

the Bulldogs Bark

DeSoto County High School

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Carolyn Crews retires after 27 years

Khailynn Harden

Carolyn Crews, well-known and beloved teacher, retires in June. The science teacher has been here for 24 years, but has been teaching for 27.

She teaches Environmental Science and Biology, but has also taught Earth Space. She has taught 7-12 grade, but is currently teaching 9-11 grade.

She started her teaching career in 1990 at age 39 and the first school she ever taught at was the DeSoto Middle School where she taught Earth Space for 3 years. Then she switched over to the high school, went to DeSoto Connections for a year; and then came back to the high school.

She was the class sponsor for a year and has been the A-Team co-coach for the four years. She was named Teacher of the Year for 2008.

After retiring, she plans on gardening, sewing, reading, and enjoying all of her other hobbies. "Anything that doesn't

include grading tests and looking at emails every night!" she says. She would

wants to spend time with her daughters Bridget, Gwyn, and Nickie and wants to see her grandchildren and do fun trips with them. She has six grandchildren consisting of Molly, Garrett, Colby, Emily Lyn, Brody, and Cutter. "I just can't wait until I'm able to just do grandmotherly things with them and spoil them rotten!" she says.

Crews explains that she will miss teaching, all the students and staff, and being able to interact with everyone. "I wish I could stay and do what I love, but I have other things I love at home and at the age of 65, I am just tired!" she reveals.

"Mrs. Crews has been here for many, many years and she's a great teacher. She will be deeply missed," said Mr. Tod Baldwin, principal.



photo/Khailynn Harden

Carolyn Crews, science teacher and co-sponsor of the A-Team, searches through papers for a test. Crews has been teaching for twenty-seven years.

also like to spend more time with family and friends. Her husband, whom she has been married to for 44 years, is already retired and she explains that this is just the next chapter in her life. She really

Tim Jones plans to travel out West

Jesus Arvizu

Tim Jones is a well-known Algebra 2 and MCR math teacher has been teaching here for 2 years. He taught 6th grade math in Manatee County at Sugg Middle School for 1 year.

Jones decided to become a teacher because his wife and

father were teachers so he wanted to try and see if he could do it. His wife taught 6th grade language arts at Desoto Middle School, and his father taught

vocational education at Coco High School. The reason he left Manatee County Sugg Middle School was because the drive was too far it was over an hour drive.

Jones says he is retir-

ing this year because he is 67 years old so "I'm going to retire while I still have health for a little bit.", said Jones. Some of his favorite hobbies are fishing and woodworking.

His favorite fish to catch is Bass fish, according to

him his favorite place to fish is a secret and he likes to fish with his wife. He learned to woodwork in shop when he was

in 7th grade, and he likes to woodwork on remodeling houses. He bought a camper trailer and plans to first visit the Grand Canyon then continue traveling out West.

He likes this school be-

cause of the rural setting and overall administration. His favorite class to teach is MCR

that their parents send them. And in high school students understand that their educa-

tion has a connection with their career.

His advice to others about going into teaching is that "It's a very tough job, because you can never do it perfectly. You are dealing with a lot of variables."



photo/Khailynn Harden

Tim Jones, math teacher, transferred from middle school to high school. His father and wife were the ones who inspired him to become a teacher as they were teachers.

and intermediate algebra because, "it's like solving a puzzle." Mr. Jones states that the difference between middle school and high school is that, "In middle school students don't have a good understanding of why they are there just

"He's been here for two years and has worked with the MCR seniors. He's been a fine addition to our staff," said Principal Tod Baldwin.

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Skylights to return, more changes... maybe

Daisy Torres

Since the begining of school the school has been getting a facelift of sorts which is found in a repainting of all classrooms, renovation to the gym lockers, and the painting over the colored skylights which are in the east/west hallway as well as the replacement of the hard tile floors



art/Crystal Garcia

with vinyl ones which buffer the sound of 1200 students moving at top speed through the building.

Originally each skylight was a different color and became the landmark for directing students and visitors to the right area. It was also a topic of distraction for new freshmen or new students when asking where their classroom were. Many were told to look for the purple skylight which didn't exist. The skylights have been seen by all who pass through the school since the opening of the school in 1979.

The historic skylights are now a simple white making them no different than the walls of the school. The landmarks deserve better.

Although the skylights have been painted over white for the time being, Principal Tod Baldwin says "the skylights will be returned". They are planning for instead of the whole skylight being painted just a band of paint at the bottom which would stretch around the entire bottom of the skylight.

The painting has not been completely finished however. If anything has to be touched up the painters will go and fix it up. All this is planned to be completed during the summer.

However, the doors at the end of the main hall being re-

placed according to Principal Tod Baldwin, "is on hold."

The main focus to be completed by the end of the school year is to finish the flooring and lockers in the girls and boys locker room.

