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## PICKUP OR DELIVERY?

Destiny Ricks

### CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new delivery app, developed by a Barry alumnus, may give the new GET mobile app-enabled express food pick-up service direct competition for Barry student usage.

2Go Campus Delivery is an online and mobile app that was developed by Yoseph Assefa, who graduated in 2016 with degrees in public relations and finance.

His app—which he developed in 2015—allows Barry students, faculty and staff to order food for delivery from all Barry University dining locations (outside of the Rousell Dining Hall) such as Bucky's Cove, Subway and Chick-N-Grill.

Anyone on campus can order food to be delivered to their residence hall or another location on campus such as Thompson Hall,

O'Laughlin Hall or Landon Student Union until the last restaurant closes at 10 p.m.

"I can see how it would be really convenient. Seems kind of lazy, but I would use it, most likely," said senior Kirrin Tubo.

Assefa already has plans to expand to local restaurants such as Mama Jennie's and, once

Barry adds more food locations on campus, he hopes to add those locations to the app, too.

He also said that he is adding several other colleges to his app and a federal work-study program by January 2018. Currently, updates are being made to improve the app's functionality.

Meanwhile, Barry University has already begun to use other technology for food pickup services.

Last spring, Barry introduced the GET mobile app developed by The CBORD Group so students and faculty can add funds to their Buc Card, view their transaction history, and order food in advance for pickup. Subway is currently the only pickup location offered on the app.

So, which app will be more successful with Barry students?

Restolabs, an analytic tracking company for restaurant orders, reported in 2014 that 70 percent of online orders were for delivery and that 30 percent were for pickup. Yet, for cafes and bakeries, pickup orders account for 80 percent of the orders.

That may mean that the Starbucks location in Thompson may not receive the same traffic from the 2Go app as would the adjacent

Subway.

And while Tubo claims it seems lazy, studies have shown that young adults in America are avid users of delivery services at restaurants.

In 2016, Nation's Restaurant News reported that 26 percent of Americans order takeout or delivery at least once a week and, according to Restaurant Business, 67 percent of millennials prefer delivery because of the speed of service.

But which app are Barry students more likely to use? A delivery app that delivers to multiple locations on campus using credit or debit card, or a pickup app that services Subway, yet with which students can use their dining dollars?

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# DACA ARE DREAMS COMING TO AN END?

Swany Fernandez & Kahelia Smellie  
STAFF WRITERS

President Donald Trump announced the end of DACA on Sept. 4, leaving approximately 800,000 undocumented immigrants in the United States in limbo.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was first enacted in 2012 through an executive order made by President Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama.

Those who were eligible to apply for DACA were granted access to legal driver's licenses, work permits, health insurance, the opportunity to establish credit and other rights.

According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the criteria for eligibility includes some of the following: must have been under 31 years of age as of June 15, 2012, must have arrived in the U.S. while under the age of 16, must have continuously resided in the U.S. from June 15, 2007 to the present, and must have graduated from a private or public high school, secondary school, or have obtained a GED or must have been enrolled in school, or had been an honorably discharged veteran from the Coast Guard or Armed Forces.

The majority of DACA recipients are from Mexico, accounting for approved applications of roughly 1.2 million. El Salvador comes in second and Guatemala, third. "[DACA] helped me become independent," said Cristal, a Guatemalan Dreamer who was brought to the U.S. by her mother when she was 4 years old in 1999 and now lives in Houston, Texas.

"It has encouraged me to strive for more and become a better person for myself."

Presently, Cristal works in a retail store and has plans to become a surgical technician yet fears her status might interrupt her college education due to DACA's sudden end. Subsequently, she has postponed her enrollment in college.

Before DACA, Cristal said that she always felt different from her peers because of her secret of being undocumented. She said her friends never alienated her but, since gaining the benefits that came with DACA, she finally found a sense of normalcy and was on par to contributing like the rest of her peers.

Now, President Trump has given Congress

six months to find a solution for these Dreamers hanging in the balance.

"Now, we're just in limbo," said Cristal. "Six months to act doesn't seem like enough time to give them to discuss and legalize a new amnesty for us."

President Trump's decision to end DACA may not be a surprise to either his supporters

or to his opposition.

Whilst campaigning in the 2016 general election, Trump ran on "putting American citizens first."

This slogan appealed to his sup-

porters who wanted stronger immigration laws and more secure borders.

According to Daniel Bush's article, "Trump's Decision to End DACA Explained" on the PBS News Hour, states such as West Virginia, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas "threatened to sue the Trump administration unless it took steps by Sept. 5 to end the program."

Currently, the Department of Homeland Security has stopped accepting applications for DACA, leaving the 800,000 individuals vul-

nerable to deportation until Congress decides otherwise by March 2018.

Whilst the decision to end the program receives praise from some Trump supporters, Democrats and moderate Republicans have disagreed with the repeal.

Republican Senators Orrin Hatch of Utah, Thom Tillis of North Carolina and James Lankford of Oklahoma have all backed the bill called SUCCEED -- "Solution for Undocumented Children through Careers, Employment, Education and Defending Our Nation."

"These are young people who are in limbo. It's not fair to them," Hatch said. "Many of them have proven themselves as decent, honorable people who would make great citizens in this country. We're providing a means whereby they could get there."

While DACA recipients who were eligible to apply for a renewal of their status must have done so by Oct. 5, Senators, schools and other supporters of the Dreamers came to the aid of these recipients.

For example, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo (D) announced Sept. 19 that the state would pay the renewal fees of their approximately 3000 individuals. This \$495 fee permitted individuals to apply for a two-year extension of their DACA status.

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# IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE STORM

Swany Fernandez & Paris Razor  
STAFF WRITERS

For many Barry students, heading home at the end of the semester is pure relief. Finally, the stress of the semester is over. No more long nights staying up and studying for a test or doing homework—now you can rest. But, for some, going home won't be that simple. Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico have made it almost impossible for some Barry students to return home.

Senior communication major Genesis Castillo was one of the 3.4 million people affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico.

She is originally from Cataño, Puerto Rico, which neighbors the city of San Juan.

Castillo and her mother initially feared they would lose their home during Irma because of their proximity to the coast but Irma narrowly missed the coast last minute. However, when Hurricane Maria landed, they were not so lucky.

"It was complete chaos," said Castillo. "We lost everything."

Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico as a category four storm in the early morning of Sept. 20 with wind speeds of 155 mph, according to NPR.

Castillo went four days without talking to her family in Puerto Rico and not knowing the condition of her home. Then, finally, she made contact with her mother that Friday to hear the devastating news.

"Where am I going to go after my Christmas break?" said Castillo. "Because I'm in fall now playing volleyball but, then after that, where am I going to go?"

Barry's Office of Mission Engagement held a Disaster Relief Dialogue on Sept. 26, which aimed to provide an opportunity for the campus community to share their ideas on how the university should respond.

Some students wanted the opportunity to voice their needs and share

their experiences related to Hurricanes Maria and Irma but felt instead that they were being "talked at" rather than "talked to."

"I feel like [the event] wasn't effective because people don't understand what's going on in other places that are [being] affected," said one student from the U.S. Virgin Islands. "They could have showed [a] video—

they could have shown what was really going on."

Junior political science major Kristina Davis is from the island of Anguilla, and like Castillo, her family also lost everything in the hurricane.

She has had minimal contact with her parents since the storms hit because of damage to cell towers. She commends Mission Engagement's initial attempt to reach out to victims like herself but said they failed to highlight the people who were connected to and affected by storms.

At the event, several Barry leaders spoke then students were asked to form groups in corners to come up with suggestions that could be used to help with the relief effort.

"We want to be involved," said Davis. "We

don't feel like you asking us to come into a corner is making us involved."

Still, the discussions have garnered ideas about fundraising strategies, a donation drive and ways to generate awareness on campus.

A group has even been formed to investigate ways to support the U.S. Virgin Islands and other islands in the Lesser Antilles.

*The Buccaneer* asked Amanda McDole, coordinator for the Office of Mission Engagement, about the Caribbean students who wanted more individualized attention from the school and about the resources that would be provided.

"We wanted to create a disaster relief team with representation from this population.

Catholic Charities does provide a specific link to assist in the Caribbean," she said. "Our disaster relief team [had a] meeting [where] we had a student who personally has family in the Caribbean that took on the leadership role of identifying the needs of this community. Campus Ministry and Counseling & Psychological Services at Barry have also made themselves available to supporting students."

McDole said she was glad to see the amount of student leaders emerging through this tragedy.

"There will continue to be organized meet-

ings to develop the university's coordinated response in an effort to create a larger impact and all are welcome to participate," she said. Still, Caribbean students are concerned about what is going to happen to them once they run out of money.

Most students from the islands are reliant on their parents and home countries for financial assistance. They're worried about what will happen to them when their dining dollars run out and they cannot afford to eat on campus. They're also concerned that because of the desolation of their homes, they will not be able to make tuition or pay off their outstanding balances.

"It's not that we're upset or that we have a bad attitude," said Davis. "It's because [we're unsure]."

Sister Linda and her team of executives are now in talks about how to relieve some of the financial burden from the Caribbean students who have been impacted by the hurricanes but, as of the date of our publication, nothing was decided.

"We've been very concerned for our students," she said. "It's very difficult to be apart from your family when you know what they're going through."

She also suggests that students contact the director of financial aid to make her aware of their hardship.

Dean of Students Maria Alvarez told *The Buccaneer* in an email that the university is working with students from the Caribbean islands and that students from the islands affected (Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dominica, Antigua/Barbuda, St. Martin and Tortola) were notified that they should come in to the Office of Student Affairs for their needs to be assessed.

Some students will still be allowed to register for the upcoming spring semester, Alvarez said, even if they have outstanding balances due to non-payment. Their balance, however, will not be eliminated.

Vice President for Business and Finance at Barry Sue Rosenthal said that Sister Linda and her team plan to base their final decisions on student feedback.

## HURRICANE HARVEY

About one month prior to Hurricane Maria, Hurricane Harvey made contact in Rockport, Texas as a category four storm. On Aug. 25, this natural disaster

## STUDENTS GRAPPLE WITH THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANES IRMA, MARIA & HARVEY



Genesis Castillo's house in Puerto Rico demolished after Hurricane Maria. Photo courtesy of Genesis Castillo



**Hurricane Harvey caused historic flooding, leaving thousands of Houston-area residents homeless. Photography Courtesy of dw.com**

brought 130 mph winds, storm surges and tornadoes all throughout southeast Texas that left 50 counties flooded, over 30,000 people in shelters and a total of 450,000 disaster victims.

