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Patel Family Foundation Pledges $200 Million Gift to NSU

By: Michaela Greer Co-Editor-in-Chief

Patel's commitment will aid in the advancement of local and international healthcare in and due in part to the program's focus on multicultural and underserved communities. The goal would be to integrate medical and healthcare expertise to ensure that patients remain a priority.

"I feel that it is more important than ever to advance the current state of health care," said Dr. Kitan C. Patel. "It is rare for someone to have the opportunity to impact the world in this way, and, as an immigrant to the United States, I am particularly honored to be able to make a difference in people's lives around the world. I believe that NSU is the future of multidisciplinary medical education. Together, we will be able to capitalize on an opportunity that will be beneficial to millions of human lives, many right here in Florida and many others across the globe."

As a result of the Patel Family Foundation's commitment, NSU will have raised more than 84 percent of its $250 million goal as outlined by the 2020 Realizing Potential campaign. In turn, the osteopathic colleges will be renamed as the NSU's Dr. Kitan C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences, which will include an endowed scholarship fund for students, and provide course offerings in physical therapy, occupational therapy and anesthesiology assistantship.

Additionally, the former 27-acre site of the Clearwater Christian College will be developed into the NSU Tampa Bay Regional Campus. Beginning in the fall semester of 2019, NSU will host a class of 150 D.O. students to be trained at the new NSU Tampa Bay Regional Campus in Clearwater. Approximately 230 additional osteopathic medicine students will continue to study each year at NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus. The recently developed college will increase the NSU's graduating D.O. physicians class from 230 to 380 students per year, significantly increasing the number of trained physicians joining the field each year from NSU's Dr. Kitan C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"This partnership will benefit thousands of patients, students and doctors," said Dr. Pallavi Patel. "Over the next 20 years, NSU will train thousands of new doctors and other healthcare professionals who will directly touch millions of lives, making a real difference."

Currently, NSU is the main contributor of medical doctors and physician assistants in the state of Florida with 40 percent of the university's osteopathic medicine (D.O.) graduate practicing within the state. Sixty percent of those physicians work by treating patients in medically underserved areas. The Patels noted that this was a vital factor in their decision to invest in NSU's colleges of osteopathic medicine and healthcare sciences.

"This gift and additional investment will enrich NSU's ability to educate highly-qualified physicians and health care professionals who understand how the medical disciplines can and must work together," said NSU President George H. Hruby. "These future leaders will represent the cultural diversity of our region, our nation and our world so that they can better serve their patients and communities ... [and] will make NSU the premiere leader in healthcare education on both the east and west coasts of Florida."

RA's petition to resolve pay issue

By: Jenna Kopec Co-Editor-in-Chief

"For a lot of us this is how we're paying for everything that we do and it's not okay for us to be working for free," Emily Lowry, junior biology major and second-year Resident Assistant (RA) said.

Lowry is one of 14 RAs who were not receiving their paychecks from their start-date on Aug. 5 until Sept. 21, when the Office of Human Resources issued checks after receiving a petition from the residential staff in The Commons Residence Hall. According to Lowry, she first received an incorrect check of $60 at the beginning of the year and then stopped getting checks completely; some of her colleagues hadn't been paid at all.

"When we were alerted to this this week, in the Office of Human Resources, we asked payroll to immediately cut checks to get to the individuals with obviously deepest apologies," said Renee Venezia, executive director of human resources.

Venezia said she became aware of the problem after The Commons staff sent their petition to Vice President of Human Resources Robert Pietrykowski on Sept. 20 requesting that they receive their pay and some form of compensation for the delay.

"We're asking for additional funds because we're essentially working for free for months," said Alex Lopez, senior marketing management major and RA whose pay was impacted.

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Lopez said extra compensation can help the RAs who've had trouble paying things like credit card bills while waiting for the issue to be resolved, but the Office of Human Resources has not yet confirmed whether this is a possibility.

"I didn't have any money in my account and I don't have any family that I could ask for money because my family doesn't have it. I've been living off DB and I haven't gotten gas in months," said Lowry. "I know a lot of other RAs are having larger problems like not being able to pay their credit card or car payment."

Lopez and Lowry were told by their supervisors who were in communication with the Office of Student Employment that they weren't approved in the system. They both said they didn't understand how their approval didn't go through, since they were both RAs last year. Lopez also said that he was frustrated that the Office of Student Employment didn't offer more insight into what the problem was, even after he reached out to them personally.

"One thing is not paying us, [another] thing is not explaining why we're not getting paid," he said. "When a student is reaching out to you and you're an official employee of the university and you don't respond, that's when things become frustrating."

According to Venezia, the Office of Student Employment might not have known what the problem was. After launching an investigation into what went wrong, Venezia found that a switch in supervisors in the Office of Residential Life & Housing prevented some RAs from getting fully-approved in the employment registry system, because the new supervisor didn't have access to the records to know they were incomplete. Now that the Office of Human Resources knows about this problem, Venezia said that they are working with OIT to change the system to alert them when employees have not been cleared through the system.

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Venezia said that she was unaware of any other offices with this problem, but that if a student was encountering this problem they should speak with their supervisor or the Office of Student Employment. Despite this, Lopez said that he's encountered similar problems like this in the past and both Lopez and Lowry said other students were currently facing similar problems.

