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Tears To Cheers

by Shantel Gamble, *Staff Writer*

James Blackman is a sophomore in the Academy of Finance (AOF), and just like other students in the AOF he participates in FBLA for his leadership hours. FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America. On the official FBLA website it describes FBLA and is an organization that helps high school students prepare for careers in business through academic competition, leadership development, and educational programs.

This year was Blackman's second time competing in the high school division for FBLA. Last year he competed in Political Science which is an objective test and lost because he didn't prepare, Blackman thought "[he] knew it all". Blackman even admitted to crying after the award ceremony had ended because he was confident that he was going to win.

Even though the lost was difficult to accept, Blackman did not let it destroy him. Instead, he learned an important lesson, "that even if I feel like I know a lot about a topic there are people who know more about it than I do" and continued to work on his test taking skills for the following year FBLA competition.

For the 2024 FBLA competition Blackman competed in Human Resource Management, which is also an objective test, but unlike the past year Blackman actually studied and accepted help from Mrs. Mosley. Mrs. Mosley works in Human Resources, so she was able to help Blackman with his topic. According to Blackman, Mrs. Mosley was terrific, and Mrs. Mosley says that "he led the conversations, and he asked me questions. The



hard work was on him." Blackman put forth the effort and kept on studying all the way till it was his time to compete.

At the awards ceremony Blackman said he was anxious and thought he was not going to win. "If there was one hundred competitors, I got one hundredth place" was the fear he voiced. Even though he lost faith in himself, his friends didn't. Blackman explained that one of his friends took off his badge before his category even got called to show that they believe he will get called up to be awarded to nationals, and his friends were right because he won!

After losing the past year Blackman did not disregard what happened and the feelings he felt, but instead worked hard not only to improve his skills but also himself as well. Blackman managed to take home third place at the state level in his category and qualified for national competition. The last thing he said to me while I was interviewing him was "I MADE IT TO NATIONALS!!"

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (At The Races)

by Chloe Bridges, *Staff Writer*

The Grand Prix is an experience to remember. It is a race in downtown Saint Petersburg that has been a tradition for many years now. The locals of Florida and even others will travel far from home to come and watch these races.

It takes course over three days: from Friday till Sunday, when the main race takes place. Throughout the days, timed races are held for the competitors to secure their ranking in the starting lineup. It is a lot of pressure to make the right times. Other than the racing

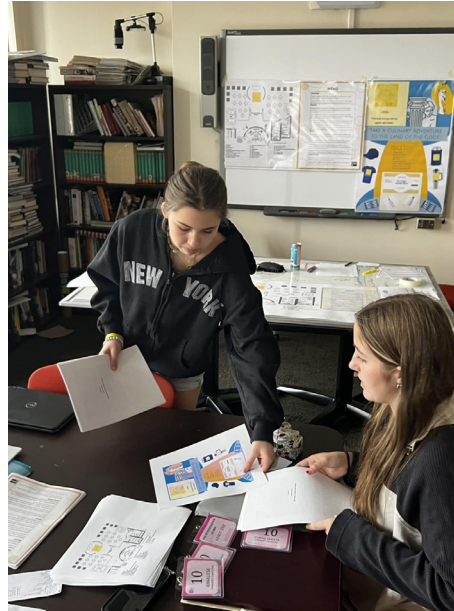
there is music and food, and many other activities for spectators. The automotive girls from NEHI had the opportunity to take a deeper behind-the-scenes look at action of the Grand Prix.

Our NATEC students went on an adventure around the grounds of the Grand Prix. They were invited as it took place during women's history month. The invitation allowed them to observe and participate in many events that draw spectators in.

Junior Nigella Gerena talks

Culinary Queens

by Gianna Pesce, *Staff Writer*



This year junior students Makayla Adragna, Molly Malone and Annalise Kenney, members of the schools Culinary Academy, accompanied by Chef Curtis Serata, attended Skills USA state competition due to their successful efforts competing in management.

Skills USA is an event consisting of topics from auto repair, to running a restaurant and event planning to criminal justice. Our culinary arts department decided to compete in the Culinary Arts category, which focuses on both hot and cold food preparation and presentation.

The students competing demonstrate their knowledge and skills while producing menu items, meeting quality standards. They're evaluated on topics like organization, cook techniques and food safety.

The students attending were responsible for not only creating but presenting a business plan. This business plan, made from scratch, consisted of components like a menu, as well as featuring lots of marketing strategies that the group learned throughout the year.

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The group claims the creation of their plan wasn't easy, taking lots of research and rehearsal for the judges, however, being able to not only showcase their skills, but also represent Northeast High School made it all worth it.

The students were championed by Culinary Teacher Chef Serata, this being his tenth year taking students to states. He enjoys watching his students excel, "I didn't have the opportunity in high school to do what they do... no matter what just the students getting to experience it is enough."

Chef takes part in preparing the students with the skills and techniques they display when at states.

He believes it's a beneficial learning moment for the students. When asked how he feels it benefits the students attending he says, "It gives them an outside look into advanced level cooking". With his helpful guidance, the girls were able to create their plan, and successfully present it at states. Although they competed their hardest, they were unable to qualify for the national competition.

Alongside presenting to judges, the students attending got to explore different sites throughout Orlando. After the award ceremony, they visited the Orlando Eye (a giant slow moving Ferris wheel), the Florida International Mall, and the Chocolate Euphonium at Universal City Walk. "Although it was a trip about school, we all still had so much fun, and got to see new things" Molly Malone claims about her experience.

