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Women's swimming earns the NCAA National Championship.

## Women's swimming earns second NCAA National Championship title

By Bella Giaquinto

On March 16, the NSU women's swimming team secured the 2023-2024 NCAA Division II National Championship. This marks its second consecutive year of holding the national championship title, with even higher hopes for next season.

"I felt confident we could come out on top, and we did," Ben Hewitt, head swimming coach, said.

Emily Trieschmann, junior property management and real estate major, is the Swimmer of the Year for the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America. Coming off of a previous 2022-2023 NCAA Division II championship win, Trieschmann knew the team could defend its status.

"As a team, we knew we were capable of it," Trieschmann said. "We were just going to go in there,

swim our races, and see what happens."

Trieschmann played a major role in leading the Sharks to victory during the championship, as she won titles in the 200 Free, 500 Free, 1000 Free, and 1650 Free, and was also a part of the 800 Free Relay team. Trieschmann also set the NCAA record in the 1000-free-style with a time of 9:38:98.

Maya Esparza, sophomore sports management major, highlights how the team stepped up to win the championship.

"Our goals as a team were to win again, but we weren't sure it was possible as we just lost a bunch of people," Esparza said. "But, we got a lot of good people and a lot of people stepped up and got faster."

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## Cleaners continue to push back, report employer for unfair labor practices

By Nicole Shaker

Cleaners at NSU, represented by 32BJ Service Employees International Union, are in a dispute with their employer, Encompass Onsite, over adverse effects they claim were caused by the cleaning product Encompass H30.

The union also reported several unfair labor practices by Encompass, including the suspension of Maria Elena Hernandez, cleaner and shop steward for 32BJ SEIU, whom they believe was put on leave in retaliation for speaking out.

Encompass introduced H30 to the cleaning staff last October and several cleaners have reported harmful reactions since.

Cleaner Alba Ramirez said she

was diagnosed with asthma Feb. 20 due to her use of the product.

"There was a time when I used it a lot and I started to feel a fire in my throat, and I looked at myself, and my tongue was all red, my lips were swollen, and I started to feel pressure in my chest," Ramirez said. "I went to the emergency room because I couldn't breathe well. I was very scared."

That was the first of two times Ramirez went to the ER with these symptoms following the use of H30.

Todd Templin, executive vice president of BoardroomPR, said in a statement to The Current that the cleaners' reactions have not been conclusively connected to H30.

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PHOTO BY BRIELLE AGUAYO

32BJ SEIU protesters hold signs on University Drive at the Feb. 13 rally.

## Title IX office to host events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Bryce Johnson

In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, NSU's Title IX Office will host events in April, like Palette of Hope (a painting session), Red Flag Green Flag (discussing red and green flags in relationships), Denim Day (wearing denim to stand against sexual violence), and baseball and softball games.

Laura Bennett, Title IX coordinator, said a new theme is chosen for SAAM each year.

"This year, the theme is Building Connected Communities, because it really does take a village to prevent sexual misconduct and to support our students," Bennett said.

For Sam Giordano, Title IX case manager and sexual violence prevention educator, her favorite event

is Discover with Dye: Unlocking the History of SAAM, which is a new event from previous years. At noon on April 1, in the Flight Deck Backyard, students will have the option to tie-dye T-shirts from the office of Title IX.

"We're hoping that people will wear them at events, or any time, to show awareness and prevention," Giordano said. "We do have

a lot of promotional material that we made: stickers, buttons and all that fun stuff. Plus we have a lot of poster boards that we're going to be putting up, so students can read and learn about Sexual Assault Awareness Month as well on that first day."

See **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**, page 5

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## Letter from the editor

Dear Readers,

I hope today has been a great day so far. Thank you for picking up our paper!

I am so excited to present this issue to you. There are some really important stories in here, such as an update on our Issue 9 article about the cleaners' protest against Encompass H30 and a feature on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which starts in April. See these articles on the front page if you're interested in learning more.

Our editor-in-chief, Bryce, also wrote an update on the upcoming undergraduate student government election. Be sure to read it to learn more about the candidates and how to cast your vote. Voting ends tomorrow at noon.

The STUEYs are approaching, too. Flip to page 7 to read our feature on it and find out what to expect.

Don't forget to check out our re-designed music page and read about Mako Radio's updates and music recommendations. And, as always, scan the Spotify barcode to listen to our staff's personal playlist. This issue, we each chose a few songs to get us in the mood for Spring cleaning. We hope they help get you in the mood too!

Sports is packed. NSU Athletics has been garnering tons of achievements. Read about what's been going on with women's swimming,



Nicole Shaker,  
co-editor-in-chief of The Current

basketball and soccer in the sports section, starting on page 12.

If you picked up the last issue, we hope you had fun filling in the sports brackets on the last page. This issue, our word search is back. To play, check out the games page, which also has our newest Math Corner question for those of you who like a brain stretcher.

Thank you again for opening up our paper. We hope that, when you close it, you are more informed about what's impacting our campus community.

Happy reading,  
Nicole Shaker

## NSU student-athletes are something to be proud of



By President George L.  
Hanbury II

It's a thrilling time to be an NSU Shark and see the high-level performance of our student-athletes.

As of this writing, our men's basketball team once again reached the NCAA Elite Eight, and the women's swimming team won their second consecutive NCAA Division II National Championship. This is coming after a successful season that ended in 2023 with men's basketball, women's swimming and men's golf winning

DII national championships.

These successes are even more impressive when you consider our student-athletes have balanced excellent performance in athletics and academics. In fall 2023, NSU Athletics achieved a departmental grade-point average (GPA) of 3.48. Thirty-seven Sharks earned perfect 4.0 GPAs. The departmental average GPA has been above 3.0 for 27 consecutive semesters.

Our student-athletes demonstrate NSU has much to offer to its students. I always encourage undergraduate students to engage in a wide variety of activities as part of a well-rounded education. Whether our students are succeeding in athletics, academics, the arts or community service, I'm proud of all of them.

Fins up!

George L. Hanbury II is the President and CEO of Nova Southeastern University.

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# Eco-friendly campus? Why bother?



By Terry Savage

Florida is a priceless jewel, endowed with coral reefs that protect our coastline, palm trees everywhere, and a vibrant social diversity that comes from its location as a gateway into and from the Caribbean and Latin America. And our campus epitomizes this richness, from the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center through to our institutional commitment to Belonging, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

So why bother with a weighty concern like the environment?

NSU holds a variety of initiatives devoted to environmental values – from the Greensharks, and the environmental honors fraternity, Epsilon Eta, through to the Nature Club, which oversees the Healing and Medicinal Garden and conducts outings including snorkeling and camping. The Office of

Facilities Management has actively sought to create sustainable infrastructure and practices, such as recycling. And the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies has established a Sustainable Development Working Group.

Evaluating universities for their ecologically sustainable policies and behaviors now represents a growing trend among university rankings, nationally (such as, the Princeton Review) and internationally (QS rankings).

Again, the question, why bother?

Voices denying that conditions on our planet are changing have become fewer, and fainter. And the jaded argument that this is an inevitable part of a regenerative cycle spanning millennia has become simply irrelevant: a correlation has been identified between the beginning of the Industrial Revolution – and all the progress it brought – and global warming, and this produced a trend that is now rapidly accelerating.

If a fire started in your home, would you pause and get into a vociferous argument with your neighbors over who to blame – or would you simply do everything you could to put it out?

A few approaches have emerged to addressing our planet's overheating problem. Green tech is one, and we see that in policies that incentivize renewable energy sources and, crucially, less environmentally destructive vehicles. Another is establishing legal

liability for projects and practices that damage and interfere with delicate ecosystems.

A third approach is fair burden sharing. What this looks like is not yet clear, but it does not mean each country should pay equally: the 54 countries in Africa produce less than 4% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, while the US and China, trapped in economic competition, together produce over 50%. Much of the work underway internationally is about looking for ways to establish, in the words of the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change, 'common but differentiated responsibility' – and crafting an integrated approach that also tackles poverty and taps into renewable resources, like Africa's immense sunshine, ergo capacity for solar power.

Amid this global recognition of the need to act, what might a vision of an eco-friendly campus look like? In this, the methodologies used and innovations uncovered by university rankings may be useful. One popular source of comparative data about university performance, QS World University Rankings, has highlighted a few possibilities.

One is sustainable building design, which NSU undertook beginning in 2001 (<https://www.nova.edu/gogreen/>). Another is renewable energy, such as the photovoltaic and wind turbine system at the Oceanographic Center.

Other QS recommendations tackle waste – not punitively or

through waste-shaming but creatively and practically. QS note a growing trend in universities of reducing plastic pollution through the installation of hydration stations to encourage re-use of water bottles and (re-usable bottles). One university in Peru sells paper waste to a recycling company and earmarks the proceeds for scholarships.

Another university, in Switzerland, separates food waste in its canteens and sends it to a nearby farm, where it is turned into biogas fuel, generating electricity for the surrounding community.

The list of possibilities of what can be done is endless. And, beyond the obvious – initial funding – a crucial element in making it happen will be what Conflict Resolution practitioners call a stakeholder mapping: identifying individuals and communities whose interests, needs, and fears, would be impacted as well as those who could influence and inspire the process and its outcomes.

Working with the people to whom our exquisite setting has become home should be the easy part.

*Dr. Terry Savage, an associate professor in Halmos College's Department of Conflict Resolution Studies, is currently building a restorative justice approach to tackling ecological abuse.*

## On being religious in college



By Nicole Shaker

I spend my Saturday nights teaching 12-year-old kids Bible stories. For a 21-year-old girl in college, that's a weird way to spend a Saturday night.

This is an inconvenient age for me to be as devoted to my church as I

am. Don't get me wrong— I love my faith, and I love my church more than anything. I'm really grateful that, so young, I've found a passion for spiritual pursuits that many don't find until later in life, if at all.