Although other things have been done to the school such as the hallways being labeled with letters A-F, the reason for such a change is a good one. The addition was at the request and suggestion of Sargeant Matt Snow.

It's a safety issue in case of an emergency when emergency personnel would need to locate a problem area and get to it quickly. An emergency comes unexpectedly and without warning, so the school personnel needs to be able to tell the paramedics, firemen, or law enforcement what hallway the incident took place, so they will be able to find it.

Painting has also begun outside the school building. The front student commons was in need of touchup as is the outside areas in the student and faculty parking lots.

Principal Baldwin believes the most pressing issues for consideration in the future are sliding doors at the end of the main hallway. Students use those doors to exit and enter school. So the issue will soon be addressed.

Temperatures in rooms never seem the same

Joseph Redfearn

The school's temperature ranges from arctic cold to dessert hot. This is an everyday thing. It seems like the AC works only when it wants to. Last year the AC stopped working. Every student was sent home that day because the heat was

stopping students from completing their school work.

The room temperatures can cause a lack of student productivity in their work. Students do not want to work in a burning hot classroom, sitting around sweating in a humid classroom. Then go to their next period which is cold. It's not healthy for either the student or the teacher. According to administration the air control system is the issue, which will be eventually be replaced by capital funding.

The cool air situation is different but the same in many ways, but instead of sweating students and teachers are freezing and finding it hard to work in the cold also. The ideal constant temperature according to Principal Tod Baldwin is between 72-74 degrees in each classroom.

When the ACS are not cleaned thoroughly and the filters aren't changed a breeding ground for all kinds of bacteria and fungi is created. These systems especially can be home to black mold, as moisture can build up in the coils and ducts from condensation that forms when the cool air passes



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through. Our air filters are changed regularly according to Baldwin. Overall the air system needs to be replaced and possibly controlled by the teachers in the individual classrooms. When learning is stopped to focus about the heat/cold, it's a problem!

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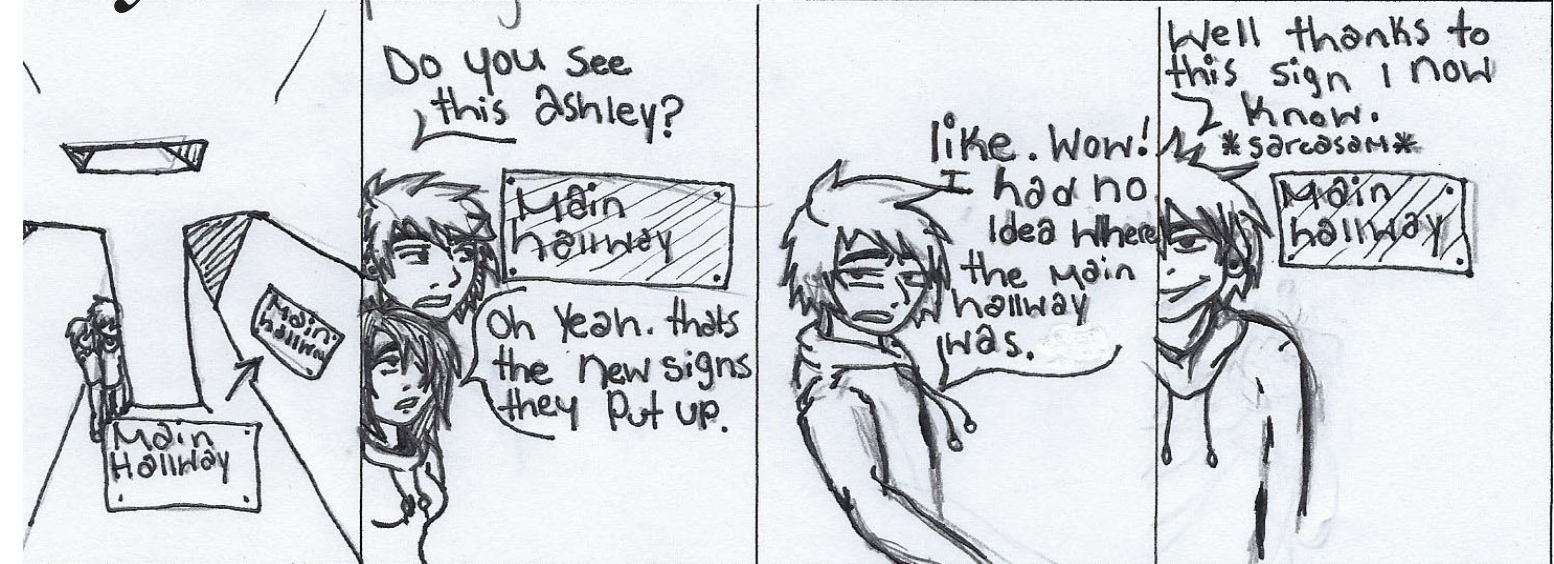
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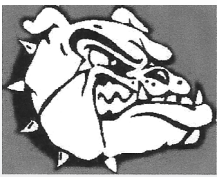
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Is all the protesting helping the problem or becoming the problem? Why?