Harvey's impact went as far as causing flash floods in neighboring cities in Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. It was catastrophic and was the worst of its kind since Hurricane Wilma impacted South Florida in 2005.

It is expected that Hurricane Harvey is going to be one of the most expensive natural disasters in U.S. history, at about \$160 billion dollars. The Motiva Port Arthur refinery, the industry that processes one-third of America's crude oil, was shut down due to flooding waters.

This also impacts civilians in Texas who have to pay higher gas prices and struggle to obtain gas in the first place.

Harvey also caused \$29.8 million in damage to public buildings in the Houston area. King Guerrero, a senior majoring in social work, was in Miami when Harvey hit but has family in Houston, Texas who was impacted by the storm.

"I was concerned [about my family] and I'd call them every day to keep myself secured that they were all right," said Guerrero. "I was able to keep up with them until the hurricane hit and the day I gave [them] a phone call and there wasn't a ring I knew that it finally hit Houston."

Their apartment complex and car were flooded and, after the hurricane, they stayed in a hotel.

### PRAYER FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

On Thurs., September 28, Campus Ministry held a prayer service in Cor Jesu Chapel. Led by Father Cristobal Torres, the service aimed to stand in solidarity with those affect-

ed by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and the earthquakes in Mexico.

Campus Ministry will host several of these prayer services throughout the year and is available for spiritual guidance for students and faculty who need it.

"In my experience, people are always searching for the meaning behind catastrophic events and often reach out or go back to their religion or spiritual practice," said Director of Campus Ministry Karen Stalnak.

"When trauma and suffering happen in one's life, it often reminds the person of how life is so unpredictable and that can be scary. Campus Ministry offers a place to worship and to allow people to know we care."

### OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY ACTION

University Provost John Murray informed students that classes for the fall semester have been extended into the final week of exams, meaning a classroom lecture will be accompanied with your exam. There will be no changes to the schedule for Thanksgiving break or to commencement.

Barry has partnered with Catholic Charities USA and students can donate via their website [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) or by calling 1-800-919-9338.

One hundred percent of the proceeds goes to individuals and families that have experienced natural disasters.

There is also a collection of supplies (non-perishable food items, new and unopened hygiene products, diapers, flashlights, batteries and bottled water) being driven by the Student Government Association.

Drop-off locations are at Campus Ministry, Landon (near Atrium), De Porres Center for Ethical leadership Thompson Hall 113 and Athletics – Health & Sports Center 108.

### STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

"The CCSI works closely with its community partners (largely, nonprofit organizations) to identify ways the university can respond to needs identified by the affected communities in the wake of the storms and earthquake," said Courtney Berrien, associate director of the Center for Community Service Initiatives.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is a list of events that were already planned by the CCSI for the semester and now relate directly to disaster relief efforts:

#### -Alternative Breaks Open House

Learn about opportunities to travel to regional and international locations in support of university-community partnerships that promote social justice through the Alternative Breaks program on Thursday, October 12

#### -Catholic Charities Florida Keys Hurricane Relief Project

Help those affected in the Florida Keys by Hurricane Irma on Saturday, October 14 (tentatively scheduled)

#### -Church World Family Service Day

Facilitate sports and recreational activities for children of refugee families and provide refugee parents with information about the American higher education system on Saturday, October 21

**Karen Stalnak of Campus Ministry offered this prayer to provide guidance during hardships.**

#### The Guest House by Rumi

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.  
A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
As an unexpected visitor.  
Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.  
The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.  
Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

**Jalaluddin Rumi, translation by Coleman Barks (The Essential Rumi)**



**Hurricane Irma swept through Barry University, uprooting several trees like this one outside of the soccer field. Photography by Anastasia Zharova**

Paris Razor  
STAFF WRITER

## BARRY'S ETHICS BOWL TEAM DEBATES THEIR WAY TO REGIONALS

Barry University's Ethics Bowl team, a group of students who evaluate and debate ethical cases, earned third place at the 21st Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Championship in Dallas, Texas on Feb. 26 and are preparing to compete for a spot at regionals on Nov. 2, 2017.

### WHAT IS THE ETHICS BOWL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP?

The Ethics Bowl National Championship is a competition at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual conference where different teams present reasoned positions on contemporary issues with a panel of judges to assess each team's position. One team is named the winner.

Each team must compete in a regional competition first. The top four teams out of 25 in the region can qualify for the national competition. So far, Barry's team has gone to nationals five out of 11 times.

"It's really neat to go into the Ethics Bowl where there's this big room with many tables and teams and when you walk in people say 'Oh no!' knowing that we're taken seriously. Teams don't want to debate us," said Dr. Joel Wilcox, a philosophy professor and the team's co-adviser.

At nationals, there are a total of 32 teams who are competing. A random draw is picked to see which two teams compete for a round. After two teams are chosen to compete, the teams face each other in a room with a panel of three judges.

At regionals, the judges may be lawyers, philosophy professors, businessmen and educational superintendents. At nationals, most of the judges are philosophers and lawyers.

### THE DEBATE

For each debate, the moderator will share the case that is to be debated. Once the case has been revealed, the teams have the task to figure out what questions they will be asked about the case and prepare a position that will persuade the judges.

The first team has two minutes to prepare their case with only a blank piece of paper and a pen to aid them. The first team has to write out their argument and each person will have their assigned role: one person who describes the facts, another person who ex-

presses argument No.1, another person who expresses argument No.2, another person who expresses argument No.3, a fourth person who responds to possible objections from the competitor's team, and the fifth person on the team offers recommendations.

The second team offers rebuttals to the arguments.

Ethics Bowl team member Llona Kavege, a junior biology and philosophy major, said that she's filled with mixed feelings while

to the judge's questions.

By the end of the debate, each team receives four scores that are tallied. The highest score wins the round.

### THE CASES

The cases for this year's Ethics Bowl Championship included topics of death, controversial policies and moral dilemmas.

The first possible case questioned the event of a Dutch general practitioner who euthanized a 41-year-old alcoholic who had failed

ian refugees and travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries.

Does a team follow the position of President Trump's intention of protecting its citizens by denying the entry of refugees and others into the United States or emphasize that the Muslim ban is a form of islamophobia?

"In general, the cases we get are very diverse and come from a plethora of topics and disciplines. I can't say I hated any of them but

I definitely fancied some more than others," said Kavege. "If there's a case about biomedical ethics, I always get really excited, it's my specialty and I love it."

### HOW DOES THE BARRY ETHICS BOWL TEAM PREPARE THEMSELVES?

Barry's team undergoes extensive preparation and practice before a championship. Each team is given 15 cases before the competition to begin their work without knowing which case or positions they will present weeks later.

Teams can only prepare themselves by extensive research and hypothesizing what questions the judges will ask and what position they think will be the most effective.

"It's a lot of work but it's really satisfying. It's really great to associate with a team that wins all of the time," said Wilcox.

The 22nd Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Competition will be held in Chicago, Illinois on March 3-4, 2018.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM?

Besides the joy of winning and receiving a resume boost, being on the team can earn a student philosophy credits.

The team meets every Monday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for a portion of the semester and each student can earn a single credit. Students of any major are encouraged to join the team and there are no qualifications to join.

"The Ethics Bowl is the most rewarding part of my job because I get to work very closely with the students one on one. The team is certainly a source of pride, not only for our department, but for the whole university," said Dr. Sandra Fairbanks, philosophy professor and co-adviser to the team.

If you're interested in debating and enjoy speaking in public about philosophical issues, the Ethics Bowl may be the extracurricular activity for you.

For more information on joining the team, you may contact

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**Dr. Joel Wilcox at [jwilcox@barry.edu](mailto:jwilcox@barry.edu)**



*Ethics Bowl team members may debate a case based on the suicide plot of 13 Reasons Why, a popular Netflix series, in this year's championship.*

waiting on the other team's rebuttal. "It's very rewarding to be able to tackle any objections because we know the amount of preparation it took to plan. [But] when the other team comes up with a brilliant objection we failed to anticipate, I like to see it as a challenge and really exciting!"

After the debate, the judges have 10 minutes to question both teams. The teams have to respond on the spot to the judges' questions.

The judges score the first team for their presentation, their initial response and the response to the judge's questions.

The second team is only judged on the quality of their rebuttal.

Then, a second case is presented. The second now goes first and is judged for their presentation, initial response and their responses

rehabilitating over twenty-one times. The controversy surrounds whether conditions allow for someone to undergo euthanasia and who decides if a person can or cannot commit assisted suicide, along with potential abuse.

The second case discusses the Netflix show "13 Reasons Why" based on the Jay Asher novel by the same name. It follows the story of a teenage girl who commits suicide and records tapes for those who she believes contributed to her suicide.

Criticism of this show surrounds how it glamorized suicide and inadvertently encouraged teenagers to commit suicide instead of asking for help.

Another case questions the ethical integrity of President Trump's Muslim ban where the president suspended the admission of Syr-

# WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP, AGAIN

Kahelia Smellie  
STAFF WRITER

Barry University women's tennis team took the NCAA Champion title for the third time after beating Lynn University (30-0 to 24-3) at Sanlando Park last May.

This makes Barry's 17th national championship win and the university's third national title. The women's team won the Sunshine State Conference's 100th national championship, in all sports, in league history and became the third team in Barry University athletics history to finish a season undefeated.

Head coach Avi Kigel stated that he was very proud of the team for what they have accomplished.

"Our goal for this season is to replicate the success we had for the past season," said Kigel. The team trains five days per week with two hours on the court and one hour of conditioning.

Past teammates who recently graduated from Barry University, Ana Pain and Karina Goia, aided the team in staying focused and en-

suring the team understood their goals and worked cohesively.

Both Pain and Goia were a part of two national championships and won their first championship in Altamonte Springs in 2014.

Goia, who was previously injured, was happy to be a part of history in the making.

"Our team was great not only because of how hard we worked but we had great chemistry. We inspired each other to work and do better and we knew our goal and worked to achieve it," she said. "It was awesome that I was able to end my school athletic career with a NCAA Championship win. I was really happy."