But my religion definitely sets me apart from my peers. There are many Christian clubs and organizations on campus, and I'm a part of a couple of them. But these small communities feel separate from my regular life. I'm not ingrained in them enough so that my only friends are Christian, creating this awkward rift in my life that causes me to balance my religious circle with my "regular" friends.

I think that, generally, college is one of the most difficult periods of life to remain devout to Christianity, or any religion for that matter. There is so much around us telling us to focus on doing well in classes and having fun with friends, and

that's it. To keep the commitment I made to my spiritual life, I often have to sacrifice doing the normal college-kid things, like, for example, going out on Saturday nights.

More than that, though, I have to will myself to remember that my life is bigger than school and friend drama. It's so easy to get lost in the day-to-day. When my day bustles with exam stress, work to-do-lists and gossip among friends, I feel like I've succumbed to college and lost my religion. My brain is so packed with stuff, like a lot of people my age, and these scatterbrained, messy anxieties permeate everywhere. My faith in a lot of ways helps center me, but when I push it aside to focus on the everyday tasks and dramas of college, not only am I not grounded the way I want to be, but my spiritual life takes a hit.

I want to get to a place where there is no "school life," "work life"

and "church life." There is just life. I want my life to converge, but right now, in college, when there are so many moving parts and so many people I want to please, that feels impossible.

I'd genuinely rather be memorizing Bible verses with my church kids than making questionable decisions at a party, but, sometimes, I have to battle that feeling of division from my peers and the temptation to forget about church and just be "normal."

I have to remind myself constantly that my lifestyle is worth it. And, hopefully, I'll get to a place where I feel just as Christian on church Sunday as I do in class Monday.

*Nicole Shaker, senior computer science and communication major, is The Current's co-editor-in-chief.*

## FROM THE FRONT

## CLEANERS

"To date, we have not been presented with any medical evidence that these health concerns are connected to aqueous ozone [H<sub>3</sub>O]," the statement read. "We partner with a workers' compensation carrier that relies on an independent third-party medical diagnosis to determine if an injury or accident is work-related. The claims processed thus far have been denied or found inconclusive."

The union submitted complaints to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, who began an investigation on Feb. 13. OSHA has conducted two inspections at NSU, on Feb. 16 and March 6.

Eric Lucero, Florida media contact for the U.S. Department of Labor, said in a statement to The Current, "OSHA does not provide preliminary or interim reports while investigations are open."

The union also filed an unfair labor practice charge with the U.S. National Labor Relations Board on March 20. The charge details six violations by Encompass, including Hernandez's indefinite suspension, threats to workers and the removal of union personnel from the worksite.

On Feb. 13, cleaners rallied on University Drive to protest the product and Hernandez's suspension.

"Maria Elena, we believe, has been retaliated against for her outspokenness in talking about these unhealthy and terrible working conditions," Ana Tinsly, regional communications manager for 32BJ SEIU, said.

Templin said Encompass cannot share details of its investigation of Hernandez. Hernandez is still active in the union.

"I am not physically on campus, but I have always continued my work as a worker representative. The workers are in constant communication with me," Hernandez said. "Every day, I get 10 to 15 calls from workers, either raising concerns, complaints, or asking about my status and how I am. [Many] call me every day and say, 'Maria Elena, I fear to go to work.'"

Hernandez believes the company is mistreating the workers.

"It is not the vast majority of workers who are affected. Some are, but due to the fear of losing their jobs, they do not say so," she said. "They take advantage of the vulnerability of the workers, that most of us are older and are afraid of losing their jobs, because, due to age, it is very difficult to find another job. Then,

they force the person to work with their fear."

Hernandez was present at the rally, where cleaners marched to the Encompass office to deliver a delegation stating the union's requests. The company has yet to formally respond to this delegation.

Oscar Pineda, 32BJ SEIU lead field representative, set up an April 6 meeting with some students who attended the rally to discuss updates on the situation.

In the meantime, some students have begun their own initiatives.

Carol Boodram, junior computer science major, wrote a petition stating, "We demand immediate action to reassess the use of this cleaning solution, ensuring that all cleaning agents are safe, non-toxic, and do not jeopardize the health of the staff."

Boodram secured about 130 signatures and plans to get more before giving the petition to NSU President George L. Hanbury II.

"Regardless if [NSU] outsources their employees, at the end of the day, the janitors are still working on campus. It affects everybody," Boodram said. "It's what they're cleaning with, and it's a problem with the students, too. What happens if the students are touching surfaces, and a student so happens to have a bad reaction to a surface they touched? It's not safe, so it's an NSU problem."

Malaya Mulroy, sophomore chemistry major, also circulated the petition.

"I used to work in [Einstein Bros. Bagels], and I personally know a lot of the janitors, because we all talk, and they were telling me about it," she said. "If that chemical were to affect a student after it's been applied, then it would become an NSU problem, and I think that's where it gets me. It's because if it were to happen to a student, that chemical probably would have been gone by now."

Hernandez appreciates the students' support.

"We are very proud to work at Nova. The workers are proud of what they do. Even when they were the frontline workers during the pandemic, working while there was this unknown virus circulating, it was nothing for them to do the work because they felt they were doing it for all of you, the students, to make sure that you guys have clean classes, clean auditoriums to go to," Hernandez said. "That is something that they are honored to

do and that they like to do. What they are doing, they do it for you and they are grateful that you give them support in return."

NSU has remained neutral.

"We're staying out of it. This is a dispute between the company and its employees," Daniel Alfonso, vice president of Facilities Management and Public Safety, said.

The use of H<sub>3</sub>O is still mandatory for cleaners, but the Encompass statement from Templin said cleaners with medical documentation recommending the avoidance of H<sub>3</sub>O are not required to use it.

"When an employee has provided independent documentation from a physician recommending that they avoid the product as a precautionary measure, they have been offered reassignment to tasks that do not require using cleansers," the statement read.

Ramirez reported that, despite getting a doctor's note stating she was allergic to H<sub>3</sub>O after her first ER visit, she was not accommodated immediately.

"They forced me to continue carrying the product, or else I would go home," she said.

When Ramirez went to the ER again, her doctor gave her a second letter instructing her to stay away from the product.

"The doctor was very angry. [He said], 'If you already have a report of poisoning from the product, why are they giving you that again?' Then, he sent me another letter," she said. "He told me that they couldn't give me that, that it was inconceivable that they would give me that, knowing that I had already been there for the same thing."

Ramirez was then moved to garbage collection, but she said this new assignment is also problematic. She said the area she cleans now is large, and her hands swell and blister severely from the sweeping.

"I said, 'Why don't you return me to my position,' and they said, 'If you want to come back to your position, you have to use the liquid.' So I was very sad," Ramirez said. "They weren't worrying about us, about our health, about anything, because we have families, children, grandchildren."

Greg McMullen, vice president of service delivery at Encompass, said H<sub>3</sub>O is sustainable and provides safe, effective and environmentally friendly cleaning.

"The inventor came up with this. We beta tested it for a couple of years," he said.

The inventor of the product is Dan Lynn, founder of BioSecurity Technology. He believes cleaners' reactions are likely caused by H<sub>3</sub>O interacting with other chemicals.

"I was thinking that maybe they had chemicals in the bottle when they filled it up with our water, and some kind of reaction happened there," Lynn said. "Or maybe when they were scrubbing the area with their cloth, they got some chemical that was left behind, like the bio-film, and they got it on their skin."

Maria Ballester, professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, said that mixing the product with other chemicals or diluting it incorrectly could be the issue.

"If people are having issues, maybe it's not necessarily that the product was bad, but that the dilution was too concentrated to work with. OSHA is going to check concentrations," she said. "My opinion, it had to do something with concentration or mixing."

BioSecurity Technology sells aqueous ozone to companies like BMW, American Express and Amazon. Encompass has an exclusive licensing agreement.

"The agreement we have with Encompass is that they're a distributor for our product," Lynn said. "They're private labeling our product, and we take full responsibility for the manufacturing, the safety of our product."

The product is made by a machine that injects ozone into water. Lynn said the machine can't add more or less ozone than expected.

"You can't turn up or down anything. Everything is all pre-set. It cannot be changed," Lynn said. "It's just ozone gas being mixed in the water, and you can't adjust that. All of our equipment is pre-manufactured to reach a certain set point."

Hernandez believes an easy resolution is possible.

"I think that this problem could be solved when the affected workers, with me and the company, sit down and look for a solution. That, I believe, would be the most correct way to end this problem," Hernandez said.

Ramirez is hoping for a resolution soon.

She said, crying, "We have a voice, but they don't want to hear it."

*Editor's note: Interviews with Maria Elena Hernandez and Alba Ramirez were conducted in Spanish and translated to English.*

## Fla. Statute § 553.865 restricts campus bathroom use

The Safety in Private Spaces Act requires all educational institutions in Florida, including NSU and NSU University School, to restrict access to bathrooms by a person's biological sex at birth. The unisex bathrooms on campus can still be used by anyone.

NSU President and CEO George L. Hanbury II released a statement on March 21. The policy goes into effect April 1.

"As required by the law, NSU's policy states that if someone uses an exclusive-use restroom or changing facility that does not correspond with their biological sex, that individual may be requested by others to exit the facility," Hanbury wrote in the statement.

Some people, such as parents or guardians with children younger than 12, law enforcement or custodial workers, may enter exclusive-use restrooms. Hanbury wrote in the statement that anyone else who knowingly enters an exclusive-use restroom outside of their sex at birth and refuses to leave may be subject to university disciplinary action.

The policy impacts all NSU campuses in Florida. For questions or concerns, contact NSU's Title IX Office at [titleIX@nova.edu](mailto:titleIX@nova.edu).

*Bryce Johnson contributed to this report.*

FROM THE FRONT

# SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Another event is Day of Action on April 2 at 10 a.m. in the University Center.

In collaboration with The NSU Center for Student Counseling Services and Well Being by Henderson Behavioral Health, students will be able to write Dear Survivor letters and make fidget toys.

"Either you can write a letter to yourself or to a survivor," Giordano said. "We're going to be doing Take a Message, Leave a Message, so students can write messages. They can take one that might already be written by somebody else. They're going to be empowering, powerful messages that students can use for themselves or give to others."