“It’s a very big problem because it has turned into a bunch of wining babies breaking stuff” – **Kyle Locker** 12th Grade

“Protesting is not the problem. The problem is those who dislike what others believe in, they are the ones who cause the problem” – **Pedro Cruz** Grade 12

“I think it’s becoming the problem it causes more confrontations” – **Mark Gruber** Grade 11

“Protesting is helping the problem, but only if it’s a peaceful protest. Peoples voices need to be heard” – **Kalyn Murray** Grade 11

“It’s becoming the problem because it’s just making the situation worse when they go out and do stupid things and get arrested “- **Taylor Stoklen** Grade 10

“Protesting can at times help the problem though at times can make it worse as it can help get points across or put things in a worse standing “- **Enrique Moreno** Grade 10

“All the protesting is becoming a problem because it is getting too violent” – **Tereza Coronado** Grade 9

“Protesting is making the problems worse. Its making it worse because its causing mass shootings and splitting America up even more” – **Holly Pence** Grade 9

Ceron learns true value of coins

Zitlaly Ramirez

There are many people who love to collect extraordinary things. Some people collect objects such as buttons, stamps, jewelry and as well as unusual things like fruit remains, bananas stickers and toenails remain.

Joseph Ceron happens to be one of the many people who likes to collect things. “He loves to collect coins.”

He has collected coins since the age fourteen, “I knew about it at age thirteen but started collecting at age fourteen” he stated. He has collected seventy five coins so far and he plans to collect more. For the future he will plan on selling some but the most valuable ones will be kept.

He has collected forty

from the United States, two from Mexico, eight from Japan, four from Britain, two from Canada, three from India, two from Ger-

Chile, one from Turkiye, one from Netherland and three from the Philippines.

His goal is “to collect as many I can.” He is the

has obtained a few over the years.”

Also Joseph Ceron has a friend who collects coins, “My friend Steve has

about eight hundred coins.” Ranging from all the way around the world to right here in the U.S. One of Ceron’s favorite coins is the 1911 Liberty V Head Nickel, At an auction, in certified mint condition, this coin would bring in about 300 dollars.

Of all of the things people collect, Ceron collects coins with a passion he has plenty of them, and plans to get a lot more.



photo /Joseph Ceron

Partial collection of Ceron’s coins are pictured here. Approximately 45 of Ceron’s coins are shown on this picture. Not all 75 are here due to the fitting of the camera.

many, six from France, one from Hong Kong, one from

only one in his family to collect coins, “My grandma

Dual enrollment helps to achieve dreams

Kattie Ellsworth

Dual enrollment allows high school students to take college courses and potentially graduate with a two-year college degree, when they graduate from high school. There are a few qualifications that must be met before students can be allowed to take dual enrollment. There is also a test that they must pass to qualify for dual enrollment.

Before students can apply for dual enrollment they must first speak with their guidance counselor to see if they meet all of the requirements. To apply you must have at least a 3.0 GPA. You must also have certain test scores. After talking with a guidance counselor, the student will then have to complete the South Florida State College Application online and print out the approval form that comes at the end of the application. The guidance counselor will then write in the student’s GPA and sign the approval form, which will then need to be taken to the SFSC campus.

All new enrolled students must attend an orientation. The next orientation will be held on April 13th.

To sign up for the orientation or to get more information on it you can call the number 863-784-7040. After orientation the student must then either take the PERT test or supply passing scores from the PERT, SAT, or ACT tests. Then, if the student’s test scores are acceptable, the guidance counselor will assist the student in choosing the classes they will take with dual enrollment.

To finalize the process of applying the guidance counselor will send registration approval forms to the district office to be signed. The forms will then be forwarded to the DeSoto Campus Director. After the registration is finally complete the student will need to obtain a text book from the high school text book coordinator, Mrs. Aimee Rizzo. Now the student can attend college classes, but if they wish to enroll in additional courses next year, they must pass their classes with a “C” or higher.

Some of the classes students can take are accounting, business, Arts and sciences, and even automotive. They don’t only have to apply for

classes at the college, the student can also take online courses. However, one of the DeSoto High School guidance counselors, Mrs. Lisa Lambert, recommended that students take the actual courses that are held in classrooms. This is because they offer more interaction with the teacher and can help the student better understand what they’re trying to learn. Lambert also recommends that students only take one or two classes to begin with, so that they don’t over work themselves. Lambert says, “If a student wants a challenge, then try it.” If any students are thinking about signing up for dual enrollment they can go speak with their assigned guidance counselor.