The Office of Student Employment did not respond to a request for comment.

"I think it’s an issue that’s been there but no one has brought it to the forefront," said Lopez, who as president of Undergraduate Student Government Association plans to bring up the issue to Pan SGA. "I believe that this is an issue that there needs to [have] a formal rule written for so that this does not happen again."

Lopez and Lowry both stated that they do not blame the Office of Residential Life and Housing for the problem. According to Lopez, their supervisors, such as Aarika Camp have been transparent throughout the whole process.

"This is a great job [I love my job and I love what I do]," said Lowry. "[But] nobody wants to work for free. This is a job and we should be paid for it."
Hurricane Maria rages the Caribbean
Making landfall on Aug. 26, Hurricane Maria dissolated the Caribbean with reported sustained winds of 155 mph. According to ABC News, as of Sept. 22, the hurricane had claimed the lives of 26 people, with the island of Dominica reporting 15 of those deaths. In Puerto Rico, extreme flooding took the lives of eight people in the town of Toa Baja and left 100 percent of the territory without power. Recent graphs predict that Maria will not hit U.S. mainland.

Graham-Cassidy health bill will leave millions uninsured
According to NBC News, a new report projecting the effects of the Graham-Cassidy health bill states that in 2026, approximately 21 million fewer Americans will have insurance. The new bill comes after several attempts to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act. Many prominent Republican figures have expressed their lack of confidence in the bill. According to CNN, Sen. John McCain expressed that, as of now, he will not, “in good conscience,” vote for the proposal without knowing the specifics of who it will affect and how.

New study reveals sea turtle populations on the rise
According to NBC News, a new study reveals that sea turtle population levels are increasing, no longer on the verge of extinction. Following years of active environmental protections, scientists found that in 60 chosen regions, the population of sea turtles was increasing in North and South America. Similar results were not seen in the Asian-Pacific region. The report was published in the journal, Science Advances.

Los Angeles faces Hepatitis A outbreak
According to ABC News, Los Angeles County public health officials declared an outbreak of Hepatitis A after recording five confirmed cases in the area. Los Angeles is one of three confirmed regions to see a significant increase in Hepatitis A infections this year. Community outreach teams and clinics are working to provide free vaccinations to the at-risk groups of people, the homeless and active drug users. The World Health Organization states the virus “can cause mild to severe illness” and is transmitted through food or water that has come into contact with feces.

North Korean leader calls President Trump deranged and unfit
Kim Jong-un, North Korea’s leader, called President Trump “unfit,” a “rogue and a gangster” and a “mentally deranged US dotard” in a statement disseminated by the state’s news agency. According to Al Jazeera, the leader’s comments come in response to President Trump’s speech, given at the United Nations, in which he vowed to “totally destroy” the nation. Jong-un ended his statement by making his own vows, promising that President Trump would “face results beyond his expectation.”

Angela Merkel elected for fourth term
As of Sept. 24, NPR reports that preliminary results of the German election show voters had elected to give chancellor Angela Merkel a mandate for a fourth term in office. The win comes despite a highly-criticized 2015 policy which allowed the entry of more than a million asylum seekers into the country. The policy which she supported was widely contested by Germany’s citizens who feared for their safety and job security.

Permanent bookstore location to open in November
The NSU bookstore location in the southwest corner of the University Park Plaza (UPP) recently relocated due to pending construction of a teaching and research hospital commissioned by NSU. The temporary bookstore location opened at the opposite end of the plaza in time for the beginning of the fall semester. Meanwhile, the permanent bookstore location is being built in the Alvin Sherman Library quad and is expected to open in mid-November, due to delays caused by Hurricane Irma.

Marc Crocquet, vice president of business services for NSU, said there was an option to sell books solely online through the website, but that he and David Newell, director of business services, felt students would prefer a presence of books.

“We didn’t think that [being solely online] was the best way to serve students…It certainly would’ve been easier but I don’t think it would have been the right thing,” said Crocquet.

Conscious of students’ needs at the beginning of the semester, Andy Shaffer, regional manager for Barnes & Noble College, explained the goals for the current “swing space.”

“One [goal] was to make sure that we had enough time to set up textbooks to take care of students,” said Shaffer.”[Reason two [being keeping] those books on site.”

According to Shaffer, the previous UPP location was never meant to be permanent. As a result, the new location will also have a new look.

“The new bookstore every feature will be new, and [because of] the level of presentation, the usage of graphics and signage this is going to be a completely different and enhanced experience for our students at NSU,” said Shaffer.

Although the Barnes & Noble representatives would not call the situation at the beginning of the semester “ideal,” especially for walk-up customers, they emphasized that students will have a completely different experience by next rush season.

Newell said, “In January [students will] come back to campus and walk in and [see] a brand-new building…[and experience] the great location and the convenience.”

The permanent location will be roughly six thousand square feet and students will be able to park in the parking garage adjacent to the library quad. According to Shaffer, there will be opening events in November and December.

Until the new space opens, students can visit the temporary location in UPP north. “Our goal is to provide a full-service bookstore in this very brief interim period and we’re very excited to bring that new location online this fall,” said Shaffer.

