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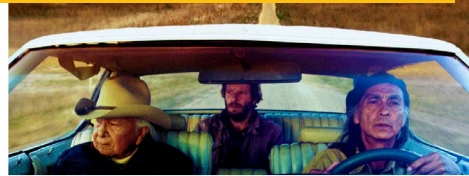
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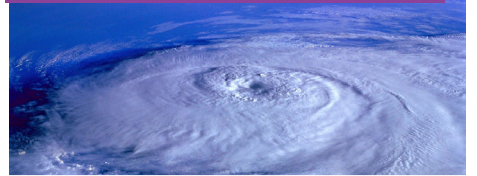
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## Patel Family Foundation Pledges \$200 Million Gift to NSU

By: **Michaela Greer**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

At a news conference on Sept. 25, Tampa-area cardiologist Dr. Kiran C. Patel and his wife, pediatrician Dr. Pallavi Patel, announced that their Patel Family Foundation would be committing \$200 million to NSU; the largest sum ever donated to the university. The Patel's commitment includes a \$50 million gift as well as an additional \$150 million real estate and facility investment. This investment will be used to develop a new 325,000 square-foot medical education complex which will serve as the future home of NSU's Tampa Bay Regional Campus and house NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Patel's commitment will aid in the advancement of local and international healthcare in 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. Kiran 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 multi-disciplinary medical education. Together, we will be able to capitalize on an opportunity that



Doctors Kiran and Pallavi Patel announced their plans to commit \$200 million to NSU's medical colleges in a news conference on Sept. 25.

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. Kiran 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

anesthesiologist 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. Kiran 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 note 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 Hanbury. "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."

## RAs petition to resolve pay issue

By: **Jenna Kopec**  
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"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.

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.

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**- Renee Venezia,  
executive director  
of human resources**

"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 OIIT 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."



# News Anchor

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## Hurricane Maria ravages the Caribbean

Making landfall on Aug. 18, Hurricane Maria desolated 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 care bill will leave millions uninsured

According to NBC News, a new report projecting the effects of the Graham-Cassidy health care 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 most 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.

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## Permanent bookstore location to open in November

By: **Nicole Chavannes**

Copy Editor

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.

“In this new bookstore every fixture 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 process 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

By: **Michaela Greer**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The women of Delta Phi 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 DPHIE 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 that's just the guy that we think was supportive, put in a lot of effort and [someone] that we feel really goes along well with us," said Boltson. "The deeper dude and Mr. Fintastic then become our go-to guys for the rest of the year when we do events like Community Fest."

Boltson mentioned that this event is



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Last year's Mr. Fintastic winner, Mohab Idriss, poses with members of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority.

especially dear to the chapter's cause after losing a sorority sister, Auriel Hall, in 2012 to complications of the disease. In fact, every year on the day before the male pageant, the chapter holds a vigil for her.

"When I first came to the chapter in 2014, a few of the older sisters had personally known her," said Boltson. "Her brother Roman, actually had cystic fibrosis too and he was really involved with us ... so instead of donating our money to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, we would donate directly to help pay for his medical bills. Unfortunately, he passed away a few years later."

According 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.

"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](http://sharkstore.ignitecx.com), NSU's campaign management system. For more information, including ticket sales and registration contact Simona Zigmond at [sz195@mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:sz195@mynsu.nova.edu), Caraiosa Williamson at [cw1459@mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:cw1459@mynsu.nova.edu) or Tanya Juneja at [tj575@mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:tj575@mynsu.nova.edu).



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### Show your support for NSU as you splurge on Amazon

Students, their families and staff can support NSU while shopping on Amazon. Through AmazonSmile, users can choose a charitable organization, including NSU, to support through their purchases on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). First-time visitors will be prompted to choose an organization they'd like to support. For more information about the program, students can visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

### Athletic calendar updated following hurricane Irma

After hurricane Irma, NSU athletics department has re-scheduled eight games. These changes have affected the volleyball, women's soccer, men's soccer, and cross country schedules. Sharks can visit [nsu.sharks.com](http://nsu.sharks.com) for more information.

### Alvin Sherman Library host's Holocaust by Bullets

On Oct. 8, the Alvin Sherman Library will open its Holocaust by Bullets exhibition which portrays a lesser-known side of the Holocaust. The exhibit presents the findings of an investigation into the mass executions of more than 2.2 million Jews and Roma. The exhibition will be located on the second floor of the library.

### NSU's annual "A Day for Children" rescheduled

Due to interruptions caused by hurricane Irma, NSU representatives have decided to reschedule the annual "A Day for Children" event originally planned for Sep. 18. Instead, the health fair will take place on Oct. 8 on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus. Students interested in volunteering for the event are invited to sign up on OrgSync using the form found at this web address: [orgsync.com/45785/forms/275353](http://orgsync.com/45785/forms/275353).