Sophomore Maria Cerrini was also excited that her first season ended in a championship title.

"It was overwhelming at first but, at the end, we were really happy. Every member of the team each has different personalities which helped us to achieve our goal," she said.

When asked about the goal for this season, Cerrini said they "would love to continue the success of last season and to do even better."



The women's tennis team show off their hard-earned national championship rings and trophy after the Ring Ceremony. Photography by Anastasia Zharova.

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# ASK THE ATHLETES

Eva Patyi

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## SAROLTA ADONYI

Rowing

### 1. What is your height, weight, origin, age, position?

I'm 5'7" and 141 pounds. I'm 20 years old from Hungary. Port (right side)

### 2. What are your main motivations for doing athletics?

To keep myself in shape. If I miss practice for weeks, I feel like a whale.

### 3. What do you enjoy most about athletics?

I like giving it my all and just killing it every practice. I think the coaches enjoy that!

### 4. What have been your major high-lights/achievements in athletics?

I get to travel to a lot of beautiful places.

### 5. What are your long-term goals in athletics?

I don't want to become a professional rower after college, but I do plan to stay close to the sport. Maybe I'll be able to do that as a sports manager.

### 6. If you could sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?

A funny song to hide my terrible voice.

### 7. If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?

My mom. Moms know everything, right? A book and a bug killer. I hate spiders!

### 8. If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your children?

Normal is boring, weirdness is a good thing.

### 9. If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?

A girl with a big nose.

## SUNDAY DECH

Basketball

### 1. What is your height and weight? Origin? Position?

I'm 6'5" and 210 pounds. South Sudanese/Australian. I play guard.

### 2. What are your main motivations for doing athletics?

It's a lot of fun. I looked up to my older brother and that's what he did.

### 3. What do you enjoy most about athletics?

Teamwork, working together for a single purpose. Coming together with the team and everybody sticking as one.

### 4. What have been your major high-lights/achievements in athletics?

Winning two championships to Perth Wildcats and East Perth Eagles in Australia.

### 5. What are your long-term goals in athletics?

To play professionally, but I'd like to see how far I can make it.

### 6. If you could sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?

Best I Ever Had by Drake

### 7. If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?

A bed, fresh water and a laptop. Considering there is WiFi.

### 8. If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your children?

Don't stress over insignificant stuff and be yourself. Always find happiness in everything you do.

### 9. If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?

My best friend. Cause we grew up together and he knows everything about me.

## REUBEN PINO

Baseball

### 1. What is your age, height and weight? Origin? Position?

I'm 21 years old, 6'2" and 205 pounds. From Miami, Fla. I'm a catcher.

### 2. What are your main motivations for doing athletics?

As a kid, I loved playing. Something I've enjoyed doing since I was 4-years-old.

### 3. What do you enjoy most about athletics?

Friendships and teammates. They're awesome. And I get to do something I love every day.

### 4. What have been your major high-lights/achievements in athletics?

Getting a scholarship to Barry to play baseball.

### 5. What are your long-term goals in athletics?

To get to play professionally.

### 6. If you could sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?

Closer by the Chainsmokers.

### 7. If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?

Cell phone, a book and a baseball

### 8. If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your children?

Chase your dreams because you never know what could happen.

### 9. If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?

Mark Walters. He's an intense person and I think he could play me pretty well.

## JOSEFINA FOA TORRES

Golf

### 1. What is your age, height and weight? Origin? Position?

I am 20 years old. I come from Córdoba, Argentina. Weight: 53 kg (116 pounds). Height: 5'3"

### 2. What are your main motivations for doing athletics?

Firstly, sports are great for our health and it gives us energy. Secondly, it helps us build and shape our personality in an incredible way. I am the kind of person that loves setting goals

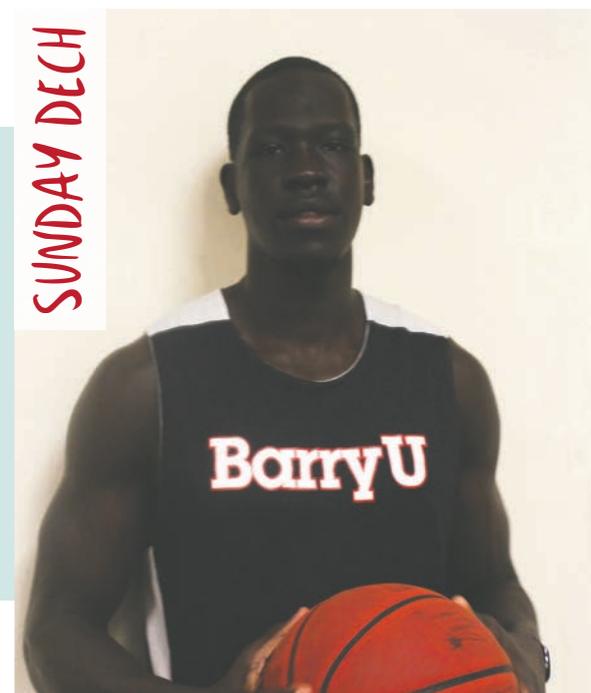
REUBEN PINO



JOSEFINA FOA TORRES



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at the beginning of a season to train with a clear purpose.

**3. What do you enjoy most about athletics?**

I like competing and taking part in big events where I get to meet people from everywhere. I also love challenges and risks; certainly something golf gives you in every round!

**4. What have been your major highlights/achievements in athletics?**

Last season, we won regionals and nationals with the team and that is something I will always remember. We worked really hard the whole season with coach and everybody on the team. So, finishing it the way we did was like a dream come true.

**5. What are your long-term goals in athletics?**

I want to keep on working and improving my game as much as I can to continue helping the team and so Barry gets more wins for the upcoming years!

**6. If you could sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?**

Hmm, maybe Shape of you by Ed Sheeran.

**7. If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?**

I would bring a friend, water and a bike to go explore the island!

**8. If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your children?**

I would tell them to practice a sport, but not any sport, one they feel passionate about. I would tell them to work hard because effort

pays off. But, most importantly, to enjoy the process and have fun while pursuing their goals.

**9. If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?**

Jennifer Aniston would play me because she is a great actress, she has an incredible sense of humor, she is always smiling and because she's able to play pretty much any character she wants to!

**CHARLOTTE KLASEN**

**Tennis**

**1. What is your age, height and weight? Origin? Position?**

I'm 21 years old, 5'8" and 160 pounds. From Germany (in the region of Hanover, lower Saxony); not competing this year, but will be able to play for the team in spring 2018.

**2. What are your main motivations for doing athletics?**

We (me and my three siblings) started tennis because of our mother, who still plays tennis; it's good for the mind and body; great way to get social contacts; to stay fit.

**3. What do you enjoy most about athletics?**

To have passion for something and to share this passion with my family, to set personal goals and to achieve goals.

**4. What have been your major highlights/achievements in athletics?**

International titles in doubles with my sister (2). Place at the German Championships under 18.

**5. What are your long-term goals in athletics?**

To become a better player, to work on my

mental strength and to win the German Team Championships with my region.

**6. If you could sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?**

Empire state of mind by Alicia Keys.

**7. If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?**

A good book, one package of jasmine rice and a photo of my family.

**8. If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your children?**

Not to worry too much about the future and to enjoy life; and to try to become the best of yourself.

**9. If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?**

Jennifer Lawrence, just because I really like her as an actress and because I believe she could represent me quite well.

**MICHAEL SCHERALDI**

**Soccer**

**1. What is your age, height and weight? Origin? Position?**

I'm 21 years old, 5'11" and 170 pounds. From Geneva, Florida (Near Orlando) and I'm a goalkeeper.

**2. What are your main motivations for doing athletics?**

One of my motivations for doing athletics is my love and enjoyment of the game. When I play, all my stress goes away. My only focus is on playing and nothing else. Another is my grandfather who I shared the love of sports with while I was growing up.

**3. What do you enjoy most about athletics?**

I love being able to wake up every day knowing that I get the privilege to play the game I love at a competitive level. Also, I enjoy all the friendships and connections I've been able to make throughout my career.

**4. What have been your major highlights/achievements in athletics?**

My major highlights would be keeping a shutout against Lynn University (No. 2 in the nation) and PBA (No. 13 in the nation) my sophomore season.

**5. What are your long-term goals in athletics?**

My long-term goals would be to win a conference championship, regional championship, and national championship.

**6. If you could sing one song on American Idol, what would it be?**

"Pocketful of Sunshine" by Natasha Bedingfield...Duh.

**7. If you were on an island and could only bring three things, what would you bring?**

A knife, a desalination device and Bear Grylls.

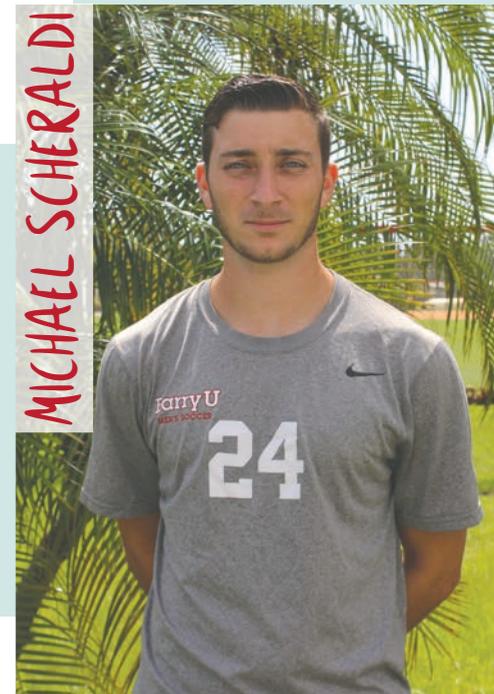
**8. If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your children?**

Don't take anything in life for granted. There will always be problems... But, by adjusting your attitude and making the most of your situation you will find that your only problem was your attitude.

**9. If there was a movie produced about your life, who would play you and why?**

Kevin Hart because of our uncanny resemblance and the fact that we're both comedic geniuses.

Photography by Jazmin Brown



# HALLOWEEN AROUND THE WORLD

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Ghost costumes, shabby, bloody, punched bed sheets, carved pumpkins, spiders and candy. Most of us associate Halloween with dressing up in scary costumes and trolling the neighborhood to decide between tricks or treats on pumpkin-lit porches. Each year, fewer traditional costumes appear on the streets because youngsters rather represent the most popular super heroes on this night. Yet, whether you follow the old traditions or not, this holiday has deeper roots than you may know.