Dual enrollment is a great program that can give high school students a look into the college experience. It also allows them to finish a few college courses while they’re still attending high school. The program is open to any and all students, except for freshmen, as long as they meet the specific requirements.

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- STEM to university
- Band performs

STEM program delivers opportunities

Maria Garcia

STEM students have the opportunity to visit different colleges where they participate in activities while interacting with other students.

The STEM program educates students in the four main areas— science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Students are given previews of what the colleges have to offer as they engage in many hands-on activities with other member. Math teacher Jayne Arrington, the

sponsor, shares her reason for sponsoring, "It takes gifted, talented students in these rural counties who may not have the opportunities to see what these colleges have to offer and allows them to experience fields in STEM so they have more choices and see the opportunities available to them."

Those who wish to join must fill out an application and be selected into the program. The requirements an eligible academic record. Students from previous years are automatically entered again for the year. Two years ago when Charlie Carver was sponsor, students had a STEM day where they were able to educate local elementary students.

Students signed up for forums are Britney

Adcock, Victoria Banda, David Banda, Olivia Barrera, Parker Bennett, Alyssa Bozeman, Sonia Cano, Juliana Cobb, Alexa Enriquez, Caleb Fillingim, and Maria Garcia.

Also included Jacqueline German, Yesenia German, Emma Heitman, Daniel Hernandez, Amy Jaimes, Katelyn Jordan, Yulissa Lemus, Aaron Lingerfelt, Deidra Lingerfelt, Serena Lyon, and Kevin Madriz.

Also were Anette Manriquez-Rivera, Yulisa Marroquin-Camar, Hay-

leigh McCall, John McMannus, Emily Milstead, Gloria Montoya, Maximino Montoya-Vasquez, Miguel Morales-Torres, Ethan Morton, Lluvyela Moreno and Jai'kayla Noble.

Additional students involved are Jesiel Rivera-Orduna, Elayna Reichley, Maria Santos, Alyssa Scott, Daniel Shea, Kiley Siercks, Shaihiem Silvera, Emily E. Smith, Leticia Tenorio, and Jackie Turney.

Those also signed up were Marisol Villafuerte, Blaine Wallace, Joyce Wang, and Sky Wynn.

The group began with their first visit on October 8 at the Florida Gulf Coast University where they were able to choose between the Health forum and the Math forum. Those who chose the Health forum

were able to experience touching a cow's heart, watch a pig's lung expand with air and learn about nursing. The Math forum covered cryptography, tessellations, and data analysis on water sampling on pH levels. On November 12 at Southwestern State students were assigned to build a bridge with different materials to roll a golf ball across a distance. They were also challenged to build a Rube Goldberg contraption with their group with many transitions, including a drop and a rise before popping a balloon.

The Aviation Expo on January 28 discussed careers in aviation. They interacted with exhibitors in an open area outside where they asked questions of career options in aviation or about drones and tested the flying simulator or build their own plane model. February 25, students went to Florida Polytechnic where they are shown a hydrogen car model and learn about biomimicry. Students were also able to code using a graphic calculator to create their own frequency sound. CSI Academy and South Florida State University were at the same day on March 25, while Indian River State College remains for April 4.

STEM helps those in need of an idea and prepares them by showing them those many options. There are many activities in store for students to explore the many STEM careers and to broaden their interest.



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Band rates "Good" at competition

Khailynn Harden

The band made their way to Riverview High School in Sarasota County on March 14th, 2017, for a Music Performance Assessment (MPA) performing three songs – "Air For Band" by Frank Erickson, "A Welsh Rhapsody" by Claire Grundman, and "Valley Forge" by Karl L. King.

The results gave them an overall good on stage and an excellent in sight-reading.

"Since it's my last MPA, we did pretty well as a group. We did a lot better than last year, but there's always room for improvement." said band member Yesenia German.

They made an excellent

overall on their sight-reading performance and band director Egloff says, "We're going to use that excellent from sight-reading to improve our music reading skills. The reason we went was to get better. We did so much better than last year. We've improved a lot, but we still have a very long way to go."

Band member Sydney Wolcheck says that the MPA was fun and that they received really good scores, but that the band could have done a lot better. "With practice and hard work, we'll be able to go again next year and make better scores than we did last

year. We just have to pay attention to Egloff more and really put forth all of our effort and know what we're doing."

"But practice makes perfect." says freshman band student Tiffany Mayfield. "There's always room for lots of improvement no matter how good you are. The band has to just be dedicated and want to succeed. With those two things, anything is possible. Hard work and patience is the key."



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The band competed at Riverview High School. They received a "good" rating on stage and an "excellent" in sight reading.

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Seniors awarded academic letters for excellence

Maria Garcia

Academic letters were awarded to seventy-four seniors for their academic excellence on February 22 in the media center.

To be eligible to receive an academic letter, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA for the entire year. After receiving the letter, if the GPA is maintained students receive a bar.