From April 8-11, The Clothesline Project will allow students to write uplifting messages on t-shirts, which are then hung up on clotheslines.

"It's pretty visible because people can actually come and make shirts that reflect whatever their personal experience is with sexual assault, or if they want to make something communicating a message about how they feel about it or whatever people are comfortable sharing," Bennett said. "It's just a way to kind of visualize that this is something that affects a lot of people."

Other events include Consent is Key (a discussion on consent with free cupcakes and activities) on April 5 at noon in the UC, Red Flag Green Flag on April 8 at noon in the DeSantis Atrium, Denim Day on April 24 at noon in the UC, and Tampa Trauma Informed Care Symposium (an in-person only event featuring workshops on trauma-informed care) on April 27 at 10 a.m. at NSU's Tampa campus.

When Giordan first began at NSU last July, her goal was to promote prevention and awareness as much as possible.

"We want to be able to educate students on these things that are really happening out in the world. We want to be able to bring that to campus to show them that there are people here that do support them and are here for them," Giordano said.

Bennett encourages students to come to any of the events next month, and notes that raising awareness for sexual assault goes beyond SAAM.

"We really value helping students learn what they can do to keep their community safe," Bennett said. "That's really the goal of our office, is trying to empower students."

## April 2024 Sexual Assault Awareness Month



<p><b>April 1</b> <b>Discover with Dye: Unlocking the History of SAAM</b> 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Flight Deck Backyard</p>	<p><b>April 9</b> <b>The Clothesline Project</b> feat. Residential Life 12:30 p.m. Various Residence Halls</p>	<p><b>April 16</b> <b>SAAM Baseball Game</b> feat. Nancy J Cotterman Center &amp; Public Safety 6:00 p.m. NSU Baseball Complex</p>
<p><b>April 2</b> <b>Day of Action</b> feat. Henderson Counseling Center 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Don Taft University Center, Spine</p>	<p><b>April 10</b> <b>Palette of Hope</b> feat. Office of Interational Affairs 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Commons 123</p>	<p><b>April 24</b> <b>Denim Day</b> feat. Residential Life 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Don Taft University Center, Shark Circle</p>
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## Florida limits minors' access to social media

By Jules Batchker

On March 25, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 3, which would ban children under 14 from using social media. The bill will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

Parents will have to give consent for 14- and 15-year-olds to create accounts, while children younger than 14 are banned from social media.

HB3 is an amended version of HB1, which DeSantis vetoed on March 1 because he had questions about the bill's constitutionality and whether it infringed on parental rights with its total ban on social media accounts for teens under 16.

"Protecting children from harms associated with social media is important, as is supporting parents' rights and maintaining the ability of adults to engage in anonymous speech," DeSantis posted on X.

HB1 would have required owners of new and existing social media accounts to go through age verification processes, such as uploading government-issued identification.

With HB3, age verification will not be required for adults creating new accounts. The bill also includes age verification requirements for pornography websites, which were not included in HB1.

"I don't think it's enough. I don't think changing the age requirement is going to create the appropriate



PHOTO BY FRANCESCA ABARCA

Ysabel Ribeiro, senior exercise sport science major, and Daphne Hernandez, junior biology major, scroll through TikTok.

wall that we need for protecting our children," Christi Navarro, assistant professor in the Department of Public Health, said.

With HB3 signed into law, parents will be able to request their children's profiles be terminated, even if they are in compliance with the platforms' age requirements. HB3 will also permit the state to recoup civil penalties up to \$50,000, as well as court costs and attorney fees.

"They've done this with smoking, they've done this with vaping, they've done this with alcohol.

If they want to be online, kids are going to find their way online," she said.

Navarro thinks the ban is a government overreach that would be impossible to enforce.

"I just feel like there's going to be so many ways people are going to get around it. There has to be some better ways of monitoring what happens online, and I think the technology is there," Navarro said.

David Angel, NSU 2023 public health alumnus, used social media to communicate with the outside

world after facing abuse at home. He spent his adolescence in a religious cult and wasn't allowed to use social media.

"We had to stay away from the world because the world was full of sin. Social media and other things like that were very taboo. It was restricted because everyone saw it as a bad thing," Angel said.

Angel found solace through running the former Instagram page "AC Guy." Students sent anonymous complaints and confessions about NSU, and Angel posted their messages to the Instagram page. "AC Guy" had more than 1,200 followers.

"I definitely credit a lot of my personality now, a lot of my friendships, relationships and experiences to 'AC Guy,'" Angel said. "It gave me a voice. It gave me a community."

Angel opposes the legislation, calling social media useful.

"It's not just for wasting time and doing TikTok dances. It's not a necessity, but people need to stay connected. I definitely think it's useful for kids who grew up like I did," Angel said.

Utah, Arkansas, Louisiana, Ohio and Texas have similar legislation pending. There are concerns that the bill violates the First Amendment. Technology companies are expected to challenge the bill in court.

# Get to know the student government election candidates



PHOTO BY ALEXANDRA ACEVEDO

Anne Sylvie Jean Louis, junior psychology major, and Daniyal Baig, junior business major, share their goals as president at the debate.

By Bryce Johnson

Voting is open for the 2024-25 Undergraduate Student Government Association elections until March 29 at noon. By logging into Sharkhub using NSU credentials, students can vote for candidates in the executive board and judicial branch. Read below to learn more about the president and executive vice president candidates.

## Anne Sylvie Jean Louis

Anne Sylvie Jean Louis, junior psychology major and diversity senator of USGA, is running for president in the DRIVE party (Diversity, Resilience, Innovation, Vision, Excellence). In high school, Jean Louis was the executive board president of her student government.

"In elementary school, I ran for student government, and I didn't win. I actually lost against this girl named Ashley Washington," Jean Louis said. "And I always remember, because I always say I lost to

President Washington."

Some of DRIVE's goals are to provide more funds for student organizations, make on campus events more accessible and promote student unity. A legislation Jean Louis is working toward is getting American Sign Language to count as a foreign language credit in all programs.

Currently, Jean Louis is in the chess club, fashion club, Black Student Union, the vice president of marketing in Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Incorporated, and the leadership chair for Razor's Edge Global Leadership Council. She was also in the pressure dance team, SAGE, NSU Esports and the inclusion chair for the Diversity Student Council. In her spare time, she likes to sing, dance, travel, play video games and read, with one of her favorite book series being "The Brown Sisters" by Talia Hibbert.

"A lot of times people ask me how I'm able to do so many things, and

it really comes down to, you can do what you make time for. I just enjoy doing the things."

## Daniyal Baig

Daniyal Baig, junior business major and upperclassman senator, is running for president in the Shark Surge party. In his first year in USGA, he wrote more than 26 pieces of legislation.

Shark Surge's motto is, Your Voice, Our Drive. Baig is working on implementing a Pharmabox initiative, vending machines with over-the-top medicine and healthcare products.

"We want to bring comedy shows to campus and stuff like that within our party, like we have carnivals every year," Baig said.

Originally from Philadelphia, Baig is in the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy and was a treasurer for the Accounting Student Business Association. In his spare time, he likes to go to the arcade and the beach.

"I'm really into the business and law area. I do want to go to law school after undergrad here," Baig said. "One thing I really want to push next year is our partnerships within a lot of businesses. A lot of other schools, like FAU, FIU, have partnerships with a lot of smaller businesses. I know we have one with Chick-Fil-A locally, but I want to push that."

## Arun Jagarlamudi

Arun Jagarlamudi, junior public health major and court justice officer, is running for executive vice president in Shark Surge.

"The reason that, in my opinion, student government exists is that

we can serve our students. It's kind of hard to serve a lot of students, 6,000, but that's the role we have," Jagarlamudi said. "And for me, it's about how we can amplify those students' voices that are not heard."

Jagarlamudi is a board member in the Farquhar Honors College and co-president of NSU Health Occupations Students of America. Outside of NSU, he's a triplet and a black belt in Shotokan Karate.

Jagarlamudi hopes for his victory as well as all of the senators in Shark Surge.

"They're the ones who write the legislation, they're the ones who meet with higher ups and we're always there to support them. So for me, I think it'll be more gratifying if we win as a team and as a party," Jagarlamudi said.



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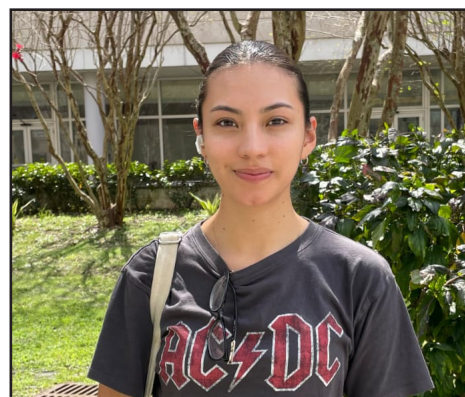
Arun Jagarlamudi, junior public health major, talks at the debate.

The election results will be announced on March 29 at noon in the Flight Deck, with the new members sworn in on April 17 at 3 p.m. in the Levan Center.

## Sharks Speak: Is it important to vote in the USGA election?



"It's important to vote in these elections, and in any other election, because I believe that everybody has a voice. If they have the opportunity to project their voice and to have a say in what's going on in their community and the communities that surround, I think they should take that opportunity because you know all the change starts with the people, and if people all come together, have a certain vision in mind, they can make positive change," said Luca Parlato, senior marketing major.



"I think it is important because between two candidates, you can reflect on your ideas and what you want to do in your college. At the end of the day, the college is your second home, and your second city where you are living, to sum up your ideas and ethics," said Angelica Guerra, senior graphic design major.



"I think it's important to vote in the USGA election because it gets your voice out into the open in the school and you can choose things that you want to happen on campus, and you can get your opinion heard in the USGA," said Colby Holbrook, senior Environmental Science.



"It's important to vote in the USGA elections for the same reasons that it's important to vote in the regular, like presidential and your local congress, elections. So you're able to vote for people who are actually going to make the change that you want to see on campus," said Abby Leep, senior criminal justice major.