### NSU initiates NSU Cares fund to support Hurricane Irma victims

After Hurricane Irma, NSU established the NSU Cares fund to support the NSU community who suffered major losses due to the storm. Those who would like to donate to victims of the storm can text "NSUCARES" to 41444. Those who are in need of help can email [NSUCares@nova.edu](mailto:NSUCares@nova.edu).

### NSU celebrates Constitution Day on Sept. 28

Various activities will take place in the Don Taft University Center on Sept. 28 to celebrate Constitution Day, including a special presentation in the Flight Deck about "Thurgood Marshall's Constitution" led by professor Charles L. Zelden from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Throughout the day, there will also be two opportunities to register to vote. For more information, visit [sharkfins.nova.edu/constitution-day-sept-28/](http://sharkfins.nova.edu/constitution-day-sept-28/).

### Career Development holds information sessions on Yellow Cab case competition

On Sept. 28 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., the Office of Career Development will hold an informational session on their Yellow Cab case competition in the Mailman Hollywood building, room 309. This opportunity allows students to apply the skills they've learned in the classroom to assist Yellow Cab in developing a branding and marketing strategy. Teams consist of three to four students, and the winning team will win two \$1000 scholarships and a chance to meet with the company's executives. To sign up, visit [nova.joinhandshake.com/events/58504/share\\_preview](http://nova.joinhandshake.com/events/58504/share_preview).



## Opioids in South Florida

By: **Monique Cole**  
Contributing Writer

The United States is facing a growing public health problem when it comes to opioid abuse. According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, 33,091 people died from overdosing on opioids in 2015.

### What are Opioids?

According to the American Society of Medicine, “Opioids are a class of drugs that include the illicit drug heroin, as well as the illicit prescription pain relievers [such as] oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, fentanyl and others.”

Opioids are drugs that interact with receptors on nerve cells in the brain and nervous system. During this interaction, a sense of euphoria is released to help ease the patient’s pain. However, it should be noted that there are other methods doctors can use to treat patients who are experiencing pain.

Scott Kjelson, the director of student transitions and assistant professor at NSU’S College of Pharmacy, said, “Any time we are addicted to something or anytime our body is consuming something, we many times make new receptors... so, we need to start looking at how we treat pain differently as well.”

### Defining Opioid Addiction

Kjelson believes that there is no specific group impacted by the epidemic. He also believes that society needs to change their perspective on those going through addiction.

“To be honest, there’s not really a target. I mean it’s more so that anyone could be effected by an epidemic. We have to understand that when people think of addicts, that’s not just a person that is walking around like a zombie,” said Kjelson.

One of the factors that makes the opioid epidemic difficult to address is the population of patients who correctly use opioids daily, such as the elderly or cancer patients.

“In a sense that if we’re not treating pain, which these opioids are being used for correctly, then we’re going to be standing on an imbalanced platform. The fact is there are patients that need it. Now, are these patients walking around like zombies and stealing things from nursing stations? No. Because they are being treated correctly,” said Kjelson.

Identifying a patient abusing opioids can prove difficult.

“Here is the problem, you are making pharmacists be police officers. Literally, questioning and profiling people. We’re not trained for that. That is one of the things that

I think is the huge issue. Now we are getting trained to see those things and how to see those things. It’s really scaring doctors to prescribe. It’s making patients scared as well that they are not going to get their medications and [won’t be treated] for pain,” said Kjelson.

### What’s Being Done in South Florida

On May 3, Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared the opioid epidemic a public health emergency. According to the Miami Herald, this decision allows Florida to gain access to \$54 million dollars from the U.S. Department and Human Services. This money would be used for treatment, prevention and recovery services.

“I would like to see Florida move a lot quicker and that’s what we’re working on now. I feel like we have an amazing team here in Florida throughout the legislative process and you know we are working on these major campaigns to really show we, as pharmacists, can change public health care outcomes,” said Kjelson.

### NSU’s Response to The Opioid Epidemic

NSU is also doing its part in bringing awareness to the opioid epidemic. Just recently, Kjelson was the moderator for the “United Stance” symposium hosted by NSU. Kjelson

wanted to use the symposium as a way to educate the community about the epidemic.

“Taking the powerful information that these experts have, giving it to the community in a manner that they receive it very fast, to the point, and call to action. Because if we’re truly going to get people involved and truly solve these public health issues, we need the public to be involved and aware,” said Kjelson.

Kjelson is currently in the process of drafting a bill to help educate patients who are taking prescription pain killers.

“I have put in now a bill forward with one of our state representatives and it’s to put labels on top of the big red labels on prescription bottles that there is a risk of opioid overdose and or addiction,” he said.