Regarding her experience at states, Annalise Kenney says "We learned many future career skills, public speaking skills, and the value of friendship".

which gave them insight into other jobs in the automotive field. Lastly, they watched the racers take off from the starting line and see the speed that they can hold on to the raceway. This was Nigella's favorite part: the race to see who is the fastest, right in front of her eyes.

A dream for most and our Northeast Viking Automotive girls got to live it.

Academics

Universities are Taking Action About SAT Scores

By Brooke Blydenburgh, **Staff Writer**

SAT testing is stressed upon by our high school and many others. This test is so important because it has national outreach and stands as one of the qualifications to enter colleges and universities. A good number of universities have a specific score that must be met or surpassed for a student to be accepted there. This means that students are forced to not only take this reading and math test, but also pass it with flying colors in order to secure their future.

Raenna Cody, a 12th grade student here at Northeast feels that “the SAT has a lot of pressure surrounding it, which I think is what makes testing for it so hard.” High schools have inadvertently attached so much anxiety to the SAT, even though they are just trying to help students gain more opportunities with higher test scores. They do not realize how much that anxiety really affects the testing experience and score.

There isn't much else high schools can do to help students succeed in the system that is in place, but some universities are starting to see the flaws in how the SAT is presented and are beginning to change the system. Dozens of universities have begun to make SAT scores optional to the acceptance of students.

Raenna agrees that universities should be less dependent on SAT scores for acceptance because “... it does provide hope for the students who aren't great test takers but still have great grades and great effort.” Less pressure geared toward one test score allows students to focus on what should be most important: their grades.

There is a pattern in all of

the universities that have chosen to become test optional for admissions. They tend to be liberal arts because talent in arts doesn't have much correlation to the standard test, so holding students back because of it is unfair. But there are some major traditional universities that are starting to follow the test optional trend. As of now, “At least 1,900 schools are still test optional, and at least 80 are test free” according to the National Center for Fair and Open Testing and Spectrum News. The number of schools beginning this practice grows every fall semester.

Also, during the pandemic, major universities such as Harvard and Stanford tried their hand at test optional policy because of the sudden cut-off of access to the SAT and ACT tests. But these universities have switched back to requiring test scores after the pandemic passed. These Ivy League Schools believe that “...standardized test scores make the school's admissions process more merit-based,” which means that SAT scores more accurately display if a student is ready for college than their grades do. This is not entirely accurate because students can be brilliant, but still fail tests due to the test environment or having several questions that were not taught well or at all by their high schools. Putting a student's future set of opportunities into the hands of a randomized set of questions seems unfair.

Some universities are opening up doors for students to succeed and have life-changing opportunities without an SAT and/or ACT score, giving hope to thousands of excited high school students. But it is still important to practice for and take an SAT test because these tests will still be part of the college system for years to come. Phasing out a test completely, especially one as essential as the SAT, is almost impossible, and if it is, it will take many years. This transformation in some universities has only come in recent years, meaning that SAT and ACT testing will stick around for a while longer. Prepare well and explore all opportunities that come.

online course to graduate.

According to Smithfield Times, just some of the pros of face to face learning are quick contact with instructors, there is a stable timeline, and students normally have better concentration when a teacher is in front of them. Some students like having a teacher in front of them because they can monitor the number of distractions whether it is a phone or another student themselves.

Marko Butina, junior, is taking his government class in person this year and says, “I will

College Tests Move to Digital Format

By: Maia Stroemich, **Staff Writer**

The SAT is a standardized test that determines a student's preparedness for college through multiple choice and student response questions that include reading, writing, and math questions. This test is very important for college applications, for most colleges it is mandatory to submit your scores from one to even apply. Not only is it mandatory, but good scores will set you apart from your peers and improve your odds of getting accepted.

The first SAT given with an online option was in spring of 2023 but as of spring 2024 all in school SATs will be given to students online. Although one might think the switch to online wouldn't alter the test, that is not correct. The new online version of the test is shorter as before it was almost three hours and now it is just over two. Additionally, and arguably the biggest change, the online SAT is adaptive, meaning, if a student does not do well on the first half of the test the second half will be easier and if a student excels at the first half, they will have a more difficult second half.

NEHI students are being affected by this change first-hand as they are taking the tests to obtain the scores needed for college. Student perspectives on this switch seems conflicted about the effects. Sophomore, Phoebe Robinson, says,

“Overall, I do better with paper tests because it's tangible and it helps me focus more. Since I have a lot of screen time for other stuff automatically, I want to dose off so I think it going online would hinder my focus a bit.”

For her as well as many others, online testing will be an adjustment because, for many kids, paper tests force them to focus on the task at hand and it is less likely for

their mind to wander so, if they are now taking the SAT online, they will have to teach themselves how to stay focused for the duration of the test.

On the contrary, Junior Katie Allen seems to really enjoy this new version of the test and think it could be beneficial to students, she said,

“I honestly think the online SAT is great, the turnaround time to get your scores is much quicker which I really appreciate, and I think it allows people to have more access to it and there are a lot more resources to learn how to take the test online.”

While preparing for the test may look different now, it is still very possible. With the new test being on the computer it is easy to find practice tests on the internet that mimic the real one. Additionally, for teachers that help prepare their students for the test it is very similar. Ms. Bohl, a math teacher that uses her time to help prepare her students for these state tests, said,

“The types of question won't change and how they ask them because I looked at the online and it's not much different...I would probably approach it the same way because the questioning is still going to be roughly the same.”