All Hallows, while the evening before was called All Hallows Eve. This is how we derived the term Halloween.

Dressing up in costumes is also a very basic part of the holiday. The tradition started when people began to fear that ghosts who came from the dead would tear down and destroy the living's houses, fields and roads. To avoid this, many wore masks and other scary gears to pretend that they were ghosts as well, so the dead would not disturb them and their territories.

## SIMILAR FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

While these are the roots of the American

of their houses to guide the spirits in order to find their way home. In the end of the celebration, they also send colorful lanterns floating down the rivers out to the sea to light up the spirits way back to the world of dead.

## CAMBODIA

### *The P'chum Ben at the Pagoda*

Instead of October, Cambodian Buddhists celebrate the Pak Ben in September, which lasts 14 days. They wake up very early every day to prepare food offerings and gifts to the monks who live in the local pagoda and to their ancestors. The food is offered with a prayer in order to reach their loved ones. On

### *and other delights*

Los Dias de los Muertos is one of Mexico's biggest and best known holidays. The Mexican Days of the Dead Festival has common roots with Halloween, but is also a mixture of the European traditions brought by the Spanish conquistadors and the Aztec and Mayan people who lived in Central America.

The Aztec form of the festival was not short at all. The celebration went on for almost two months in which the dead was highly honored. However, just like before, with the spread of Catholicism, the festival dedicated to the dead was held together with All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (No-



*Japanese citizens fill the streets, lighting paper lanterns to guide the spirits 'home' during The Obon Festival. Photo courtesy of Japino.net*

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The very first form of Halloween—the roots of today's holiday version—comes from Samhain, the ancient Celtic festival of the dead. From the territories of Great Britain to France, October 31 was celebrated as the day when boundaries between the two worlds—living and dead—disappeared and the ghosts of people who've passed away traveled from the mortal to the living world. The holiday was dedicated to Mother Nature's hibernation during the cold winter until its rebirth on the first day of spring.

When the Romans conquered the land of the Celts, Samhain was combined with the Roman festival of the dead, which was also in October. After the spread of Christianity, the church attached the holiday to the celebration of the martyrs and saints on the first day of November, which was called All Saints Day. The Christian festival was called

holiday, a similar concept makes up many other important parts of many cultures around the world.

## JAPAN

### *The Obon, or the Festival of the Lanterns*

The Japanese Halloween, Obon, is surprisingly held every year in August and is also popularly known as The Festival of Lanterns. Just like in the American counterpart, the boundary between the two worlds vanishes and the dead comes to the living world; the only difference is the souls are not angry ghosts but they are the kind ancestors who return to visit their relatives.

People prepare special food for the spirits, whom they have pictures of in churches and in their homes. When it gets dark, villagers light paper lanterns and hang them in front

of the pagoda with sweet-flavored rice and bean treats wrapped in banana leaves to make the P'chum Ben - the Festival of the Dead - special. This signifies the end of the Pak Ben.

To guide the hungry spirits who don't have living relatives, it is also common that a mixture of rice and sesame seed are prepared each morning and spread along the ground in front of the pagoda. In this way, the lonely spirit's memory survives.

On the day of the P'chum Ben festival, people wear their most beautiful clothes, they spend their time with family and friends at the local pagoda, listen to music and speeches by monks and enjoy the delicious dishes they have made for the special event.

## MEXICO

### *Los Dias de los Muertos, sugared skulls*

November 2). These dates are now celebrated in Mexico as Los Dias de los Muertos.

Like the Japanese spirits, in Mexico, the dead return to their family home for a visit. They have photographs placed on a family altar where people also put offerings of flowers which represent the brevity of all life, drinks and food alongside the photographs such as sweets, fruits, bread, salt, and water. Brightly colored and intricately cut tissue paper festoon the altar, waving like multi-colored flags. Grooming supplies such as a washbasin and soap are provided for the spirits to refresh themselves after their long journey.

As we can see, one can have many different reasons to celebrate but whatever the reason is, Halloween seems to remain a most popular celebration all around the world.

## TOP 9 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PREDICTIONS FOR 2017

Daenerys Targaryen, Mother of Dragons (Game of Thrones)  
 Pennywise Clown (It)  
 Wonder Woman  
 The Last Jedi, Luke Skywalker & Rey (Star Wars)  
 Belle (Beauty & The Beast)  
 Baywatch Lifeguard  
 Jon Snow (Game of Thrones)  
 T-Rex Inflatable Costume  
 Donald Trump



PENNYWISE CLOWN (IT)



DAENERYS TARGARYEN (GAME OF THRONES)



WONDER WOMAN



THE LAST JEDI, LUKE SKYWALKER (STAR WARS)

Photos courtesy of HBO

## GLOBAL WARMING LOVES MINORITIES

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Racism is nothing new in America. Honestly, after pushing Native Americans off their land and forcing Africans on a one-way cruise to America you would think that eventually people of color would get a break, right? Sadly, in America this is a cycle that cannot be broken. Fifty-eight percent of people today say that they believe racism is a big problem in America. Less than half of them believed in racism twenty years ago.

As we transition into this new America, a lot of things are being denied; for example, the fact that we are in a global warming crisis or that environmental racism still exists. America has decided to leave the Paris Climate Accord, so now when the world ends, at least we'll have ourselves to help because we're an independent country that needs no one. The United States then received a rebuke from the United Nations on human rights. A UN committee issued an early warning over conditions in the U.S. and urged the Trump administration to reject discrimination. You know it's bad here when other nations come together to tell us that we're a bunch of racists.

Communities of color face some of the worst environmental devastation in this country. New Orleans, Houston, Puerto Rico are just a few examples of areas that have felt the effects of climate change on our environment. Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath images of mostly black hurricane victims and looters caused new debates. In the aftermath of Katrina, images and live footage were flashed all over the internet and television, but they told different stories. Reporters would say Caucasians were "finding" or "on the hunt to find" and black people were "looting" or "stealing" from homes.

New Orleans City Councilman Oliver Thomas said "people are too afraid of black people to go in and save them." Rumors of shootings and riots made people afraid to take in people who were being portrayed as thugs and thieves. Rapper Kanye West brought light to the racial issue when he stood next to Mike Myers and told America on national television, "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

In the news, the victims of the hurricane were referred to as refugees. When we think of refugees, we think of people from different lands. But this was how we were referring

to Americans, our own people. America lost hundreds of its own in Hurricane Katrina. We saw millions of people who could not afford to leave and were trapped in Super Dome hell.

Fast forward to 2017

In Hurricane Harvey, we saw people who chose not to leave the storm's path and were eventually stuck; we saw people lose their homes and face damages and disruption but what we also saw unity. Due to all the help and precautions, we only lost about sixty lives with Hurricane Harvey. We could have lost hundreds. People were seen helping others and were going out of their way to make sure those affected by the storm felt a sense of togetherness as soon as possible. It did not matter the color or religion. I'm glad we did not see these images of looters or criminals when we saw Hurricane Harvey. We took in images of positivity and togetherness.

Most recently, Hurricane Maria destroyed much of the Caribbean and it barely made headlines. Face it! America doesn't care about anyone but ourselves. Yet, let's not forget Puerto Rico is a part of us. Puerto Rico is an American territory yet we gave them no assistance before the hurricane. The hurricane left them without power and clean water and it may remain that way for months. People have not been able to contact their families, homes were washed away. People are cleaning themselves in creeks, whenever possible. Yet, the fact that they have been in a deep recession for 11 years is hindering their hopes for assistance from their own people. When money becomes more important than lives, we should question what kind of America we are living in.

With Hurricane Katrina, FEMA took forever to help those who lived in the Ninth Ward, which is one of the poorest parts of New Orleans, but the city was quick to rebuild the Super Dome and downtown New Orleans.

With Hurricane Harvey, they received and raised more money in comparison to Katrina. Perhaps, Texas is more highly valued.

And now, with Hurricane Maria, she was lost in the shadow of the president's Twitter battle with NFL and NBA super stars paying tribute to America at their games.

Puerto Rico shouldn't hold their breath because if someone isn't building a hotel or golf course there, then they will have to wait. The only way Puerto Rico will receive help at this point is if they stood up proud for the national anthem.

How about this? The news need focus on bringing awareness to the people who are going through these natural disasters and not what they are doing in times of desperation.



*From left to right: Maliyah Armstrong, Briana Grumet, Rebekka Greenwalt, Stephanie Rodriguez, Tatiana Diaz and Kameera Rampersad embracing their natural beauty and different complexions. Photography by Breana Mercado.*

# OWN YOUR COLOR

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Growing up in southern Georgia, I always thought of myself as in the “middle”—not too light-skinned, not too dark-skinned. A perfect milk chocolate. I was very proud of that. I didn’t become aware of the never-ending Cold War between light-skinned and dark-skinned people until I became interested in film.

For example, you may have heard the debate about Zoe Saldana being cast as Nina Simone in *Nina*. Nina Simone was an R&B and jazz singer particularly known for being dark-skinned and struggling in the music industry at the time because of it. Zoe Saldana is of Dominican, Haitian, and Puerto Rican descent and has much lighter skin than Simone. Saldana applied makeup to darken herself enough to imitate Simone’s skin tone for the role. She was basically in black face. Now, Saldana isn’t a bad actress, but wouldn’t it have

been easier to cast a darker actress in the role? How about Lupita Nyong’o, who won an Academy Award for her work in *12 Years a Slave*. Where did she go? Her recent projects—voice work in the *Star Wars* films and a live action adaptation of *The Jungle Book*. She’s a great actress, but do people not want to see Lupita Nyong’o’s ebony skin gracing their movie screens?

Now, back to me. I remember the first time anyone called me ‘dark’. While talking about another classmate who had dark skin, I remember saying, “Well, I’m not as dark as her.” My friend rolled her eyes and said, “Yeah, but you’re dark.” To this day, I’ll never forget how mad I was at the statement and I didn’t really understand why I was so mad. I vehemently denied that I was dark-skinned and I asserted that my skin was medium-toned. My friend just let it go.