The bill’s legislative session is slated for January, where the bill is currently waiting for the approval of the sponsorship.

“Everyone is being affected by this one way or another. Whether it be a friend, a family member, or someone that is just abusing this as a recreational drug,” said Kjelson. “We can’t allow this product or these products to take over our lives. Everyone should be vocal in some manner — whatever that manner is just [do something to help those in need].”

## Celebrating Autumn in South Florida: It’s possible

By: **Madelyn Rinka**  
Contributing Writer

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 of you missing autumn colors, here are five tips to help make the heat feel a little more homey.

### Hit up the theaters

If you’re looking to feel that familiar fall fright, 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, pop 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 pumpkin rolls and petite pumpkin spice cookies.



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Seasonal produce can help create the autumn feeling you may be looking for, checking out local farmer’s markets can be a good place to start.

If you’re still looking for something to cool you off, look for Califia Farms’ pumpkin spice latte

cold brew coffee with almondmilk or Talenti pumpkin pie gelato at Target.

### Try your hand at baking

Nothing says fall like a steaming apple crisp or gingersnaps right out of the oven. Whether you’re a seasoned chef or you manage to somehow burn cereal, be sure to still have fun with it. Pinterest offers a wide variety of recipes to test, from traditional pies to wild cheesecakes and creative cobblers. If you’re looking for an easy, dorm-friendly dish, try dipping apple slices in caramel dip and covering them with your favorite toppings. It’s even more fun making these caramel apple bites with friends.

### Decorate your room

Just because it doesn’t look like autumn outside, it doesn’t mean it has to be that way on the inside. Jazz up your apartment or bedroom with some simple and inexpensive hacks. Buy plain plastic pumpkins and paint them white, add glitter or match them with your current

decor. If fake pumpkins aren’t your thing, you can even use real gourds found at craft stores and farmer’s markets. Combined in a large bowl from Walmart or a thrift store, they are sure to make a great centerpiece. For another fun DIY, try cutting out some leaves from scrap fabric and attaching them to a string for a unique, customizable garland to hang above your bed or across your door.

### Shop around for seasonal produce

One quick search on Google renders plenty of nearby farmer’s markets to find fresh fruits and vegetables. Even though we’re in Florida, there are still plenty of vendors who sell autumnal produce. Be on the lookout for squashes, pumpkins, apples and corn at local pumpkin patches. Try getting creative with it -- test your culinary skills by making a homemade pumpkin pie or stuffed acorn squash for a dinner with friends and family.

## When you want to travel but only have two pennies to rub together

By: **Michaela Greer**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Throughout my primary and secondary school days, I diligently listened to the adults in my life, from my parents to guest speakers at school events, encourage me to secure a good education and to experience the world on my own terms. They explained that while anyone could learn about different cultures from the comfort of their home, I should strive to explore new lands and opportunities by traveling.

As a child, I couldn’t wait to grow up and finally be the one to decide which exotic country I would visit that month. Now, as a realistic college student, I’ve found myself with more Pinterest-boards and bookmarked ideas than my wallet can feasibly purchase. With Thanksgiving break steadily approaching, I began wondering if college students had to wave au revoir to their travel plans because of a smaller budget. Sources like Forbes, WhereTraveler.com and Real Simple magazine say that they don’t have to if these tips and options are considered.

### Book flights early and at less convenient times

If you have an idea of when you want to travel, try to book your flight as early in advance 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 scheduled during the early morning hours — since airlines are more likely to drop prices in attempts to get seats filled. Conversely, you can also scoop up savings booking unsold seats at the eleventh hour or traveling during a country’s off-peak season for the same reason.

### Use your free money and card points

When you make everyday purchases using credit cards from companies and banks such as Bank of America, you can usually earn cash back rewards. What might look like small change in the beginning, can really add up down the road. Add to that the money you receive from birthdays, graduation and holidays as a means to fund your trip.

### Accept a job or internship that takes you overseas

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. Presumably, you’d 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

Luckily for us, the US dollar 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 souvenirs, food, and lodging if the US currency conversion rate is substantial. Consider taking trips to places like Chile, Morocco or Cambodia where this is the case.

### Explore unconventional boarding options

Perhaps you can couch-surf at a friend’s

home. But if not, the advent of companies such as AirBnB and Hostelworld.com has 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 fancier hotel. If you’re fortunate enough to stay someplace with a kitchenette, save additional money by cooking some of your own meals.

### 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 take in 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.



# Career Corner



## Researching and soul-searching: how to find your fit

By: **Ashley Rizzotto**  
Career Advisor

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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 careers 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.