Although how teacher prepare their students may not change, it is important to see how a professional tutor might adjust their methods of teaching kids how to successfully pass these state tests. Kim Stroemich, a tutor who specializes in SAT and ACT prep said,

“What I teach students in terms of the underlying curriculum, nothing in that is different... the only difference in what I have to do with students is helping them figure out how to adjust to having a paper in front of them...”

At the end of the day, the online SAT is not hugely different from the prior paper version of the tests and although kids will have to learn to adjust to the computer test, it shouldn't greatly effect their scores. As long as they properly prepare for the test by using the available resources, they should be successful when taking the new version.

Government and Economics Turning to In Person

By: Brooke McCarthy, **Staff Writer**

For upcoming school years, starting the year of 2024-2025, the government and economics classes will be switched from online to face to face. This is due to the state dropping the requirement of an

be used to the face to face more because all of my classes are in person, so I will be more comfortable.”

Just one pro to this switch for Marko Butina will be the fact that they are more hands on, and he is a visual learner so taking notes and having them in front of him is much easier than online. Students will also have a teacher in front of them to keep them on task, as an online teacher cannot really track what their students are doing during their class period.

On the other hand, Per

Scholas says when it comes to face to face some cons are having to commute and class availability can be limited. When it comes to choosing classes, especially at the higher level, when you do them in person, there will always be the hassle of getting there whether it is walking, car, or even bus. Another struggle will be picking times that fit into a schedule, however that is not as big of a problem, as high school has a set time of classes, but choosing ones for dual enrollment at SPC can be tricky.

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Campus Life

Vending Machine Mayhem

By Gianna Pesce, *Staff Writer*

Vending machines are a widely chosen and known way for students to purchase their favorite snacks. Whether they're purchasing their favorite chips or favorite sweet treat, vending machines offer a convenient and ever-present method for students.

This school year a big

change was made when the school swapped their vending machine company, changing snacks and prices, leaving students wondering why.

Junior Connor Gerretz feels the vending machines "offer the snacks students want and love." He enjoys being able to find his favorite snacks that he'd buy at the store being available right on school campus.

The Northeast Administration claims the reason behind switching the vending machines was due to the unfulfillment of the previous vendors contract, leaving some of the food in the vending

machines stale and old. Shortly after parting ways, the company ended up going bankrupt.

Junior student Kristina Kosanovic says she prefers the food provided now rather than the food provided by the previous vendor. "It's a better selection, and it's things students are interested in, not what they want us to eat".

Previous vendors have filled the machines with healthy options for students. Which means the promoting of healthier snack choices to some but is what often drives the students away from purchasing items from the machines.

With the new items now

being available to students, that also means an increase in the prices. The switch meant not only switching vendors, but going from baked healthier items, to name brand products students typically would buy in the stores and movie theatres.

Sophomore Gwen Anderson finds herself spending around \$10 weekly at the vending machine, due to the increase in prices. Although the new vending machines cost students more money, "it's worth it when it's things you actually want".



Eggstravaganza

By Lilly Macomber, *Staff Writer*

On March 28th Northeast high school put together an egg hunt for students who exemplify the three A's: Attendance, Attitude, and Achievement. To participate in the egg hunt students had to receive a blue ticket from their teachers.

The egg hunt took place at 1:30 pm in the courtyard. Plastic colored eggs were scattered around the edges of the courtyard and throughout the middle. There were 1000 in all. Some had candy and few had coupons for the Tiki Truck.

Students and Mentors who are a part of the Leader In Me program at Northeast this year set up the hunt during the beginning of seventh period. Junior Valerie Ray, who is apart of this program, said, "We only had about 15-20 minutes to put all of the 1000 eggs out there, but we got it done." When Valerie was asked if she would do the egg hunt again, she stated, "100% I would do it again, probably in an area that isn't so visible though. We



were struggling to find places to hide the eggs."

Valerie was also asked if she believed Viking students enjoyed this activity, "I feel like it was incredibly successful, and the students enjoyed finding the eggs and the few big prizes."

Freshman Mylee Templin, a participant in the event, said, "I enjoyed it, because we got to leave class early." Mylee was asked how we could improve future egg hunts to be even more fun. "I feel like there should have been a bigger space because all of us were in the courtyard so it was easy to find eggs and they were taken so fast."

Sophomore Olivia Kirby echoed the same. "I didn't really enjoy it, there was so many students, and so little space." Olivia was asked if she would participate in the egg hunt next year if it happened and she said, "I would love too but only if it was organized better."

Based on the responses from students some enjoyed the egg hunt more than others, but all of them believe next year the spot of the egg hunt needs to be enlarged for better chances. Hopefully we can continue to have fun events like this in the future.



Gen-Z Takes Over the OCC

By Shelby Stirk, *Staff Writer*

The Orange County Chop-house, better known by the name of OCC, is a place for family and friends to come together to eat, drink and spin on the dance floor. Every Wednesday, OCC hosts Line dancing and Truck Night which is becoming increasingly popular.

Before OCC was popular for kids, the place was crowded with the older generations with patrons ranging in age anywhere from 21 to 60 years old. Over the past few months though, there have been more social media attention and more recommendations throughout the lower end of the Gen-Z population.

The changes in the crowd, created some changes for OCC. Recently, they created a cover charge, added in activities such as the bull ride and axe throwing, and got rid of the live bands. There are several factors that go with these including, liabilities and finding more ways to gain a profit.