Looking back at my middle-school aged self, I was so insulted to be called dark. I was going through the phase everyone goes through where we believe there is only one definite for ugly and pretty. After some reflection, I realized that many of the female celebrities that I admired or liked were mostly lighter-skinned. Thandie Newton, Zoe Saldana, Vanessa Williams, Priyanka Chopra, Raven Symone, Halle Berry, Salma Hayek.

Moving to Miami, I became even more aware of how colorism affects social mobility—especially after meeting one of my best friends, Alianis. Alianis and I worked in the same department our freshman year together. I remember walking into the office the first day of work. Fair-skinned, brown hair, and brown eyes—features I immediately associated with Cau-

casian. It wasn’t until I heard her speak that I knew she was Hispanic—Cuban, it turns out. So, where did the idea around colorism get its legs?

According to *Newsweek*, skin tone was used as tool of separation during slavery. Slaves with darker skin were field slaves while slaves with lighter skin, who were usually products of the relationship between a female slave and the slave owner, were house slaves. House slaves were usually treated better than field slaves, given better food and taught how to read.

In South Asian culture, according to *Huffington Post*, lighter skin in India is associated with a standard for which to strive. The caste system in India, while outlawed by the government, still plays a large role in Indian society. In pre-colonial times, the wealthy were more likely to spend time indoors while peasants often worked outside. This divide led to lighter skin being associated with the upper class and darker skin being associated with the lower class. The caste system also caused lighter skin to be a symbol of affluence and success. Latino culture is also subject to colorism both within Latin America and the U.S.

‘Mejorar la raza’ is a term often used in Latin American countries, meaning ‘improve the race’. According to *Huffington Post*, it implies that Latinos should marry a whiter person to have better-looking kids. In this case, better-looking is defined by having lighter complexion.

On the island of Hispanola, division across color lines have been present for over a century. In 1937, Haitians living in the Dominican Republic were massacred. This action was carried out by Dominican Army troops on the direct orders of Dictator Rafael Trujillo.

Estimates of the total number of deaths vary, ranging from a low of 547 to a high of 12,166. Why did Dictator Trujillo commit this atrocious act? While reportedly Trujillo received claims that Haitians were stealing crop and cattle from Dominican borderland residents, Trujillo was a supporter of anti-Haitianism. Antihaitianismo can be traced back to a policy of racial segregation instituted by the Spaniards in the Dominican Republic. In a *Huffington Post* column written by Maria Alejandra Casale-Hardin, she shares how her aunt wanted her son to break up with his girlfriend of Afro-Latina heritage. Pleading with him, she said, “You don’t want to bring ugly kids into the world. What if you have a girl and she comes out with pelo malo?” ‘Pelo malo’ translates to ‘bad hair’, meaning afro-textured hair.

There are many challenges that Afro-Latinos face in their community.

They often face discrimination and criticism from both their Latino and African communities. Yet, there is also a sense of pride and awareness among Afro-Latinos, possibly due to the rise of Afro-Latino with high-profile careers like Lauren Vélez, Dania Ramirez, Arlenis Sosa and Joan Smalls.

Colorism affects multiple cultures around the world.

The desire for lighter skin tones and European features has perpetuated a standard of beauty— one standard of beauty.

But people around the world should not hold themselves to this unattainable standard, rather they should embrace that ‘color is just color’ -- no one is less or more than anyone else because of the color of their skin.

# POWER TO THE PUSSY

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This goes out to the single, struggling mother of two children in Section 8. This goes out to the lawyer who built, blossomed and busted her way through law school to honor her family and role as a woman only to receive less pay than her male counterparts. This goes out to the girls in parts of the Middle East who were robbed of their educational rights simply because they acquired the “wrong” parts in their mother’s womb.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, I challenge you not only to read every word of this, but to truly understand the concept without being offended or even disgusted. “By what?” you may ask. A word so powerful, yet so disgraced. A five-letter word banned from songs on radio stations and TV shows. This word? Pussy.

Our job is not to degrade this controversial word entirely—no. Instead, our job should be to embrace its connotations and explain its superiority. Power to the pussy!

Oh no! Were those words really just used in the school’s paper? Yes. If our righteous and prestigious president can nonchalantly say it before millions of people, why can’t it be said in a small university’s newspaper?

But, why power to the pussy? Let’s break it down, shall we? What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the word power? A bulky, muscular body builder? Or maybe a strong and wise king ruling over a kingdom? Is power more of a physical strength or a mental advantage? Perhaps a combination of both?

Power can represent the resilience a person may have in spirit, heart or mind. It can be the dominance one individual has over another. Power can also emphasize durability against weaknesses or longevity to maintain the skill of strength.

In case you haven’t noticed, the word pussy isn’t typically associated with power. In fact, according to the dictionary, pussy means cat—a domesticated feline creature. Evidently, I’m not talking about the dictionary version here. In colloquial English, the word is actually associated with a woman’s genitals or to describe a cowardly person.

In English-speaking cultures, when someone wants to insult another, it’s common to



call them a “pussy,” or say “You fight like a pussy!” Society has associated this term with weakness. The question is, why?

The genitals of a woman do not represent weakness. It shouldn’t and it can’t. The “pussy” is an invitation for life to form. It even has the ability to control the actions of men to get us women what we want. It gives birth to new life. How can such a thing represent weakness and not strength and power? Seems like quite a contradiction, does it not?

The “pussy” isn’t just a piece of structured flesh in between a woman’s legs—no. Pussy represents the proud and rich image of femininity that a woman stands for. If a certain body part determines what opportunities are destined to a woman in her lifetime and the opportunities she isn’t permitted to have, then the priorities of mankind are not in order. Are women the inferior versions of men? If the strength or the power of a woman isn’t being belittled, then why couldn’t being a pussy be a compliment and not an insult?

The woman was once restricted to just cooking, cleaning and nurturing the children. But now, she’s being elevated through higher education; she’s being promoted to executive positions in Corporate America; and she’s receiving better opportunities that once seemed impossible while breaking gender roles at the same time. Although she may not receive equal pay for the same jobs men do, she’s still persistent.

It’s not to say that a woman is superior to a man. Each has their own set of skills. A woman is a valuable goddess-like queen who holds great power, just as the man does in the form of a symbolic king!

A woman has a vagina or what urban dictionary would call a “pussy.” Still, pussy has the power to give birth and pussy has the power to direct and conquer. So again, I ask, why is being a pussy an insult and not a compliment?

Cheers to the women all across the world who struggle to make something of themselves simply because of their gender, but still push through each obstacle and challenge they encounter. Power to the pussy!

## Mother Earth

I am Mother Earth  
No one comes before or after  
I am life  
I am the pulsing heartbeat which gives life  
And I am the sweet caress of death  
For my children grow within me  
In me...  
And there will come a time for my flowers to wilt in green pastures  
Petals that were once caressed by winds  
Now return once before in my womb.

I am Mother Earth  
My roots grounded  
By body coffee brown  
Treasured fruit ripe for picking  
Stand tall and strong against hardships  
Still and humbled like the wind  
I am home to the birds of the sky  
Sustenance to my children  
Shelter for the weary  
Wise oak for the seekers.

I am Mother Earth  
So patient in my wrath  
My life lessons hard like the rock beneath your feet  
But turn into diamonds into mind’s eye  
My child fear and respect me  
For I am both teacher and provider  
My child love me  
For I am her mother.

I am Mother Earth  
The golden sun that shines  
The blue-green waters that quenches  
The flowers that bloom in my nature’s beauty  
My love for my child...fathomless

I am Mother Earth  
I am woman  
I am goddess  
Giver of life  
Provider  
And lover.

I am Mother Earth.

-By Kahelia Smellie

## The Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United LIES of America.  
And to the republic for which it stands, one nation, divided by distinct colors.  
A distinct division between White America and Black America, with the fine line in

between, Which is the blood that flows and never seems to seize.  
As innocent lives are stuffed in body bags.  
Carcass smothered by the griefs and cries of hopeless mothers.

Told this is an act of justice, so no one is bothered  
That innocent fathers, sons, and brothers are innocently slaughtered.

Teaching my son before he can even walk, to put his hands up and keep his mouth shut if he was ever to be pulled over.

And never walk around with a hoodie over his head, and anything bulging out of his pockets, to make it look like he would ever have any intentions of pulling a trigger.

I said baby in this country, remember, you still a nigga.

Don’t matter if you Haitian, Jamaican, Bahamian, you still a nigga.

Your ethnicity won’t ever stop them from pulling a trigger.

See the world ain’t so sweet Suga.

Just be wise and always heed your mother.

Never even getting the opportunity to talk to him about the birds and the bees.

Honey, in this country they killing boys that look just like you, who haven’t even committed felonies.

Leaving young men without getting degrees.

Leaving cops without getting degrees.

They would ask in what? We would say in murder.

Leaving women like me to write about murder, so murder I wrote.

Murder I write.

Another boy.

There is no hope.

One nation, divisible, with liberty, and no justice for all!

## He Never Found What He Was Looking For

"Put your hands up where I can see them! Now!"

He reached in the glove compartment for his wallet.

He found a bullet in his chest. And never the wallet.

## Black

She looked in the mirror disgusted at her black skin.

The smell of bleach inhabited her thoughts.

She tried so hard to wash all the dirt away.

-By Mara-Joanne Derinor

## True Beauty

New look  
The real me  
True beauty is the word  
The look I have been looking for  
The way God created me  
It has been so long  
Longing to grow it's natural  
But destructed by straightness  
It never gave up  
Knowing, it will get to show itself  
True beauty is the word  
Are we ready to meet?  
Nervous  
Scared is within  
But, it's with want  
Want of seeking  
Finding  
Looking for the true beauty  
ME!

- By Jennifer Sanhou

## Emotions

Mom loves me  
I know because she used to run her fingers  
through my afro  
My blackness never bugged her  
She even dare smile at my presence  
Now she is far away  
  
Dad... I don't think he knows how to love  
Or ever been loved  
To be fair, He is good at pushing people  
away  
Grandma taught him well  
Now, we are closely far apart  
  
You... I should have loved you  
You used to caress my head  
It felt a lot like love  
Now, you are too far...  
But you will always be near and dear to my  
heart

-By Presler Maxius

## 5 WAYS TO MAKE EXTRA MONEY THIS SEMESTER

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Making money can be quite a hassle when all the jobs you may have considered are taken and work study isn't an option. Thus, motivated students are finding non-traditional ways to make money. Whether you're someone who likes to work with animals, children, or you just like working on your own, these are fun and simple jobs that can often be done from the comfort of your own dorm room.