### Finding your values

By asking the questions above, you can start to identify the values that impact 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 hopes 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 Myer-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 being a good listener? 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 you can start refining 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 sifting through 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 Onetonline.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.

By: **Danielle Pucillo**  
Contributing Writer

## Safe sex: Navigating hookup culture

There are plenty of guides and tips on navigating college, ranging from creating study habits to scoring an internship. But where is the manual that explains the “hookup culture” that is so common on most U.S. college campuses?

What qualifies as “hookup culture” can vary from person to person, but 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. Gunsallus, who has a doctorate in clinical sexology, we’ve listed some things that students should keep in mind:

### First things first

It’s been reiterated for ages, but whenever 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.

### 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 also 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 get to know them through messaging to make sure you’re comfortable with them as a

person. If you want to take it further by meeting with them, it’s advised that you meet the person in a public, populated and well-lit place; especially upon first encounters.

### Keep your feelings in check

While hookups are known for being brief and detached, there should be mutual respect between partners. Being able to communicate is the key to a healthy relationship in any capacity. It’s also worth noting that you should brace yourself emotionally. In many cases, it’s natural to become attached to a sexual partner. It’s never fun being in a one-sided relationship, and unrequited love is rarely ever satisfying. So, if you ever find yourself in that situation, it’s best to move on.

### Know your options

But what if you don’t want to get involved in hookup culture? There may be some peer pressure within college campuses to engage in it, but just remember that you’re an adult and can

make your own choices. Everyone has the right to say no, and if you feel uncomfortable with a situation or relationship, you have the right to end it or not even pursue it at all.

We all have different opinions and feelings on the subject of hookup culture, but college is the ideal time to explore and to get to know yourself. So have fun, but be mindful of your decisions and your personal safety.

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## That Time I.... Left my small town for college

By: **Jeweliana Register**  
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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”. “Ya’ll” is a big part of our vocabulary, and choruses 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 knew, 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 country song about a small town, and Sam Hunt definitely painted an accurate picture of breakups in small towns. “I can’t wait to graduate and get out of here,” was a common phrase amongst high schoolers, my friends and myself included. So, when it came time to pick a university, I applied at Florida schools that were at least four hours away from home and eventually decided on NSU. While living in a small town has its perks, I was ready for a change.

Bags packed, I headed to sunny Fort Lauderdale to pursue a degree in communication, not even fully knowing what that meant or how my college experience would turn out. I knew a whopping zero people when I arrived on campus, but something about that felt very freeing. I had the opportunity to build a life here from the ground up and make my experience

exactly what I wanted it to be.

I was excited and nervous, like any freshman would be, but I had no idea what was in store for me. Little did I know that I would be in for a whirlwind of changes — which I’ll admit, I was a little resistant to — and that my life would change completely. I became engulfed in homesickness, and I wasn’t sure if it was ever going to end. I missed coffee shop chats with friends that I’d known since kindergarten. I missed being able to have lunch with my family and I missed coming home to my dog every evening. I realized that I actually really loved my small town, but I also loved my new adventure at NSU. Confused is an understatement for how I felt constantly.

Homesickness was not something that I planned for. The adjustment to the rigor of college coursework, the idea of having to make all new friends, and the task of settling into a new living environment was a lot to get used to. Feelings of uncertainty became my new normal

for a few months, and I was afraid that I had made a wrong move college wise. I loved my school, but the distance seemed to keep growing as the months went on.

Flash forward to almost exactly a year later. I have found my place on campus between my club involvements, my major, my job and my friends, and I could not be happier about it. The feelings of homesickness still linger every now and then, but I know that NSU is where I am supposed to be. The changes have made me so stronger and the experience has taught me so much more than I would have ever imagined it would.

For anyone who is feeling that ache of homesickness, give it time. As cliché as it sounds, 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.



## On The Bench:

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

By: Jenna Kopec  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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 it appeared as though her comments reflected the views of ESPN, for which the company forgave her. I'd argue that this was an unnecessary

formality; the tweets were sent on her own time with no mention of ESPN. But, I digress.

While the argument can be made that journalists sharing opinions can skew their reporting, Hill is a sports commentator and analyst. She's not getting paid to cover hard news about the White House and its decisions. So even if you have the belief that news anchors should never share their opinions — though this also happens — Hill's opinion doesn't affect the content she covers.

The real problem here isn't that a public figure made a negative comment, supported by many, about the president. Trump was often one to take to Twitter to disparage Obama, using the term "racist" and making accusations that he wasn't born in the U.S. Yet, "Celebrity Apprentice" wasn't canceled on NBC. The problem is that the president feels 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.

## Sports shorts

### 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 uncontested win of the season with a final 3-2 score. The team attributes their win to the three goals scored by freshman Laura Pederson, and sophomores Alexys Nowak and Myriah Troutman. Senior and goalkeeper Jordan Lentz corralled three saves in the game which boosted her career win total to 13.