The cover charge was put in place for a few reasons. One of the main problems the event was facing was that the older crowd previously attending were the ones who could purchase drinks and ordered food. When those customers who were getting pushed out, OCC had less of a profit due to the lack of money teenagers spend and that adult beverage sales dropped. OCC was losing profit, so they put the cover charge in place for anyone under 21 who was not accompanied by someone over 21.

Not only was the cover charge put in place for the lack profit but, it is also a liability to have so many minors around alcohol service without a parent or guardian. A bartender at OCC gave insight to this problem by telling me "They had to start hiring off duty police officers to survey the parking lots after catching a lot of minors with alcohol."

Before the cover charge, the

first big change made was trading the live bands for a DJ. Rather than the type of DJ that is seen at events, OCC uses speakers are connected to the employee's phone where he plays a que of songs that people request. This took some of the country songs away, but it allows an opportunity for people to listen to a wide range of songs they love including Pitbull to Ed Sheeran. Another OCC worker approved saying, "I miss the live bands but it is nice to listen to a wider range of music." Cutting out the live bands also cut another a weekly expense.

The new music format and cover charge led to new opportunities like bull riding, axe throwing, and even a Velcro wall. With new activities came new patrons. There is a waiver that participants must sign any of these opportunities that releases OCC from any liability if anything goes wrong. The new activities allowed some of our Viking students experience a different form of entertainment. Junior Derrick Brantley states "I found out I was good at axe throwing."

Sammantha Brooks says, "I like to go on Wednesdays to line dance with my friends and look at the trucks. The bull ride was pretty fun too."

Line dancing and truck night aren't the only events throughout the week though. Wednesdays stay the same however, on the other days of the week they host events like little people wrestling, pet adoptions, and many more activities for family and friends.

The changes made have shaped OCC for the better. Not only are they making more of a profit, but they are also bringing so many new people in and introducing new dances. At this rate, line dancing could possibly become trendier than pickleball.

National Interest

The Cost of Independence in the Sunshine State

By Kendall Martin, *Staff Writer*

The Sunshine State, known for its sandy beaches, sunny days, and good food, is grappling with a significant challenge: the surge in living costs. The state's residents are facing mounting pressure as housing, healthcare, and other essential expenses soar. Statistics reveal a distressing trend in the cost of living across Florida. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate a troubling trend in the cost of living for several Florida cities. The Consumer Price Index for Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater has seen an average increase of 3.9% annually over the past three years, from 2021 to 2024. The rate of inflation significantly outpaces local wage growth, making it increasingly difficult for Floridians to make ends meet.

The impact of these rising costs is felt by working students like Sai, a senior at Northeast High School in St. Petersburg. Sai shares his experiences, highlighting the dual challenge of managing work and school. "The rising cost of living has impacted me as a working student because it has increased the bills that have to be paid and it decreases the actual amount of money, I have left for everything else," she explains. Because of this financial burden, it has forced Sai to prioritize essential expenses and adopt budgeting skills to stretch her funds. This situation is not only unique to Sai but is a common scenario among student workers who find themselves needing to work multiple jobs or extend their working hours. Effective budgeting becomes a crucial skill in navigating these economic pressures.

To gain further insight into how individuals can better manage their finances in such a hostile economic environment, I spoke with Mr. Mosley, a teacher in the program Academy of Finance. He suggests some tools that can help in improving spending habits. "You [have to] budget, doing so will help you not only stay within your spending amount but also help you identify any unnecessary spending habits." He also recommends having multiple sources of income so that you can maximize your money and stay within your budget. Addressing the escalating cost of living in Florida demands a diverse

approach. To lessen the effects on residents, especially students who work, we need efforts from all. By teaching people about money, creating more job chances, and pushing for cheaper housing, we can aim for a fairer and more lasting future for everyone in Florida.

Dealing with the increasing living expenses in Florida needs different strategies. We need to use multifaceted approaches to help solve this problem. If we work together on these things, we can make sure everyone in Florida has a fair chance and a better future.

TikTok Fate in the Hands of Congress

By: Colin Campbell, *Staff Writer*

A bill proposed in the House of Representatives on March 13, 2024 aims to make changes to TikTok in the United States. The bill was passed with a 352-65 vote and now will go to the Senate for a vote.

TikTok is a popular reel's app with 1 billion monthly users according to SearchLogistics.com. TikTok can be used for multiple purposes. There are different feeds such as STEM which is filled with educational videos, Explore has all their pictures and slideshows, Following has all of the videos of the people that users follow, Shop is a store where users can find videos about items and purchase them from the videos, and For You is a all the videos TikTok thinks a specific user would like.

Freshman, Tristen Patterson, an avid user of TikTok, thinks it should not be banned. Tristen said another solution to the ban would be to "not allow people ages 13 and under to be on social media." Tristen also thinks, "Teens 14 and older should have a time limit on TikTok or even their phones overall. Once children become 14, they start developing the maturity levels to handle the responsibility of social media." This would allow teens to use social media while not overdoing it.

Adam Cabric, a freshman that has took a break from TikTok in March and stated he felt "behind in the up-to-date trends or what people were saying. I found out who Sketch was from my friends." Sketch is an upcoming internet star right now known for playing Madden 2024 and starting the "What's up brother" trend. Adam said, "It's more difficult than just going on TikTok and obtaining the information that way, so I'll just go on TikTok from now on." This way he

can keep up to date with the latest trends.