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Delta Pi Epsilon to host Mr. Fintastic contest

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The women of Delta Pi Epsilon will host their sorority’s annual male pageant, dubbed Mr. Fintastic, on Sep. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center Pit. The yearly event is held to raise awareness and funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

This year, the sorority women have given the event a theatrical theme presenting Cirque du DHPE after drawing inspiration from the Cirque du Soleil entertainment company. The pageant will be comprised of four segments which allow the contestants to introduce themselves, test their knowledge of the sorority and present themed outfits and formal wear.

During each segment, buckets are passed through the audience to collect money while each contestant performs on stage. At the end of the contest, the contestant who raised the most money is crowned Mr. Fintastic.

It should be noted that two men will be recognized on that night, Mr. Fintastic and a deeper dude. Delta Phi Epsilon president Alyssa Boltson explains that the deeper dude is chosen by the sorority sisters and is awarded to a man who has been exceptionally helpful throughout the event.

“Mr. Fintastic is the contestant that raises the most money toward cystic fibrosis and the deeper dude is voted on by our chapter and the most money toward cystic fibrosis and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the disease causes the body to produce too much mucus that results in lung damage and respiratory failure.”

“We normally do this activity where we say having cystic fibrosis is like having to breathe through a straw while you plugged your nose,” adds Boltson. “The air that you’re getting just from breathing through the straw is what it’s like for them.”

In addition to the money collected during the event, students can donate to the cause through sharkstore.ignitecx.com, during the event, students can donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the disease causes the body to accumulate thick buildups of mucus in organs like the lungs. The disease also causes a buildup of bacteria that can result in infections, lung damage and respiratory failure.

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Celebrating Autumn in South Florida: It’s possible

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Down here in SoFlo, it’s pretty rare to see leaves changing to a different hue or feel a crisp breeze in the air, but for those missing autumn colors, here are five tips to help make the heat feel a little more mory.

Hit up the theaters
If you’re looking to feel that familiar fall frill, check out all the new movies being released in October. “Happy Death Day,” Oct. 13, “Leatherface,” Oct. 20 and “Jigsaw,” Oct. 27, are sure to give you a good scare. If you’re not really into horror, hop in the DVDs “Hocus Pocus” or “Halloweentown” and settle down with a blanket and warm drink for a night of nostalgia.

Take advantage of pumpkin spice
There’s more to look forward to this season than just lattes. From Kit Kats to Twinkies, there’s something spiced for everyone this season. Stop by Trader Joe’s and search for deals and remember to keep an open mind because as it turns out, college students can always be a way to do so. Save your pennies, use your free money and card points.

Book flights early and at least seven days
If you have an idea of when you want to travel, try to book your flight as early as possible as flights tend to get pricier as the departure date draws nearer. Save money by traveling on red-eye flights — the flights usually are more likely to get sold out. Conversely, you can also scoop up savings booking round-trip flights on the last minute should you be interested in traveling with your pet or family. It’s even more than likely to find some of these flights available.

Accept a job or internship that takes you out of state
Yes, you will have to work. But, if the company is willing to pay for your lodging and travel, this option may work in your favor. Probably, you’ll get to do a job you love during the day while exploring the country on your days off; a win-win situation. Visit websites like Gooverseas.com and Goabroad.com, or speak with your career development advisor to find internships that work for you.

Compare your dollar to theirs
Living in South Florida is pretty strong in value relative to the world’s economy. So, while you might have to shell out for the flight, you may be able to save when it comes to shopping for food and accommodation lodging if the US currency conversion rate is substantial. Consider taking trips places like Chile, Morocco or Cabo as the case is.

Explore unconventional boarding options
Perhaps you can couch-surf at a friend’s home. But if not, the advices of companies such as Airbnb.com and Hostworld.com can changed the way you can room while on vacation. Cut down on the cost of a room by renting spaces instead of staying in a fancy hotel. If you’re feeling creative, try staying somewhere with a kitchenette, save additional money by cooking some of your own meals.

On-going tours
Go on walking tours when you get there. Purchasing group tours can be expensive and you’re likely to see more of the tourist attractions rather than the heart of the country. Walking tours are typically free and better allow you to see the sights, sounds and smells of a particular place. Of course, with whatever you decide, always make an effort to stay safe while on vacation.

If you have a will to travel, then there will always be a way to do so. Save your pennies, search for deals and remember to keep an open mind because as it turns out, college students can have their cake and eat it too.
Finding your values

By asking the questions above, you can start to identify the value related to your daily decision-making. Career values are the elements of a job that you absolutely need to be fulfilled and proud of what you do. For example, the hope of working for a big organization can stem from the value of learning from and connecting with many different people. Working for a small company might originate from the value of building close relationships with co-workers to perform in many different roles.

The only way to move forward in your career search is to start internally. Taking a personality assessment such as the Myers-Briggs Typology Inventory, The Holland Code or the Strong Interest Inventory can help you understand your needs as a leader and how you want to impact the world through your career. Some of these assessments are available through Career Development so be sure to ask about them in a drop-in session or appointment.