### Men's Soccer

The Sharks of the men's soccer team lost their match against Johnson & Wales in their Sep. 18 home opener. The 2-0 loss resulted from the team's first surrendered penalty kick of the season despite the team's commendable goal attempts by sophomore Ignacio Goya, junior Arns Carrenard, senior Juanes Devia and graduate student Bestun Mohammed.

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## OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

### Seattle Seahawks' Eddie Lacy speaks out about public body shaming

Seahawks running back Eddie Lacy has publicly spoken out about the public's criticism of his weight for the first time, according to ESPN. Lacy gained a significant amount of weight following ankle surgery in 2016 and has been publicly shamed for it ever since. His weight-gain even became a popular meme. Lacy said of the criticism, "You just can't shake it. And no matter what, you can't say nothing back to them. You just have to read it... and move on."

### Kansas City Royals' Alex Gordon hits record-breaking homerun

According to ESPN, Alex Gordon, "the worst hitter who has managed to hold on to a regular job all season," hit Major League Baseball's 5,694th home run this season. Gordon broke the previous record set in 2000 for most home runs hit in a season, and the projected final total for this season should surpass 6,100 home runs. Gordon will go down in history as being the man to break the record, despite the fact that it was only his eighth home run of the season.

### 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 \$115 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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## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

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Sept. 26 | 7 p.m.  
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@ No. 21 Rollins  
Sept. 30 | 7 p.m.  
Winter Park, Fla.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

@ FLRunners.com  
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Sept. 29 | 5:20 p.m.  
Lakeland, Fla.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ Florida Tech  
Sept. 27 | 7 p.m.  
Melbourne, Fla.

vs. Rollins  
Sept. 30 | 7 p.m.  
NSU Soccer Complex

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

vs. Eckerd  
Sept. 29 | 7 p.m.  
Rick Case Arena

vs. Saint Leo  
Sept. 30 | 4 p.m.  
Rick Case Arena



## 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 chose 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."

### What position do you play?

"Forward."

### Have you always played forward?

"No, I started out as a defender and my position switched around 8th grade [or] freshman year in high school."

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

"Yeah, initially they had tried to switch me like a year before but it didn't work out so they were like "'Okay we'll wait,' and they tried it again the next year."



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Adanna Edwards is a new addition to NSU's women's soccer team, which has had a promising performance thus far.

### 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 'kay, 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 'kay I'm on' and then everyone started cheering so then I was like 'kay it's a goal.'"

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

"I hated 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."

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**Morgan James**  
Sept. 28 | 8 p.m.  
@The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

**Rose & Rosie**  
Sept. 30 | 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
@The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

**Pitbull**  
Sept. 30 | 8:30 p.m.  
@American Airlines Arena

**Hillary Clinton Live**  
Oct. 3 | 7 p.m.  
@The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

# SOUNDBITE

By: **Miguel Gonzalez**  
Contributing Writer

## "American Teen" by Khalid

Released 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 subtweets," and in "8teen" where he sings about how at his age he still lives with his parents. His subject matter is relatable to teens, like in the song "Young, Dumb & Broke," in which he explains to a lover how this is a time to not commit, but rather a time to stay young and have fun since they are still in high school, and are likely to make dumb decisions and are, of course, broke.

Khalid discusses millennial love and the way they interact with technology. For other



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"American Teen" speaks to what it means to be a young person in today's society and artist Khalid recently won "Best New Artist" at the VMAs.

generations it might be hard to understand why this album is so relatable. However, one of the reasons for this album's success is the accuracy when representing this generation's day-to-day and love lives.

Khalid's singing stays on a slow and calm note. In songs such as "8teen" and "Let's Go" he picks up the pace, but maintains the calm and grace in his voice.

After receiving his first VMA award, Khalid said, "This is the start of something great," and

it is indeed for the young teenager from El Paso, Texas. As he gets more and more recognition, his followers keep increasing and the album keeps getting more streams. Khalid's music is different and contemporary, and definitely shows a bright future ahead for this young talent.

No matter what your musical preference, it is almost impossible not to listen to this album every day once you've heard it because the rhythms and vocals are for almost every person's taste. The album is full of common stories of a teenager that is graduating or just graduated high school. It feels like a voice of representation for our generation, especially when it describes love. Finally, it gives a calm vibe wherever it is played; if you're someone who enjoys a calm environment while writing, reading, showering, or any other activity where you can play music for your own comfort, this album is for you. I agree with the praise and recognition that Khalid is receiving worldwide. This is truly an outstanding album.