President Biden has stated if Congress passes the bill, he will pass it. If TikTok does end up getting banned then users could just move to a different app for reels such as Instagram Reels, YouTube Shorts, etc. However, the Senate still must vote yes on the bill for it to be banned. The company that owns TikTok, ByteDance could sell the American market in six months to prevent the ban though. It remains to be seen if they will decide to comply with this request.

Marketing Tactics at Play in Modern Consumerism.

By Leila Phrasikaysone, *Staff Writer*

Be it on TikTok, X (Twitter), Quora, Reddit, Instagram, LinkedIn etc. we go on a form of social media every day. Everyone and everything is on social media, making us all vulnerable to all new posts and news, as that's what we constantly consume. Major corporations take this into account as they need to always find a way to market their products/service to a wider audience, they take it to these platforms to gain our attention and money. These platforms have become battlegrounds where brands fight for attention, engagement, and ultimately, consumer loyalty.

One of the most well-known publicity stunts is Wendy's comebacks: their absolutely savage responses when it comes to roasting competitors and consumers alike on Twitter. They ditched the play-it-safe strategy and took the market by storm. 12th grader Aiden Vanasco who is going to University of Central Florida for Marketing says that "it's a smart advertising campaign and they're one of the very few companies who effectively done Twitter marketing right." With this new strategy they increased their following to 3.8 million on X, as they frequently reply and tease the people for wanting more. Wendy's sales exceeded the \$10 billion global sales target for 2017 just because of the uprise of constant traffic and attention on Wendy's page.

A company benefiting from the vulnerability of society on social media was exemplified

during the pandemic the skyrocketed popularity of Crocs. Now seen everywhere on campus and also seen out on the streets, during the pandemic Crocs started the #UglySandalDanceChallenge on TikTok and Instagram that encouraged users to create and share videos wearing Crocs, which turned a perceived weakness of the ugly shoe into a viral trend. And it is now one of the most worn pairs of shoes. Kayla Phrasikaysone states that "at first, I thought crocs were so ugly and swore I would never buy a pair and wear them, but when I started seeing everyone wear them. I tried a pair on and not gonna lie, it was a life changing moment. The more you look at them the cuter they are and the cushion the bottom of the shoe is nice, and people can't see my feet so it's a nice slip-on slipper for most occasions." According to the New York Times, Crocs made an announcement that their last month quarterly sales rose 61% and anticipate another year of growth.

These are just the most basic marketing tactics. Companies like Stanley with the rise of an aesthetic "It" girl cup, the Burger King's Moldy Whopper Ad, Twix's Left and Right debate, and many more have made similar gains. Major companies know that everyone is on social media, so they use this to their advantage in reaching their target audience. Companies love money and will try to get us, as consumers, to buy their products or services.

Unseen and Undeserved: The Silent Epidemic of Medical Mistrust Among African American Women

By Ta'Nayshia Grover, *Staff Writer*

In life, there is often an underestimation of the privilege one possesses. Some may measure theirs by receiving a free drink at a local coffee shop, while some gauge theirs on a person's age, money, or ability to obtain particular things. However, one of the most under-

rated privileges remains the ability to seek medical attention and be genuinely seen and listened to by healthcare professionals.

The tragic demise of beauty influencer Jessica Pettway struck multiple communities as she was the face and voice for herself and many others. In an Instagram post from the previous year, the 36-year-old mother of two explained how, in 2022, her husband found her unconscious on their bathroom floor, despite her initial concerns about her heavy vaginal bleeding, which she later determined to be normal after consulting with others. After feeling extremely weak and exhausted, Jessica visited several doctors, only to be diagnosed with Fibroid Syndrome and sent home by each one. Her care remained superficial, indifferent, and unconcerned even after the diagnosis. Jessica eventually found a doctor who would listen to her after multiple hospital stays and worsening symptoms. By this time, she had already had ten blood transfusions and had an undetected cervix. Upon being referred to an oncologist, she was casually informed upon waking from anesthetic that she had stage 3 cervical cancer. With a post on Instagram that read, "I could hear God reminding me to live," Jessica showed her steadfast belief. "And I am doing precisely that." The colorful beauty expert succumbed to her illness after multiple hospital stays, significant weight loss, a level 4 hemoglobin, and more than eighteen blood transfusions overall.

Ms. Britt, Northeast's very own Environmental Science and Credit Recovery teacher, revealed that she became aware of the reality of African American women being mistreated by doctors when she visited Bayfront Health following a malady with her health. Ms. Britt said in an interview that after inquiring with her doctor about her state of health—who just so happened to be wearing cowboy boots—she was told, "I am the doctor." She revealed that because of this experience, she neglected her own health because as she was afraid to ask any questions. "Ever since that happened, I've never been to Bayfront again," she went on to explain. Due to this single incident, Ms. Britt saw multiple physicians and medical facilities, which prevented her from receiving the prompt assistance she so needed. "After that, I never went to Bayfront again," she commented. Black women and women of color need to be particularly when seeking medical care for health issues.

At length, the systematic mistreatment of African American women by healthcare professionals is a deeply concerning issue that demands urgent attention and action. Younger women of color are advised, according to the Washington Post, to research what

exams and procedures at each stage of their life. For instance, knowing when to get a cholesterol test, when to get a pap screening, and how often to have blood work done are all crucial. Young black females, especially in a society that might not consider you a real patient, prioritize your physical health and work to be your own best health-care advocate.

Fashion Theft

By Chloe Bridges, *Staff Writer*

Small businesses, which are frequently led by enthusiastic business owners with little funding, who put their whole lives into creating "their" brand identities, are being preyed on. These injuries range from stealing meticulously created logos to carefully picked color schemes that form the basis of a brand identity. Recently, fast fashion companies looking to make an easy profit will steal designs of the newest trends and quickly copy these creative works.