These jobs are not only helpful to you economically but are also ways to make connections in the city, especially if you're not from Miami. Here are the top five jobs that can assist college students who need some cash:

#### DOG WALKING/ DOG-SITTING

This is a great way to spend time with furry little ones and relieve some stress. A way to get started with this job could be through the website: [www.Wag.com](http://www.Wag.com). You can find people in your local area who may need someone to walk their dog or dog-sit. To qualify, you will be tested on your knowledge of taking care of animals and what you should and shouldn't do in case of an emergency. This is one of the jobs that works on your time, making it perfect for college students.

#### STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Starting your own business could be a bit tricky but what better way to show off your boss skills then having a job that you handle on your own. Some ideas to start off a business could be selling jewelry, bags, handmade items, shoes, etc. A website that could be used and is quite popular for selling one-of-a-kind items is [www.Etsy.com](http://www.Etsy.com). Entrepreneurs also use Instagram to promote themselves and their products. Budding makeup artists, use it to showcase your skills. Musicians, use it to showcase your music. Artists, use it to display your paintings, etc.

#### SELL CLOTHES ONLINE

"I think the best thing about selling clothes online is I don't have to waste money on rent for a shop and I can do it on the go, from wher-

ever I am," said Natalie Batista, a sophomore majoring in theater. This is one of those jobs that you can do from the comfort of your home or on the go and it's especially great for students who want to get rid of items they don't use. There are two very well-known apps used for this job. The first is Mercari, which works great for clothes and other items such as technology, makeup, home goods, etc. The second app is Depop. This app is more exclusive to apparel and accessories. Both apps can be used to sell and to buy.

#### BABYSITTING

If you love kids or just like spending time with little ones, then this is the route to take. Babysitting is not only fun because of the children but it is also a great way to connect with other adults. "I love it, I get to spend time with the little ones and I love how innocent and fun they are. I love feeling like a little kid again," said Shania Rodriguez, a junior majoring in criminology. Rodriguez suggested two websites that have been helpful to her in her babysitting experience, [www.Care.com](http://www.Care.com) and [www.Sittercity.com](http://www.Sittercity.com). Both Care and Sittercity are websites that can help you build a reliable resume for your babysitting experience and get you in contact with parents that fit the criteria in your local area.

#### YOUTUBE

This one is for all of you creative bugs out there who don't mind being in front of a camera and enjoy being yourself. This job allows you to work on your own time. YouTube is a video-sharing website that has become a successful route to make money. Create unique video content that others will enjoy. Your videos can be anything from tags to challenges to even conspiracy theories and political videos. This job is solely based on your ideas for content. "I love making vids not only for me but for my fans," said Karina Tabuteau, a junior majoring in business. As you can see, making money doesn't always have to be such a struggle. The simplest things can get cash rolling in for you. Try getting out of your comfort zone and try something new that might just make you some cash.

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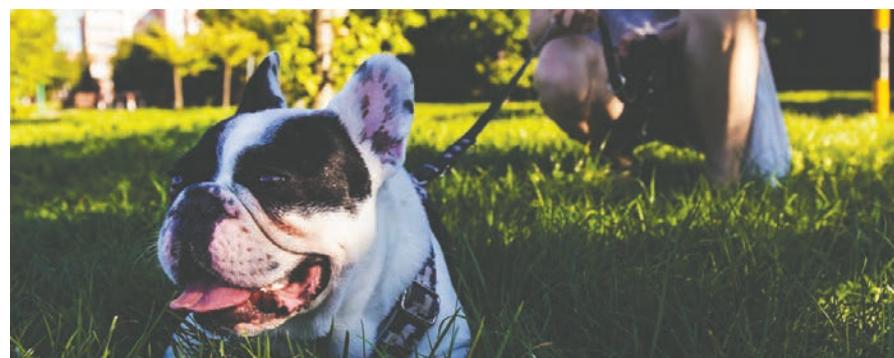
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# SHERNEE BELLAMY BIDS BARRY FAREWELL

## MISSION ENGAGEMENT VISTA LEAVES FOR GRAD SCHOOL

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Shernee Bellamy, who has been an AmeriCorps VISTA in the Office of Mission Engagement for the past two years and is responsible for many of Barry's "going green" initiatives, is leaving Barry University next month to pursue an online graduate degree in secondary education from Mercyhurst University of Pennsylvania.

While pursuing her degree, Bellamy will be living in Gainesville, Fla. where she will be a teacher with Project Youth Build—a school designed for students aged 16-22 years-old that want to go back to school to get their high school diplomas. There, her curriculum will focus on leadership and life skills.

It's only fitting for Bellamy to receive a leadership role in her next pursuit as she has led and expanded many of Barry's sustainability initiatives.

As an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America), her most recent project - the hydration stations - was implemented this fall.

She worked with Paula Dias, the program manager of Mission Engagement, to provide a conservative way for students to fill their water bottles and become more progressive about going green.

Her office also provided the reusable water bottles that Barry students, faculty, and staff can use at these water stations.

"If we pitched a water station, then we obviously needed to pitch a sustainable water bottle," said Bellamy.

The Move Out Drive was another of her projects. It has been in place for nine years and 2018 will be its 10th. Her team collects items during the residence hall move out period then donates them to various community organizations.

It originally operated out of a trailer yet Bellamy requested a workspace for the Move Out Drive so organizations could more easily pick up the donations. She also helped expand it to more than once per year.

Another project that Bellamy led was the Switch It Off Campaign, a competition between the freshmen halls to promote energy



*Horace Mann Middle teachers Stephanie Shen and Ali C and Doug Garber, vice principal at Doctors Charter School, feed the community alongside Bellamy. Photo Courtesy of Shernee Bellamy*

conservation. The Switch It Off Campaign launched in Fall 2016. Energy meters were installed throughout the freshmen halls and Bellamy was responsible for monitoring them to determine which hall conserved the most.

Last but not least, Bellamy worked with Office of Mission Engagement and Campus Ministry to install zero waste events on campus.

When Bellamy leaves on Nov. 3, newly hired AmeriCorps VISTA Kamilah A. Van will replace her. Van will be responsible for expanding on current sustainability initiatives and starting new ones.

Bellamy said an impending budget cut initiated by President Trump played a part in Bellamy's decision to leave.

According to the *New York Times*, President Trump's budget proposal will eliminate many service programs such as the Corporation for National and Community Service and AmeriCorps VISTA.

VISTA was conceived by President John F. Kennedy as a domestic counterpart to the Peace Corps and was started by President Lyndon Johnson as part of the War on Poverty. It is the national service program that works to eliminate poverty.

The cuts will possibly take place in February,

putting Bellamy in limbo to sign a one-year contract.

"I honestly believe [President Trump] doesn't see the benefit of it, but when you think of disaster relief and the bigger picture, you have to think about the people who are out there. It is the people for Habitat for Humanity building houses," said Bellamy.

She also emphasized the purpose of VISTA, which is to allow younger people the opportunity to get jobs.

"To be placed in positions where they serve and they're also being paid a little bit is such a huge thing that he's going to risk," she said.

While uncertain of the future of the VISTA program, Bellamy conveys her excitement for her future.

"It has really been liberating to know that so much change has been happening, but it's definitely the right time," she said.

*Shernee Bellamy, Barry University and the Barry Buccaneer wish you the best!*



*Roxanne Davies (AVP for Mission Engagement) hired Shernee Bellamy to grace our campus as an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer. Photography by Ashley Nudd.*

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Barry Students Battle Homesickness

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The Wizard of Oz's Dorothy Gale couldn't have said it better, "There's no place like home." Moving away from home to attend college in a different state or country can be exciting and life changing. After all, it's supposed to be "the best time of your life."

However, with this new journey comes a longing for home.

According to the American College Health Association's Fall 2016 report, 4.4 percent of students report that their academic performance is affected by bouts with homesickness.

Having constant thoughts about home, feeling lonely, lack of motivation and missing things that remind you of or are associated with home are just a few of the symptoms of experiencing homesickness. But not every student suffers from being homesick in the same way. For some, it's a little more personal.

Veronica Gravina, a senior graphic design major and psychology minor, came to Barry University in 2015 from Maryland because she wanted a change from her home state and had an opportunity to play soccer before her injury.

Living in Florida has not been easy for Gravina.

"I'm always dying to go home," she said. "And it's really hard, especially since you come from having your family to having nobody and feeling alone. And at night times is when it hits the most."

Gravina also says that she sometimes feels like it was a mistake coming to Florida.

"I feel emptiness, loneliness, and confused half of the time," she said.

Junior communication and media studies major Nina Escalante moved from Belize to Florida about two years ago to attend Barry. It was a "huge culture shock," due to the vast differences between the developed United States and Belize -- a "third-world" country.

"It's really only a momentary feeling or burst of emotion," said Escalante. "But you feel helpless, like something's missing and you can't do much about it but feel upset or even cry."

When Escalante experiences homesickness, she says something always seems to trigger it. "For example, missing out on something back home or classes becoming overwhelming and

stressful," she said.

So, how can students overcome homesickness?

First, it's important to accept and allow yourself to occasionally miss home. It's normal to feel homesick. Denying what you're feeling will only make things worse and not allow you to cope, but you also can't meditate or stay stuck in this depressive mood. You have to get up and do something.

For Gravina, she tries to FaceTime and call her family as much as she can as well as keep busy.

"Receiving care packages from my parents is like a piece of home, so that helps a lot," she said. "And I try to entertain myself by either going to the pool or beach or keep myself busy with schoolwork so I don't think so much about home."

Gravina also decorates her single dorm with things that remind her of home, such as a Build-A-Bear Workshop bear that says "Maryland" on it.

"My parents are my biggest supporters, both financially and emotionally," said Escalante.

"I could never thank them enough or repay them for giving me such an amazing opportunity to study abroad."

To deal with her homesickness, Escalante says she either calls her mom or stays in bed watching TV.

"I've been frustrated and overwhelmed a few times but my mom is always a phone call away to provide necessary comfort and advice," she said.

Students must keep themselves busy and get involved on and off campus.

Staying alone in a dorm and brooding about being far from home will not help in any way.

"Keep pressing on and striving for success, you have a purpose," said Escalante. "We didn't come this far to give up."