## Steven Lewis Simpson talks "Neither Wolf Nor Dog"

By: **Jeweliana Register**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Directed by Scottish film director Steven Lewis Simpson, the film "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" is based off of the novel "Neither Wolf Nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder" by Kent Nerburn. It tells the story of how Kent Nerburn was graced with the task of writing the story of a Native American elder's life. The independent film, which had a crew of only two people, has found great success and is holding its own with Hollywood blockbusters. The film has already hit theatres near campus and is playing at the Savor Theatre in Fort Lauderdale.

### What attracted you to this film?

"I could relate a little to the parallel of being asked [to do this], whereas the author takes on this commitment of writing the book of this elder's thoughts and perspectives. Within my first three hours of being on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, I was asked by Russell Means, who is arguably the most famous American Indian activist in the twentieth century from being an American Indian movement leader. He asked me to film three days of political meetings, and from there it snowballed into other people asking me to film various things, and it ended up on my side as a thirteen year commitment to film the documentary 'A Thunder Being Nation,' so that aspect of it to some people on the outside may seem almost improbable, that through such a simple set of events, something becomes such a large commitment as that, but I knew how easy it was to go down a journey like that."

### What makes Dave Bald Eagle's character so unique?

"I mean there are a lot of elements to it, one of which is that we have this sort of strange thing, particularly in Hollywood storytelling, where we think that people who have lived long, full lives are probably our most interesting people, and yet we kind of exclude them from storytelling. You don't see old people much on Hollywood screen, so to have a character on screen that is 95 years old and is the lead that in itself is unusual. There's never been a film before that has revolved around a Native elder in this way. One of the key factors is that these guys are in such an age, Dave is one of the very last, and he passed away last year. So the film sort of has this cultural weight to it beyond just being a piece of narrative storytelling. It's not just those elements, but in the climax of the film, he takes the author to Wounded Knee, the site



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Director Steven Lewis Simpson takes a new approach on his latest film "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" based on the novel by Kent Nerburn.

of the Massacre of 1890, and he goes through that, and this is as infamous an event as there was in the whole part of Native history in the United States. The thing about it was that Dave had a closer connection to that through his own family and people than even the character that he was playing. So, we threw away the script of the novel and had him just go deep inside of himself and improvise the entire sequence, which elevated the cultural depth and weight of it. The other thing that is significant as well is just the emotional impact of it, he does go to a very deep place within himself. At the end of the filming for that scene, which was the scene we filmed between him and Christopher Sweeney, Dave turned to Chris and said 'I've been holding that in for 95 years,' and so it was really a place that he had to go to in his own life and his own journey. He saw the film before he passed, and he said it's the first film he's been in about his people that told the truth, and his family I think feel this film is a very deep and important part of his legacy. I think that's the core of what makes it different, and the audience reaction is so, the audience really falls in love with him on screen, and that does something very powerful. It's one thing in a documentary to listen to some hard truth, but often it can be from a very academic standpoint or a journalistic standpoint, whereas here, because it's fiction and almost slips into documentary, the audience's hearts are already so opened up by Dave that they're connected

emotionally. I constantly hear, almost without exception, from people writing to me that after the lights went up after the credits, everyone was still in their seats. It's just having that impact on people."

### How did having a two-person crew impact filming?

"One thing that we knew early on with a 95 year old star, you can't get a Hollywood budget because no one would ensure it. 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 are 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 of Dave Bald Eagle."

### 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 sides of that history. So much of the storytelling is about perpetuating myths. I mean 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 they 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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## We all scream for ice cream

By: **Madelyn Rinka**  
Contributing Writer

Looking to beat the Fort Lauderdale heat? Is the AC just not enough anymore? Stop by some of these unique shops in SoFlo.



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Just one of the varieties of delicious whipped cream offered at Wilton Creamery.

### Wilton Creamery

The bouncy music and disco lights at Wilton Creamery are hardly the most exciting

things found at this spot. With a variety of flavors and base options, from dairy-free to no sugar added to “dog friendly,” you know you’re in for something special the minute you walk through the door.

“It’s not corporate ice cream,” said owner D.J. Colby, with a new batch forming behind him. “I come up with every recipe myself, this is the only place you can get it.”

In addition to their deliciously creamy house-made ice cream, they also offer a variety of equally creative toppings. You can add boba to your confection, as well as balsamic roasted strawberries, citron-infused Maldon salt or chipotle cocoa powder for more adventurous folk. Oh, and did I mention they have nine different flavors of whipped cream?