Small business logo theft is one of the most severe examples of this. Small business logos, which can range from funny illustrations to creatively typed designs, serve as a visual representation of a company's spirit and ideals. Fast fashion retailers have been known to copy these trademarks with only slight modifications, to take away the uniqueness and creativeness of the small businesses. This is where Jonah Quinese, 10th grader here at Northeast, ran into a problem. Jonah started a business young. He crafted and sold hoodies. He said he didn't sell much but it defiantly taught him something, like how to always look out for his design.. Fast fashion corporations often take ideas from small businesses unique visual views to mass produce modified versions of their creations. These elements are frequently created without giving proper credit or payment to the originating creator of the designs. Consequently, small businesses find it difficult to compete in a market that is getting increasingly bigger, making their unique services common and hard to differentiate from those of larger competitors.

It has broad impacts that go well beyond aesthetics. In an increasingly unfriendly retail environment, small businesses depend on their brand identities to create deep connections with their customers and build loyalty and trust. It weakens these identities when quick fashion retailers steal them. Weakening their businesses all around and leaving them in trouble. The toll and theft of fashion that affects our society is increasingly growing.

June is Full of Pride.

by Colin Campbell, *Staff Writer*

June is LGBTQ pride month it's a nationally celebrated holiday to remember what the LGBTQ community overcame to gain recognition and equality. The Stonewall Riots also started The Gay Liberation Front, an organization that helped fight against discrimination against the LGBTQ community. This eventually led to them having rights in all states on the U.S. in 2003.

The month is called Pride month to commemorate the events of the Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The riots started on June 28, 1969, when a LGBTQ bar called the Stonewall Inn was raided by law enforcement because there were mafia bosses illegally selling alcohol. The people inside the bar responded with hostility. A crowd and riot formed because according to the Library of Congress the police detained all "cross-dressers" in the building because they were the most visible lawbreakers - being a part of the LGBTQ community was still a crime.

Anthony Gagoua, a Junior at Northeast, says, "Pride month as a gay guy is cool. I look forward to it because I decorate my house and celebrate with my mom, however I do get more scared of homophobic people." When asked how he felt about companies and establishments changing their logos and overall look of the establishment he said, "It's very simple but nice thing to do and it's a good idea for marketing"

Senior Wren Waters stated that during Pride month they "Go to Pride sometimes, but I mainly use the time to learn about the activist who sparked change in the queer community." When talking about the how companies change their marketing and look, they mentioned that "unless a company tangibly supports the LGTBQ+ community outside of pride month, I feel like it's a deceptive and immoral marketing tactic to change their logos for June. I don't have a problem with a company selling products with flags or any other form of pride representation."

President Clinton made Pride month an official holiday in 1999 called "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month," then in 2009 President Obama made it "LGBT Pride Month," now President Biden turned it into "LGBTQ Pride Month." Pride Month has changed a lot over the years and will most likely continue to change as people express themselves.

The Trendy Transformation of Pre-Existing Basics

By Ta'Nayshia Grover, *Staff Writer*

In the age of social media, the cyclical nature of trends has taken on a new dimension, breathing fresh life into pre-existing basics. What was once considered commonplace or even outdated has found its resurgence through the lens of online platforms. From fashion staples to food-inspired classics, the revival of these timeless essentials has been propelled by the digital age.

A classic example of a jewel that stood the test of time is the "clean-girl" look. According to the TikTok account "thisisthetake," glossy lips, slicked back hair, and hoop earrings comprise the clean-girl look. But in the 1990s, this was popular. Many women used their favorite gels to pull their hair back and accentuate their lips with fashionable lip oils. Enormous hoop earrings became a symbol of that period. Hailey Bieber's brownie-glazed lips are now a prime example of food-inspired design taking center stage. Favored examples are blueberry milk nails, fire-truck lips, pumpkin spice make-up and the idea of the "tomato girl." As the saying goes, history always repeats itself.

Chloe Lambrecht, a Junior at Northeast High has no qualms about living in line with these movements. Bright and vivacious, Chloe always looks her best. She's seen with a slick-back braided ponytail or her natural blonde waves, she moves through her day in style. She was asked what motivated her appearance, "I think that when you look your best, you feel your best." The free-spirited teenager said that "because they're easy to follow," her style is trendy. Idolizing social media personality Alix Earle, Chloe's obsession with style and sophistication makes perfect sense.

As platforms continue to amplify the allure of nostalgia and authenticity, what was once considered ordinary finds itself reimaged and celebrated anew. Through the lens of online communities, timeless essentials are revitalized, shifting cultural consciousnesses. This serves as a testament to the influence of the past on today's tastes, demonstrating the power of digital platforms to shape and redefine fashion, lifestyle and beyond.

Best Burgers of the Bay

By Kait Early, *Staff Writer*

Coming around the corner hot the month of May is filled with graduation and exam season. But May is also National Burger Month with the 28th specifically being National Burger Day.