Finding your strengths

Pay attention to compliments: Has a friend ever thanked you for your good laugh? Have you been told you have an infectious laugh? These are your strengths shining through in your day-to-day experiences. Dig deeper to connect those compliments to your working skill set. If you are a good listener, you may have potential in a service-oriented role where you can provide help to others based on their individual needs. Your infectious laugh could be an indicator of a strong positive attitude and the ability to influence the people around you. Write down the compliments you receive to unlock the strengths that are trying to get out.

Have you ever found that you picked up a new hobby and suddenly hours have passed by? Do you have a natural knack for building IKEA furniture or speaking in front of your class? This glimpse of excellence shows a talent that you have that can start to refine into a skill. Pay attention to what comes easily to you.

What are your quirks? Do you truly enjoy something that most people groan about? Anything from shifting data to being energized by interviews is another way to identify your skills. If you passionately enjoy doing something, there should be traits you can sift out that can tell you more about your personality, work ethic and how you feel recognized and validated.

Take the Love Languages assessment online to learn about how you like to be recognized at work or the VIA Character Strengths Assessment to learn more about your core values.

Soul-searching meets researching

Now that you have a strong sense of the values and strengths that motivate you, use tools like OneTuner.org and LinkedIn.com to search for industries and careers that relate to what you need. The more you learn about yourself, the easier it will be to excel as you plan for your career.

Finding birth control like the pill and spermicides, you should still use a condom and/or dental dam to protect from STDs. It’s so necessary that it has become a common practice for institutions and organizations to give out free condoms especially if you don’t have access to a convenience store. For instance, the locker rooms at the RecWell gym generally have free condoms available. Also, remember that if your partner declines to use protection, you’re in no way obligated to have unprotected sex with them.

Meeting on social media

It’s simple enough to meet new people on a college campus, especially if you’re a resident student. But within the last few years, casual dating has gone digital. As such, dating apps like Tinder have affected hookup culture by making it much easier to meet new people. Tinder can be intimidating to use at first, but if you do match with someone of interest, it’s best to not to get to know them through messaging and then, but I know that NSU is where I am supposed to be. The changes have made me more independent and the experience has taught me so much more than I would have ever imagined it would.

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By: Jewelliana Register

Art’s & Entertainment Editor

Jewelliana Register is a senior communication major with a passion for public relations and writing from Lake City, Florida. You can usually find her catching up with friends over iced coffee, looking at cute dogs on Instagram or planning her next adventure.

I come from a small town in North Florida, but most people consider us to be “South Georgia” because of our traditional southern hospitality and our thick southern accents. In my town, everyone says “yes ma’am”, “no sir” and “thank you”. “You’ll” is a big part of our vocabulary, and compliments of “bless your heart” can be heard in almost every conversation. We also have the best sweet tea, the prettiest sunsets and the best Friday night lights, if you ask me.

Growing up, I always had a love/hate relationship with living in my little town. You could never make a quick trip to Walmart without seeing at least one person you know, and everyone knew everything about everyone… Or so they thought. Life in Lake City was a lot like you would assume if you’ve heard any stories, no change is easy and change cannot be adjusted to overnight. Leaving home was one of the best decisions that I have made, but returning home is still one of the best feelings.

By: Ashley Rizzotto

Career Advisor

Ashley Rizzotto works in the Office of Career Development with current undergraduate students, graduate students and alumni to ensure the confidence and success of those she meets with.

Imagine you are gainfully employed at your dream job. What does it look like? Is it a big or small organization? Do you have a lot of interaction with other people? Do you supervise or work on a team of professionals to create, explore, analyze, or discover to benefit your community?

All of these considerations point toward the type of career that will bring you satisfaction and joy. Knowing the qualities of the role and setting of a job is one way to identify a “fit.” A fit is the combination of two important components: the core values that motivate you ethically and morally through your everyday life, and your strengths in terms of skill sets and tasks that you excel at.

By: Danielle Puellio

Contributing Writer

There are plenty of guides and tips on navigating college, ranging from studying habits to securing an internship. But where is the manual that explains the “hookup culture” that is so common on most U.S. college campuses? College students are social animals, and it is not always necessary to date someone from person to person, but it is generally defined as a culture that accepts and also encourages casual sex. Hookup culture prioritizes physical pleasure and does not necessarily equate to dating since emotional bonding and long-term commitments are not required. It’s not an openly-discussed topic, but every college student should prepare to encounter it. With information and the help of adjunct professor Rick L. Gommallus, who has a doctorate in clinical sexology, we’ve listed some considerations for you.

You are planning on having sexual intercourse with someone new, it is always necessary to use protection. Even if you are using another form of birth control like the pill and spermicides, you should still use a condom and/or dental dam to protect from STDs. It’s so necessary that it has become a common practice for institutions and organizations to give out free condoms especially if you don’t have access to a convenience store. For instance, the locker rooms at the RecWell gym generally have free condoms available. Also, remember that if your partner declines to use protection, you’re in no way obligated to have unprotected sex with them.