# STUEYs: A night to remember at NSU

By Bryce Johnson

The 26th annual Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYs) will take place at 6 p.m. on April 9 in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

Founded in 1999, the STUEYs is an award show that celebrates all aspects of NSU's community, including students, professors, executives and athletic teams.

Brad Williams, senior vice president for enrollment management and student affairs, encourages everyone to attend this year's ceremony.

"One of the things that's significant is it will be President Hanbury's last STUEYs. He's been there for all of them," Williams said.

Williams, who co-hosted the first STUEYs, said that it's now more student-oriented than when it started.

"I think it was probably around 2007 or 2008, we made the decision, let's have students do it," Williams said. "And so ever since then, we've had students co-host, and they play a much bigger role. It's more fun. I think it's always more fun when students are doing things."

Shawnie Allen, senior exercise and sport science major, and external

affairs director of the Undergraduate Student Government Association, is one of the co-hosts for this year's STUEYs. Allen auditioned for the STUEYs because she wanted to leave a strong legacy at NSU.

"I was surprised I actually got it. But we do things that we are afraid to do, we overcome them," Allen said. "I also won homecoming queen, and so homecoming queen and king are also the presenter of an award. So I have many roles in the STUEYs."

USGA is nominated for the Student Government of the Year award. Manas Peddiboyina, senior public health major and USGA president, appreciates the nomination.

"It's really cool to get recognition for all the hard work that USGA has put in this year. It means a lot to have been nominated for such a prestigious award," Peddiboyina said. "I want to add that our fabulous adviser, Dean Gerard Wheeler, was nominated for Executive of the Year. As USGA, we're super thankful to have such an amazing adviser in Gerard who's always working tirelessly to make sure that we can actually have our voices heard."

Williams is looking forward to seeing the NSU community come together for the event.

"You can't help but feel good



COURTESY OF CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT  
Sean Stanton, 2023 Student of the Year Overall, accepts the STUEY from NSU President George L. Hanbury II.

about the university when you go to a STUEYs. You see all of these people and they care so deeply. They bleed Shark Blue and it just makes you feel proud of being a Shark," Williams said. "It's the night of celebration for NSU. I hope it just goes on forever and ever and ever. Can you imagine the hundredth STUEYs?"

The STUEYs are open to everyone in the NSU community. Attendees can hear Mike Lynn, assistant director of Mako Media Network,

as the voice-over announcer.

"I've been here at NSU for a while, so it is nice to see people that I have known for some time feel the positive energy with other nominees on stage," Lynn said.

For a full list of the nominees, scan here:



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# No rain delay for Sharks at play: Fins Festival 2024



COURTESY OF JAROD JOHNSON  
Fins Festival attendees enjoy a carnival ride.

By Francesca Abarca

The Undergraduate Student Government Association's fourth annual Fins Festival took place on March 23 from 4-10 p.m. on the Bill Gessner Sports Complex. Despite the heavy rain earlier that day, many students

came out to enjoy the carnival.

"We wanted upwards of two to three thousand. The rain really put a damper on it. I would say 1000 to 2000 people came," said Kyron Defreitas, senior business entrepreneurship major who helped plan the festival. "As the night went on, more

people started to come. They were like, 'the rain is not that bad.'"

New rides offered this year included The Cyclone and High Rollers. Food choices included cotton candy, popcorn and corn dogs. Admission, rides and food were free for the NSU community.

"There was a lot of options for everyone to do, but I really liked the basketball game. The food choices were amazing, so with all that, I will definitely go in the future," said Javed Chadee, sophomore psychology major.

Last year's Fins Festival took place at the overflow parking lot adjacent to the Athletics Building. Holding it at the Bill Gessner field this year allowed for more rides and open space between rides.

"The space allowed us to do a lot more. It allowed us to get five to 10 more rides. It allowed us to do more carnival games," Defreitas said. "It allowed space. Last year, it was very

clustered."

This year was the first with a zipline. Its weight limit of 180 pounds left some students feeling left out.

"I saw the weight limit and immediately knew that I couldn't do it. They should not have had something that not everyone can do," said Carisha Pacheco, sophomore biology pre-nursing major.

This was also the first year that only NSU students, faculty, and staff could attend the event.

"The guest policy affected the event a little bit, because people still want to go to it. Kids [pass] a carnival and want to see it," said Defreitas. "It affected the numbers a little, but, at the end of the day, it was still amazing to see all the NSU students and graduate students all collectively come together."

## NSU plants trees for Arbor Day

By Danna Bertel and  
Ellen Ely

The Annual Arbor Day Celebration returns on April 17 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Library Quad. The celebration will feature student and environmental organizations, music, painting and food. This year, the Farmer's Market will be part of the celebration.

"This is the first year that we're having the Farmer's Market, so this year it should be a lot bigger," said Naya Mondrosch, sophomore marine biology major and one of the sustainability coordinators.

Paige Ruhlman, senior environmental science major, is another sustainability coordinator. Ruhlman said a tree will be planted and



COURTESY OF PAIGE RUHLMAN  
NSU sustainability team plants a tree at the Library Quad.

NSU President George L. Hanbury II will deliver a speech.

"It's a bunch of student organizations, environmental agencies all coming together to plant a tree and talk about the sustainability efforts at NSU," Ruhlman said.

Ruhlman said this event also gives students the opportunity to learn more and share ideas about sustainability efforts.

"It's a good place if anyone has any ideas. They can talk to us so that we can try to implement it," Ruhlman said.

## FOOD

# Mobile app offers restaurants surplus food at low rates

By Ronald Martinez and  
Anam Hussain

Too Good To Go, an app released in February 2023 in South Florida, combats food waste by providing restaurants' leftover food at cheaper prices.

Jonathan Rosati, sophomore chemistry major, said that he often used the app at home in New York.

"I think it's great, I mean I paid like \$6.99, I got lard bread and a whole box of Italian pastries. I think it's a great app. They give you a bunch of stuff they're going to throw out and you don't have to let food go to waste," Rosati said.

Through the app, restaurant, bakery and grocery stores distribute their leftover food in surprise bags. Customers are not told what they will receive in exchange for

an extremely discounted price, all effort toward reducing food waste overall.

Shawn Neifeld is the founder of the Mojo Donuts, a chain of gourmet donut shops in South Florida. Neifeld partnered with Too Good to Go in April.

"I love the program. I think it's a great program. I literally don't understand why every donut shop, every cookie shop, every bake shop doesn't do it. I don't understand why they wouldn't want to do it," Neifeld said.

He explained how in order to provide a wide selection for his customers throughout the day, stores would need to make multiple trays of the same donuts. However, as business slows down around 5 p.m., many unsold trays are left and thrown out.

"That's what makes us different and that's what make us good, but the problem with that is, you want to have a nice selection for customers who come in at the end of the day," Neifeld said. "But at the same time, you got to be careful, because we just don't know how many different people are going to be coming in."

Neifeld said that from what he sees in these early stages, the app Too Good to Go can help him break even on unsold donuts.

"Am I making money with it? I don't think so, I don't know. But am I losing money or am I breaking even on certain things? I guess I am, and for that, it's good," Neifeld said. "It's either that or I'd be throwing donuts away or giving donuts away."

Other restaurants within 10 miles

of campus that use Too Good to Go are CAO Bakery & Cafe, Tehillah Garden and Just Salad Pembroke.

Students can download the app for free on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

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# NSU coral nurseries work toward reef restoration

By Alia Yiskis

Imagine being surrounded by polluted waterways, losing your home, being at risk for disease and not having the guarantee of a future generation. That's what life entails for a coral reef living in the waters of South Florida.

Chelsea Petrik, one of the on-shore coral reef nursery managers at the NSU Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center, said coral reefs can be affected by shipping through mail, temperature changes, pollutants and light levels, but especially by bacteria and disease.

"This area of the world is unlike anywhere else. In South Florida, the primary reason [for coral degradation] is coral disease. It affects the massive, bouldering corals," she said. "We find more disease in warmer temperatures since bacteria have more of a chance to spread. There's a team here that works on [disease] intervention. It totally works in some species, but it's not a one treatment fits-all. It's not easy to fix a whole reef area, you need different techniques to treat different corals."

The NSU Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center has overseen an on-shore and off-shore coral nursery since 2012. The on-shore nursery contains around 60 tanks.

Petrik said the nurseries care for, treat and aid corals through either asexual or sexual reproduction. This includes maintaining their water quality, simulating lunar/solar cycles and providing substrate for corals with the hope that they will eventually be out planted back into the natural reef system.

