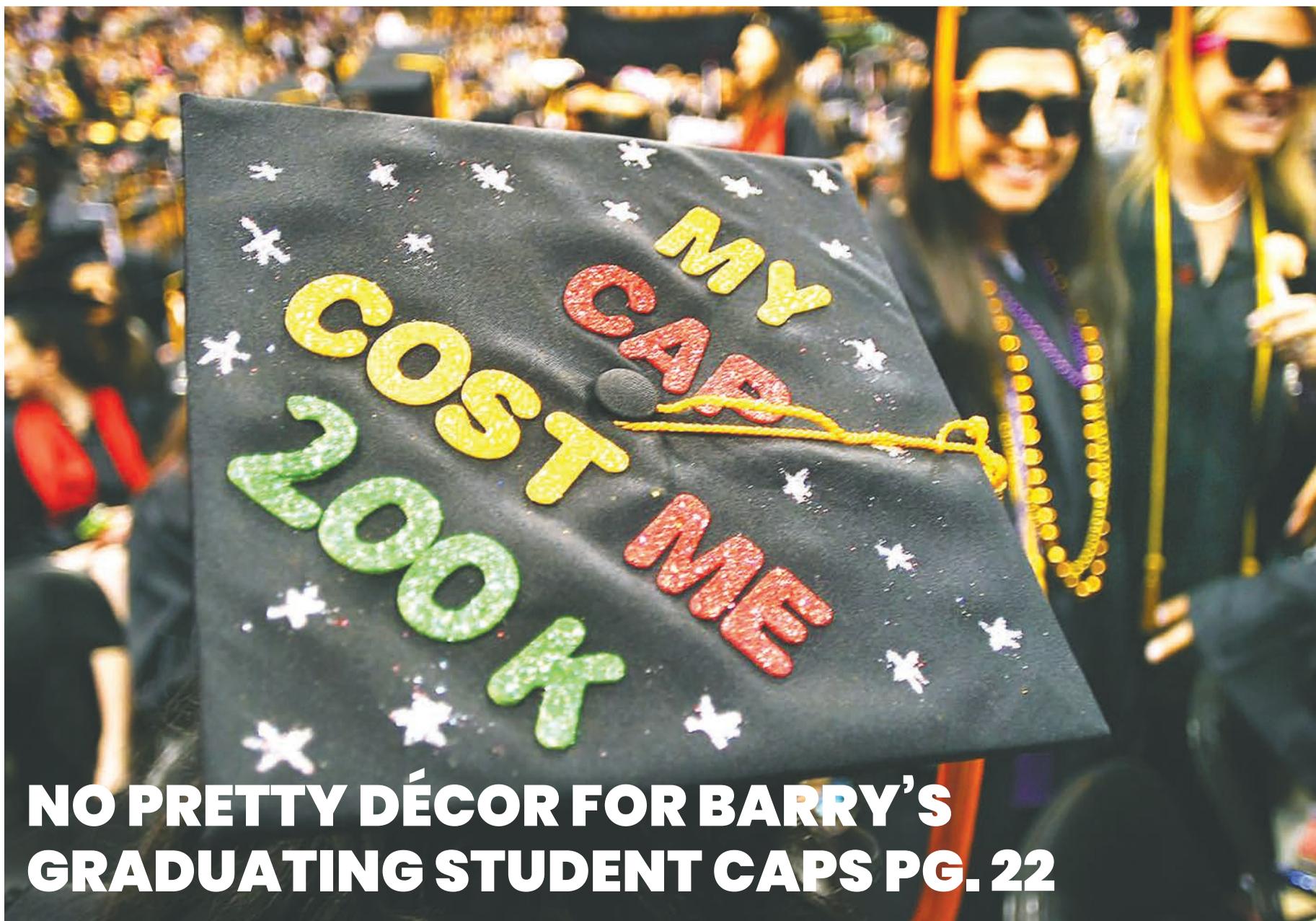


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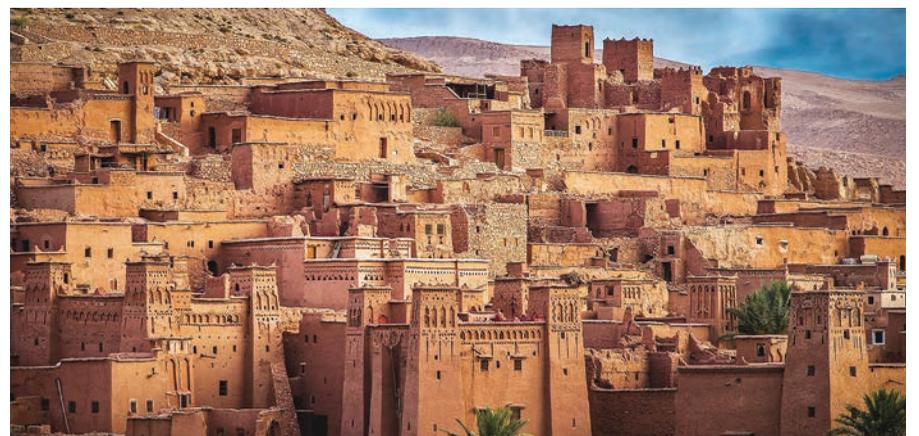


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ALL THINGS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED AT BARRY

BY: JOHANIA CHARLES
Staff Writer

Sex, sex, sex. Now that I've got your attention, let's talk about sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Considering biology, sex is something that crosses many people's minds at one point in time, but few openly discuss the topic. For those wishing to engage in it, it's important to know and understand the do's and don'ts for preventative measures.

At Barry, the student health clinic offers free and confidential STI testing twice a month through the Pridelines organization. On average, 50 tests are administered a month. STIs like human papillomavirus (HPV), gonorrhea and chlamydia can usually be treated through medication and may not last forever.

"The testing will either be billed to the student's health insurance or offered [for a] nominal fee for the lab test," said Eileen Egan-Hineline, director of student health services.

Students must also keep in mind that Barry is not immune to STIs. Incidents of STIs on campus include chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV and herpes. HIV incidents are often referred to professionals in the community because there are financial programs and specialists that follow this lifelong condition.

Rare forms of STIs include Hepatitis B, which has been mitigated due to childhood vaccinations, eliminating a vaccinated adult's chance of contracting it by the time they become sexually active.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that 79 million Americans, mostly people in their early 20s, have HPV.

The HPV virus presents a high risk of developing vaginal and/or cervical cancer,

if not prevented. Seventy percent of cervical cancer could have been prevented if patients received the Gardasil vaccine. This vaccine can be found through the Vaccines for Children government program, covering individuals to the age of 26 with insurance.

Without insurance, the vaccine is about \$250.

"If sexually active, [students] must use barriers as [a] source of protection. Being sexually active is a choice that adults make," said Egan-Hineline. "Everything remains confidential in health services. We're not here to judge, just here to provide support. Student Health Services is a safe zone."

Other preventative measures include abstinence, monogamy and protection.

Protection can come in the form of male or female condoms, dental dams, finger cups or gloves. Contraception like the diaphragm, cervical caps or birth control pills do not protect against STIs, however.

"I think it's important to practice safe sex, in doing so you can help yourself [and] prevent the spread of STIs on campus," said finance junior Jahvon Ferrara.

The Buccaneer previously released a health-related article that explained that dispensing contraceptives here at Barry violates Catholic values and traditions, thus they are not dispensed at the health center or on campus.

"It can be prevented if people are aware of the risks. People aren't concerned until they get [STIs]. I think it's more important to prevent it than treat it afterwards," said Taylor Checkley, a sophomore majoring in pre-professional biology.

Symptoms for STIs include sores, painful or burning urination, lower abdominal pain, bleeding and fever.

In some cases, there are no symptoms.

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THE HARDEST GOODBYE: SISTER LINDA RETIRES

PRESIDENT-ELECT MIKE ALLEN JOINS BARRY

BY: PARIS RAZOR
Staff Writer

Although we have only seen glimpses of her during our time at Barry — when she's handing degrees at graduation, cheering at basketball games, or awarding students at ceremonies — Sister Linda Bevilacqua has known what it means to live a Barry life.

After serving as president for 15 years and working to ensure that Barry has maintained and exemplified our core commitments of inclusive community, collaborative service, social justice, and knowledge and truth, Sister Linda will retire from her post on June 30.



Sister Linda with students at Barry's Founder Fest in 2016. Photography by Anastasia Zharova

Sister Linda's History with Barry

In July of 2004, Sister Linda became the sixth president and first alumna president of Barry University. She graduated magna cum laude in 1962 then joined the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan. She earned her master's from Siena Heights College and a doctorate from Michigan State University.

Sister Linda started off serving her beloved Barry in other roles before becoming president.

In 1969, she was the chief student life officer and from 1981 to 1986 she was the founding dean of the School of Professional and Career Education (PACE) and associate vice president for academic affairs. She returned years later to assume her presidency.

As president, Sister Linda has worked to cultivate a space for students to learn and be challenged, while also earning respect and a positive

reputation from the greater community.

Under her tenure, 9,000 students have annually enrolled in one of two colleges or six schools of Barry and 17 academic programs have earned accreditation by national associations. Barry also earned the "Community Engagement Classification" from the Carnegie Foundation and is a Catholic and Florida College of Distinction.

Aside from her duties as president, Sister Linda has benefitted many committees with her prudence. Some include the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities, Life Sciences South Florida, United Way of Miami Dade and Florida Campus Compact.

What's the Next Chapter for Sister Linda?

On July 1, Sister Linda will begin a yearlong sabbatical divided over two years. During the first six months of her sabbatical, Sister Linda plans to spend her time visiting friends and a loving family including her nieces, nephews, and their children.

Upon her return, Sister Linda will serve as President Emerita and the Founding Director of the new Adrian Dominican Institute for Mission and Leadership. President Emerita (the female version of President Emeritus) is a mark of distinguished service awarded to select individuals upon retirement.

Sister Linda will work on ensuring the mission and core commitments of the Adrian Dominican sisters continue its legacy at Barry by spearheading workshops and lectures with students and faculty surrounding Barry's mission to learn, reflect, and serve.

Although her role at Barry will change once



Dr. Michael Allen and family will be relocating to Miami this summer. Photo courtesy of Mike Allen

again, in her own words, there are "buckets of memories" that she holds close to her heart as president.

"I've enjoyed when students opened up to me about their fears and frustrations because I hope I've been able to encourage them and to let them know that it's a part of our natural growing into who we are, but also to know they're not alone," said Sister Linda.