The ceremony began with the Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, performed

Mr. Tod Baldwin gave his welcome by the Superintendent of Schools Mr. Adrian Cline who gave the history of the academic letters.

Ms. Cynthia principal, began to while guidance presented the students.

The following seniors were rewarded with an academic letter Yesli Arreguin, Chance Arrington, Gisselle Avila, Cesar Barajas, Emily Beard, and Shelby Bohn.

Also Duggie Brown, Hunter Browning, Tiffany Burhans, Shannon Buschner, Oliver Carey, and Erandy Castro.

Kaylyn Castro, Luis Cisneros, Eduardo Contreras, Marvin Coronado-Lopez, Casen Cross, and Suleymy Cruz were also given letters.

Ashton Daniels, Michael Daniels II, Taylor Day, Beatriz DePedro, Lourdes Espino, and Bonnie Evans were honored for academics as well.

Seniors Donavon Evans, Cody Fussell, Omar Garcia, Steven Garza Jr., Khorey Harden, Briana Harris, and Kayli Harrison received letters.



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Langston, assistant announce the students counselor, Lisa Lam-academic letters to the

Also receiving letters were Daniel Hernandez, Maria Ibarra-Villegas, Ariel Iverson, Devin Johnson, Ruben Juarez, Hannah Lambright, Kyle Locker, Janine Lorraine, Callie McKinney, and Gloria Montoya-Vazquez,

As well as Flor Moreno, Adriana Olvera, Sabrina Pedroza, Amber Pelham, Luis Perez-Alavez, and Oswaldo Perez-Esquivel.

Letter recipients also included Reda Prestipino, Nancy Ramos, Katelyn Reed, James Reid, Reynard, and Ayla

Other seniors were Diana Rivera, vera-Orduna, Cassie Juan Andres Rodri-Dalia Romero.

Also honored ren Rotering, Juana Santos-Martinez, Smith, and Peyton Smit.

Rounding out the list of seniors honored in the ceremony were Logan Stevens, Athia Tanaz, Zakiya Taylor, and Florencia Torres.

Daniela Villafuerte, Pedro Villegas, Blaine Wallace, Nirion Washington, Emmanuel Wesley, Chelsea Whitmore, Tania Yanez-Santillan, and Estrella Zavala were the final recipients of the academic letter.

"It was nice to be rewarded for hard work," said Estrella Zavala. Cody Fussell held a similar feeling, "With so little to go before I graduate, it was really nice to be honored."

Mr. Jarrett Zolkos, the athletic director, wrapped up the end of the ceremony with a benediction.

"With so little to go before I graduate, it was really nice to be honored." - Fussell

honored Jesiel Rodgers, guez, and

were Lau-Ruiz, Maria Abigail

Choir earns excellent rating at MPA

Kattie Ellsworth

The school's choir visited the Venice Senior High School to compete in the MPA on February 25 which is a competition meant for choirs from different Florida schools to compete against each other. The groups are judged and scored depending on their performances.

Mr. Joshua Walkuski, the choral director, took the vocal ensemble and concert ensemble to compete in the MPA (Music Performance Assessment). All together there were around a hundred DeSoto High School students who went. Some of the students who went are Cameron Wells, Duggie Brown, and Sophia Ruiz. There were also a few chaperones that went including Hans Bursa, Nann Bursa, Amy Wuthrich, and Shirley Morales. The students had to perform certain songs including the gospel song "Jonah" by Rollo Dilworth. Another song they performed was a Korean folk song "Ahrirang" written by Robert DeCormier. The students were also required to do a cite reading performance where the judges would give them a piece to perform on the spot. The judges would then rank them and leave comments on their performances.

For the MPA's the highest ranking groups can achieve is a superior and right under that is excellent. The choir got an excellent for both the vocal ensemble and concert ensemble performances. The



photo/ khailynn Harden

The school choir visited the MPA and received excellent rating. The groups who compete are judged on their performances.

judges also gave comments to help the groups understand what they did wrong. According to Mr. Walkuski the comments also "gives us a direction on where to go." Some of the main comments that the judges gave, were that the students need to sing with taller

vowels and try to develop a more mature sound. The judges also commented saying that they were really impressed with the group's cite reading performance.

Walkuski said that although he was a little disappointed, he was still very proud of the students. He had wanted to make it to state, which you need to be ranked superior to do so, but they didn't make it. He said that it is a "goal to achieve next time". Walkuski does intend to take students to the MPA next year and hopefully be able to rank as superior. The choir group is also planning on taking a small group to the Orlando Fest in May of this year.

The MPA was a great opportunity for the students who went allowing them to perform in front of professional judges and receive immediate feedback. The second opinion, instead of just the director's gives the group an unbiased view of how others see them.

The choir group is aiming on competing again next year and will hopefully move to compete at the state level.