"[The] majority of our year is just taking care of tanks and corals. When they release progeny, we collect it and conduct assisted fertilization," she said. "They use moonlight and temperature as a cue to actually release their gametes, [and] we simulate these conditions. Once the

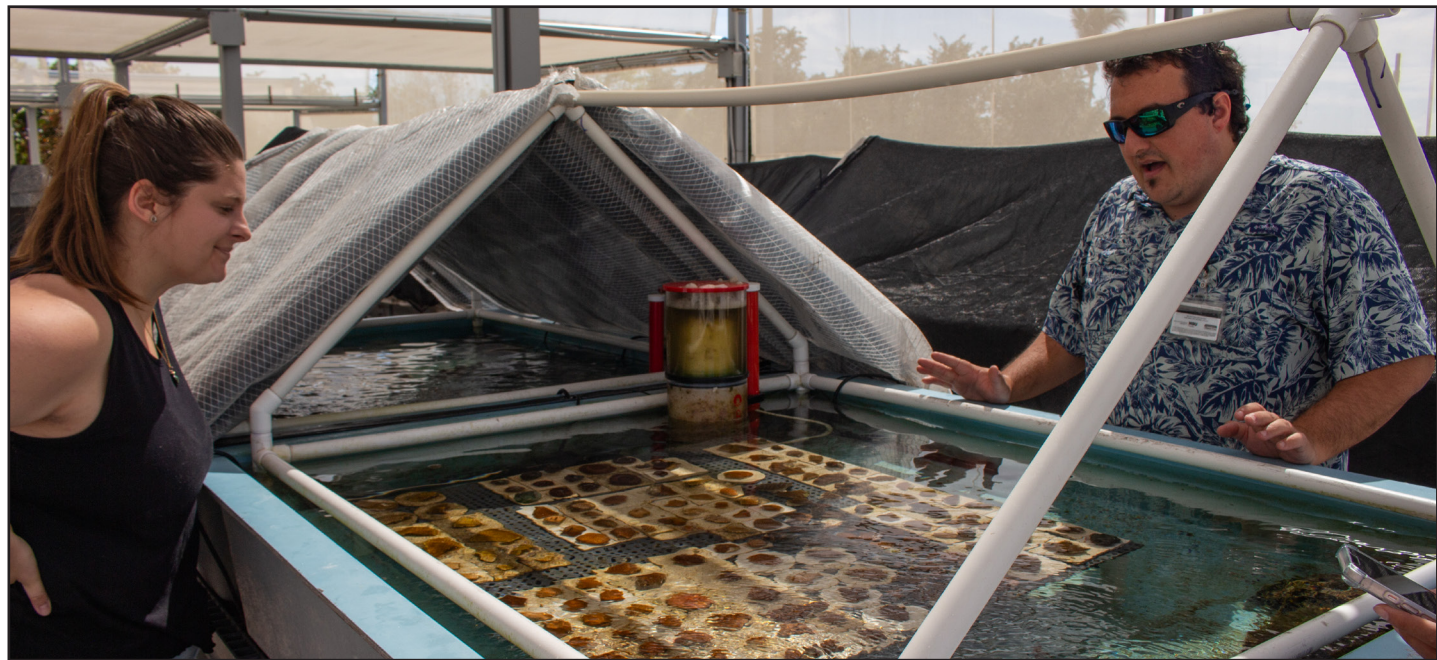


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Chelsea Petrik and Kyle Pisano, on-shore coral reef nursery managers at the NSU Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center, observe the coral nursery.

larvae are ready, that's when they look for a substrate. We provide substrates, like tiles, that have bio-film, different colors and a texture similar to a reef. We will settle the corals and then transfer them to the off-shore reef, or directly outplant them."

Petrik, who focuses mainly on the sexual reproduction of corals, hopes that by studying the entire lifespan, more can be learned about coral genetics and immunity to certain diseases.

"Us as scientists are looking for certain genotypes that are more or less susceptible to coral bleaching," she said. "We want to use their offspring for reef restoration. A robust brood stock that has traits in them that makes them resistant to heat, and pollution. [Also], how they respond to light, acidification, disease, and water quality affects the choices of which corals go into the nursery."

Corals can also reproduce asexually, by growing new coral from a piece of existing coral, known as

fragmentation.

Abigail Renegar, research scientist in the Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences, presides over half of the on-shore coral nursery and focuses mainly on the asexual reproduction of corals.

"We have coral polyps in the laboratory, and design systems that enable them to have coral spawning year-round, at multiple times per year, and we use those new coral babies to restore the reef. [It's] on-shore reproduction of corals for reef restoration," she said.

So far, the GHOC coral nursery has been instrumental in distributing healthy corals back to natural reefs.

Kyle Pisano, another on-shore coral reef nursery manager who focuses on the asexual reproduction of corals, worked on coral reef restoration after receiving corals from the Marquesas Keys, a group of islands off the coast of Key West.

"In 2019, we received a lot of corals from the Marquesas, ahead of the disease wave. We also picked

endemic corals that had survived the disease," he said. "The mortality rate was so high, we were worried that we were going to lose all the genetic diversity in South Florida."

After being housed in the nursery, Pisano said the corals could have been distributed pretty much all around the world.

Petrik said students looking to get involved in coral reef preservation have a lot of opportunities.

"The citizen's aspect of science is growing. It was very technical, but now it's more inclusive. If you're an avid scuba diver, [and] if you see signs of bleaching, you can submit that data and it gets compiled," she said. "NSU students [can] come out and volunteer, they can start learning research or aquarium skills. Whether [that means] being an extra diver or collecting samples, getting engaged with the restoration practitioners can be a huge help."

## Measles resurgence sparks concern in South Florida

By Adam Sadik and Sneha Subhash

The World Health Organization declared measles eliminated in the United States in 2000. As of March 14 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 58 measles cases in the U.S.

According to the Florida Department of Health, 11 measles cases were reported in Florida, with nine of them in Broward County.

Grace Phillips, sophomore chemistry major, is distressed by the ongoing measles outbreak.

"I have been hearing a lot of reports about this virus spreading. It confused me since I thought almost everyone gets the measles vaccine when they are a child,"

Phillips said. "I volunteer at a hospital and heard that they were dealing with a lot of patients coming in with the virus."

When a measles outbreak happened at Manatee Bay Elementary, Joseph A. Ladapo, Florida surgeon general, did not urge unvaccinated students to stay home, but deferred the choice to parents.

Ladapo wrote this "due to the high immunity rate in the community."

Aarti Raja, NSU virology professor and The Current's health desk adviser, said that the measles outbreak should be concerning due to the virus's ability to spread.

"Although measles predominantly affects or is riskier for young children, it is very contagious. It is much more contagious than any of the other viruses we were dealing

with, like influenza, the flu or even COVID-19," Raja said. "If one person has SARS, they are likely to transmit it to maybe two other people in their vicinity, but with measles it can infect up to 9 to 11 others if they are not immune or vaccinated."

There is potential for rapid spread given that the measles vaccination rate has decreased in the previous years.

"But in the last few years, we have seen a dip in the vaccination rate of the population or number of people who are getting vaccines in general," Raja said. "As a result, if you have people in the population who are not vaccinated, then they will likely get the virus. They will likely get sick as a result of getting the virus and possibly spread it."

Raja emphasized the importance of vaccinations in protecting others against the spread of the virus.

"The measles vaccine has been around for many decades, and it's one of those vaccines that research has shown to be close to 99% effective in its ability to protect the body. The problem is if someone chooses not to take the vaccine, there is always a risk of getting the virus and spreading the disease.

"People may think it is just a cold or a cough and they will get over it, and a relatively healthy individual will probably be able to fight off the virus, but the virus can be very risky when it affects very young children," Raja said.

# Senior accepted into London master's program for fine art



PHOTO BY DANNA BERTEL

Aria Tan, senior marketing major, presents her "Fish Market" artwork.

By Bryce Johnson

In September, Aria Tan, senior marketing major, will attend Goldsmiths, University of London, to study for her master's in fine art.

Alumni include artist Damien Hirst and filmmaker Steve McQueen.

The Guardian newspaper ranks Goldsmiths as the No. 4 university in the United Kingdom for fine art.

"They're a very highly ranked and very competitive school to get into, so I'm very much looking forward to going," Tan said. "Kandy Lopez-Moreno, program director of the Art + Design program in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts, was mentoring me and helping me choose which

school to apply to."

Lopez had Tan as a student in Painting II last semester.

"She is a very technically advanced artist, but I do think that a lot of it has been self-taught," Lopez said. "Trying to connect where you fit in the art world is a challenge, especially as a minority female passing for white. I think she's going to get challenges with that, especially in London. But that might push her work into a different direction, which I'm excited to see."

Kayle Medredos, junior biology major, took Painting II with Tan.

"I've always noticed how intricate and detailed her paintings were," Medredos said. "You can see how much love she puts into her paintings."

For the senior exhibition, Tan showcased selected work from her "Fish Market" collection. One of her favorite oil paintings from it is "Sardines."

"I just really loved how it was such a comprehensive and intimate medium for storytelling," Tan said. "My artistic motivation is to tell stories that are both relatable and accessible to everyone. So with painting, I don't have to worry about language barriers. I don't have to worry about physical, logistical barriers."

Gabriella Neves, senior Art + Design major, also had art featured in the senior exhibition. Neves remembers seeing Tan's work on display.

"I was just amazed by it. And I remember the minute she left the gallery, I went to go peek at it because I was just astonished. It's like a massive market stand," Neves said. "She's very thoughtful. She's a very warm person and incredibly helpful for this art program, and she always volunteers and provides really constructive feedback for all of us."

Born in Texas, Tan has lived in the Malaysian state Penang, San Francisco and Maine. She originally came to NSU for marine biology, changing courses when she realized she wanted to take a more creative direction.

"I started taking painting classes

and then I realized I really, really liked it, and I found out I was very good at it," Tan said. "I love that the kind of learning and teaching is curated per individual as well as grading. It's not as black and white as STEM is, and there's so much room for growth and experimentation within that kind of classroom."

For her future work, Tan would like to create art in a style similar to Kehinde Wiley, an African American artist who paints Black people in traditional Renaissance paintings. Ultimately, her career goal is to teach undergraduate art.

"I think that being in an artistic and academic environment is not only good for myself and my development as an artist, but it's also good for the students around me. It's a great opportunity to continuously receive and provide criticism on artwork, which I think is essential to being a successful artist," Tan said.

Lopez is excited for Tan to be an art teacher and hopes for her success at Goldsmiths.

"Anytime she was in class when we were doing critiques, she was the one I was more excited to hear feedback from regarding other students' works," Lopez said. "I think that she has been the most focused student I've had, because it clicked for her."

## NSU University School collaborates with nonprofit art organization

By Danna Bertel and Kayla McGee

Nonprofit organization Washed Ashore, which creates art out of ocean plastic, brought 11 sculptures to the University School campus, marking the first time Washed Ashore has collaborated with an educational institution.

Washed Ashore is an Oregon-based nonprofit organization that creates art to educate people about ocean plastic pollution. This organization has exhibited its sculptures in notable venues, such as the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, "The Kelly Clarkson Show" and botanical gardens across the United States.

Jaimie Crawford, director of the Upper School at the University School, is excited about the collaboration.