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Jemele Hill shared her views, and that shouldn’t be a big deal

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It's not uncommon for people to have opinions, and it's not uncommon for journalists to have opinions that they share on social media. Considering that Jemele Hill is a sports journalist entitled to her own opinions and views, I'm struggling to see how sharing those views was considered inappropriate. In case you don't know what I'm talking about, Hill took to Twitter on Sept. 11 to respond to an article about Kid Rock rejecting accusations of racism. The tweet led to multiple conversations where Hill began discussing the White House and ended up calling President Trump a white supremacist. Trump responded by disparaging ESPN online and his press secretary said Hill's tweets were a "fireable offense." The thing is: it really wasn't. Unless Hill violated part of her contract with ESPN, which we don't know because that isn't public information, she has every right under the first amendment to express her opinion. In any event, Hill later stated on Twitter that she apologized if information, she has every right under the first amendment to express her opinion. In any event, Hill later stated on Twitter that she apologized if Trump felt that he shouldn't be criticized and held accountable for his actions and beliefs the way other people should. Unfortunately — or fortunately — that's just not how a democracy works. Jemele Hill understands that. Hopefully, ESPN and the government do, too.

Men's Golf
NSU's Men's Golf finished fifth in a stacked 15-team field on Sep. 19 at the Griffin International which was hosted by St. Leo University. Junior Finlay Mason was one of the few golfers to score an eagle, while sophomore Benjamin Hjort tied for the 12th position with a combined (-4) 212 score.

Women's Soccer
In a match against Embry-Riddle on Sep. 20, the women's soccer team secured their fifth unchallenged win of the season with a final 3-2 score. The team attributes their win to the three goals scored by freshman Laura Juanes Devia and graduate student Bestun Mohammed.

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Confidential report shows nine NBA teams lost money in 2016-2017 season
A confidential NBA report shows that nine NBA teams, including the Atlanta Hawks, Brooklyn Nets, Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Pistons, Memphis Grizzlies, Milwaukee Bucks, Orlando Magic, San Antonio Spurs and Washington Wizards, lost money last season, according to ESPN. The highest grossing team, the Los Angeles Lakers, made $110 million profit while the lowest grossing team, the Memphis Grizzlies, lost $40 million.

Magic Johnson subpoenaed in Draymond Green lawsuit
Magic Johnson has been subpoenaed to testify in a civil suit against Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green, according to USA Today. Michigan State football player Jermaine Edmondson is suing Green over an alleged assault in 2016, and Johnson will be questioned about a tweet he posted shortly after the incident in which he said, “he was very apologetic to the Warriors organization, fans and everyone involved.” The subpoena requires Johnson to appear and give a deposition on Oct. 4 and provide any documents or social media posts regarding Edmondson.

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Confidential report shows nine NBA teams lost money in 2016-2017 season
A confidential NBA report shows that nine NBA teams, including the Atlanta Hawks, Brooklyn Nets, Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Pistons, Memphis Grizzlies, Milwaukee Bucks, Orlando Magic, San Antonio Spurs and Washington Wizards, lost money last season, according to ESPN. The highest grossing team, the Los Angeles Lakers, made $110 million profit while the lowest grossing team, the Memphis Grizzlies, lost $40 million.
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Sports

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:
Adanna Edwards

By: Sydney Stoneback
Visual Design Assistant

Freshman biology major Adanna Edwards from Ferguson High School in Miami, Florida joined the women’s soccer team this fall. After an impressive win against nationally ranked Embry-Riddle, I talked to Edwards about her transition into her new life at NSU.

Why did you choose to study Biology? Do you know what you want to do yet?

“Not exactly; but when I was playing soccer, ever since I was little I always got hurt. So, my initial thought process when I liked medicine was I thought that if I hurt myself, I could fix myself. But it’s interesting and I like to help people.”

How long have you been playing soccer?

“Since I was five, so 13 years.”

Who got you into it? Do you have a big soccer family?

“My dad got me into it. We had a big soccer family. My dad played in college and two of my uncles played in college, one of my cousins actually plays for the under-17 Jamaican National Team so we’re definitely a big, big soccer family.”

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Was it your coach who just decided to throw you up there?

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How did you end up at Nova? Was it your first choice?

“It was actually kind of funny because I had visited Barry which is another school in the conference and one of my old club soccer teammates went there so I was leaning toward Barry, and then out of the blue Coach called me and was like ‘Hey, have you committed yet?’ and I’m like ‘Oh, I’m in the talks with Barry, though,’ and then I visited the school [NSU] and I absolutely loved the campus, I loved everything about the school and Coach is really funny.”

Were you nervous to play in your collegiate debut against North Alabama?

“Nervous? The one thing in my head was ‘okay, do not mess up, just do what you’re supposed to do.’”

Obviously, you did that because you scored and assisted. How did it feel when you scored?

“At first, I thought I was off sides because the ref was doing some weird move but then I looked at the linesmen and the linesman’s flag was down I was like ‘okay I’m on’ and then everyone started cheering so then I was like ‘okay it’s a goal.’”

What is it like playing collegiate vs. high school and club soccer?

“It hand high school soccer but I liked club. The level is higher obviously and there is a bit more accountability to what happens. Like if this is your job and you fail to do your job then you need to fix that like immediately. In my club toward the end, people stopped caring and that enraged me greatly. I was so annoyed, because I still obviously wanted to have numbers at practice and toward the end of the year we would have like five or six girls coming to practice and I found that such a waste of time. Also, we have so many people on the roster that even with people injured we can still have a strong squad. I remember in club if three or four players were injured we were at a major disadvantage so that’s also great.”

