrative assistance to the various administrators.

Graduate Student Assistant/ Writing Tutor-(641)
Job ID: 4650
Hours: 5 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week
Rate: \$10.75/hour

Work with students on an individualized basis, both face-to-face and online. Assist in the various stages of the writing process: brainstorming, planning, organizing and revising. Assist with sentence structure, grammar, sentence and paragraph development, punctuation, MLA & APA documentation.

Graduate Student/Data Entry Specialist-(847)
Job ID: 4962
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$11/hour

Assist the systems team with data entry functions within the Banner Student system. Other duties as assigned.

Senior Student Assistant-(HPD144)
Job ID: 5376
Hours: 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$8.50/hour

Assist in various clerical duties that include typing, use of computer and/or Microsoft Office programs. Other duties as assigned.

Healthcare IT Security Analyst-(1146)
Job ID: 5638
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$11/hour

- Assist with the evaluation of healthcare IT security controls
- Assist with conducting healthcare risk assessments
- Review systems logs to identify anomalies and report to supervisor
- Monitor security and alerts and escalate incidents
- Assist in preparing Healthcare Security Policies

Wellness Ambassador-(1150)
Job ID: 5655
Hours: 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$9/hour

1. Promote Wellness to NSU students.

2. Motivate participants to set and reach wellness related goals.
3. Assist in the development and planning of Wellness projects, initiatives and programs.
4. Build relationships with NSU organizations, departments and clubs.
5. Assist with setting up and breaking down of events.
6. Assist in filling and organizing wellness reports.
7. Distribute marketing materials around NSU to promote upcoming wellness events.
8. Develop initiatives that increase involvement at wellness events.
9. Maintain professional appearance and attitude at all times.
10. Accept and apply constructive feedback when it is given
11. Attend scheduled staff meetings and in-service trainings.
12. Attend all events and programs.

Graduate Student Assistant/ Production Editor-(1153)
Job ID: 5662
Hours: 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
Rate: \$12/hour

Support the Associate Provost in his capacity as Editor of the Qualitative Report. Assist Managing Editor with overall manuscript management process. Correspond with editors, authors, reviewers and book publishers. Maintain manuscript database, records, and files. Assist Community Director with receipt and distribution of books and other materials. Format TQR manuscripts for publication. Manage and update TQR Editorial Board newsletter and listing. Serve as point-of-contact for email correspondence. Assist Business Director with TQR Conference. Other duties as assigned.

Fulfillment Assistant-(1032)
Job ID: 4854
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: \$8.05/hour

Co-ordinate the mailing of admissions letters and promotional items to prospective students. Participate in various marketing initiatives including Telecenter campaigns and data entry.