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Many students, especially seniors, may not have an idea of what college to attend after graduating high school. It's a very important for them to know and have an idea of which one they want to attend. All colleges and universities have different requirements and costs. Many different colleges and universities in the state of Florida might be near or local in where you live.

University of Florida, Gainesville

University of Florida, (UF) is located in Gainesville, Florida. Its total enrollment of gator students is 52,286. The cost of attendance for in-state students is \$21,251 and for out-of-state students is \$28,658. For in-state students, tuition is \$6,381 and out-of-state tuition is \$28,658. The dorm and board- ing cost \$9,910 and the books and supplies are \$1,210. Students also spend \$3,750 on other expenses. University of Florida's graduation rate is 87%. Also 96% of UF first-time-in-college freshmen continue to their second year. UF accepts 94% of students with a high school GPA of 3.75 and higher.



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University of South Florida, Tampa

The University of South Florida, also known as USF, is an American metropolitan public research university located in Tampa, Florida with a total enrollment of 49,591. The cost of tuition and fees, which is based on 30 credits, 15 per semester, for an out-of-state undergraduate, is \$17,324 and \$6,410 for an in-state undergraduate. The books and supplies is \$1,000. Housing and meals cost \$9,400 and students pay \$4,100 for other personal expenses, such as general living expenses. They also have 63% of graduation rate. They require a 3.8 cumulative high school GPA (as calculated by USF), and an SAT minimum score of 1300 (critical reading and math only) with a minimum critical reading score of 580 or an ACT Composite score of 29 with a minimum English score of 29.



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University of North Florida, Jacksonville

University of North Florida, (UNF) is also a university here in Florida. UNF is located in Jacksonville, Florida with an enrollment of 16,187 students. The graduation rate there is 52.3%. The cost of attendance for in-state students is \$21,040. For out-of-state students, tuition and fees for in-state students is \$6,394 and \$34,758 for out-of-state students. Room and boarding is \$9,602. Students also spend \$1,200 for books and supplies. They also spend \$3,844 on other expenses.



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University of Central Florida, Orlando

University of Central Florida, (UCF) is in Orlando, Florida. Their total of student enrollment is 64,318. In-state student's tuition is \$6,368. Out-of-state student's tuition is \$22,467. The graduation rate in UCF has requirements. Their requirements are to be of your high class, getting a SAT score of 1010 (Math Reading and Writing), or an ACT composite score of 21, submitting your application by December 31.



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Florida State University, Tallahassee

The Florida State University (FSU) located in Tallahassee, Florida with an enrollment of 40,830. FSU is an American public space-grant and sea-grant research university. The cost of tuition for out-of-state students is \$19,084 and their fees are \$2,589. For in-state students, their tuition cost is \$4,640 and fees are \$1,867.



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Room and boarding cost \$10,304, books and supplies are \$1,000.

Students also spend about \$4,764 on other expenses. FSU's graduation rate is 79% while it has a 93% retention rate. FSU is ranked #38 in the nation among top universities. The Seminoles have a 56% acceptance rate among those who apply.

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton

Florida Atlantic University, (FAU) located in Boca Raton, Florida has an enrollment of 30,377 students. FAU has a 43.6% of graduation rate. Residents of Florida pay an annual total price of \$17,819 to attend Florida Atlantic University on a full time basis. This fee is comprised of \$2,522 for tuition, \$11,748 for room and board, \$1,240 for books and supplies and \$2,309 for other fees and expenses. FAU's has a 43.6% of graduation rate. Its admission requirements look for scores. They require 18 high school units. To graduate, students must have 4 English units (3 with substantial composition), 4 Mathematics units (Algebra 1 level and above), 3 units of Nature Science (2 with lab), 3 Social Science units, 2 units of Foreign Language of the same language and 2 units of Academic Electives.



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Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers

Fort Myers, Florida is the home of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) with an enrollment of 14,678 students. For in-state students, the cost of attendance and for the students, is \$38,934. and fees for students is \$25,214. For out-of-state students, boarding is \$9,120. Books and are \$1,200. Students \$3,400 on other expenses. The graduation rate is 46.7%.



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Worth seeing; *Beauty & The Beast*

Zitlaly Ramirez

Beauty and The Beast,a Disney classic, was produced in 1991 and is still watched by many people today. Now Disney has decided to recreate beauty and the beast, not in animation, but in live-action. This new film will involve real people and new technology use. The new film will be released on March 17 2017.

The cast of includes Emma Stevens as the Gaston and more. the film and Alan music composer. John Legend will “Beauty and the be additional songs

There have been clips already, so the movie will look trailers, some people the beast looks or how the pots and cups look. They say that the beast is too ugly while others do not mind.

Besides all the criticism of the trailers people are eager to see the movie, whether it is because of the cast or that the excitement of Disney remaking an old time classic.