What has been your hardest adjustment since coming to college? Soccer wise or school wise?

“Every time I walk to the UC there is like a sidewalk that’s raised and I always trip over it. But besides that, it’s mainly figuring out time, like managing my time and figuring out how quickly I must do it.”

What has been your favorite part about being a part of NSU athletics so far?

“I don’t know; I really like everything to be honest. I guess my favorite part is just how everyone on the team really wants to win. Everyone has the right mindset, no one is here like ‘whatever.’ Everyone is here to win and I like it.”
Relaxed in March, “American Teen” is American singer Khalid’s debut studio album. Since its debut, Khalid was voted “Best New Artist” at the Video Music Awards and became one of the most streamed artists worldwide on Spotify in September for five consecutive days.

In the album, Khalid sings straightforwardly about teenagers’ aspirations and love in a time of texting and tweeting. This is apparent in songs such as “Location” where he says, “I don’t wanna fall in love off of soundbites,” and in “Die Young” where he sings about how at his age he still lives with his parents. His subject matter is relatable to teens, like in “Young, Dumb & Broke,” in which he explains to a lover how this is a time to not be afraid of love. His subject matter is relatable to teens, like in “Young, Dumb & Broke,” in which he explains to a lover how this is a time to not be afraid of love.

One thing that we knew early on with a 95 year old star, you can’t get a Hollywood budget because no one would ever insist. We knew that the budget had to be low, so we got money through crowdfunding, and I know that the way of getting important stories told is not through budget but through time and effort. It allowed us an intimacy, that scene for example at Wounded Knee, if we had 30 or 40 people standing around, there’s absolutely no way that Dave would have gone to that place inside of (himself). He just wouldn’t have been able to do it. The fact that there was only four of us there, one of those being himself, and there was such trust between us, that he managed to let everything else disappear. There was so little apparatus in the production. You have such beautiful locations, so even when you filming very, very quickly, you can set up a beautiful frame in an instant and so the film has a nice texture to it that way, which is very helpful. It’s been this sort of little miracle, so much of that is because Dave Bald Eagle.

Steven Lewis Simpson talks “Neither Wolf Nor Dog”

“American Teen” by Khalid

What impact do you hope that “Neither Wolf Nor Dog” will make on viewers?

“It’s an extraordinary thing coming from the outside, me being Scottish, to see how little awareness there is in the United States about its own history, especially the dark side of that history. So much of the storytelling is about perpetuating myths. If we have the same in the United Kingdom in a different way in the sense that in school we are not taught about how basically every king has been a monster, give or take… In the states, you don’t get taught that at the end of the civil war the cavalry was sent west to commit genocide, Lincoln is the good guy, and it always shows the simplified view. The problem is that a lot of times when history is given in such a singular view, it is harder for people to accept that some of that might not be true, or that the actual real impact of what happened is greater than they imagined, but again, when people are hearing it from a character that they’ve fallen in love with and deeply care for, they let it in in a different way… It’s surprisingly alien to a lot of Americans that when you drive through the plains that you go through reservations, which is in part because we never see that part of the world in their media or in their culture. So, for this film to have this native elder take you into his world, it demystifies it and he creates a multifaceted, multidimensional understanding of it. I think those that see the film will go into those communities and feel a much more open spirit about it. Anything that bridges understanding about it is a wonderful thing.”

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Jeweliana Register, arts and entertainment editor, said “Riverdale”:

“After binge watching the entire first season of ‘Riverdale’ on Netflix this summer, it’s safe to say I’m hooked. I am not typically into murder mystery shows, but ‘Riverdale’ is an exception. I love the characters and the plotline, and I am counting down the days until it airs on Oct. 11.”

Jenna Kope, co-editor-in-chief, said “Will & Grace”:

“‘Will & Grace’ is possibly one of my favorite shows of all time. When I heard that the cast was reuniting for a return this fall, I was ecstatic. I’m a little skeptical of shows returning years later, because of things like ‘Fuller House,’ but I fully believe that the writers and cast of ‘Will & Grace’ won’t let me down.”

Nicole Chavannes, copy editor, said “Arrows”:

“This fall I’m probably most excited for ‘Arrows’ season six to premier. I binge-watched all of the Arrow-verse shows over the summer — ‘Flash,’ ‘Legends of Tomorrow’ and ‘Supergirl’ — but I’m most excited for ‘Arrows’ because last season ended on such a heart-attack inducing cliffhanger. I don’t normally watch shows in real time, but I just don’t wait for it to be available on Netflix this time around. I’m impatiently counting down the days until Oct. 12.”

Cari Lutz, chief of visual design, said “Stranger Things”:

“I’m definitely most excited for the Netflix original series ‘Stranger Things’ to come back on Oct. 27. I absolutely love the series and quickly binge watched the first few episodes. The first time around, I binge-watched all eight episodes in a day and I’ve re-watched the series about 6 times since then. The first season put me on a rollercoaster full of emotions and I’m excited to ride that again. I follow all of the cast on social media and their updates about the release is just getting me more and more stoked for the second season.”