Most of all, her wish is that the Barry community remain faithful to its identity as a Catholic Dominican university.

"I hope and pray that living a Barry life means that we are living faithfully, authentically, and enthusiastically out of our mission and core commitments," she said.

Saying Goodbye to Sister Linda as President

Many students and faculty expressed fond memories with Sister Linda and a sadness to see her leave as president.

"She is a beacon of light for those of us interested in higher education leadership," said Vice President for Mission and Student Engagement Dr. Scott Smith. "Specifically, I will always hold dear those fun times with students during opening weekend, community fest, and athletic events."

Welcoming President Mike Allen

On March 11, Barry's Board of Trustees announced Michael Allen, Ph.D., would become the seventh president of Barry University.

Allen currently serves as vice president for student affairs at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and will begin his new role at Barry on July 1.

He is Barry's first male and first layperson to serve as president since the university first opened in 1940.

As new president, one of his main objectives is

to enhance and develop programs at Barry that will please current students and attract prospective students.

"One area where we have opportunities for growth is in our external presence with prospective students, the local South Florida community and our expansive alumni network," said Allen.

Although Allen is the first non-minister president, he feels the transition will be seamless because he values the same things that Sister Linda and her predecessors did.

"We each place great importance in leading with kindness, maintaining a deep appreciation for the diversity within our community, and our commitment to the pursuit of social justice and human dignity for all," he said.

Allen will be relocating to South Florida from Washington D.C. with his wife Beth and his two adopted children Maya and James.

As he steps into the role, Allen acknowledges the legacy left by Sister Linda.

"I'd like to thank Sister Linda for her tremendous leadership of Barry during her 15-year tenure as president. She is an inspirational leader and will leave immense shoes to fill," he said.

Allen said he looks forward to working with members of the Barry community. In addition, his family is excited to enjoy the beautiful assets that Miami offers.

Faculty, staff and students offered encouragement to the new president-elect.

"President-Elect Allen, you will be taking the reins of a university with a dynamic and talented student body, a brilliant and caring faculty, and a highly committed and resourceful staff," said Dr. Victor Romano, associate vice provost for student success and undergraduate studies. "We all stand ready to help you address areas of need and take Barry University to even greater heights."



“Citizens in a democracy need diverse sources of news and information.”

-Bernie Sanders

“We are not fearful, small people. We are confident and strong, and we understand that much of our strength comes from the fact that we are a people of the planet.”

-Beto O'Rourke



“How do you think we build a future? I think we build it by investing in our kids and investing in education.”

-Elizabeth Warren

“I was raised to be an independent woman, not the victim of anything.”

-Kamala Harris



“One of the things I've never been accused of is not caring about people.”

-Joe Biden

DEMOCRATS IN THE RACE FOR THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

BY: MATED GOMEZ
Staff Writer

Although the 2020 elections seem to be far away, the presidential debates for the Democratic Party starts this June.

It is now time to know the candidates and their platforms.

BERNIE SANDERS

Bernie Sanders announced his campaign on Feb. 19 through video. He is currently serving his third term as a senator of Vermont.

He was the candidate that most millennials, as well as Generation Z'ers, supported in 2016. According to the Washington Post, he had a 29 percent greater support from this demographic than other candidates.

Sanders describes himself as a democratic socialist. This kind of socialism describes a system where both the government and society are governed by a strong centralized power.

Beto O'Rourke

Beto O'Rourke was a member of the United States House of Representatives for district 16 until January of this year.

During the 2018 mid-term elections, O'Rourke lost the Senate race against Sen. Ted Cruz. He used social media to reach the younger population and gain statewide popularity. O'Rourke became a national celebrity when a video of him talking about NFL players taking a knee went viral on social media.

Many of former President Barack Obama's followers resonate with him since he has a similar political platform, including a positive bent toward immigration policy.

ELIZABETH WARREN

Elizabeth Warren is the current senator of Massachusetts. On Feb. 9, she became the first major democratic candidate that announced her intention of running in 2020.

President Donald Trump has made fun of Warren multiple times. He called her “Pocahontas” when she claimed that she had Native American ancestry in her DNA. Although

true, her Native American ancestors lived six to ten generations ago.

“Pocahontas (the bad version), sometimes referred to as Elizabeth Warren, is getting slammed,” tweeted Trump in October. “She took a bogus DNA test and it showed that she may be 1/1024, far less than the average American ...”

KAMALA HARRIS

Kamala Harris is a former attorney general for the state of California. She became a senator in 2017.

If she wins the primary elections, she will be the first African-American woman to win the nomination.

She sees herself as a different democrat, which is widely viewed by the American public as a socialist. However, she argues that she is a “progressive democrat” and not a socialist. She is a supporter of Medicare for all, as well as the legalization of recreational marijuana.

JOE BIDEN

Biden was vice president of the United States from 2009 to 2017 during the Obama administration. Biden spent many months teasing that he might possibly run. He first teased the issue prior to the 2016 election then said he decided not to run after the death of his son Beau Biden from brain cancer in 2015. On April 25, Joe Biden officially announced through a video that he will be running for president.

Many democrats see Biden as the best candidate to win against President Donald Trump.

WAYNE MESSAM

Messam is currently the mayor of Miramar. He has held that position since 2015. His plan is to restore confidence in the American dream that proves a mayor can become the president of the United States. According to CBS, his major concern is gun violence.

Miami, Florida has the privilege of hosting the first Democratic presidential debate on June 26-27.

BY: BRIANNA LOPEZ
Staff Writer

Yes, you read that title right and if you're (un)lucky, you've probably experienced it, too. Barry University students who dorm have been complaining about mold on their dorm walls since the Fall 2018 semester and the Buccaneer has an inside scoop on what it's really like living with this issue.

Freshman pre-nursing major Alanis

Lopez lives in Browne Hall and says she's had mold in her room since the start of the fall semester. She hasn't gotten sick and neither has her roommate but Lopez says, "it is nasty constantly seeing it there."

Barry Maintenance has offered little help with this issue, according to Lopez.

She said she and her roommate have contacted them multiple times and maintenance has responded, "It's not mold," or "That is why the AC is always on high. It stops the mold from growing."

Dissatisfied with this response, Lopez believes Barry should be doing more to ensure the safety and comfort of the students who reside here on campus.

"If someone gets sick, that's when they want to take action, but it shouldn't be that way. It should be resolved as soon as it is brought up," she said.

Lopez believes a lack of action will only make the issue get worse, especially for the people living with it.

Sophomore and graphic design major Mykaella Panier feels exactly the same as Lopez. "Mold can cause serious health problems which shouldn't be taken lightly," she said. "It is Barry's responsibility. We come here to get a better education. The least they can do is



IT'S GREEN, IT'S HAIRY, IT'S... MOLD IN THE DORMS!

Barry Student pointing to mold in her doorway. Photography by Jimmy Muniz

make sure our dorms aren't a safety hazard."

Director of Housing and Residence life Matthew Cameron believes Barry is doing the best they can to maintain the quality of the residence halls.

"Specific to Housing, the university has dedicated millions of dollars towards the residence halls during my tenure as Director and continues to make a considerable financial investment towards their upkeep and maintenance," says Cameron.

He then went on to list the 73 renovations Barry has made to different residence halls since 2008.

Due to her experiences with the mold, Panier thinks otherwise.

Panier lives with the mold in her dorm in Weber Hall, and while she isn't exactly sure how long the mold has been there, she is sure it has been there for a while because there was an overwhelming amount of it — so much, in fact, that Panier says "it hurts to breathe sometimes."

Unfortunately, the mold grew within Panier's closet, so some of her shoes and clothes were covered with mildew.

However, according to Panier, she didn't

bother to call housing because whenever she had previously contacted them about an issue, they would take several days to respond.

Although neither Lopez nor Panier mentioned going to the nurse's office to receive help with this issue or any health issues that came with it, Director of Student Health Services Eileen Egan-Hineline says that there have been three students that have come in and specifically mentioned having mold in their rooms.

In order to solve this issue, according to Egan-Hineline, all the students were either relocated or the area was professionally cleaned.

However, similarly to what maintenance told Lopez, Egan-Hineline did say that in all cases, the substance in their rooms was determined to be mildew.

"[Mildew] is common and not a dangerous mold. It grows on flat, damp surfaces like shower walls or around air conditioner vents and can be cleaned easily," said Egan-Hineline.

But according to home warranty company American Home Shield, "mold will appear darker in color, as in dark green or even black. Some may even be described as hairy."

Both mold and mildew grow in the same conditions.

Egan-Hineline maintains it is the residents' responsibility to clean their areas to aid in prevention.

Cameron seconds this, telling the Buccaneer, "there are issues that arise where students need to take ownership over their living space and realize that their living habits directly impact a facilities concern."

To assist students in prevention, Egan-Hineline advises students to "keep all areas clean and moisture-free."

"There are mildew removers available at the grocery stores that are very effective," she said.

She also reminds us that the symptoms one experiences with mold are very similar to common cold symptoms, so if the symptoms persist after the area is cleaned, it is probably just a cold, she said.

Overall, Egan-Hineline advises students that if they are having a health problem, "they should not wait for the work order to be addressed, rather, call Residential life immediately to let them know you are having a problem and they will promptly address the issue."

BARRY'S ROWING TEAM FLOWS MERRILY DOWN THE STREAM

BY: SOPHIA SHARDS
Staff Writer

With an aggressive start to the season, Barry's women's rowing team Varsity Eight is looking forward to what they can bring to the sea.

The last time the women's rowing team won a national championship was in 2016. Many Buccaneers feel it is time to #SiegeTheShores.

Varsity Eight paced its way to a first-place finish against four other V8 crews during the 2019 Spring Break Race hosted by Rollins College on Lake Maitland in Orlando.

The Buccaneers posted a 1,950-meter time of 6:31.70, besting two University of Florida boats, as well as boats from Rollins and Stockton University.

Freshman, who has a double major in criminology and biology, rower Maria Stampolkou, from Thessaloniki, Greece is eager to try and win another national championship.

"Our team is really good this year, and I believe that we will be in the final at the national championship if we can work together as a team," she said. "On race days, if we stay composed and calm, nothing will stop us from achieving that goal."

Overall, the rowing team expresses that the sport is harder than people expect it to be. Stampolkou describes the effort and strength a rower must have to be successful on this team.

"You have to manage your power in only 7 minutes. It may seem like a short timeframe, but when [you're] rowing those are the hardest minutes of your life," said Stampolkou. "It is not like the other sports that you have more than an hour playing

or the coach can change players during the match. At the time you begin, you will be with the same people on the boat pulling as much as you can in those 7 minutes."