If necessary, students can talk to friends, professors or counselors on campus. But most importantly, it is important not to lose connection with family or loved ones.

"Keep your close ones close," said Gravina. "Because at the end of the day they are the ones that will always be there for you."

## FIRST-YEAR SURVIVAL GUIDE

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*Dear freshmen*

By now, you already know that college is an opportunity to grow and to make mistakes. One minute you're telling your friends how breezy this semester will be and, the next, you're having a mini panic attack just thinking about all those upcoming deadlines. But, don't worry! College will also be some of the best years of your life. Instead of anticipating your next fiasco, here are four ways to ensure you have a great first year as a Barry Buccaneer.

### Get Involved

Even if you want to focus more on your studies, it's still advantageous to get involved on campus. Being active on campus is more than just a chance to get to know your peers; it's a chance to enhance your experience as a student and to serve the community.

"Get involved early because I didn't, and it's one of [my] biggest regrets about school. The friends and opportunities ... are so rewarding," said Dominique McMillan, a senior history major and political science minor.

Are you interested in getting involved, but not sure where to begin? Start with a club that's related to your major or your best interests, and then branch out to a more general organization.

Student Government Association (SGA), Orientation Team (O Team) and Barry Service Corps Fellows are all great organizations to get involved in. There also some great off-campus options.

Paola Montenegro, a senior majoring in political science with a minor in French, suggests the Dream Defenders, a human rights organization, as a good starting organization for freshmen.

### Actually Study

Whether you're a bio-chemistry or a music major, one thing is guaranteed—you will have tons of work. Therefore, you should make the time to get to know your books well. After all, isn't the ultimate goal to become a respectable member of the field you choose? Don't be afraid to read unassigned books that are related to your classes. Don't hesitate to put in more study hours than everyone else. Study in groups, study alone, go to your professors' office hours and study more than just what's stated in your syllabi.

### Get Organized

Buy a planner. Write down your homework. Write down your due dates. It helps with remembering appointments you schedule weeks in advance. And the end of each week, you can check how productive you've been, and where you are slacking off.

### Treat Yourself

No, I don't mean to go on a shopping spree and spend your tuition money. However, it's always refreshing to do something that makes you happy, especially before finals week.

Barry's library has thousands of books in genres such as romance, drama, comedy, plays and everything in between. Go check out a book, go to a movie, go the beach with friends, or go to a fun event on campus.

Whatever you decide, don't forget to treat yourselves. Even the busiest students find the time to take care of themselves.

McMillan said she likes to give herself at least an hour of rest to unwind from a busy schedule.

Meanwhile, Montenegro enjoys going off-campus to train in capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial arts).

Whatever your snooze button is, just make sure you hit it every now and then; you will need the mental boost it provides.

Every Thursday-Sunday, Barry University provides free bus rides to Aventura Mall. Take advantage, and save the extra money an Uber or Lyft would have cost you.

# HOW TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR ROOMMATE

## IN 4 SIMPLE STEPS

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If you've never had to share your room with your sibling(s), then you know how wonderful it is to have your own room to yourself. So, the idea of transitioning from having your own space to living with a stranger, doesn't exactly make you excited to start college.

The anxiety of rooming with a stranger doesn't ease, especially after reading countless horrible college roommate stories and videos online. Can you imagine one of those horrible roommate experiences happening to you? That money hidden in your sock is now suddenly missing? Your roommate wearing your favorite shirt? Or your roommate's

friends hanging in your room for hours on end?

Having a roommate can seriously dampen your college experience, but only if you let it.

Here are four tips to ensure that you and your roommate get along for the year.

### 1. RESEARCH

As soon as you're notified of your roommate, add them on social media. This way you can not only have a glimpse of who they are, but you can also introduce yourself and get to know them before move-in day.

### 2. ESTABLISH WHERE THE LINE IS DRAWN

What are your pet peeves? Are you willing to

share food and other essentials? At what time should friends leave the room? These kinds of questions are important to think about when setting "ground rules" to live with your roommate. Once you've both clearly communicated each other's concerns, it'll decrease chances of future confrontation.

### 3. COMMUNICATE

It's best to talk to your roommate if he or she did something wrong instead of being passive aggressive toward them. No one likes an awkward situation, and it's even worse when the awkwardness continues 24/7. So, instead of holding it in, sit down and talk to your roommate about the situation. If you approach

your roommate calmly instead of being rude, the conversation will go smoothly and the situation will be handled respectfully.

### 4. HAVE FUN!

Have a movie night, hit the club, go to the beach, play video games or board games, play basketball or just dance around in your room—whatever you both enjoy, just have fun with your roommate! Getting along with your roommate will make living on campus enjoyable for the both of you. Who knows, it could even be the beginning of a lifelong friendship!

Moving away from home is difficult as it is. Stressing about your roommate should not be

*Kolasa Hall residents Bianca Sanon (left) and Sade Nichols (right) keep their differences aside to maintain a good roommate relationship. Photography by Anastasia Zharova.*



## SAVE AND SPLURGE TIPS



People come to college to get an education, and with it, an experience that lasts a lifetime. A college experience does not come cheaply, especially when attending school in Miami. There is a whole world that happens outside of this campus. Places like South Beach, Wynwood, Brickell, Midtown, Downtown and Sunny Isles always have happenings all year round. Students must learn to manage their finances while at Barry and it comes down to having to choose between splurging and saving.

**Here's a list of things that you should keep in mind the next time you look at your bank account -- where you should save and where you can splurge.**

### SAVE:

**Toiletries:** Try drugstore toiletries, they work just as good as the high-end products. Shops Close to Campus: Walgreens, CVS, Ulta.

**Textbooks:** To save on textbooks, always try Amazon, eBay or Chegg. You can even ask your friends to recommend someone who took the class a semester before you. Then, price match at the Barry bookstore!

**School Clothes:** Before you go all out on a new outfit at the mall, try a cheaper selection of stores. **Shops Close to Campus:** TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Ross, Goodwill, Plato's Closet, Rainbow

**Groceries:** Some students get carried away when they go to supermarkets and go way over budget. Try downloading Ibotta, a grocery app that gives you cash back on what you buy!

**Furniture:** If you live off campus, finding nice, cheap furniture can be a hassle. Log on to Facebook groups, Offer Up and Let Go to find college students who are selling used items.

**Vacation:** Go with a big group. That way you can split the cost!

"I rather eat on campus, save my money, and go clubbing on the weekends so I can meet celebrities and see people perform." – Ironelly Ozuna (Computer Informational Science, Junior)  
"If I lived on campus, I would save on food. Splurge on drinks and party clothes."

– Terrie Constant, (Athletic training, Senior)

"I splurge on food. Save money by going out to clubs on certain days."

– Keri Askin (Forensic Psychology, Junior)

"I splurge a lot on Lyft, clothes, and food! I save on books."

– Harnaja Pitts (Broadcasting and Emerging media, Freshman)

"I definitely save my money by not having a car, so I don't have to buy gas. But when I splurge, I buy clothes and accessories, such as bags."

– Veronica Gravina (Graphic Design, Junior)

– Maya Vargas and Brittney Luckey

### SPLURGE:

**Event and concerts:** Memories are everything! So, splurge on a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

**Food:** We sometimes have a love/hate relationship with the Barry food. If you're in need of some comfort food, every now and then, splurge on a good meal! Restaurants Close to Campus: Fingalickin', El Conuquito Restaurant, Café Crème

**Technology:** While you can still use your student discount, you can still splurge on a high-end laptop, tablet or camera.

**Shoes:** You can tell a lot about a person by their shoes, so definitely keep a nice pair you can use for an interview or a night out.

**Pampering:** Sometimes, we just want to look good. Looking good makes us feel good. From your nails to your lashes, eyebrows, and hair. Even guys feel great when they get a fresh cut. Shops Close to Campus: Jivana Nail and Spa, Lakshmi Spa and Wellness, Diva's Hair & Nail Salon, TruCutz

# KINGSMAN

## THE GOLDEN CIRCLE, STILL A HIT

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Colin Firth is resurrected in the new *Kingsman* movie.

*Kingsman: The Golden Circle* starts with a bang, opening with an exhilarating, stylized action sequence, personifying everything that the *Kingsman* franchise is supposed to be about. The opening sequence reminds every viewer of why they loved the first movie and why they came back for more.

The movie is packed with many great moments and sequences. True to the opening sequence of *The Golden Circle* and the amazing action sequences of the first film, *The Secret Service*, the action scenes here are the highlight of the film. The action is a non-stop adrenaline rush. The audience can always trust the *Kingsman* franchise to deliver a good action sequence.

The addition of the Statesmen to the *Kingsmen* lore is absolutely fantastic.

While the *Kingsmen's* code names are after Arthurian legends, the Statesmen's code names are based after different types of alcohol, which is definitely clever.

Of the new Statesmen characters, MVP has to go to Pedro Pascal's Whiskey. Pedro Pascal showcases such a charming portrayal of 'Americana' that he easily overshadows

Jeff Bridges and Channing Tatum, with his cowboy charm and fantastic action sequences that were a beauty to behold.

Another standout of the Statesmen is Halle Berry's Ginger Ale. Halle Berry is perfectly cast here and Ginger Ale is the competent scientist of the group that every audience knows and loves.

Julianne Moore's Poppy is a delightful portrayal of the type-A villain. Poppy is unique in her personality and the motivation for her master plan.

But where the movie fails is the third act. Director Matthew Vaughn stated that the original cut for *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* was 3 hours and 40 minutes long and it had to be cut to 2 hours and 21 minutes. The viewer can feel that missing hour and a half and that flaw shows in the third act. It feels rushed. And while it doesn't neglect the action sequences, the core of the film - the plot - suffers.

Bringing back Harry Hart also causes problems. The first movie heavily establishes that they're not like 'any other spy movie' where characters somehow survive a strange death.

So, it's almost a slap in the face to the audience when they bring back Colin Firth's character. The explanation of his survival from apparent death is a combination of 50 percent "makes sense" and 50 percent "the audience wants him back and anything will make sense."

At the same time, *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* kills off several characters, in ways that cannot be disputed, to prove the point that they're not any 'other spy movie'.

It is a bit hypocritical—either let Harry Hart stay dead or bring him back and embrace the campy feel.