Michaela Green, co-editor-in-chief, said “Blacklist”:

“I’m actually more of a Netflix gal — at least that’s what I prefer to say given that I don’t have an actual cable subscription. That being said, I am very excited after hearing that NBC’s ‘Blacklist’ is returning this month because that means that the new season will be uploaded soon! Criminal mastermind Raymond Reddington has to be of my favorite villains ever.”

Christina McLaughlin, opinions editor, said “This Is Us”:

“I’m excited for NBC’s ‘This Is Us’ to come back and grace us with a second season. I usually don’t like to watch cable drama’s but for some reason this show combines the right amount of mystery and light-hearted comedy to leave me on the edge of my seat! You really fall in love with the characters and their storylines. Personally, I’m always on for underdogs and those still trying to find themselves. The experiences these characters go through are very relatable and make it feel like you’re on the journey with them through the laughs and the tears.”

Kiara Baptiste, distribution manager, said “The Walking Dead”:

“The TV show I am most excited for this fall is ‘The Walking Dead.’ It was one of a few shows that my dad and I watched together, so knowing that the show is back gives me something to look forward to at the end of the day. Furthermore, the show itself is just so interesting to me. The storyline and characters are continuously developing and it keeps me on my toes.”

Potatoia is a potato paradise

Located in Tower Shoppes, Potatopia is the perfect place to grab some comfort food and hang out with friends after class. The upbeat music and the brightly colored branding make the restaurant a lively and fun place to be, not only for those interested in building your own spud but for those who want a quick and delicious grab-and-go lunch, or for anyone who wants a nice place to catch up with friends after a long week of classes.

Potatopia offers the option of ordering in person at a kiosk, online for store pickup or for delivery through UberEATS. This place serves up some of the best potatoes that people just can’t get enough of.

Like smoked Gouda and sharp cheddar cheese. Lastly, top it all off with a sauce like melted cheese, sour cream or a wide variety of aioli, and wait for your masterpiece to be prepared. If you are not interested in building your own style potatoes, choose from one of their delicious “smash list” spoons that come in a bundle for you. Some popular options are “Smash-Topia” which features dressed up smashed red skin potatoes, and “I Think Therefore I Yam” which includes a sweet and salty mix with sweet potato fries. You can also purchase sides to go along with your spud like street corn, chips n’ dip and succulent salad.

The restaurant also offers a wide variety of beverages, like tropical soft drinks and Panther cold brew coffee. Potatopia also offers smoothies in flavors like triple berry, Caribbean blend and mango burst, and a variety of brewed teas like honey mint and hibiscus raspberry.

Potatopia is a great option for students on the go who want a quick and delicious grab-and-go lunch, or for anyone who wants a nice place to catch up with friends after a long week of classes.

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It’s just too much,” said Brad Ketchup, associate professor in the college of osteopathic medicine. Ketchup is one of about 50 professors at NSU who is petitioning what seems to be a very controversial cause: they want hurricanes to be canceled.

After Hurricane Irma ravaged the Caribbean and South Florida, and with Maria following not too far behind, professors have had to scramble to figure out how to proceed with their classes.

“My students didn’t read the last three chapters because they didn’t have any light,” Toastie Tight, philosophy professor, said, “I’m obviously going to have to push it back. But then what about everything else we have planned?”

Surprisingly, students don’t seem as upset about the change. One of Tight’s students said “sweet” when he heard about his two week extension.

The petition gathered by the faculty isn’t an appeal to President Hanbury, but rather an open letter to the government. The petition states: “Hurricanes have proven an insufficient use of time as they cause too much distress, death and destruction in the academic arena. They impact the health and well-being of entire communities. On even the smallest scale they cause an inconvenience to those who wish to educate the young adults that make up this great nation. For that reason, we plead — please cancel all upcoming hurricanes.”

Ketchup said that he’s hopeful that faculty at universities around the nation and even the globe will follow suit and release similar statements. But not all of NSU faculty feels that the petition is beneficial.

“Look, people died,” said Greg Sanity, “I think that you can push back an assignment and not put out a petition that doesn’t make any sense.”

Sanity said he hopes that people will come to their senses and realize that hurricanes aren’t over. For the time being, NSU is keeping a close eye on the Atlantic.

Don’t tell me I’m actually an adult

By: Gabrielle Thompson
Features Editor

At a kid, I couldn’t wait to grow up. I spent my time daydreaming about being a professional, getting married, owning a home and having kids… all by 25. Let’s just take a moment and laugh about that. When I got older, I wanted to be an adult because I could make my own decisions and do whatever I wanted. Now that I am on my own, I kind of want to take it all back. Being an adult means something that I wasn’t, and probably never will be, prepared for.

Recently, I moved into my first apartment. It was then that I realized how awful it is to be an adult. I never knew how expensive everyday life could be, how time consuming it is to cook yourself dinner or even how hard it is to transition to independence. I call my mom practically every day to ask some sort of question, whether it’s about how to set up a checking account, where’s the cheapest place to buy groceries or how to get red lipstick out of a pair of jeans. I still feel like a child thrown into a grown up world.