Therefore, team chemistry is crucial and mandatory for rowers. There are no substitutions during the race or time-outs.

Once the boat is on its way, there is no turning back or making changes. It must be perfect.

Coming from Greece was different for

Stampolkou in her first year at Barry. The culture and dynamics of the team are much friendlier than those back home.

Teammate Lana Sumner-Borema shares the importance of having a bond on the rowing team.

"Rowing is a sport where it's impossible

to be praised for your actions independent of your entire boat," she said. "You either win as a boat or lose as a boat. The connection you have with your teammates decides if you will win or lose the race."

The Buccaneers have proven so far this year that the team is ready to make a statement. Head coach Nick Johnson is eager to make the Buccaneers first in the Sunshine State Conference (SSC).

"It took us a little while to get warmed up, which meant a horrible first series of races, but we pulled it together for some good efforts during the second half of the morning," he said. "We learned a little about where we are in the SSC right now and know that we have some work to do over the next month."

TEAM CHEMISTRY IS CRUCIAL AND MANDATORY FOR ROWERS.

Pictured with the 2019 Barry rowing team from left to right: Nick Johnson (head coach), Travis Day (assistant coach), Luna Ugrenovic (graduate assistant coach), Kotryna Lasaitė (volunteer assistant coach)
Photo courtesy of Coach Johnson



WOMEN'S TENNIS PLAYERS PREPARE THE LAST SERVE

BY: SOPHIA SHARDS
Staff Writer

The Barry women's tennis team is making their way to win yet another championship. In 2018, the Buccaneers finished first in the Sunshine State Conference, won the regular season, and received first in the final national ranking.

With four seniors graduating from this nationally top-ranked program, the team wants to end the season with a statement.

Zuza Maciejewska, a senior majoring in athletic training, is happy and sad that her senior year is coming to a quick end.

"I have had a great three years here at Barry and I am ready to graduate, but at the same time, I love this place and the people here which is why I don't want to leave yet," said Maciejewska.

Verena Schmid, a sports management major and business minor, and Carolin Schmidt, a graduate student majoring in business administration and finance are both leaving Barry at the end of the semester, competing for the 1 and 2 spots when playing singles. Schmid and Maciejewska secured the 1 spot when playing doubles.

Schmid and Maciejewska started playing doubles together in 2017, but it didn't last long when their coach changed the lineup.

Since last fall, they have played almost every match together. Their success proves their skills in communication and trust on the

court, showing the two cannot be stopped.

"It does not matter who plays in which spot. We are a team and do everything for the team... when I am practicing, I am not trying to beat someone to show that I should play number 1, I am practicing [to be] better for the team and [to] be ready for challenges," said Maciejewska.

Having a competitive team and culture is how the Buccaneers have remained successful. It wasn't until March 26 that the women's tennis team suffered their first defeat in over two and a half seasons. They fell to the seventh-rank against Lynn Fighting Knights at the Buccaneer Tennis Center.

However, the Bucs are still ranked number one and will continue to sweep the conference until making it to nationals.

Verena Schmid, despite a small injury she gained on her wrist playing against Lynn, plans to put the team on her back during this season. She always enjoys being around her team and having the opportunity to win yet another national title.

"The team this year is bigger than the team we had in the last two years, which makes it easier when it comes to injuries," she said. "If we stick together and keep on fighting as a team, I'm positive that we will get the ring at the end of the year."

Even though the ladies are good friends on and off the court, they must have that competitive drive to be in the number 1 spot.

Two of Barry's top tennis players. Photography by Jimmy Muniz



BY: JIMMY MUNIZ JR.
Staff Writer

Freshman star number 18, Frank Gonzalez II, has continued to make a name for himself at Barry through baseball. His career started at Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where he led his team to the 9A Regional Semifinals, with a record of 24 wins and just 2 losses.

Here at Barry, he pitched a total of 46.1 innings, completed nine season appearances, gave up 23 earned runs with seven walked batters, and achieved 46 strikeouts.

Gonzalez currently has a record of 4 wins and 1 loss. However, there is more to this player than stats.

If you want to know more about Gonzalez, keep on reading to find out why he is such a formidable player on the field.

Q1: How have you improved since first coming to Barry?

A1: I have improved tremendously since first coming to Barry. Besides getting bigger, stronger, and faster, I have grown as a man and learned how to be respectful to those around me. I have also learned how to lead others. I owe all this to my coaches.

Q2: What is your walkup song and why?

A2: My walkup song would be "Milkshake" by Kelis because I'm only a freshman and I'm not able to pick a walkup song yet. However, I would choose a song that made people laugh.

Q3: What is your favorite activity besides baseball?

A3: My favorite activity outside of baseball is hanging out with my teammates. We are so close knit that we consider each other family. Being with them on and off the field are the

best times I have had here at Barry.

Q4: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A4: My favorite athlete is Tom Brady and I'm not that much of a Patriots fan. I can relate to him and his story because, like him, I wasn't really seen as a valuable player. I didn't get many offers from other schools and was often passed up. The only school that gave me a chance was Barry and its coaching staff. If it wasn't for them, I probably wouldn't be pursuing my baseball career.

THE FRESHMAN PHENOM

MARCH MADNESS ENDS EARLY:

A LOOK BACK ON THE 2018-2019 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON



Photography by Jimmy Muniz

BY: BRIANNA LOPEZ
Staff Writer

On March 6, the Barry University Women's Basketball team's season came to an end after a tough loss of 71-89 in the Sunshine State Conference Tournament against Florida Southern—the top team. They ended the season with more losses than wins with an overall record of 10-19.

Barry's basketball team faced high-level competitors such as the University of Tampa and Eckerd College who fall right behind Florida Southern University in stats.

According to senior psychology major Ida Andersson, who played her last game at Barry on March 6, the team lost morale in their first few games because they took a few losses.

The team lost to Union University at home by seven points on their opening night but won against Delta State two days later.

Two weeks later they won against the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"I was impressed with the fact that our team always played hard in every game," said William Sullivan, coach of the women's basketball team at Barry. "They never gave

up and played hard until the final buzzer sounded."

However, there was a losing streak after that. The team lost to Virginia Union, Nova Southeastern, and the University of Tampa in the Thanksgiving Classic.

Still, Barry's women's basketball team remained steadfast.

Sophomore education major Harriet Swindles gives insight on the improvements made this season.

"As a team we improved our coherence and teamwork throughout the season, whilst figuring out what style of play matched our personnel best," said Swindles.

Swindles goes on to say that as a player, her biggest improvement was making better decisions on the court that benefitted her team as well.

Sullivan seconds this, saying that the team made a few strategic adjustments to better fit the strength of their players.

Andersson also said that she had a lot of personal improvement this season.

She broke Barry University's all-time

single season 3-point record by making 80 shots from the three-point line.

"This season was the best in my college career," said Andersson, who recalls how exciting it was to be receive a surprise proposal on the court. "My goal is to sign a good contract back home in Europe. Hopefully close to where my fiancé, who is a professional basketball player, decides to sign for next year."

While Andersson's departure is a sad one for the team, she leaves the them with promising words.

"I believe that my teammates that are returning next year have what they need to win the championship," she said. "They need to realize how good they can be if they play together, trust each other, put in extra work and truly believe that they can."

Sullivan reaffirms this by saying that while they have lost Andersson the team will return next season with five of their top scorers. This will surely bring more wins combined with the talent of the new recruited players.

Besides becoming more confident on the

court next year, Swindles says the team wants to be more consistent.

"We struggled to put together four good quarters, giving the other team time to go on runs, which in some games was the decider between a win or a loss," said Swindles.

Overall, the team is taking a well-earned break until next season after fighting for every win they received.

The team's goal for next year is also rapport building, according to Swindles, who says, "I want to help create an atmosphere that makes everyone want to play for the player standing next to them."

IS IT WORTH YOUR BUCK?

THE VALUE OF A BARRY DEGREE

BY: MICHIDAEAL GEARD
Staff Writer

The recent college bribery scandal involving celebrity parents such as Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman laundering money to get their children into selective schools have many students reflecting on the worth of the education they are currently receiving at Barry University.

While some of Barry's most notable alumni include legendary basketball player Shaquille O'Neal, former mayor of Miami-Dade County Carlos Gimenez, pop-music sensation Flo Rida, and popular Caribbean politician Allyson Maynard Gibson, does this truly reflect the outcome for an average student?

The monetary value of a degree at Barry University based on tuition and fees for the 2019-2020 cycle is set to be an average of \$29,700 yearly, culminating to \$118,800 for the traditional four-year track. This amount does not cover room and board, books, transportation, or food.

When analyzing the education received as a student at Barry, is the price worth it?

Examining the different undergraduate programs and their market performance provides shocking answers.

College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences at Barry has 10 different departments and is the largest school. The average starting salary of a Barry graduate who chose to pursue a degree in the biological sciences, language and communications, and various social sciences in the 2016-2017* year was \$35,000. Psychology, visual and performing arts as well as theology and religious vocations had starting salaries of less than the \$35,000 on average. The highest ranked salaries were computer and information sciences as well as mathematics and statistics, which were above \$45,000.

D. Inez Andreas School of Business

The Andreas School of Business offers six undergraduate programs and five graduate programs such as accounting, finance, and management degrees. Those who earn business management degrees from this school have an average starting salary of \$43,000.

Adrian Dominican School of Education

The Adrian Dominican School of Education offers a bachelor's degree in education with specializations in infancy through early childhood education, early and middle childhood education, and special education. Those pursuing undergraduate degrees in education can expect an average starting salary of \$35,000.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers 10 possible undergraduate programs at Barry such as nursing, anesthesiology, and biomedical sciences. Health professions at Barry have an average starting salary of \$46,000.

Ellen Whiteside McDonnell School of Social Work

The School of Social Work offers a bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree in the field. The graduate who pursued a bachelor's degree has an average starting salary of \$37,000.

So, was deciding to earn your education at Barry worth it?

The data shows that the best undergraduate degrees to pursue at Barry for the monetary

value include computer and information sciences, mathematics and statistics, nursing, and business.

However, if you choose to pursue degrees in theology, psychology or the visual and performing arts, you may fall at the lower end of revenue. Other degrees at Barry fall in the middle, with average starting salaries of about \$35,000.

However, it's not always about the money. The value of your Barry degree can also be defined by the experience received as a student.

Emma James, a freshman and English major specializing in professional writing, believes that the value of a degree received at Barry is not bad for the price.