But, disappointingly, Colin Firth isn't as heavily involved as one would expect. One of the most amazing aspects of the first *Kingsman* film was to see Colin Firth, an actor who typically plays the British gentleman, play the cunning spy with gentlemanly qualities.

Similar to the first film, the movie presents a moral question for viewers to digest. Yet, this time the topic may be a bit too complex to be answered in the 141 minutes runtime.

Miami Skyline



# WORK AND NO PLAY? NOT IN MIAMI

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Nicknamed “The Magic City,” Miami is known for its beaches, parties, and clubs. It is a vibrant city full of places to go and exciting things to do. From art events such as Art Basel to mega music festivals such as Ultra, there is never a dull moment in our city. Whether you’re an adventurer, a foodie, or someone who just likes to relax, there’s always something happening. But, how do you balance getting good grades in school, while living in one of the most diverse and fun cities in America? It’s not exactly easy, but still possible.

Simply visiting Miami is one thing, but actually living and going to college here is a whole different story. With all the projects, assignments and exams, finding a way to enjoy everything Miami is tough. I mean, did you really go to Barry if you didn’t take advantage of America’s most beautiful beaches being only a few miles away, and how can you not live it up while living a stone’s throw from Downtown Miami? Here are four tips to get the most out of college life in Miami while keeping up with school.

#### MANAGE YOUR TIME

Time is the most important element for any student. With classes and deadlines, plus

other extracurricular activities, learn to plan ahead of time. With a pre-planned schedule, it will be easier to have the time to go out and do fun things.

#### DON’T PROCRASTINATE

Procrastination is probably one of the top reasons why students find themselves overly stressed and with no free time. Work on assignments a little bit at a time instead of waiting until the last minute. That way, when the due date arrives, you will have most of it done and more time to have fun.

#### PRIORITIZE

Determine what is most important and do

that first. Tackle the harder things in the beginning. By setting your priorities, you help yourself become more organized and allow yourself to have spare time to enjoy Miami events.

#### GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK

Once in a while, it is okay to unwind from the hectic agenda of school and have some “me-time.” Put textbooks aside, forget assignments or due dates and don’t think about upcoming exams. Go enjoy a nice outing with your friends at Bayside. Just be sure to get back to work.

## 11 THINGS TO DO IN MIAMI THIS FALL

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- Maya Vargas and Brittney Luckey

*Now I killed a man they said | So they said, so they said | Oh I killed a man they said | Yes they said | I killed a man they said  
And I left him layin dead | Cause I bashed his bloody head | Blast his eyes | Caused I bashed his bloody head | Blast his eyes.*

*Samuel Hall (1850) by CW Ross*

*Once upon a time, not long ago | A rapper got shot, and no one knows | Who pulled the trigga on the kid and layed him in his grave  
And after the prayers and the street parade | Sh\*t got forgot, and now he's dead | And all the fans loved everything he said  
So understand this, you don't wanna miss | Sex, drugs, and violence*

*Sex Drugs & Violence (2007) by Public Enemy ft. KRS-One*

# VIOLENCE IN MUSIC: AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE

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When people think of violent music, they are likely to think of the violent (gangsta) rap music from the East and West Coast that dominated American mainstream in the 1980s. Or they could think of the violent imagery in grunge and heavy metal songs (think Marilyn Manson) that dominated the 1990s.

People have associated both genres with having a detrimental effect on children -- a debate that still goes on to this day. However, the above supposition is a myth. Here's why.

Those two genres of music, while violent in imagery, are truly as American as apple pie.

Truth be told, artists have used violent imagery in songs long before the late '80s and early '90s.

### Civil War Music

One can look all the way back to the Civil War to see violent imagery in action. The use of songs back then often encouraged camaraderie among soldiers. Both the Confederate and Union would sing the same songs ("When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"). Songs were repurposed to capitalize on recent events ("John Brown's Body") and songs were used to dehumanize the opposition ("Maryland, My Maryland").

For example, in "Maryland, My Maryland," composed in 1861 by James Ryder Randall,

violent imagery focuses on acts committed by Union soldiers and the violent acts necessary for Confederate soldiers to win the war. In fact, the song carries the line "Sic Semper," (Latin for "thus always to tyrants") which was either yelled or written by John Wilkes Booth (during or after the assassination, as historical accounts differ).

Yet, even with the song's violent nature, its ties to an assassination of a U.S. President and touting for the Confederacy to win the war... the song is still Maryland's official state song.

Another violent gem to look at is the 1861 Civil War song "Down With Traitors' Serpent Flag," complete with a violent (for the time) sheet cover!

Here's a passage of note that was sung in saloons and by soldiers with glee.

*Serpent flag Death to the wretch o'er whom it waves*

*And let our heaven born banner float O'er freemen's homes and traitors' graves.*

The song actually calls for the death of those who chose to wave the serpent flag. For those wondering, the (Serpent) flag mentioned is not to be confused with the Tea Party (Don't Tread on Me) flag or the one from the Revolutionary War period but the Confederate flag. The last line "Let our heaven born banner float O'er freemen's homes and traitors' graves," was a sick burn (by 1861 standards)

as freemen could be construed as black slaves and, in death, the soldiers would be laid under the flag of the Union and would be forgotten.

How about the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh?" -- a very graphic song about a drummer boy who gets shot, rejects treatment (no one comes to his aid), plays to his last breath and prays for his fellow soldiers.

### Post-Reconstruction America

Following the period of reconstruction, people in the African American community took to singing songs about bad men--people who were really famous criminals. Idolization ensued because these "bad" individuals retained control in an oppressive society.

An example would be Storyville in New Orleans where there were a lot of criminals with high notoriety who stayed out of jail since police wouldn't dare enter that section of New Orleans (after 5 p.m.)

Of particular note can be found on Jelly Roll Morton's Library of Congress recordings. He sings of a criminal named Aaron Harris who was a bad, bad, man known for robbing people and killing his sister over a cup of coffee. There is also the particularly lewd "Murder Ballad."

### Country and Blues Music

If one investigates country music and blues, there is also violence. A favorite comes from the Memphis Jug Band called "He's On The Road Again" (1928). It's a show stopper and,

after singing the chorus, the band shifts to stop time and sings.

*I went to my window. My window was propped.*

*I went to my door. My door was locked.*

*I stepped right back. I shook my head.*

*A big black nigga in my folding bed.*

*I shot through the window. I broke the glass.*

*I never seen a little nigga run so fast.*

Then there's Louis Jordan's "Pettin' and Pokin," which is about two lovers who beat each other 24/7. Blues standards like "Bring Me My Shotgun" or "Sawed Off Shotgun," are both about murder, even Jimmy Hendrix's famous "Hey Joe" is about a man escaping the law because he murdered his wife.

I'll remind you we are a long way from Easy-E and NWA, but gun violence in music is as American as apple pie. Violent music plays a big role in some of our most iconic songs.

So, if you know someone who denounces the most modern, violent music without acknowledging the historical record, ask them are they really listening?

# THE LEFTOVERS

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Roussell Dining Hall is a place where Barry University's on-campus students go to get their meals for the day. But, Rousell has fallen victim to a phenomenon that has been sweeping the nation for decades: food waste. According to *Bloomberg Magazine*, Americans waste \$160 billion on uneaten food every year and just 15 percent of this uneaten food would be enough to feed 25 million Americans for that year.

Those are staggering numbers, but campus officials say Barry University is doing its part to reduce those numbers.

According to Maria Vargas, Barry's director of resident dining, about 40 percent of the food served in the cafeteria is wasted. That may come as a surprise to some, but to others, the number sounds just about right.

Sophomore Marie Duponcy claims she doesn't eat a good amount of the food she receives.

"I throw about 45 percent of my food away," said the sophomore. "It just doesn't taste good, and sometimes there's this plasticky taste."

Like Duponcy, most Barry students claim that the taste of the food is what pushes them to toss out a portion of their plate.

"The taste of the food is poor and the cutlery is not cleaned properly," said junior criminology major Kelvin Pitman.

While a lot of food is wasted in the cafeteria, if you take a look around the dining hall, you will also see a lot of promotional information about Barry University's initiatives to combat food waste.

"With this program we work with the students to minimize or even get rid of food waste entirely," said Vargas. "By educating students we not only minimize food waste here, but also leave them with knowledge they can carry throughout life."

Imagine, lunch has just passed and the cafeteria is getting ready for dinner. The dining staff is removing the hot trays from lunch,

replacing the fruit and dessert, then clearing up the cafeteria for dinner. Where do the leftovers go?

The short answer: the garbage.

The food is disposed whether students eat it or not.

Vargas said all the food served in the cafeteria has been carefully measured to properly cater to all the people who eat in the dining hall.

"With the Clean Plate program, we make sure we have just enough food for the people that will eat there for the day," said Vargas.

"We try to keep food waste at a minimum."

In other words, the cafeteria makes just enough food to feed everyone that eats there and have no leftovers.

Chartwells, Barry University's catering service, developed the Clean Plate program to increase awareness about food waste like with the weekly updated chart that measures food waste or the screens in the cafeteria that plead with students to ask for samples if they don't know what the food tastes like or are skeptical about a food option.

Still, regardless of how much you waste, the cafeteria will consider whatever amount of food you take as your portion and will continue to size meals to accommodate how much you ask for.

Essentially, if you're asking for a full plate and only eating half of it, you're making the caf-

eteria include a portion of food that will not be eaten. There won't be waste on their part, but there will be on yours.

Larry Perez, the director of student affairs, asks for what he knows he will eat.

"I literally only ask for half a plate if that's all I'm going to eat. I hate food waste," he said.

On the other hand, if you ask for less food, the dining hall will have more leftovers, forcing it to reportion its meal sizes to accommodate less food waste.

Thus, the cafeteria responds to food waste by adjusting to your desires. The less you waste, the less is wasted, period.

However, students may ask, why doesn't the cafeteria just donate the leftover food to a shelter instead of throwing it in the garbage?

Vargas said the risk is too great when it comes to expired food.

"There is too much liability when it comes to donating food. You never know who could get sick off something your company has prepared," she said.

However, Chartwells still donates to the poor, and they use the food you save to do it.

Every time a certain amount of food is not wasted, Chartwells will donate a certain amount to local shelters and kitchens. The more food saved, the more food donated.



Students' leftover food pile up to be thrown away during lunch in Landon Student Union dining hall. Photography by Ashley Nudd.

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