"Washed Ashore has been at national museums and different government organizations, but it's the first time that this tremendous art installation has been at a school," Crawford said. "We're actually hoping that maybe we can keep one of the art pieces to be here, possibly Sylvia the Shark, and we would be home to one unique piece of art installation."

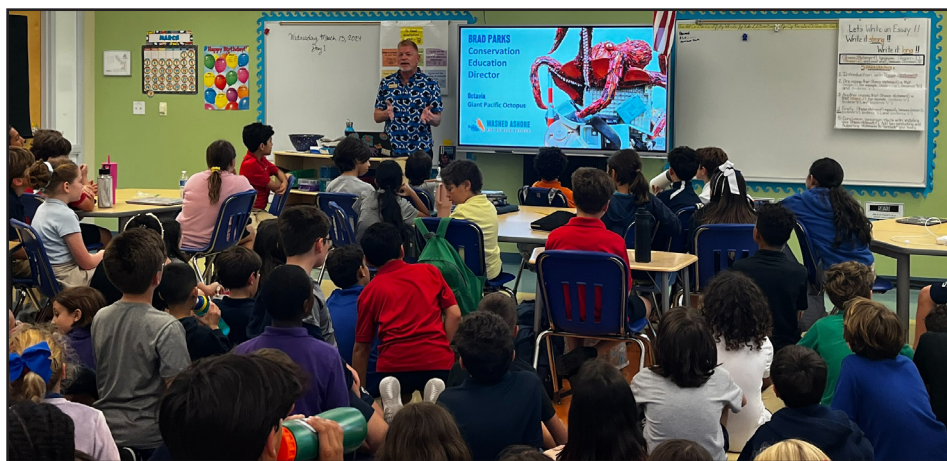
Brad Parks, conservation education director of Washed Ashore, said

the collaboration with NSU University School was made possible by a parent's donation.

"We were brought to the University School by a parent who visited our gallery in Bandon, Ore. He saw our art and really wanted to bring this exhibit down to the students here at the University School," Parks said. "So it was really through one person who felt inspired and wanted to make a change and wanted to see an impact by bringing it to the university."

The art sculptures brought in from Washed Ashore are made out of plastic materials that are disposed of in the marine environment. Its key art piece is Sylvia the Silvertip Shark. This sculpture was made out of a lotion bottle top, knife handle, toy truck wheel as well as other plastic materials. The art pieces were brought to help the students understand the importance of sustainability and its effect on the environment.

"Thinking forward, we need to look at how do we stop putting plastic in the ocean and getting it in there as pollution and that's really where Washed Ashore comes into the picture. That means we're taking things out of the environment and using them again in a different way," Parks said. "For us, it is about really helping people consider how to live sustainably, how to use



COURTESY OF STACEY GONZALEZ

Brad Parks, conservation education director of Washed Ashore, speaks to fourth-grade students at NSU University School.

plastic or better ways to avoid plastic and find solutions and alternatives to it. So that's what we're really trying to help the students think about in their own lives."

This exhibition was part of the Colen Family Summit on Human Dignity, a project the NSU University School runs every two years with a different theme. This year's theme is sustainability.

"We know that global warming and climate change is a huge topic, and we want to positively impact students' habits in all four divisions in preschool, lower school, middle school and upper school, so that they can come out of this year and

this week knowing more and how to really preserve our Earth in the best way possible," Crawford said.

With the theme of sustainability, the summit offered students at the University School exposure to a variety of activities from March 11 to 15, such as a campus clean-up and making utensils out of Potato Plastic. Students also had the opportunity to attend off-campus activities and guest presentations, including one by Parks.

The art sculptures from Washed Ashore were exhibited from Jan 1 to March 25.

MUSIC

# Keeping in tune with Mako Radio

By Weston Clark

### Sound of the Station

This week on Mako Radio, Faye Webster secures the No. 1 spot once again on our charts. Webster's music falls under the Indie-pop genre, making it a perfect fit for enthusiasts of the style. With an impressive 7.3 million monthly listeners on Spotify, Faye's popularity is skyrocketing. If you're a fan of indie-pop, be sure to give Webster a listen.

Returning to the No. 2 spot this week is artist Ronnie Stone, delivering captivating '80s-style pop vibes to your radio. A standout track from Ronnie is "Riding In The Rain," showcasing his mastery of synth and beats reminiscent of the era.

For more indie/pop recommendations this week, check out Declan McKenna, Omni, Ducks Ltd, Tomato Flower, Maggie Rogers and MGMT. These artists offer different options for fans of the genre. Tune in to 88.5 FM Mako Radio to discover and enjoy these exciting new artists.

By Daja Long and Luqman Gbenro

### What's new with Mako Radio

Mako Radio is going to have a second remote DJ event with Lime on April 6. This time, our DJs will be gathering at Lime Fresh Mexican Grill on University Drive in Plantation. Mako Radio's DJs will be spinning tunes from 6-10 pm.

Come and enjoy a fantastic blend of music, delicious food, and great company.

### Off the Record

The next episode of Off The Record will celebrate Women's History Month, paying a powerful tribute to the remarkable achievements and contributions of women throughout history. Off The Record can be heard on Friday, April 5 from noon-1 p.m.

### In the Know

Tune in on Thursday, April 16 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. to catch In The Know with DJs Faith and Digital for engaging conversations exploring social issues and the potential for positive change through personal growth.

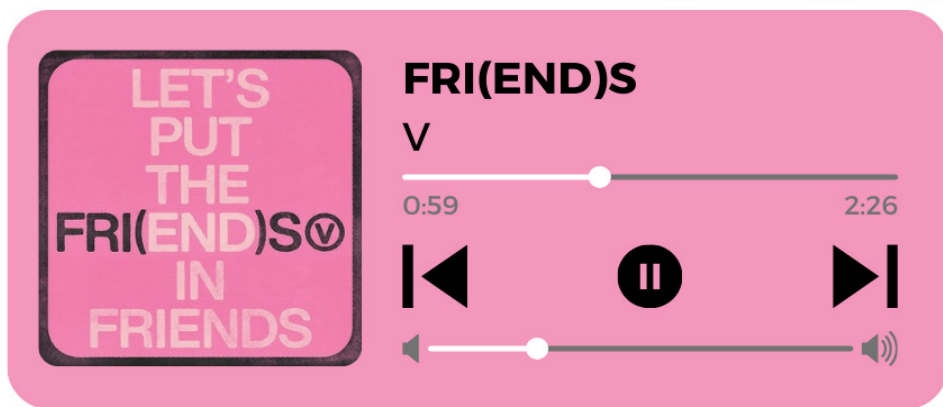
### The B-Side

The next episode of The B-Side will explore the history of blues music and how it set the foundation for many different subgenres of music that are heard on Mako Radio today. Listen to the next B-Side on April 12 from noon to 1 pm.

### That's News to Us

The latest episode of That's News To Us features Andrea Nevins, dean of the Farquahar Honors College, as well as students in the Farquahar Honors College. That's News To Us can be heard on Spotify. The next episode is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23.

## Sirena's Aux



By Alex Hernández

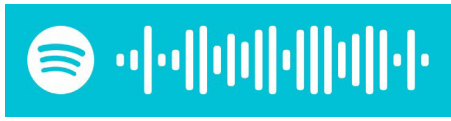
As the station manager of Mako Radio, I'm thrilled to introduce BTS' V's latest single, "FRI(END)S," which heralds a new era for the talented alum as he ventures into experimenting with a unique and soulful sound. This track is a must-listen for anyone interested in experiencing music that pushes boundaries and delves deep into uncharted emotional territory.

"FRI(END)S" explores the complex dynamics of developing feelings for a friend, delving into the unfamiliar and sometimes

uncomfortable territory that accompanies such experiences.

This song not only showcases V's growth and versatility as an artist but also offers listeners a poignant and relatable narrative that resonates on a personal level. Listen to this song on Mako Radio as we immerse ourselves in the emotional journey of "FRI(END)S" and appreciate the artistry behind V's exploration of these intricate themes.

Listen to V's new single here:



## DJ Spotlight

By Daja Long and Luqman Gbenro

Welcome to the DJ spotlight. A series of stories dedicated to highlighting the people who shape Mako Radio's sound and keep college radio cool.

For the first spotlight in the series, it only felt right to focus on the beating heart of Mako Radio; Alex Hernández. Hernández, or DJ Sirena as listeners know her, is the station manager at Mako Radio. It's her responsibility to oversee the day-to-day operations and ensure that the station's output maintains a high bar of quality." Under her leadership, the station has evolved quite a bit.

"The station has grown in a multitude of ways, but I think the most prominent and obvious for me is that it's become more groundbreaking," Hernández said. "The music that we play is very obscure, very underground. We are not afraid to break boundaries. I tried to bring people who don't speak English and people [who come] from other cultures, and highlight [them] through the music."

Sharks Grotto is Hernández's DJ show and contribution to the station's eclectic sound. Listeners tune in every week to explore artists from every shore.

"My sound is international music. I play music in other languages that mix genres," Hernández said. "My station identity

is mermaid-themed. Everything is underwater. I try to keep [the music] in the international waters."

Hernández's work doesn't stop when her show ends. She manages the station's relationship with artists, often inviting them to the station to discuss their work.

A few interviews stand out among the many she's done.

"Two of my favorite artist interviews are the interview with Hariz. He played a live music set and that was incredible. It was very similar to NPR tiny desk. Another one we got [was an] interview with this artist named Dayglow. It was the week before he went on to sing at Jimmy, Jimmy Fallon So that was really incredible," Hernández said.

She credits the station's success to the "incredible team" at Mako Radio. She cites the team's hard work as the reason they receive so many opportunities.



PHOTO BY BRIELLE AGUAYO  
Alex Hernández is the station manager of Mako Radio 88.5 FM.