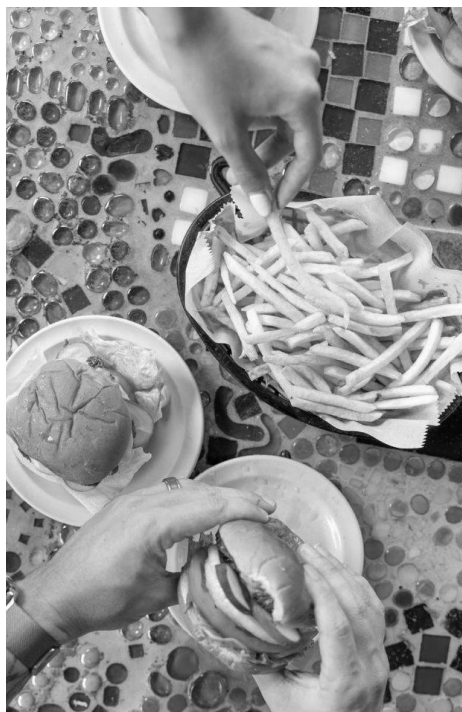
Originating from Hamburg, Germany this American classic was initially a meal where a meatball was eaten inside a bun for a silver-ware free eating experience. Now the modern Burger was popularized by the fast-food chain White Castle.

Burger joints across the country have popped up and from chains to small businesses. St. Pete has a multitude of spots to enjoy a burger. A common student favorite is 5 Guys with a close second being Burger Monger. “I like the variety that Burger Monger and they have amazing sweet potato fries. A lettuce bun burger with their sweet potato fries is my go-to order,” says Valentina Baya.

A common local favorite is Engine No. 9, a prime burger sports bar. “They have an amazing bacon cheeseburger that I would recommend getting if you ever go there,” exclaims Saylur Marcum about his experience at the bar. Engine no. 9 won best burger in the state from 2013-19 making it a great place whenever you’re in the mood for something a little more local.

One of the oldest burger spots in St. Pete is the famous El Cap, a sports bar that has been open for over 60 years. “El cap is my favorite because they always make their burgers fresh, and they are a great size for a meal” states Savannah Miller. Bonus at the El Cap – the kitchen is run by a former Viking.

Whatever burger you believe is the best in the Bay make sure to get one and celebrate national burger month this May.



Health

Fighting Cancer One Step at a Time

By Hannah Dzuber, *Staff Writer*

Cancer affects people worldwide both emotionally and physically. Organizations like Relay for Life provide a supportive environment where individuals can come together, share their stories, and actively participate in making a difference in the fight against cancer.

Kristin Bercume shared that she has been affected by cancer through someone she knew, and she was happy to see so many people connect. “It was very heart-warming to see students out there doing what they were doing to help support the Cancer Society and Relay.”

The Northeast High School Academy of Finance students attended the Relay for Life fundraiser. Relay for Life is a volunteer-led, non-profit charity walk created by the cancer society to give hope to those affected by cancer. Every year, the fundraiser is hosted at a park, school or fairground with a track. It’s a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, honor the memory to those who have passed away and raise money for life-changing medical treatments. It’s amazing to see how this event brings people together for a meaningful cause.

Freshman Lilah Kreger assisted with the Relay for Life event. She “helped hand out the food at the luncheon, and it was nice. Before handing out food, me and a couple of friends who were also there helped make bracelets and hand them out.”

Northeast students were encouraged to participate in the fundraiser. This was a good way for students to get involved and earn volunteer hours while actively seeing their efforts make an impact. Participating is also a way to learn about the community and educate concerning the effect of cancer on families and their loved ones.

Melatonin Madness

By Kait Early, *Staff Writer*

Melatonin has increased in popularity in the past years as a way for parents to help their children sleep. While safe for short

term use the long-term effects of using melatonin can have adverse health effects.

Mayo Clinic released the most common side effects that are experienced while taking melatonin. They are headaches, dizziness, and daytime drowsiness. The naturally produced hormone, melatonin, can be supplemented on occasion but taking too much can cause serious harm.

Overusing melatonin can cause vivid dreams and nightmares, throw off a natural sleep cycle, trigger anxiety, and cause severe nausea. “Whenever I wake up I have severe drowsiness that goes away around 5th period. It’s hard to do my work when I am so tired,” states Junior Gianna Pesce, who takes melatonin every night to help her sleep.

Gianna claims, “I do feel a difference when I stop taking it, though my sleep is worse I’m more awake in the morning.” Junior Anna Kenny also has a similar experience “Whenever I take it I feel groggy during the day and I am a lot less concentrated on my schoolwork.” This is a common side effect of the supplements but there are other ways to have good sleep.

The obvious ways are to limit caffeine and not use a phone right before bed, but some of the more unique methods to help improve sleep include using a sleep mask at night, taking a magnesium supplement instead of melatonin, and making sleepy tea or mocktail.

During high school it’s important to get quality sleep since we must wake up so early. If you take melatonin and are experiencing severe symptoms decrease the dosage you take and try an alternative to help you sleep.

Sun time or Skin Crime?

By Allyson Minelli, *Staff Writer*

Florida is known as the sunshine state, where everyone wants to spend their time out in the sun. With being closer to the equator and higher UV indexes here, sun protection is even more important since UV rays damage skin cells. But for residents, this tends to be something that is pushed aside for many.

Everyone knows the tourist look of lobster-colored skin and the realization of how important sunscreen is. Many of us spend our days outside at the beach, playing sports and not using sunscreen while fully aware of the repercussions. The short-term effects from the sun are sunburn, peeling skin, or sun poisoning, but in the long run skin cancer is the risk. Many are too careless to use any type of

skin protection or are too worried about behind a tan.

Meanwhile, Florida has the second highest rate of skin cancer in the United States, more than 600 Floridians die of melanoma every year; since 1975, the number of deaths among residents older than age 50 has almost doubled.