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**Price range:** \$5-\$10

### Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt

Like to be in control of your froyo? If you’re also looking for a classic frozen yogurt shop experience, head on over to Menchie’s. Menchie’s lets you have what you want, the way you want it. You can choose from sorbets and self-serve yogurts which change with the seasons such as the “apple of my pie” and “harvest pumpkin”. There are also buffet-style toppings allowing you to pick from a variety of fruits, candies and sauces. Menchie’s also offers seasonal flavors like salted maple pecan, as well as the unique opportunity to collect specialty spoons. There’s sure to be an option for everyone with low-fat, non-fat, kosher, low-carb and no sugar added yogurts.

4900 S University Dr #103  
Davie, FL 33328  
**Price range:** \$2-\$10

### FuZen Rolled Ice Cream

To find this hidden SoFlo gem, you’ll have to head to Yellow Green Farmer’s Market. Don’t let that discourage you, though – this place is far beyond just a market stall. When you go to FuZen Rolled Ice Cream, you’re not just getting a treat, you’re getting entertainment as well. Watching them chop up fruits, candies and sauces into your coconut or whole milk ice cream is exciting enough, and the Insta-worthy rolls meticulously topped by their ice cream engineers are out of this world. You can even get it sweetened with dates if you’re looking for a healthy option. Be sure to check out the farmer’s market while you’re eating your ice cream, and maybe catch another bite to eat or scoop up some fresh fruit.

1940 N 30th Rd #261  
Hollywood, FL 33021  
**Price range:** \$5-\$10



## STAFF PICKS: WHAT TV SHOW ARE YOU MOST EXCITED TO COME BACK THIS FALL AND WHY?

By: **The Current Staff**

With fall underway, many of our favorite television shows are returning for new seasons. Whether you are a fan of comedy, superhero or murder mystery shows, check out some of the shows our staff is most excited to see air this fall.

### Gabrielle Thompson, features editor, said “Shameless”:

“There are many new seasons of great shows coming out this fall, but I have to say that I am most excited to see the new season of ‘Shameless.’ The new season starts Nov. 9. ‘Shameless’ always seems to keep my attention while presenting drama and comedy all in one.”

### 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 Kopec, 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 “Arrow”:

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

### Carli 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 became an addict after watching 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



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From left to right: Nicole Chavannes, Kiara Baptiste, Michaela Greer, Jeweliana Register, Carli Lutz, Jenna Kopec and Christina McLaughlin.

of emotions and I’m excited to ride that again. I follow all of the cast on social media and seeing their updates about the release is just getting me more and more stoked for the second season.”

### Michaela Greer, 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 one 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 one 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.”

By: **Jeweliana Register**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

## Potatopia 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 to mention the incredible food. Potatopia has become a favorite for some NSU students, and for good reason. The potato-focused restaurant is a potato lover’s dream, and the “build your own” potato menu features every form of potato imaginable. From sweet potato fries to loaded baked potatoes and tater tots, this place is potato paradise.

Here’s how it works. You order using one of the electronic devices at the front of the store, choosing your base first and then customizing it. The menu takes you through all of the protein add-ins, like oven roasted chicken or BBQ pulled pork. Next, you will have the option to



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A delicious build-your-own baked potato with oven roasted chicken, smoked Gouda, fresh garlic and sour cream, and a signature hibiscus raspberry iced tea.

add toppings like fresh garlic, farmer’s market broccoli, roasted corn or red onions. After you have chosen your proteins and toppings, you will be asked to decide on a cheese, with options

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 hit” spuds 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 succotash salad.

The restaurant also offers a wide variety of beverages, like typical 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. 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.

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## Seriously Kidding

A satire column.

### NSU Faculty petition to cancel hurricanes

By: Jenna Kopec  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

“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,” Tootsie 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 a call 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 detours 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 work 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

As 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 is 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 a downer, but I knew that was coming. What throws me off the most is buying items that I never even thought about when I was living at home. Things like lightbulbs, 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 pretty expensive. Working 20 hours a week certainly does not cover all those expenses, no matter how many times I

tell myself it’s fine.

It’s not that my parents never taught me any useful life skills. I know how to cook and do laundry and all that. I guess I just wasn’t expecting it to be so much work. After being at school and work all day, I’d rather not have to come home and make dinner or do dishes. But hey, I guess this is growing up. 🙄

I’m not trying to scare anyone about being an adult. It is, after all, inevitable. I’m just saying, make sure you’re appreciative of all that your parents do for you now because soon you will be on your own. Take it from me, it’s way harder than you think. Just because you finally get to make your own decisions, it doesn’t necessarily mean you want to make those choices. Good luck out there; I promise we’re all struggling.

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### 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 begun to ask students to get additional materials that are not available in the NSU bookstore. Sure, I might understand why you want us to buy a textbook that costs over \$100 only to use it for the questions at the end of each chapter, but why an additional app?