Sure, paying rent, water, electric, internet, car insurance and renter’s insurance every month is downhill, but I knew that was coming. Whose throws me off the most is buying items that I never even thought about when I was living at home. Things like light bulbs, dish soap and trash bags were always just there and ready to be used. Now I have to actually remember to buy these, and believe it or not, trash bags are expensive. What’s worse is that 20 hours a week certainly does not cover all those expenses, no matter how many times I

If it’s not necessary, students shouldn’t be forced to get it

By: Samantha Villarroel
Contributing Writer

“We’re only one month into the school year and teachers have been trying to get students to get additional materials that are not available in the NSU bookstore. Sure, I might understand why it’s not necessary, students shouldn’t be forced to get them involved. However, if it’s not necessary, students shouldn’t be forced to get it.”

An additional app which students have had to download is Remind. It reminds students of their assignments and quizzes. It’s a communication platform where the professor can send emails and alerts for when assignments are due. Just like Blackboard.

Professors should stick to programs that students are accustomed to using. Why change from Blackboard to another application that has the same function as Blackboard? Any type of learning should find alternative methods that do not include spending more money on apps that are not necessarily serving a purpose. My textbook information is not on the app, my final exam will not be in the app and my final grade will not be posted in the app. These apps are a waste of money.

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Opinions

You’re getting what you paid for — college is worth it

By: Monique Cole
Contributing Writer

Sleepless nights, piles of work, endless memorization, actual work, taking out student loans and trying to cram in a social life can sometimes make any student doubtful of his or her choice to go to college. Regardless of the extra stress, college is worth every dime. It may not seem that way while dreading to class, or studying for the next examination but it is.

It’s no secret that students with a college degree have the potential to make more money and have more opportunities in life. According to USA Today, “College graduates, on average, earned 56 percent more than high school grads in 2015, according to data compiled by the Economic Policy Institute.”

A college degree gives students an economic advantage in the workforce because they are more qualified in their field of interest. While technical colleges can provide a job certification for a shorter amount of time and less money, this certification can be limiting to those who want to expand in their field of interest or switch to a higher position. A degree can be applied to various career options, which can become more specialized with higher education.

College can help students develop interpersonal skills. Every job is going to require some form of communication, so you might as well develop those skills before the time comes. These skills can be developed through class discussion, peer interaction, clubs or even workshops geared to developing strong communication skills. Students might even gain a friend from all their hard work.

College is not just a place for education, but it’s truly a growing process for the individual. Students don’t just take courses pertaining to their major, they also take electives. These electives can allow students to develop new perspectives on how to look at the world. New perspectives can be helpful when dealing with real world problems that can arise at the workplace. Being able to think quick on the spot and come up with solutions in a timely manner are valued by employers.

Also, believe it or not, college graduates are shown to lead healthier lifestyles. Students with higher paying jobs are more likely to also receive health insurance and be less likely to take part in negative health habits, like smoking. According to a study mentioned in the Huffington Post, “College graduates have a life expectancy of seven years longer than those who hold a high school diploma or less.”

Going out in the workforce can be daunting, especially when those jobs require some type of recommendation. College is an excellent place for developing connections that can lead to internships. Employers want employees with experience because they want to be able to trust their employees with necessary tasks. Internships can give a student real-world experience before entering the workforce. This can be helpful for a student who is unsure of what he or she really wants to pursue and who wants more information.

A college degree is truly an achievement that brings a sense of accomplishment. Walking across that stage will be hard to forget. At the end of the day, college is one of those things that you must endure now and enjoy the benefits later.

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“I evacuated with my family and drove all the way to Tennessee — a 24-hour drive. I was in a small town and I was the only Latina there — people there have never meet a Latina — and it was interesting. I would recommend to anyone who hasn’t been in a hurricane before to take the necessary precautions, buy food, water and just stay safe, and if necessary evacuate.”

- Oriana Lopez, sophomore international studies major

“My experience with Hurricane Irma was new and eventful because this is the first time I have ever experienced something like a hurricane so, I was a little worried. But, I drove up to Orlando with family and I felt that they were very in control of the situation, so it wasn’t too scared. What I would do to prepare for in future is to have a constant supply of water and basic food because I did go to Walmart to try to find food overnight and the supplies were sold [out]… and if you’re staying in shelters or at the university, follow the instructions and stay calm during the process because panicking won’t change anything.”

- Neira Algazzaz, freshman biology major

“Overall, my experience with Irma thankfully wasn’t too bad. My hometown, Melbourne, Florida, is really close to the beach, so I thought we would get hit really hard but we only lost power a couple of hours overnight, so it didn’t really affect us. But I know a lot of other people in my hometown who had to move and go inland. Some of their houses flooded and they lost power and haven’t fixed that yet, so I know some people got hit really hard… I know a lot of Floridians think ‘Oh, we’re fine, nothing’s going to happen,’” but at the end of the day, you don’t really know what nature is going to do, so it’s always better to be prepared.

- Saavan Patel, sophomore biology major

“Throughout the storm itself, I stayed indoors away from windows and kept my phone [charging], so when the power went out, I would be prepared. After the storm, we went out to assess the damages. Although it was a pretty bad storm, we had relatively little damage and the same day, my cousin and I fixed those problems. To prepare for a major hurricane, I would suggest boarding up your windows, getting enough food and water for a week and investing a hand-cranked radio and flashlight. They can come in handy when the power goes out and you need to stay up to date with information.”

- Joy Oni, sophomore speech language and communications disorders major
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