"I do think that a Barry education is equal in value to that of any university with the same majors, if not better in value, because we're small and can afford to be more accommodating," said James. "I've enjoyed every professor so far in some way and they've been great."

Junior biology major Arin Blake values the population size.

"I enjoy the close-knit feeling at Barry," said Blake. "It's not hard to get in contact with people for the most part."

Things such as teaching methods as well as population size are things that can make a Barry degree better than what you can receive from selective schools such as Harvard or Yale.

According to research conducted by National Public Radio, schools that best promote social mobility are not Ivy League schools—attending schools with a huge population of the working class and are open-access really benefit Americans.

Nevertheless, attending Barry as a student does have its drawbacks. This affects the overall value of their degree for many students.

"There are very few options [for classes]

for my specific major," said James. "In my experience at Barry so far, there are usually [only] a few to choose from each semester."

Blake ultimately feels that the price of a Barry degree does not translate into great value.

"There are a lot of other schools that cost the same or even less that provide [a] higher quality education," she said.

Students also recognize that some majors are reputable in the community, and are therefore, valued more.

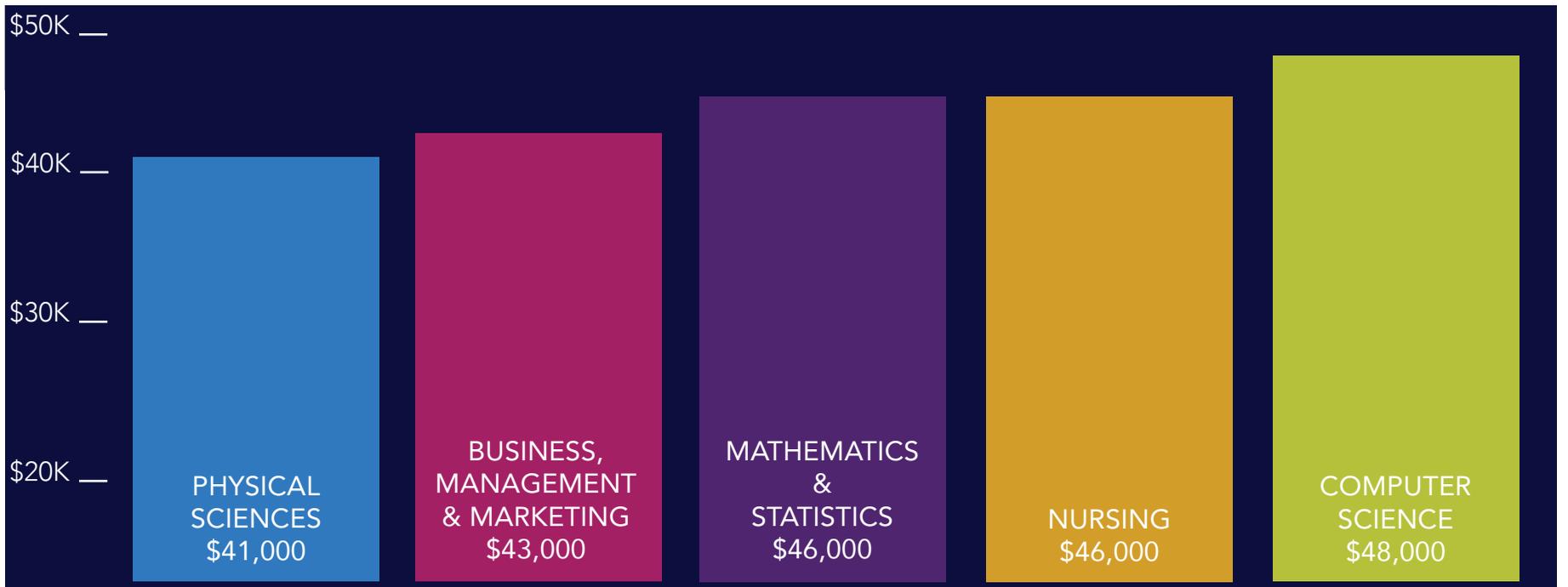
"It seems to me that a nursing or some type of science major is one of the best options," said James when asked what the best majors were at Barry. "There's a huge population of nursing students and my friend already has a job lined up for her upon graduating and she's only a freshman."

Blake agreed and said that she'd never heard of Barry being recognized publicly or privately for "anything else" other than nursing and podiatry.

As many graduating seniors become Barry alumni, it is the hope that they join the ranks of other successful Barry graduates who came before them.

However, contemplating on whether the future is worth your bucks can make your journey at Barry more enjoyable.

*The statistics provided in the article are from College Factual.



FUTURE FOR YOUR BUCK:

The Value of a Barry Degree



DAVID LAWRENCE: A MAN OF WISDOM



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With the release of his latest book "A Dedicated Life: Journalism, Justice, and a Chance for every Child," David Lawrence has become a topic of discussion at Barry. Lawrence is well-known for his tenure as the former publisher of *The Miami Herald* where under his direction, it won 5 Pulitzer Prizes.

Lawrence is also a strong advocate for

early childhood education. He is currently the chair of The Children's Movement which is a non-profit organization that strives to make children the state's top priority in funding.

Barry welcomed Lawrence on April 4 for a lecture and book signing. He discussed his memoir through an inspiring conversation with the Barry community.

The Buccaneer had a chance to sit down with Lawrence and ask him some of our most intriguing questions. We hope you find an answer in there that will help you find the answers to some of life's most pressing questions.

What motivated you to write your book?

Many people had suggested to me over the years that I should write a book, and I always answered, in some jest, "I am too young to write a book!" But, in more recent years, I helped someone else with a book, and came to think that (1) if I could help someone else, I could do so myself, and (2) I was now "old enough" as I entered my mid-70s.

What is the biggest challenge you think our youth face today?

Holding onto one's values in a topsy-turvy world in which so many young people know so little about history amidst the power and promise (and the great downside) of social media,

and the diminishing involvement of so many in our political system is the biggest challenge. It is not guaranteed that we keep this republic.

What advice would you give to your younger self?

Live by the basics and learn great values. Work really hard. Seek a balanced life with great friends and family. Tell others, as often as you can, that you love them. Make a difference in others' lives.

How do you cultivate peace in your life?

Seek to be fair to everyone. Genuinely listen to everyone. Expect the best from others. Learn the lessons of history. Never lose your moral core.

I know that you have traveled to many countries. How has travelling helped shape who you are?

There is a lifelong adventure in learning. I've been to 56 countries, and learned every time -- not just while in a country, but beforehand in reading that country's best literature and by reading about that country's history, culture, politics, etc.

What do you want readers to take away from your book?

If you keep the basic and good values you learned as a child, those values will help you

make good decisions and do good deeds all throughout life. A century and a half ago, the educator Horace Mann told us, "Be ashamed to die before you have won some battle for humanity."

What do you mean by a chance for every child?

Every child deserves a fair and real chance to succeed. That means every child deserves to have the basics of high-quality health, education, and the right to be nurtured and loved. Our nation works best when it works for everyone.

You talk about your family a lot. Why is family so important to you? Do you think it's important to maintain strong family relationships?

My life begins with faith and family, and our love for each other. I came from a loving family and have been married for 55 years to Roberta and love her more than ever. If our five children and their families are okay, then I am okay. I want my children and their families to be good and caring people and they are.

If you would love to find out more information about Lawrence, read more in his autobiography available at Barry's Monsignor Library.

AN INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL 10 NEWS WEATHERMAN BRANDON ORR

BY: MATEO GOMEZ
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Waking up at 2 in the morning and going to sleep by 8 or 9 at night might not be something a Barry University student wants to do, but to be a meteorologist for WPLG Local 10 News it just might require that.

Brandon Orr is one of the newest and youngest members at the local Miami station in Hallandale. Originally from Kentucky, he currently serves as a weatherman for the studio.

Orr received his education at Pennsylvania State University and studied meteorology.

"Out of around 400 people, only 55 of us made it to the end. People tend to believe we learn about tornadoes and hurricanes," he said.

It turns out most of what is studied is physics and math in that career, which is why many people drop, he said.

Not knowing what to specialize in at college,

he decided to focus on broadcasting.

"The first two years I did not want to be on television. I didn't think I could do it," said Orr.

He changed his mind when he embarked on an internship in communication.

Still hesitant, Orr decided to work for private companies like Leslie's Pool Supplies, as well as government agencies like the Department of Transportation.

In 2012, Orr appeared on TV for the first time. He has the tape hidden in his house, he said.

"It was so bad, but one day I will go back and see it," said Orr.

Being raised in a small southern town, transitioning to Miami was not easy and Orr experienced a culture shock with a change of cuisine and traffic jams.

"Stop lights last entire songs!" said Orr.

However, Orr has adapted well to Miami especially because he does not like the cold.

The Hispanic culture has influenced his music playlist but what he loves about Miami is the ma-

rine life which is something he enjoys on his day off. These activities include shark diving or just lying in the sand. There is just a lot that he can accomplish in Florida in just one day.

When Orr goes to work, he begins forecasting from home at 2:30 in the morning, which takes around 30 minutes. Orr also begins to generate ideas about what he wants to mention during his segments. The last thing he does from home is get "TV ready." He doesn't have a personal makeup artist at the studio.

At 5 a.m., he is on the air informing Miamians about the weather. He does this until 10:30 am, with the longest break lasting 15 minutes. By 11 a.m., he is home, which gives him the rest of the day to enjoy the weekend.

What he enjoys the most is the freedom at Local 10 News.

"They give us guidelines, but other than that, we are pretty free to do what we want. They are really flexible with how we present the weather," said Orr.

Due to this, Orr has explored his own style, something that he was not taught while in Penn State.

"For any student right now, the most important thing is to have options," said Orr. "Starting off in a smart market is what helped me. Many people want to start big like in New York City, but you don't see many young people starting off there."



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SOULMATE, WHERE ARE YOU?



Photography by Abigail Solorzano

BY: MICHIDAEAL GEARD
Staff Writer

College is known as the time when students make unforgettable memories and participate in meaningful experiences. It is a period where many find themselves and discover their passions and callings in life. However, there is one thing that college students seek as they navigate classes, studying, and their busy social lives — LOVE.

For many years, the typical collegiate narrative resulted in one finding a life soulmate from across the college dining hall or sitting next to you while you memorized chemistry equations.

Barry sophomore and biology major Taylor Checkley thinks that this still is a college norm.

“I think we come with the expectation,” said Checkley. “The people you meet in college are going to be the ones you stick with.”