It seems logical that professors would want their class to buy priority reading materials, but in order to get supplementary materials students need to have money. A lot of students are practically broke by the time they start the new semester because of tuition cost and housing, so some patience and consideration would be gratefully accepted if a student cannot buy the

desired app during syllabus week. I get that teachers are trying to get more inventive with the way they introduce material, which is cool and all, but they should try it with apps that are free.

Now, apps like Tophat, or TopHATE, lets professors “easily create [their] own fully interactive homework assignments and quizzes that students find fun, challenging and confidence-building.” Yeah, students find it fun spending \$40 on an app that will only be used to post mandatory comments and answer pop quizzes. Yippie. Fun. The confidence level that students have after the first week of using these kind of apps is astonishing because it is almost as if it hasn’t even changed at all.

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? Instructors should find alternative methods that do not include spending more money on apps that are not exactly 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. And sometimes, they’re not even a pay-a-one-time-fee kind of app, so if you have that professor again the following semester, most likely you will have to buy a longer subscription to the app they utilized.

Pop quizzes can be moved to paper and pen. There is nothing wrong with writing out a question on the board and answering it at that moment with a sheet of paper from a stack that costs \$1 and a pen from a 12 pen pack that cost a total of \$3 or \$4. This would still get the job done because “I don’t want to download another app fo’ yo’ class!”

### Commuters, it benefits you to get involved on campus

By: Suvina Daryanani  
Contributing Writer

Champions and advocates are leaders of our generation who defeat all purposes and rivals in competition. These strong-minded and wise individuals usually defend and motivate others around them, which is why we call them champions. Big wins can only occur from small steps, which only begin after getting yourself involved and the best way to get involved on campus is by joining a group or organization.

Joining these associations help to build friendships, unions and connections with other persons. A commuter student, person who does not live on campus but travels a certain distance to school everyday, can get involved as easily as a student who lives on campus by joining an organization. Being in a club automatically forms an intimate group of persons who can meet every week and spend time together throughout the semester. In addition to forming these relationships, the members of these groups

can help support you and keep you informed about other campus activities and events.

One of the types of organizations that do an excellent job of this are fraternities and sororities. Joining a fraternity or sorority is said to build character and social skills, which a person can hold onto for a lifetime. For example, a majority of students mention that they joined Greek life to make friends and get the full college experience. There is also the long-term potential for these students who have such a close-knit group who they can rely on and communicate with.

Even if joining a fraternity or sorority doesn’t appeal to you, there are other clubs and organizations that cater to students’ specific niches. In fact, there’s even a club created specifically for commuters to help keep them involved on campus. Pavan Tilokani, a commuter and member of the club agrees that students should get involved no matter how far

you live away from campus. According to him, the Commuter Club helps introduce students to different opportunities for socializing and creating bonds among students their age; a great resource for commuter students who struggle to stay involved.

Commuter students should try to stay involved on campus since the lifestyle you create while in college will reflect on you in the long run. College is the place to make connections, life-long friendships and motivate you to be better each and everyday. Therefore, it’s worth the minor hassle to leave the house and get on campus to work on fun activities that you will come to love.

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# 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 drudging 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 someone who wants 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 classes and 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.

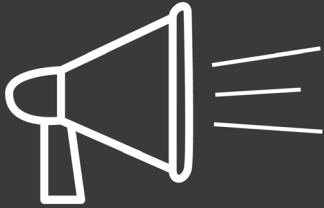
Also, believe it or not, college graduates are shown to lead healthier lifestyles. Students with higher paying jobs are more likely to also receive health insurance and be less likely to take part in negative health habits, like smoking. According to a study mentioned in the Huffington Post, "College 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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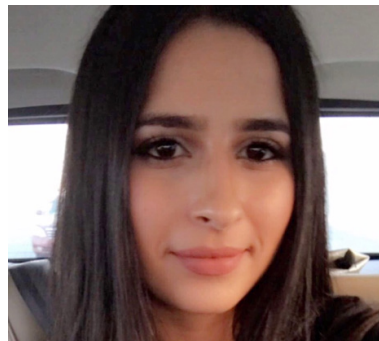
"I evacuated with my family and drove all the way to Tennessee — a 24-hour drive. I was in a small town and I was the only Latina there — people there have never meet a Latina — and it was interesting. I would recommend to anyone who hasn't been in a hurricane before to take the necessary precautions, buy food, water and just stay safe; and if necessary evacuate."

- Oriana Lopez, sophomore international studies major



"I tried to get a flight out back to Colorado but couldn't, because all of them were booked or they were too expensive. So, my dad flew down here and drove me to Orlando to get a flight out to Colorado. I would recommend getting out as soon as possible and try to find a flight in that moment."

- Anjali Gill, freshman biology 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 I 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."

- Joy Oni, sophomore speech language and communications disorders 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."

- Saavan Patel, sophomore biology major





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