**Monday**  
Noon-1 p.m. - DJ RAY: 90s-2000s Rock  
6-8 p.m. - DJ MYSTICMELODY: Indie  
8-10 p.m. - DJ SHORTY: K-pop

**Tuesday**  
12:30-1:30 p.m. - DJ SIRENA: International  
6-8 p.m. - DJ BLOSSOM: Soca  
8-10 p.m. - DJ LYRIC: Pop

**Wednesday**  
6-8 p.m. - DJ ANT: Indie,  
DJ MYSTICMELODY: Indie  
8-10 p.m. - DJ RAY: 90s-2000s Rock

**Thursday**  
12:30-1:30 p.m. - In the Know (Week A), DJ VENUS: Jazz/Soul (Week B)  
6-8 p.m. - DJ NEPTUNE: Indie/Pop, DJ VENUS: Jazz/Soul  
8-10 p.m. - DJ MR. E: Alternative Rock/Pop

**Friday**  
Noon-1 p.m. - Off the Record (Week A), The B-Side (Week B)  
6-8 p.m. - DJ ONYX: Alternative  
8-10 p.m. - DJ FAITH: Country-Folk/Blues

## MAKO RADIO DJ SCHEDULE

Want to know Mako Media staff's favorite songs to spring clean to?



## FROM THE FRONT

## SWIMMING

While the Sharks started off this season strong with a victory in the 800 Freestyle Relay on opening night, they faced many challenges as the season progressed.

"We had two Israelis on the roster and they have lots of friends and family who are on the front lines at the War in Gaza," Hewitt said. "There were some losses on our team and that's hard to overcome."

Despite the circumstances, the team came together and pushed through the difficult times.

"This whole team faced a lot of challenges that were not expected and it was something that made everyone come together a lot more," Trieschmann said.

Esparza shared the bond that the team built to stay positive throughout the season.

"We talk about our goals which has helped us grow not just as teammates but we've become friends and family and got really close to each other," Esparza said. "They had my back no matter what happened."

Hewitt is proud of the way his team came together and persevered.

"They are very supportive and emphatic of one another and have a support system in place on their team," Hewitt said. "I'm truly proud of the response they had in every one of those situations."

The Sharks also earned eight individual NCAA national championships.

For Trieschmann, this marked her last season as a NSU swimmer. As she prepares to graduate, Trieschmann encourages her fellow student athletes to keep practicing.

"Never stay content, you can always do better, and there can always be more," Trieschmann said. "All the hard work that you put in will pay off in the end."



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS

NSU Director of Athletics Michael Mominey hands Emily Trieschmann, junior property management and real estate major, her award for the 500-yard freestyle at the winner's podium.

## 2023-2024 women's swimming individual NCAA national championships



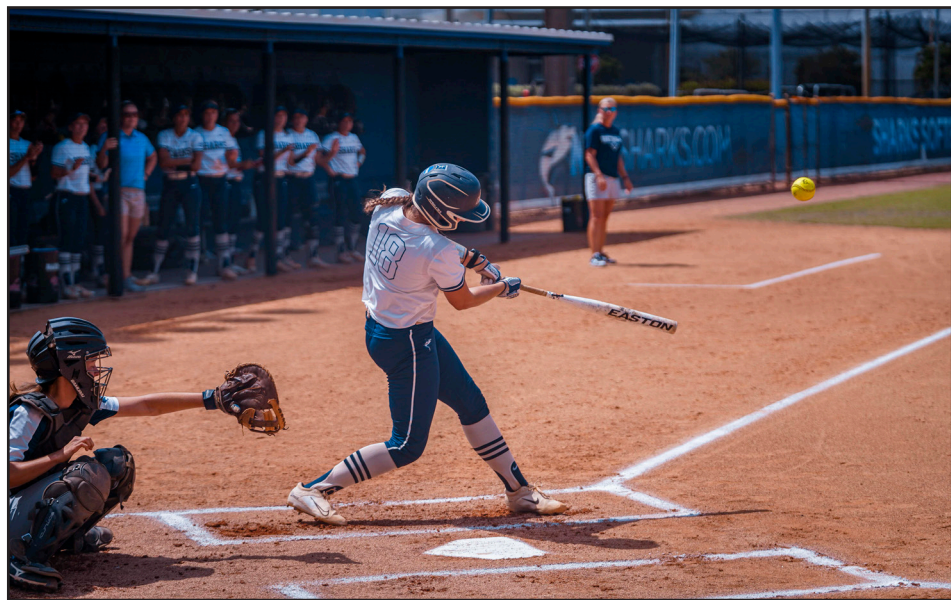
**Emily Trieschmann**  
800 Freestyle Relay, 1000 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, 1650 Freestyle

**May Lowy**  
800 Freestyle Relay

**Emilia Ronningdal**  
800 Freestyle Relay

**Rafaela Raurich**  
800 Freestyle Relay, 100 Butterfly, 200 Butterfly

## Analytics at NSU: The science behind sports



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS

NSU senior Madison Fine collected three hits and an RBI in the Sharks' win over Palm Beach Atlantic.

By Bella Giaquinto and Josh Leatherman

Julie LeMaire, NSU head softball coach, uses analytics to evaluate data for pitching and hitting.

"The majority of the information is used for the coaching staff to track progression throughout the year and the athlete's careers, but we also like to compare and contrast former, current and new athlete data to project data improvements and benchmarks," LeMaire said.

LeMaire is one of the many coaches at NSU who has used statistics and analytics, a popular and growing trend used in the sports industry. Both professional and collegiate teams are using analytics to enhance player performance and collect and use data for increased on-field performance.

LeMaire and her team use a variety of data tools, such as Rapsodo

Hitting 2.0, Rapsodo Pitching 2.0, Diamond Kinetics, Blast Motion, 6-4-3 Charts and Team Situational Stats. She highlights how each data tool is used for a different reason and a lot can be learned through studying analytics.

"6-4-3 Charts is the only tool we use to evaluate our hitters in game performance the same as our opponents'," LeMaire said. "It gives us information such as pitches per plate appearance, whether a hitter takes the first strike or swings at it, or how a hitter performs with runners in scoring position."

Kacie Ehinger, NSU head volleyball coach, uses analytics for injury prevention.

"We primarily use these in practice to keep our players healthy, as we can see how many times a player jumped during practice, then if we have a long match during the week-end, we can tone down practice to avoid overuse," Ehinger said.

The volleyball team uses the wearable device Vert, allowing them to track how many times their players are jumping, touching and how much energy they utilize during practices. To measure her team's success, Ehinger places emphasis on tracking hitting percentage.

"Hitting percentage is big for us, we always look at efficiency numbers," Ehinger said. "We also look at points scored, specifically the points that we put up, not the other team's errors."

Joey Marino, NSU head men's golf coach, acknowledges the importance of analytics and how they provide coaches with a different lens to view their athletes.

"You think you see every shot, but you don't," Marino said. "It gives you a good idea of how someone is playing, what their tendencies are and what to work on to get better."

The golf team uses tools such as Trackman, Smash Factor, and Decade Golf Statistics, which help athletes in swing analysis, driving statics, pro shot statistics, putting, strokes gained and sheds insights on how players are improving.

"Players have a Trackman profile where they are able to see their statistics and I also have an in-depth dashboard that I occasionally meet with them to go over," Marino said. "It gives me a chance to give them specific practice drills that they can use to improve those individual areas."

While athletes are using the Trackman profile to improve their skills, they are also using it as a way to market themselves to scouts and professional teams.

"A lot of student athletes that are trying to play college golf add their Trackman profile into what

they send coaches," Marino said. "Their whole dashboard shows how much they are spending on their driver, how far it's going, and swing analysis."

To prevent injuries, the golf team uses Titleist Performance Institute testing by partnering with Pradeep Vanguri, associate professor of Health and Human Performance at NSU. Vanguri has done more than three years of TPI work with the men's and women's golf team.

"Pradeep does his own research and has a passion for injury prevention in golf, so the fact that we have somebody who is willing to do that for us on campus is unique," Marino said. "We're helping him with his research and he's helping us."

While the use of analytics has many benefits, there are risks to becoming "too data driven," according to LeMaire.

"We do a good job of monitoring what we share with the girls because I feel too much information for them can also be harmful for the athlete," LeMaire said. "However, we utilize data on the coaching side to prepare our scouting approach for our upcoming opponents."

LeMaire is developing a healthy way to balance the use of analytics while also remaining in collaboration with her players.

"I believe the ideal combination in personal touch and data comes down to being able to compare and contrast the numbers with what we see and know visually," LeMaire said. "Knowing what your players are capable of and playing to their strengths or to protect their weaknesses are just as important as the information you may pull from a team's analytics."

# Shark competes at Concacaf Women's Gold Cup

By Isabella Fernandez De Cueto and Abraham Velasquez

Isabel Martinez, senior business management major and women's soccer player, represented Puerto Rico at the 2024 Concacaf Women's Gold Cup from Feb. 17-28.

Despite being born and raised in South Florida, Martinez has no trouble feeling connected to her Puerto Rican roots.

"My whole family is Puerto Rican, and we are always actively participating in our culture, whether we're here in South Florida or visiting Puerto Rico," Martinez said.

Martinez began her soccer journey at 7 years old, and instantly connected with the sport.

"My parents put me in a lot of different sports when I was younger, and soccer was the only one I actually liked and was good at," Martinez said.

The South Florida native worked her way up through travel soccer, eventually playing high school soccer at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale. Martinez was a standout player, earning two All-County first team appearances and Defensive MVP. Upon graduation, she realized she wanted to continue her soccer career in her home state.

"I love Florida, so I knew I didn't

want to leave," Martinez said. "My coach for my club soccer team was the assistant coach for NSU at the time, so it was the best option for me."

Martinez became a consistent defensive starter during her sophomore year and earned her place as captain during her senior year.

"She is such a special and reliable player, but also a great leader, which makes her very important to our team," said NSU head women's soccer coach Amy Vaughan.

Martinez's first experience with the Puerto Rico team came in the summer of 2017 while trying out for the U15 (under 15-years-old) team. Martinez earned a position on the team but was unable to compete due to an ankle injury.

During the summer of 2023, Martinez was selected by the Puerto Rico National Team to attend a training camp. Throughout her time training, Martinez played friendly matches against Mexico and Dominican Republic.