However, Erica Cruz, another sophomore biology major, thinks this view is out of date.

“We are too young to find our soulmates,” said Cruz. “We are here to grow and it’s hard to find someone to grow with.”

Current data does prove that men and women are marrying at an older age in America, leaving college sweethearts in their distant past.

The average age of a first marriage for women is 27.4 years, according to the 2017 U.S. Census Bureau. For men, it is slightly older at 29.5 years.

Ironically, in 1990 the average age of marriage was 24 and it gets lower the further you go back in time.

Pressure is especially placed on women who believe that college will help them snag partners for life.

A 2001 survey conducted by the Independent Women’s Forum found that 63 percent of women attending college expected to find their mates on their campuses.

“Females come with the expectations more because they’re fantasizing about love and romance,” said Checkley.

Christian Giraldo, a graduate student and soccer player, disagrees.

“On the outside, it seems like females come with more expectations of finding their soulmate.... however, I do think men feel the same way but don’t externalize it,” he said.

Popularized by films such as “Legally Blonde” and television shows such as “Dear White People,” the pressure to find true love while figuring what do with one’s life is a burden many students have to carry.

“I don’t think that [college students] come in with the expectation but they are open to finding a soulmate,” said Giraldo.

Still, research shows that the chances of finding your soulmate in college is inconclusive.

According to Facebook’s Data Science Unit in 2013, only 28 percent of married couples on the social networking site in the United States found their spouses in college. Factors such as the population size, demo-

graphics, and geographical locations affected the possibility of matches found in college.

Religious colleges were the exception, though.

The survey found a significant correlation between religion and marriage at religious and faith-based institutions.

However, students feel like this does not happen at Barry even though we are a Catholic school.

“From what I’ve seen at Barry, it isn’t common,” said Giraldo.

Checkley believes that if Barry were a larger institution there would probably be a stronger possibility of finding a mate.

Nonetheless, students are still encouraged to pursue romantic relationships in college as a sort of a testing ground for preferences in their future matches.

According to an article published by The Telegraph, women will suffer at least two serious breakups before finding the ‘one.’ Men, on the other hand, will experience six relationships before finding their soulmate.

This survey conducted research on a sample size of 2,000 individuals and paints finding soulmates during college as rather dim.

“It happens but people shouldn’t come in with the expectation,” said Cruz.

Indeed, the quest for finding true love for college students at Barry is difficult as it is for many across America. However, only time will tell if it could possibly happen to you.

YOU'RE GHANA LOVE THIS CONTINENT!:

9-ISH AFRICAN COUNTRIES YOU NEED TO VISIT

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Staff Writer

9. TANZANIA



Photo courtesy of rei.com

Tanzania is home to Mount Kilimanjaro which is also a dormant volcano. It is the tallest mountain in the continent of Africa with a summit of 16,100 ft.

"I loved the valleys, the open sky, and the sublime sunset that painted the entire landscape gold," said sophomore computer science major Joseph Minani when asked what he liked the most about Tanzania. "It's the little things like that that really made all the difference."

8. MOROCCO



Photo courtesy of nomadicmatt.com

Even though Morocco lost the bid to host the 2026 soccer World Cup, it is still a very beautiful country. Known for its aromatic argan oil and the vibrant streets of Marrakech and Casablanca, Morocco is a great destination for shoppers.

Senior sports management major and senior Gabriel Bouani said that people should visit Morocco "because of the culture."

"The food such as kefta and couscous and also visiting places like Agadir beach make Morocco a place everyone should experience."

7. SOUTH AFRICA



Photo courtesy of azamarclubcruises.com

A trip to South Africa without visiting the Table Mountain in Cape Town would be a waste. Table Mountain got its name from its flat top and the clouds that shroud, giving it the appearance of a table covered in white cloth.

And, South Africa is known for its beautiful beaches, world class dining, and wait for it—PENGUINS!

6. ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE



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These two are listed together because Victoria Falls lie at the border of each. Victoria Falls is the largest waterfall in the world. In fact, it is twice the size of Niagara Falls.

If this isn't compelling enough, what is?

5. SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA

Photo courtesy of easyvoyage.co.uk



These two countries are great places to relax. They are both home to extraordinary historical sites such as Gorée and Fort James Island. You will also find beautiful beaches and friendly people at these tropical paradises.

4. NAMIBIA



Photo courtesy of nationalgeographic.com

Home to the world's oldest desert, Namibia is a beautiful country located north of South Africa. If you've seen the movie "Mad Max: Fury Road," then you've seen a piece of the sublime Namib desert.

Google 'A night at Deadvlei' and let your eyes feast on its extraordinary beauty.

3. EGYPT

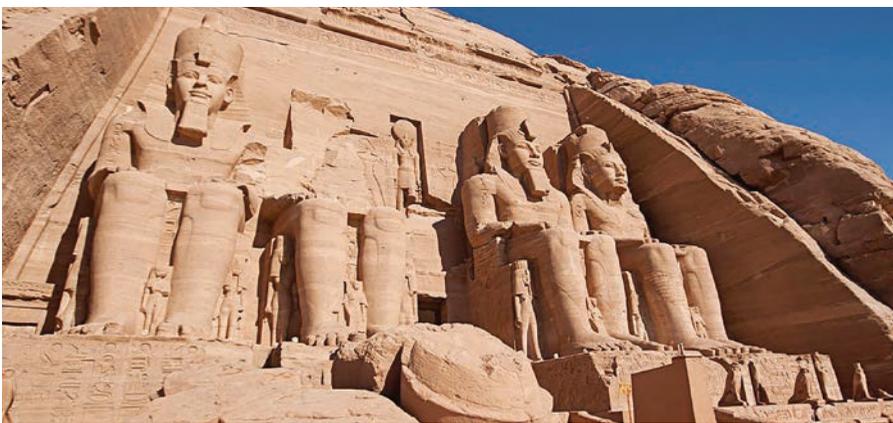


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This one goes without saying. Egypt is known as the first civilization on Earth. Its history is so rich and deep that archeologists have yet to discover it all.

Oregon native and associate director of Barry's Center of Community Service Initiatives Courtney Berrien lived in Egypt for some time before coming to Miami.

"Egypt is more than just the pyramids," she said. "Egypt's thousands of years of well-preserved history include temples carved into mountain sides; ancient Greek plazas; and bustling souks (markets). The desert is vast, the camels are many, and scuba diving and snorkeling are the best in the world."

2. GHANA

Ghana wasn't called the 'gold coast' for nothing. Ghana was once heralded as a country with an abundance of gold on its shores. Ghana is also well known for its cocoa beans, booming music scene, and its luxurious Shea butter.

When asked what she loved the most about her home country, senior Martha Cobbina responded "the people."

"I cannot stress how beautiful and honorable Ghanaian people are. They are welcoming to all," she said.

1. NIGERIA



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Music, fashion, and valued traditions symbolize the vibrant and proud persona that is synonymous with being Nigerian.

Visit the markets, go on shopping sprees for beautiful fabric, and interact with natives for the culture.

"Nigeria is not just a country in West Africa," said sophomore and pre-med major Nmachi Okere. "It is home to all and you should try visiting Nigeria at least once in your lifetime."



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CARIBBEAN FAMILIES BE LIKE...

BY: JIMMY MUNIZ JR.
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered how you could relate to someone whose culture was completely different from yours? Here at Barry you probably have come across several students from around the world being that “Barry is rated the NO. 3 college campus for diversity in Florida,” according to Niche 2019 Most Diverse Colleges in Florida.

Last winter, Buccaneer writer Maura Padron reported in her article “Barry’s Dairy of International Students of International Students” that the Bahamas is one of the top source countries for international students at Barry.

Barry students from different Caribbean family backgrounds like The Bahamas discussed the families they grew up in, the funny ways they were punished as children, and the things they remembered the most about home.

DICHOS: PUERTO RICO

As a child growing up in Puerto Rico, freshman biology pre-veterinary major Jonadeliz Ramos’ parents never spoke English. Everyday they gathered in front of the television to watch tele-novelas— Spanish TV dramas.

Ramos goes on to say that her culture is different from many others because of their ‘dichos,’ or funny sayings. One popular ‘dicho’ is that the product Vick’s Vapor Rub is the answer to everything.

It cures stuffy noses, aches and pains, a broken heart, and even the pain of a chancla.

Chanclas are old slippers Hispanic mothers throw at their children for punishment.

“My mom would throw her chancleta at me whenever I would get into trouble,” said Ramos.

Food is also a big part of Puerto Rican culture, according to Ramos.

“One day [my mom] would cook rice, beans, and chicken, and other days, she’d cook mofongo with chuletas,” said Ramos.

Mofongo is smashed plantains with seasoning and chuletas are pork chops.

Ramos also says that her family steers away from homecooked meals on Sunday.

Since everyone in her family loves Pizza Hut, they head there after church for a piece of the savory pie.

MUDDASICK: BAHAMAS

On the contrary, junior graphic design major Ana Smith said that in the Bahamas one of their cultural traditions was their Sunday feast during lunch filled with foods such as crabs and rice, barbeque chicken, minted crawfish and beets salad.

Her family also spent a lot of time boating, jet skiing, snorkeling and fishing together.

Smith reminisces on the way she received discipline.

“Getting grounded and my things taken away didn’t teach me discipline nor did it stop me from doing mischievous things,” said Smith.

What did work, she said, was a ‘pine tree switch’ that would sting upon contact. A switch is a disciplining tool made from a tree twig.

Smith says that her culture is uniquely different because they have special slang terms.

One is ‘muddasick’ or ‘muddo’ which replace exclamatory phrases like ‘oh my God.’

Another phrase explained was the reference to a male’s side piece as the term ‘sweetheart.’

WA’P KONN JOJ: HAITI

Fatimah Lapin, sophomore political science major, says her life back home in Haiti was very relaxed.

Her father would usually drive her and her brother to school in the morning.

Her family tried to eat dinner together every day although her father would work late nights. It was a time of joking, conversation about sports such as soccer, basketball, and boxing, along with politics.

“This was my favorite part of the day,” said Lapin. “I felt like it brought us closer together as a family.”

What makes Fatimah’s family unique is their New Year’s Day celebration. They would have two big dinners—one with close family and friends and the other with extended family.

They would enjoy the traditional Haitian soup made with ‘journou,’ which is Creole for pumpkin. The reason they would eat this pumpkin soup was because it symbolized the end of bondage to France. It was the first meal Haitians ate after claiming their independence.

Fatimah also explained some popular Haitian sayings.