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Beauty and The Beast Watson as Belle, Dan beast, Luke Evans as Bill Condon will direct Menken will be the Ariana Grande and sing the theme song Beast.” Also there will included to the film. eight trailers and movie fans have hints of what like. Because of the

have criticized the way

A thriller: Bates Motel

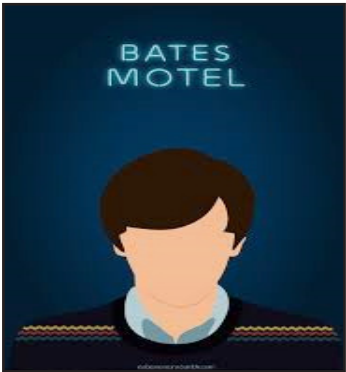
Destiny Keller

“Bates Motel” is a horror drama television series that aired in 2015 and produced by Carlton Cuse, Kerry Ehrin, and Anthony Cipriano. It is based off the novel *Psycho* by Robert Blotch. With Norman Bates being the main fictional character who was created by Robert Bloch. Norman suffered from severe emotional abuse as a child because of his mother’s actions. He suffers from Dissociative Identity Disorder and views himself as his mother on which he depends on.

In the latest version of the show the main characters, Norman and Norma Bates, were played by Freddie Highmore and Vera Farmiga. Acting as a psychotic

mother and son, their performance was astonishing. Freddie played as the unusual son, but did a wonderful job. He suits his character so well it makes Norman seem to come to life. Freddie has a net worth of \$4 million.

Vera Farmiga was also the perfect pick for the character she portrays. Vera puts just the right amount of Psycho into the act which is perfect for playing as Norma Bates. Norma plays as an overly possessive mother that protects her son from seeing reality. She brainwashes Norman to think that everyone is terrible but her and that the world should be just the two of them. Vera makes a net worth up to \$10 million Vera had played in very successful movies even before “Bates Motel”, such as, ”The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas” and many other films.



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Resident Evil; out now!

Nikki Locker

Resident evil, survival horror game, takes place in household of the Baker family who been missing. The gamer plays Ethan Winters married to Mia Winters, also missing. As Ethan Winters you discover the Baker family lost every their insanity. As you hunt for survival to find your wife, she attempts to kill you by cutting off your hand. You meet Jack Baker the man of the house, then you meet the mother, Marguerite Baker. During the hunt for survival you end up in the “old house” and face Marguerite in battle with insects. You attempt to get the cure for insanity. The cure includes a hand and a fetus wrapped in wire combined. Different types of monsters in the house are mold

from a E-series Bioweapon named “Eveline. Zoe is the Baker’s daughter who didn’t get infected by the mold that causes pure lunacy.

In DLC you find the backstory to the Bakers. You come across Lucas who creates a torture puzzle to use against you. He sets up a “Party”room puzzle you have to solve or die, but you find a video from a victim you meet in the beginning named “Clancy” who solves the puzzle and died.

Finally, Eveline is aged into an old woman and you kill her with the cure. You get picked up then taken away in a helicopter.

Playing you need to pay attention to your surroundings to keep you alive not everybody can handle the game. Can you?



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Thank goodness it’s *The Weeknd!*

Angie Sarmiento

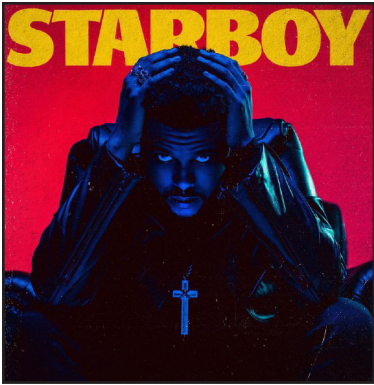
Abel Tesfaye who goes by The Weeknd has gone from unknown to the most talked about in the music industry. His career began in 2010 when his friend uploaded snippets on YouTube.

Tesfaye composed many mix tapes still unnoticed. Many of those included “House of Balloons” “Echoes of Silence” “Thursday.” In 2012 he released an album that included all songs, “Trilogy.” Tesfaye writes his music based on what he’s been through. During the times he wasn’t noticed his music was considered soul music. He had met a producer, Jeremy Rose; who came up with the idea of a dark R&B music project for him. His first performance was in Toronto at the “Mod Club.” His performance led him to collaborate with rapper Drake. No longer going by “Abel” but as “The Weeknd” noticed seconds after releasing “Earned it” for the movie Fifty Shades of Grey became a great hit.

Although, his time of fame hadn’t quite sparked until his third album release of “Beauty Behind the Madness.” “The Hills” and “Can’t Feel My Face” were continuously played striking number one in charts like Billboard Hot 100, Billboard Hot R&B Songs. His major album that dropped in 2016, Starboy became the number one album in over 80 countries within 24 hours. Over the years he

has won two Grammy awards, eight Billboard Music Awards, two American Music Awards, nine Juno Awards, and has been nominated for an Oscar for his song “Earned it.”