Martinez was then selected by the national team in September to play in the Road to Gold Cup, making it her first appearance in a national tournament.

"Being able to play my first games for Puerto Rico was an honor for me, and I was so happy and excited," Martinez said.

Only six months later, Martinez went to compete in the 2024 Concacaf Women's Gold Cup held in Southern California. Before the tournament began, six teams had to compete for the remaining three spots in the tournament.

"We had to play against Haiti to qualify for the Gold Cup, and they were ranked way higher than us, so I didn't know what to expect. Luckily, we beat them and got to make history by being the first Puerto Rico team to make it to the group stages of the Gold Cup, which was incredible," Martinez said.

Puerto Rico was part of Group B, which consisted of Brazil, Panama and Colombia. They finished their group in 3rd place with 1 win and 2 losses. Their qualification to the next round came down to the fifth tiebreaker, a coin flip, which they lost. Martinez did not let this unlucky result take away from her and the team's accomplishments.

"I had no idea what to expect going into the tournament, but the experience was unreal. I was able to play in all three games, which was such an honor," Martinez said.

Her connection to her Puerto Rican heritage lets her feel great pride for having represented her country at the highest level.

"Wearing the flag on my chest and singing the National Anthem



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS

Isabel Martinez, senior business management major and women's soccer player, represents Puerto Rico at the 2024 Concacaf Women's Gold Cup.

knowing I'm representing myself, my family and my country felt amazing. It was such an honor and is so important to me," Martinez said.

Martinez will return to the NSU women's soccer team for her final year in the 2024-2025 season and aspires to have a professional soccer career.

"I have no doubt that she could play at a higher level in the professional leagues," Vaughan said. "She's a phenomenal athlete, and we're looking forward to seeing what she can do next."

## Sports shorts

By Joshua Leatherman

### Women's softball – March 24

The NSU softball team split a non-conference doubleheader at Valdosta State University with a 12-0 five-inning win coming in the first game and a 7-6 loss in the second. In the win Alyssa Drogemuller in the circle (5 inn. 0 runs, 4 SO) and at the plate (2-4, 2B, 3 RBIs) continued her dominant season. Alexis Smith (3-5, 2 HRs, 5 RBIs, 2 SBs / First career multi-HR game) powered the offense with her career day.

### NACDA Athletics Director of the Year Award – March 21

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics has named Michael Mominey, director of Athletics and Associate Vice President for Advancement, as the recipient of the NACDA Athletics Director of the Year Award.

### Women's tennis – March 20

The second-ranked NSU women's tennis team re-entered Sunshine State Conference play with a 6-1 win over Rollins College. The Sharks now hold a 12-2 overall record, 4-1 in the SSC, and seven consecutive wins.

### Women's swimming – March 20

The College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America

announced its NCAA Women's Division II award winners and All-Americans for the 2023-24 season. Following her five NCAA National Titles victories, Emily Trieschmann was crowned the CSCAA Swimmer of the Year for the second consecutive year.

### Men's basketball – March 19

The top-ranked NSU men's basketball team is heading back to the Elite Eight in Evansville, Indiana after winning the South Region Championship for the fourth consecutive season. Winning the final game in the Rick Case Arena of the season to extend the home winning streak to 64 in a row, this time over Florida Southern College 98-66. MJ Iraldi (15 points, 6 rebounds), Shane Hunter (14 points, 5 rebounds, 5 blocks), and Trey Doomes (19 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals) were the top Sharks in the championship winning effort. Hunter was named the South Region Tournament MVP and to the All-Tournament team with teammate MJ Iraldi.

### Women's golf – March 19

The second-ranked NSU women's golf team placed second in the Buccaneer Invitational (+25). The Sharks were led by Mei Chan (5th +3).

### Men's golf – March 19

The #18 ranked NSU men's golf team wrapped up play in the Bobcat

Invitational placing fifth (+24). Will McGhie led the Sharks (T-6th +2).

### Women's basketball – March 18

The #25 ranked NSU women's basketball season has come to an end as the Sharks fell to the University of Tampa 63-56 in the South Region Championship. Nicole Scales (16 points), Morgan Kane (12), Kailyn Terrell (11) and Aubrey Stupp (10) all scored in double figures.

### Men's basketball – March 17

The top-ranked NSU men's basketball team knocked off their conference rival, the Benedict Tigers, 81-73. MJ Iraldi (22 points, 6 rebounds) Ike Fuller (14 points) and Trey Doomes (10 points, 3 steals, 2 blocks) led the Sharks as they advanced to the South Region Championship game.

### Women's softball – March 17

The NSU softball team secured the SSC series win, bouncing back against Palm Beach Atlantic with a 6-1 final. Alyssa Drogemuller (7 inn. 4 SOs) picked up her 10th winning decision of the season in the circle, while also adding 3 hits at the plate.

### Women's swimming – March 17

The third-ranked NSU women's swimming team has secured back-to-back national championships

under head coach Ben Hewitt. The Sharks never moved out of first place following their win in the 800 Freestyle Relay. Emily Trieschmann dominated the competition bringing in national titles in the 800 Freestyle Relay, 1000 Freestyle (set the NCAA record 9:38.98), 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle and 1650 Freestyle. The Sharks women's team brought home seven individual titles, with May Lowy (800 Freestyle Relay), Rafaela Raurich (800 Freestyle Relay, 100 Butterfly, 200 Butterfly) and Emilia Ronningdal (800 Freestyle Relay) accompanying Trieschmann as national champions. The women's team had 12 NCAA All-American selections – Estelle Bauer, Maya Esparza, Maria Goncalves, May Lowy, Hannah Montgomery, Mollie Morfelt, Ilaria Marina, Rafaela Raurich, Emilia Ronningdal, Neta Shiff, Emily Trieschmann and Hailey Williams. Emily Trieschmann was named the CSCAA Swimmer of the Year for the second consecutive year.

### Men's swimming – March 17

The NSU men's swimming team saw Marcel Snitko take home the national championship in the 200 Freestyle. The men's team also had seven swimmers named as All-Americans: Luca Alessandrini, Thomas Flower, Gustav Henriksen, Inigo Marina, Keith Peristeridis, Mateus Ribeiro and Marcel Snitko.

# Attention all graduating seniors!



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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## MARCH APRIL

THURSDAY  
**28**

**Med-Ed Bake Sale**  
Noon - Don Taft University Center Spine

**CFC Thrift Event**  
Noon - UC Shark Circle

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
7 p.m. - 3650 Colonial Court, Ft. Myers, FL

FRIDAY  
**29**

**Pot Painting Event**  
**Green Sharks Sustainability**  
Noon - Carl DeSantis Building, Room 2072

**Voting closes for USGA elections**  
Noon - Sharkhub

**Elections Results Release Social**  
Noon - Flight Deck, Main Dining Room

**Karaoke/Game Night**  
6 p.m. - Carl DeSantis Building, Room 1052

**DIY Slime Making**  
6 p.m. - Carl DeSantis Building, Room 3031

**MSO Movie Night**  
6 p.m. - Carl DeSantis Building, Room 1133

**All Women Everything**  
**International Women's Day Gala**  
6 p.m. - Carl DeSantis Building, Room 3000

SATURDAY  
**30**

**Juanes Concert**  
8 p.m. - Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood

MONDAY  
**1**

**GirlUp: Period Kit Packing Event**  
8:30 p.m. - Carl DeSantis Building, Room 2101

TUESDAY  
**2**

**Open Dialogues: Gen QueerZ**  
5 p.m. - The Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center

**Movie Day and Premiere+Discussion "Open Dialogues: Gen QueerZ"**  
6 p.m. - The Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center

TUESDAY  
**4**

**Cultural Expressions Day**  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - HPD Assembly Building, Room 2108 Auditorium B

FRIDAY  
**5**

**Tortuga Music Festival 2024**  
2 p.m. - Tortuga, 1100 Seabreeze Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**To My White Friends Who Know Me**  
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. - The Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center

TUESDAY  
**6**

**Service Day and Walk**  
7:30 a.m. - Charnow Park 300 Connecticut St. Hollywood, FL 33019

FRIDAY  
**11**

**Street Art Regatta**  
5:30 p.m. - Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

**The Zombies**  
7:30 p.m. - Culture Room

**Los Lonely Boys Live in Concert**  
8 p.m. - Lillian S. Wells Hall at The Parker

### THE CURRENT'S COMICS



BY NICOLE GOMEZ



# GAMES

## WORD SEARCH

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## MATH CORNER

## TIC TAC TOE

### Directions and Rules:

Please send your answer (no need to send any additional scratch work or justification) to Dr. Jason Gershman, chair of the Department of Mathematics, at [jgershma@nova.edu](mailto:jgershma@nova.edu) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. The correct answer to this question will appear in the next issue of The Current.

All members of the NSU community are invited to submit their answer and participate. Every member of the NSU community who submits at least one answer during the 2023-2024 school year will be invited to attend a celebration in April as part of Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month.

The undergraduate student who submits the most correct answers during the contest year will receive the grand prize of a \$50 gift card courtesy of the Department of Mathematics. If, at the end of the contest year, multiple students are tied for the contest champion, a tiebreaker question to determine the grand prize winner will take place where the fastest person to answer correctly wins the grand prize.

**Question:** April is Math and Statistics Awareness Month (nationwide and at NSU) so please answer this four-part question. A: The late Stanley Cohen, professor of medicine at NSU, spent many hours as a student at Rutgers University as chauffeur for Nobel Prize winning Princeton University physicist/mathematician. B: In 1996, NSU brought this engineer/mathematician, the first black woman to travel into space, in for a distinguished speaker lecture. C: In 2012, NSU's Farquhar College brought this physicist/mathematician campus to talk about his recent book, The Hidden Reality. D: Prior to his death in 1984, this pioneer of statistical survey sampling techniques and inventor of a public opinion poll which bears his name, gave a lecture at Nova University.

Answer to the question in the prior issue: One-Half to the Power of 63 which is approximately 1 in 9.2 quintillion