The first one was ‘fe bagay pou gen rezon,’ which means ‘do things with reason.’ This was one of the sayings Lapin’s mother would tell her whenever she would get into trouble.

Another favorite saying that Lapin shared was the phrase ‘wa’p konn joj’ which means ‘you have another thing coming.’ This was commonly said by Lapin’s mother when she was being mischievous and thought that she could be a trickster.

SIMMIE DIMMIE: ST. VINCENT

Freshman finance major Aaron Sandy-Hewitt says that St. Vincent is unique because he woke up to the sounds of fowls crowing in the morning as well as witnessed non-stop music playing in the streets.

Music would also be heard in the dining room where families would eat meals such as grilled fish, coconut dumplings, sweet potatoes and dasheen—a popular root vegetable in the Caribbean.

Discipline is also important in St. Vincent culture, said Sandy-Hewitt.

“My mother would get upset when I would play videogames and eat at the same time,” he said. “Whenever I would play my PSP at the table, my mother would get heated.”

Sandy-Hewitt would experience occasional flogging and sometimes even a reduction of privileges.

However, he also remembers the fun moments his family would enjoy on the island.

“In the morning before every wedding, my family would bring a string band and play in celebration of the soon to be newlyweds,” said Sandy-Hewitt.

Some of the sayings in St. Vincent are also unique.

‘Operious’ according to Sandy-Hewitt meant being troublesome. Another common term was ‘simmie dimmie’ which meant something was complicated in St. Vincent jargon.

‘Herbalist,’ a relatively controversial term, is used to describe ganja or marijuana farmers.

Families around the Caribbean have unique sayings along with their distinctive traditions and punishments. However, when it comes to respecting history and customs, all are similar and represent the actions of individuals around the globe.



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VENEZUELA UPDATE

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Electricity Problem

The country of Venezuela has been dark since March 2019 as a result of an unstable government's inability to maintain its electrical infrastructure and a shortage of experts to fix the problem.

More and more people have been suffering from power outages each day. These outages have lasted for hours to weeks all throughout the country.

While people in their homes suffer without power, what is even more crucial is the loss of power within Venezuelan hospitals.

Jose Maria Vargas Hospital in capital city of Caracas is one hospital that has been affected. Most of the hospital is in the dark and there is barely any running water.

Some hospitals do have generators, but they are only there to run portions of the hospital, not all. When these outages occur, running water stops. Hygiene in the hospitals, especially in the public bathrooms, is a health risk when the lights go out.

Operations and surgeries are being delayed due to the lack of power. There are barely any supplies, and in most instances, patients are required to buy their own surgical tools for the doctor to use.

According to NBC news, from March 8 to March 25, a total of 52 people have died due to the power outages. The blackouts have been dragging on and there is no end in sight.

On March 31, Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro, announced that schools would be closed for the next month in order to conserve energy. Workdays also end at 2 p.m., instead of 5 p.m.

The Current Future

The main question in today's administra-

tion is "now what?"

President Donald J. Trump recognized Juan Guaido as the real and legitimate president of Venezuela, but in all reality, the United States has not done much to show this support.

In February 2019, President Trump, John Bolton, Marco Rubio, and Rick Scott, among others, visited Florida International University to discuss what the United States was going to do about the Venezuelan situation.

"The people of Venezuela are ready to reclaim their future," said President Trump. "The United States of America is standing right by their side. Today, I ask every member of the Maduro regime, set your country free."

With very strong words, the president promised a clear and hopeful future, but in two months of his speech, very little has been done.

At this point, the United States media is also being controlled by the strictures of the Maduro regime.

Jorge Ramos, a reporter from Univision, traveled to Venezuela the last week in February to interview Maduro and was kidnapped.

Lorraine Caceres, a Univision and Fusion reporter, described the situation as "crazy as it could possibly get." The staff at Univision were thrown by the fact that one of their best was being held hostage by the regime. He was released 3 hours later.

In March, WPLG Local 10's Cody Weddle was also detained by the Maduro government.

On April 17, the U.S. took action by adding more sanctions against the Central Bank of Venezuela and its director as well as key allies – Cuba and Nicaragua – to push Maduro's government out of power.

According to the United States National Security Advisor John Bolton, the U.S. may also impose travel restrictions on countries which support the Maduro regime.

BRILLIANT BIRDS! – DISNEYNATURE'S NEWEST MOVIE "PENGUINS"

BY: PARIS RAZOR
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They're whimsical, wear fancy tuxedos and waddle their way into our hearts. Disneynature's newest documentary, "Penguins" highlights everything wacky and wonderful about our favorite flightless bird.

"Penguins" follows the journey of Steve, an Adélie penguin in Antarctica, who joins in the tradition of building a nest, finding a mate, and starting a family.

Although Antarctica seems to be a winter wonderland, there are many hardships Steve and other penguins like him must endure. From mother nature spinning dangerous katabatics (blizzard winds up

to 150 miles per hour), to baby penguin eating skua birds, to terrifying 10 ft. long leopard seals, Steve and his friends must do what it takes to keep themselves and their precious chicks alive.

Very much in Disney fashion, "Penguins" tells the difficult story of coming to age and the circle of life in a beautiful way. From the moment viewers meet Steve, narrator Ed Helms brings vibrancy and laughter as he cracks jokes about neighboring penguins stealing Steve's rocks and the awkwardness of Steve's experiences going on a first date with female penguin Adeline.

"Penguins" humanizes Steve where we don't see him as just a little bird, but as a person who must navigate life and learn from its trials. Whether you're a kid just starting at life or an expert at 105, everyone who stumbles upon "Penguins" will enjoy its humor and captivating tale.

Although "Penguins" will be an enjoyable movie, it lacks luster in originality. "March of the Penguins," a documentary released in 2005, also shows viewers the difficulties penguins experience to mate, care for their offspring, and survive the frozen tundra. The only difference between the two movies is the species of penguin and sophistication. "March of the

Penguins," narrated by Morgan Freeman, does not mask the brutality of nature with a cute penguin protagonist. Instead, viewers will see the jaws of a leopard seal clamp on a frantic penguin and the heartbreak of an egg that does not hatch.

However, where "Penguins" falls short in novelty, it makes up in cinematography. "Penguins" will take your breath away in stunning shots of penguins against the sunset, close-ups of them swimming underwater, and aerial views of the mesmerizing colony. It will feel as if you are one dimension away from sledding

with the penguins themselves. Whether you're a nature lover or just need an excuse to go watch a movie, your eyes will thoroughly enjoy what appears before

them.

Lastly, if the adorableness of Steve nor the extraordinary beauty of Antarctica isn't enough to drag you to theaters, the overall message of the film is one all people can appreciate.

"Penguins," released on April 17, subtly mentions the importance of Earth Day and the beauty our planet holds. Climate change is a threat that affects all species, us included. The ice where Steve and other Adélie penguins live on is melting. Monarch butterfly populations are decreasing. People on every continent are choking on polluted air.

According to the United Nations, humanity only has a little over a decade to get climate change under control. "Penguins" reminds us that we cannot love the Earth only on designated days, but every single day. It is not too late to prevent the extinction of animals that will leave us only with documentaries to enjoy their presence.

So, if you need something to do or want to see Steve defeat the odds in Antarctica, head over to the cinema to watch this film. Just don't forget to do your part in making the world habitable for all its members.

Story: 4 out of 5
Originality: 2 out of 5
Cinematography: 5 out of 5
Message: 5 out of 5

PUTTING THE “FINE” IN FINE ARTS

A LOOK AT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS AND INTERLUSION DANCE



Dancers from the Interlusion spring dance concert.
Photography by Jimmy Muniz

BY: JOHANIA CHARLES
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Every semester, the Fine Arts Department produces a series of events to engage the entire student body. The highlights this semester were the Little Shop of Horrors play and the Interlusion dance concert staged at the Broad Auditorium.

Usually, these events take six months to plan and include six weeks of practice and preparation.

The whimsical Little Shop of Horrors show, directed by Associate Professor of Theater John Manzelli, took place March 28-31 and was based on the popular 1986 American musical horror comedy.

The story centers on a florist named Seymour who discovers and keeps an almost lifeless plant that resembles a Venus fly trap. When business goes bad at the shop where he works, Mr. Mushnik (his boss) decides to close down the shop just before he's suggested to display the strange plant to attract customers.

After accidentally pricking his finger, Seymour realizes that the plant, who he names Audrey II, feeds on human blood. This realization forces him to choose between global fame received only if he quenches Audrey II's thirst or obscurity and loneliness.

The show consisted of many musical and theatrical aspects that were auditorily and visually appealing to the audience.

"I was really shocked to see Barry University put on such a beautiful production of Little Shop of Horrors. I have been to plenty of musicals and this one really lived up to its standards," said Monika Herrera, first year

pre-law major.

There are those who were so intrigued by the show that they attended multiple nights.

"Every single night you saw something different, and every single time you would get more and more amazed by what was put on that stage. I can't wait to see what they come up with next," said Veronica Ospina, first year marketing major.

Manzelli mentioned that the department chooses shows with roles that match the capabilities of the students. Students from outside of the department are also welcomed to audition. Auditions are staged at the beginning of each semester but students must keep in mind the time commitment and effort required for a successful show like this one.

The spring dance concert was one of the other successful shows of the department run by Yvonne Goodridge, assistant professor of dance.

The spring dance concert held on April 11 and 12 was "Interlusion: An Immersive Dance Experience of Women Empowerment." The performances were done by a variety of dancers such as those from the dances of the African diaspora and jazz courses, Diamond Dancers, Lobby Dancers, BURDE (Barry University Rep. Dance Company) and students in the dance theater major.

Song choices were key in representing the female experience through dance. For example, some of the selected songs were Sarah

Barellas's "She Used to Be Mine," Solange's "Don't Touch My Hair," Glory Shalom's "Eyes of Faith" and Jamila Woods' "Holy."

"Everyone in the women empowerment dance recital had been practicing for this since right when we got back to school. There was no time to waste. We practiced for about an hour or two, for at least two to three times a week," said De'Avion Seisay, first year dance theater major.

For next semester, students and faculty can look forward to other Fine Arts Department events such as a play from Africa as well as more shows taking place in other parts of the university like Weber Grand Hall and other locations outside the theater.



Father Gregory Crosby (left) and Andrew Dippe (right) showcasing their acting skills in Little Shop of Horrors. Photo courtesy of RemiJin Camping

SAG-AFTRA'S BARRY TAKEOVER

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Barry University prides itself on giving their students not only a positive environment where they can learn, but also interactive opportunities where they can grow.