The Weeknd changed where he wants to be noticed but still sticks to his old self. The years of 2010-2013, he made soul music. His songs were about his life and feelings. Although



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most songs from the Trilogy album talked about drugs and women it was still amazing because it came from him expressing hurt. Years later he started making music that fit into the pop genre. Fans may been disappointed because they were used to the indie type of music they could relate to but most of all because he wasn’t a secret anymore. His album Starboy is a big hit and more pop than his past mixtapes. However, his lyrics stay true to him, the rythem does not. All songs have a story, most people don’t understand what he’s saying they just listen because everyone else is. Out of all the albums, Trilogy continues to be a favorite. Why? It’s The Weeknd that fans knew and began to love. His music is not only to be played, it actually lets you know what it’s like to be him. He is in fact, a Starboy.

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Barajas, Washington sign football scholarships

Kevin Herrera

Two seniors were given the opportunity for scholarships. Nirion Washington and Cesar Barajas will both be attending a 4-year university after high school.

Washington was given a full ride football scholarship to attend Marshall University. Marshall is located in Marshall, West Virginia.

“The school,” he said, “yeah, it was great!” He chose Marshall because it suits him. He said, “It’s a good school for me.”

Washington plans to major in sports medicine when he gets there. His scholarship is a football scholarship.

Barajas was also given a football scholarship and is thinking of going to South Eastern Univer-

sity in Lakeland, Florida. When he was given the question of whether or not he liked the school he responded, “Yeah, I loved the school.” He chose this school is because he has teammates who play there. Also his coach has connections there. He had more offers from other schools.

Barajas plans to major in Business management and Administration. If that doesn’t work out then he will go into marketing.

Unlike Washington his scholarship isn’t a full ride. The scholarship Barajas was given was a money scholarship. Barajas stated, “It is 35 grand to go there (South Eastern), and they’re probably going to give me half of that, so like 17.5.” Barajas plans to pay the rest of it with financial aid.



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Nirion Washington and Cesar Barajas finish their English assignment. Washington has a full ride year at Marshall University (West Virginia). Barajas has his mind in doubt about South Eastern University (Lakeland,FL)

Adams, Whitmore sign baseball, softball \$cholarships

Destiny Keller

Many seniors have been given the opportunity to earn scholarships. Two of those seniors were Robb Adams and Chelsea Whitmore.

The talented athletes were able to get athletic-based scholarships.

Adams will be attending University of Virginia which is located in Charlottesville, Virginia on a full ride baseball scholarship.

This school was chosen because of their baseball and academic program excellence. He also got an offer from University of Florida.

Adam’s future plans are to major in business analytics once he graduates from high school.

softball.

“I’ve played softball my whole life; it’s pretty much my first love.” Whitmore said.

She plans to major in nursing. When asked if she liked the school, Chelsea said, “I love the school because of my teammates and coach.”

Adams and Whitmore are both going to soon attend colleges the result of hard work, dedication, and talent. Earning a scholarship is an opportunity for the two students to continue to stride towards success.



photo/ Khailynn Harden
Robb Adams and Chelsea Whitmore signed athletic scholarships. Adams signed a baseball scholarship to the University of Virginia. Whitmore signed a softball scholarship to Polk State College.

Locker, Nelson race barrel horses

Joseph Ceron

His most admired baseball player is Tom Galvin who plays pitcher for the Atlanta Braves. Adams also is a pitcher . “I’ve always played and liked baseball ever since I was a little. My favorite sport will getting me through college!” said Adams.

Chelsea Whitmore also got two offers from different colleges which were University of South Carolina and Polk State College in Winter Haven, Florida. She decided to go with Polk State. She got a half scholarship and half tuition.

Whitmore’s scholarship is a softball scholarship. She plays outfield in

For more than 5,500 years humans have ridden horses from as far away as China to as native as right here in Florida. Nicole Locker and Savannah Nelson are two females who have a heart for horse riding.

Nelson is an award winning female, horse barrel racer. With numerous amounts of ribbons.

“I got my first horse when I was 3” stated Nelson. She started because her father used to train and maintain

the horses on a ranch he used to work at. Now at age 15 nelson continues to barrel race and take care of her horses. As of now Nelson has 4 horses with their names being, Bam bam, Shorty, Pondno, Harley.

Locker, also a horse rider, has about 10 years of experience. She can maneuver a horse and get to where she needs to go on one.

‘Horses require a lot of attention and care’ says Locker. On her 6th grade summer her father brought

her to a ranch just off of 17 in Fort Ogden. From there she got taught to saddle a horse, properly groom them and obviously ride them. Since then Locker with a decade of experience with horses feels she has “mastered the art of riding horses”.

“It does not matter about the age or gender of the horse its more about the behavior the horse has towards its rider.” said Locker.

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