The Department of Communication at Barry gave students a chance to learn and network with great individuals in the performing arts industry by organizing a two-day workshop with the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA).

With cutting edge technology, SAG-AFTRA is a foundation that was created in 2012 with the purpose of helping their members reach their best artistic potential. Their two-day workshop at Barry started March 1 and opened the doors for students to explore different situations and practices in the fine arts area.

SAG-AFTRA interactive workshops opened doors of opportunity for the talented students in the fine arts department and communication department. Students were invited to join the classes and interact with prominent members in the media and fine arts communities.

"My favorite part about the classes was the fact that I was given advice from people in the industry that we really look up to," said Barry junior and theatre major Natalie Batista.

The first day of the workshop began with a class on voice-over acting techniques and vocal placement manipulation. Eileen Stevens led the discussion and was able to give technical advice on voice-over work.

Stevens made a career of making two-dimensional characters come to life with her voiceover contributions on popular works such as "Yu-Gi-Oh!", Super Smash Bros., and Astonishing X-Men.

On the second day of the workshop series, Stevens gave advice on how to book voiceover work. Most of this class emphasized the importance of being ready to portray any character on the spot without falling flat or becoming overly excited or fake in the tone of voice.

Another practical workshop for students preparing to embark in this competitive industry was led by actress Gy Mirano. Her workshop titled "Working Professionally in the General and Spanish U.S. Markets" was a two-part series that discussed the life of a professional in the

performing arts industry.

Since Barry is centrally located in South Florida and is dubbed the capital of Latin America, this workshop was helpful for those students who wished to live and work in Miami.

"Getting a chance to work alongside professional actors that flew all the way from Los Angeles to New York is both inspiring and exciting," said theater major and junior Therese Callison.

Furthermore, casting directors Lori Wyman of Lori Wyman Casting, Henry Russel Bergstein with Vineyard Theaters and Jessica Daniels of Jessica Daniels Casting led casting preparation workshops for students based on their experienced expectations.

Opening these doors to learn and network are examples of how Barry University continues to raise the bar in education for all departments.

BY: PA SHEIKH NGOM
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Nothing in this world is stronger than the brand loyalty Apple consumers have for their Apple products—especially the iPhone.

Apple users love their iPhones because it has garnered mass appeal in technology. Brand loyalty for Apple is so strong that many people are willing to overlook the long trail of ethical and environmental concerns that Apple has left behind.

However, what's really interesting is an iPhone user's need to constantly remind others of the brand they carry. There is always a time when iPhone users flex on android users even when their opinion is not asked for.

Well, the tables have turned now. We're coming after you iPhone users. Here's a list of phras-

SWALLOW THIS APPLE — 10 ANNOYING THINGS IPHONE USERS SAY

es we're tired of hearing from you.

1. "No, my screen isn't cracked. This is just the screen protector."

You all right there, buddy? It seems your screen is always cracked and it's hard to tell whether it's your clumsiness or your inferior device.

2. "Does anyone have an iPhone charger?"

Well, Apple did admit to selling bad batteries.

3. "My iPhone."

As opposed to my "phone." Android users don't go around proclaiming that this is "my LG V40 ThinQ."

4. "Ew, that's a green bubble."

You're a grey bubble in my phone but you don't hear me whining about it.

5. "Can your phone do this?"

Proceeds to turn on the flashlight on their iPhone. Yes, android phones can do that.

6. "Is it on portrait mode?"

All hail portrait mode!

7. "My contract is up in November then I can upgrade!"

The only thing iPhone users love more than their own iPhone is the upgrade that's coming out in a couple of months.

8. "I don't have any storage."

Would you believe me if I told you that there are people out there with 8GB Samsung Galaxy's that never had this problem?

9. "Do they accept Apple pay?"

Some of you are even confident enough to walk around without your wallets. What a shame.

10. "Why did you leave me on read?"

You see if you had an android they wouldn't be able to tell. It's just a suggestion.

Ok, ok, ok, even though this was a whole article dedicated to bashing iPhone users, it doesn't mean that there's no good with the bad. Thanks to Apple, things like fingerprint scanners and face ID's have become normalized in smartphones. In addition, voice assistants were revolutionized by this tech giant.

So, as a peace offering, here's one thing android users always ask you:

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NO PRETTY DÉCOR FOR BARRY'S GRADUATING STUDENT CAPS

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After four or more years in search of an undergraduate degree at any college or university, students expect to celebrate. One of the main ways of celebrating this achievement for thousands of students in the United States is to decorate their graduation caps for walking at commencement.

Many students across the nation decorate their caps with slogans and images that celebrate diversity, as well as the achievement of finally receiving their degrees. Upon typing “graduation cap décor” in a Google search bar, images with catchy slogans such as “Now Hotter By One Degree” and “It Always Seems Impossible Until It’s Done” with embellishments are among the inspirational designs many seniors place on their caps to celebrate.

Evidently, the phenomenon of cap decorating across America when receiving degrees is the norm for many college students.

However, it is not the norm for a student attending Barry University.

At commencement ceremonies at the end of the fall and spring semesters at Barry, graduating students are not allowed to decorate their caps. According to an email sent to the 2019 graduating seniors from the Mission and Student Engagement Mailbox including important information about graduation, it states “in order to

maintain the dignity of the event, no decorated mortarboards (graduation hats) will be allowed.” The email explains that commencement is “a solemn academic ceremony.”

Dr. Ellen McDonough, chair of the commencement committee, shared the reason why caps are not allowed to be decorated at Barry for commencement.

“Many students would come with good slogans, however, some had very inappropriate things written on the caps,” said McDonough. “It doesn’t reflect well on Barry and our mission.”

This sentiment is not shared by many in the student body nor alumni.

“It’s sad because I had an idea planned for my cap already,” said senior political science major Caitlin Barfield. “I never got to do it in high school.”

An alumnus who graduated in 2018 and wishes to be called Red says that the restriction is unnecessary. Since she is now employed at Barry, she believes “it takes away from the students’ individuality and self-expression.”

If a student shows up to commencement with a decorated cap, a plain one will be given to student to wear during the ceremony.

With cap decorating restrictions at Barry, many students and alumni are comparing commencement procedures to other universities in the area and express a demand for change.

“We’ve attended Barry for four or more years of our lives and we cannot make the decision to decorate our caps?” said Barfield.

“Barry administration should definitely remove this restriction,” said Red when asked to compare Barry to other universities. “There should be guidelines to cap decorations, however, having the option does give [seniors] a sense of pride.”

Many other students experience pride at their commencement, such as universities surrounding the Miami area. Students can decorate their graduation caps at Florida International University and University of Miami. They are even encouraged to do so by the administration.

An Instagram post by @fiuinstagram on March 5, 2019 shows a photo of a graduate wearing a cap with the slogan “Let’s Get This Cuban Bread” with a caption saying “Celebrating 3/05 with the most Miami

thing we’ve seen” is shared.

The University of Miami also posted the cap décor of their graduating students on their Instagram social media platform. On May 12, 2018 @univmiami posted a slideshow of decorated caps pictured during their commencement ceremony for the enjoyment of their 61.8 thousand followers with the caption “The commencement recap we have all been waiting for.”

Nonetheless, decorated graduation caps remain a wish for future Barry students.

“Just because we can’t [now] doesn’t mean it can’t change for future graduating classes at Barry,” said Barfield.

“Anything can happen in the future,” said McDonough.

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STUDYING ABROAD? WHY YES!

BY: AUDE-MARIE ACKEBO
Contributing Writer

Studying abroad is a great chance to learn and discover new cultures. However, many students opt out on the opportunity.

Dr. Katherine Nelson, the coordinator of Barry University's study abroad program, was happy to address worries and frequently asked questions.

Before dismissing the opportunity, here are a few questions and answers to take into consideration:

How does it work?

CCIS, the College Consortium for International Studies, is an organization that vets schools all over the world to give students studying abroad opportunities. Every school/country on the organization's list is an option for Barry students to study abroad.

The most popular countries to study in have been England, Spain, and Italy but there are tons of different travel options. 38 summer programs and 50 semester-long programs are offered over a span of 28 countries.

Barry University can give guidance on paperwork and steps, but the completion of all documentation is the student's responsibility.

What are the basic requirements?

To apply, at least one semester of coursework at Barry is required.

After that semester, it is strongly suggested to apply as early as possible because basic class requirements are a lot easier to translate back into Barry credits than more specialized

courses.

Starting during your freshman or sophomore year is ideal. No Barry student has ever been rejected for the program.

Is it really a good experience?

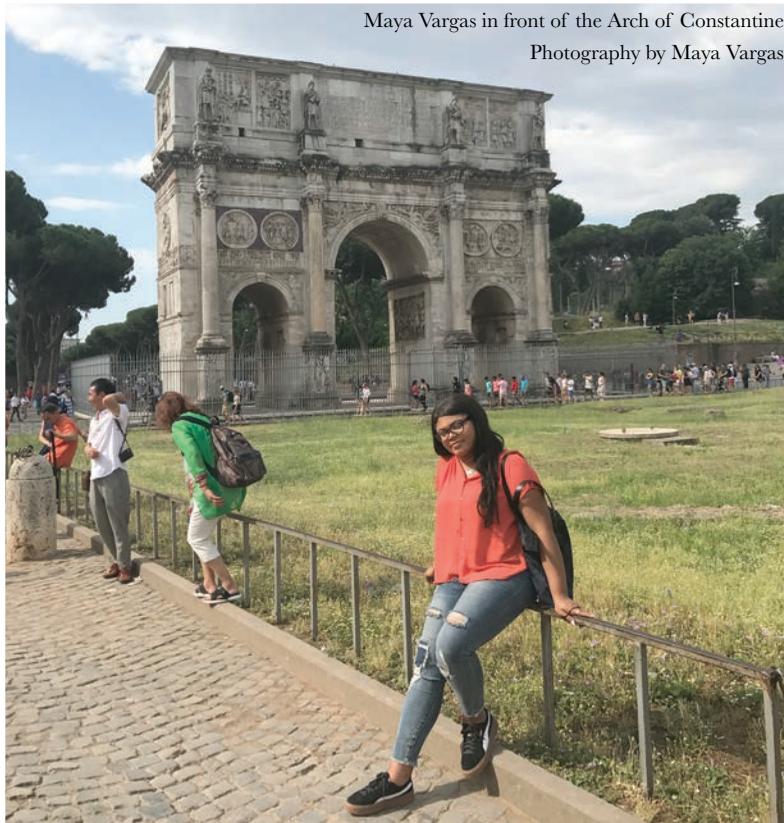
Senior public relations student Maya Vargas went abroad during the summer of 2018. She says she feels as if she has learned more spending 5 weeks in Rome than she had spending three years at Barry.

"My favorite part was learning the culture," said Vargas. "I remember my first day I was hungry around 3 pm but couldn't get any food. This was because everything was closed for three hours so that workers could go have lunch with their families. That

Pantheon in Rome
Photography by Maya Vargas



Maya Vargas in front of the Arch of Constantine
Photography by Maya Vargas



was so crazy to me."

She also loved how easy and inexpensive it was to travel to different places. During her time in Rome, Vargas visited a new city every

good! I loved it."

How expensive is it?

Since registration is done at Barry, studying abroad is the same price as your tuition. The university charges the students regular tuition; therefore, Barry scholarships still apply abroad. The only additional expenses are the flight tickets and government paperwork fees.

To sum it all up, here is a step by step list on how to study abroad:

To sign up, email Professor Katherine Nelson, head of the Barry University study abroad program, at Knelson@barry.edu.

She will set up a meeting and talk about options, possibilities and opportunities. You will need letters of recommendation from two faculty members. Make sure to get these in early. Consider approaching faculty you are the most comfortable with.

You will also need to go on the sponsoring institution's (CCIS) website since they handle all the applications. Remember, it is the student's responsibility to send all necessary information. To get in

weekend and got to see Sorrento, Venice, Capri, Naples and Paris.

Vargas lived in a 4-bedroom apartment with 5 other girls from China, Singapore, Tennessee, Philadelphia, and New Jersey.

"I feel the process wasn't hard at all," said Vargas when asked

about the study abroad preparation process. "One of the classes I took ended up not counting for the course I wanted it to count towards, but besides that everything was

contact with CCIS, email info@ccisabroad.org or go to www.ccisabroad.org

Once you get your acceptance letter, you will have to send syllabi of the corresponding courses you will be taking, and then you're ready to go abroad!

Once study abroad is done, your IP will be issued, and grades transferred.

So, when thinking of study abroad, why not think yes? You might end up gaining the experience of a lifetime!



AGE AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A NUMBER?!

AN INSIDE LOOK AT PEDOPHILIA AND CHILD BRIDES TODAY

BY: BRIANNA LOPEZ
Staff Writer

In the wake of the recent R. Kelly scandal, most of society has been very outspoken on social media about their disapproval of an older man being intimate with a younger woman.

Celebrities like Jada Pinkett Smith and Ne-Yo expressed their dissatisfaction with Kelly and his pedophilia allegations.

From 1994 to 2008, Kelly had been accused of sexual abuse with minors and possession of child pornography but was acquitted of all charges in 2008.

After the January 2019 airing of a documentary entitled "Surviving R. Kelly," the R&B singer was put in the spotlight once again with allegations of sexual abuse.

The following month, he was charged with sexually abusing four females, three of whom were underage at the time. Kelly was apprehended and then released from jail after posting \$100,000 in bond in March.

This issue spans from consensual relationships between an 18-year-old woman and a 38-year-old man to relationships that are categorized as pedophilic and even to situations involving child

brides in other countries.

This topic is very sensitive, so the Buccaneer staff approached Barry students and professors to hear their opinions.

Dr. Laura Finley, an associate professor of sociology and criminology, says although it's hard to imagine what an 18-year-old girl has in common with a 38-year-old man, as long as both parties are above the age of consent, "to say it shouldn't happen ever seems far too invasive into people's personal business."

On the other hand, freshman finance major Kimora Brown

believes that this type of relationship isn't appropriate because these women lack experience and mental stability.

"Older men can easily manipulate younger women because of the age gap and lack of knowledge," Brown said.

Manipulation is a key factor in the debate about whether large gaps in the ages of a couple

is moral.

For instance, some individuals believe young women who date older men have "daddy issues."

According to Urban Dictionary, "daddy issues" are what a girl has when she is rejected by her father, and often, results in her dating older men.

However, many believe these choices do not stem from "daddy issues."

"They are seeking a mature and more stable man," said Finley.

This issue of manipulation returns because in almost every region of the world, such as the Middle East, Latin America, South Asia, East Africa and Europe,

child marriages take place.

Young girls and their families are made to believe that marrying a much older man is the only way for them to have financial security, resulting in young girls under the age of 18 being married off with their parents' consent.

Furthermore, these girls are forced to bear children while their bodies are still developing

About 12 million girls become child brides per year. This is about 23 girls per minute.

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and are at the risk of complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

According to a global non-profit organization called Girls Not Brides, about 12 million girls become child brides per year. This is about 23 girls per minute.

When provided this information, freshman biology pre-veterinary major Jonadeliz Ramos said "a possible solution would be to provide these girls with more economic opportunities, so their families won't have to rely on child marriage as the only viable solution to their economic distress."

Finley seconds this and says that part of solving this issue would be to improve girls' access to education and economic opportunities.

"Changing the way women and girls are valued is important," she said.

Overall, relationships with age gaps can be consensual; however, in many parts of the world they are not. The social outbreak that resulted with the R. Kelly allegations shows that the age gap issue in relationships and child marriages is important for discourse today.

BY: AUDE-MARIE ACKEBO
Contributing Writer

“A Desire for Peace” is a meditational practice event with the intent to activate one’s inner peace to contribute to the greater purpose of world peace held every Wednesday at the Cor Jesu Chapel.

The event’s first meditation was held on Jan. 23 at the Cor Jesu Chapel and was led by Jesse Gonzalez, the event’s creator, and Reverend Deborah Montoya who works with Barry’s Campus Ministry.

Gonzalez, originally from Miami, became inspired after receiving a bracelet at a peace-themed event and felt a need to promote real world peace.

He eventually moved back to Miami where, little by little, this idea has become the observ-

able reality.

“Loving ourselves and taking care of ourselves is a great way to help bring peace into our lives,” said Gonzalez. “Once we love and respect ourselves, it’s easier to love and respect others. We don’t have to agree with others’ differences or beliefs to respect [them].”

The meditations primarily focus on inner peace and bring awareness that world peace is possible by being the example and the change.

The chapel’s setting serves as a safe place. Its calmness, the candles and the soothing music are set up for peaceful self-reconciliation.

After a brief welcome and discussion about peace, a 20-minute guided meditation follows along with a reflection and then a Q&A.

“We invite all people to join us including all walks of faith, spiritual and/or religious beliefs... this is an opportunity to practice world peace by respecting one another with all our wonderful differences,” said Gonzalez.

This first session addressed babies’ peaceful

and present states. Although the mind likes to wander, plan and worry about the future, Montoya accentuated that it is important to take time to reset and clear the mind. Meditation helps with that by focusing on breathing and quiet.

“We never take the time to actually think about our graces and the positive in our lives because we are focused on worrying. Piling thoughts after thoughts is what the mind does, but it is not the best way to center ourselves and achieve true peace,” said Montoya.

The event’s diversity leaves room for peer advising.

Although beginner-friendly, participants who are familiar with meditation are welcome.

Participants do use the discussion and reflection times to exchange, analyze and disclose experiences with meditation.

“We were born peaceful, but the world around us stains us little by little over time. It is our job to get back to that. Meditation isn’t hard; it is in us. We all know how to meditate,” said

Montoya.

A Desire for Peace is held every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Cor Jesu Chapel.

For more information and volunteering opportunities, contact Deborah Montoya at Barry University Campus Ministry.

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MEDITATION PRACTICE: A DESIRE FOR PEACE



Town of Melancholy

Emma James

I was raised
in a town full of melancholy
that no one ever spoke about.
The buildings so long ago built
now crumble, paint chipping
ivy dripping from the sides
and cracks in the pavement outstretch
reaching
for ignorant souls
going about mundane routines.
This town keeps me blind,
so blind
that I never noticed the death
hanging thick in the air like pollution
and the sadness
that weighs on everyone's
bones
until we are all too heavy,
too much.
I came from many different
kinds of sorrow.
My memories lie here
among the pebbles of
every dirt road and
I am part of this town,
as much as it has be-
come part of me.
A piece of it lies within
my being
we are each other
and though we never
tried to become any-
thing else, I know
I can never leave.
The dull rhythm of my
steps
echoes my heart's thrum:
slow.
I am nowhere to be found,
found in this nowhere
lost.

Red, White, and Ew

By: Zahria Scott

Every Fourth of July the little An-
derson girls wear white jeans to
the family barbecue.

"Ew! Is that ketchup on your
pants?"

The Doll

By: Johania Charles

She made it to look just like
step-dad. Whenever he'd raise
his fist in her mom's direction,
she'd prick it in the spine.

Denis
Or-
donez
Jr.

**Our Other
Whole**

It might
just be
me, but
they
always
make it
seem

Like finding
your other
whole is part of
the dream

Don't get me wrong, com-
panionship can be the best

But just starting something
for the wrong reasons can
cause nothing but stress

We shouldn't get into relationships just
to fill a void

With a weak foundation, it can easily be
destroyed

Only when we learn to be content with
ourselves

Can we truly let another into our lives

Only then, can the relationship truly
thrive

When we make a real connection with
another soul

It is then we've realized we've found
our other whole

Hint Fiction
poetry

Heights

By: Kiaunna Brockington

"Mayday! Mayday!"

It was his first and last time leaving the
ground.

Seeking

By: Kiaunna Brockington

So youthful is the loveliness you seek

Your cheeks are beaming red and rosy pink

Thy mood is bright most times and never meek

But still she often stops to sit and think

She walks around so lonely, slowly dazed

Her high eyebrows, furrowed deep in thought

So, lost in thought her eyes are often glazed

To think that it was you whom she once sought

A lover who was saddened and lost

Who eulogized and valued others high

So fortunate she didn't know the cost

Until today and this is why she sighs

The game of lovers was designed for two

But we're unaware as to with whom

Radiant Galaxy

By: Belle La Poet

Behind her eyes were a depth as profound as the galaxy. Her skin as radiant as the Sun. Her smile as elegant as the moon. Her vibes flowed as the waves in the ocean. Her soul as vibrant as cosmos filled with gleaming stars. And her very existence as black and celestial as outer space.

By: Viktoria Velika

Coincidence

She said it was random. He didn't know she lied.

Need to feel something, anything

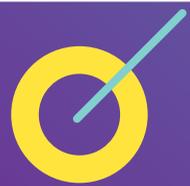
She looked at the broken glass and closed the door.

Broken

She picked up all the pieces, but she forgot the glue.

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