Students were asked if they wear sunscreen on a daily basis, 52% said they do not wear sunscreen daily, 29% said they do occasionally, and 19% said they do wear sunscreen daily. Sunscreen isn’t the only type of sun protection that should be used either; using shade, wearing longer clothing or darker colors, sunglasses, and hats are all important ways to protect your skin from damage.

According to the World Health Organization, some individual risk factors for skin cancer include fair skin, blue, green or hazel eyes, light-colored hair, the tendency to burn rather than suntan, a history of severe sunburns, many moles, freckles, and a family history of skin cancer. One in every three cancers diagnosed is a skin cancer and, according to Skin Cancer Foundation Statistics, one in every five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

Athletes are one group that spends a lot of time out in the sun, so they are more prone to getting skin cancer meaning it is more important for them to be protecting their skin. Lacrosse player Tyson Severs shares “I practice outside every day for 2-4 hours and don’t wear sunscreen unless I’m at a tournament.”

It’s not just athletes prone to skin cancer though, it is very common for people to sit outside and tan, or just live day to day out in the sun not realizing how much they are putting themselves in harm’s way. Sophie Ellis, who plays lacrosse and works out on the beach, says “I wear sunscreen on my face every day, I put it on as a part of my morning routine, and I wear it to work because I don’t want to harm my skin.”

Anyone can develop melanoma, so living in a state where people are more prone to it with higher UV rays its extra important that we take care of our skin. Skin cancer is something that can be prevented but it takes a person’s own responsibility to do so.



Student Interest

Summer Essentials

By Allyson Minelli, *Staff Writer*

As summer approaches, everyone has new daily necessities and activities going on in their lives. With the sun out, students are spending more time outside and partaking in activities that apply to their personal interests since they have more free time.

Many students like to spend their time outside doing different activities in the summer, but by far the most popular outside essential was some type of sports ball. Some students like to participate in beach volleyball, and go out playing football with friends, while others like to take the calmer route spending their off time relaxing and reading.

We can't forget the skincare summer; students have a variety of products they're using to beat the sun. Sun Bum, CeraVe, and Super Goop sunscreen are some favorites for keeping skin protected. CeraVe moisturizer is also used to keep smooth skin from drying out in the summer. Others are more concerned about their summer tan by using tanning oils or products like Drunk Elephant D-bronzi drops or Lumi Glotion to give their skin a glowy and tan look.

The styles for the summer usually lose some length. Oversized T-shirts are a must-have as well as tiny tanks, tube tops, jean shorts, ruffled skirts, sundresses, and bikinis. Emily Bennett shares "My typical summer outfit is a bikini with jean shorts and Birkenstocks, usually going to the beach and getting Playa Bowls". When shopping for bikinis, typical stores girls stick to are Shein, target, Brightswimware, and Kulani Kinis for colorful fun options.

For other activities in the summer, activewear is another popular choice. Students spend time playing pickleball, going to amusement parks, and other on-the-go activities. Lululemon hotty hot shorts in all different colors or any athletic shorts are a go-to. Other brands like Aerie and Free People movement also have a ton of other options for summer wear.

When it comes to staying refreshed in the summer, many students have their favorite summer foods. Summer has seemed to be the peak season for Starbucks refreshers and Playa Bowls. While others prefer to grab a Pub sub, chips, or sweet tea. Most have a go-to water bottle to keep them hydrated, some popular options are Owala's, Stanley's, and Hydro flasks.

Other essentials for this summer include tote bags or Lululemon belt bags as a simple and

practical way to carry stuff around. Others need their sunglasses as eye protection outside all day or driving. Capstick is also a must with the sun drying out skin all summer. While another must is a speaker with a perfectly curated summer playlist.

Whatever is on your summer essential list, it's time to stock up as it's right around the corner.

The Royal Vikings

By Maia Stroemich, *Staff Writer*

Dance is a very common form of self-expression and, it is used as an emotional outlet for many highschoolers. Although it is not a club you typically see in high schools, it is an important one to include. Dance is beneficial in many ways, in Dr. Zimmerman's article "The Importance of Dance In School" studies show this activity as extremely beneficial to students. It is said to increase feelings of joy in those that are struggling and decrease stress levels felt by students that are impacted by bullying.

Not only does dancing help improve the mental health of students but it also unites similar minded people to create a community. By adding a place where kids feel welcome and supported by people who they share interests with, students are more likely to excel in other environments as well. This was shown in New York where 95% of teachers saw students improving in cooperation and engagement in school after dancing.

The students at Northeast High School decided that a dance club was far too important to continue without. According to students who helped create The Royal Vikings dance club, it seems as though they all have similar intentions for success here. Sophomore and Captain of the new Royal Vikings dance club, Makayla Graham said,

"I danced when I was younger and it has always been a way to let go of emotions, and it's a way that I can express myself... when I had the opportunity to bring the club to Northeast, I thought it would be a good way to allow other girls like me to express their talent through dance."

It is evident that this is more than just a school club to these girls, it is a way to build a community of people that can support one another and help guide each other through high school. When talking about how she would recommend this club to her peers, Co-Captain and Junior, Kamora Summers said,

"I would recommend my peers to join the club, not just for

the girls to dance, but also for them to motivate themselves... We don't want to just dance we want to get our grades up together and be a club together instead of bringing ourselves down."

When a group of people who understand each other get together to create something of this nature, it is truly special. Besides these girls creating new bonds through their common interests, they are also finding new ways to keep themselves disciplined through the rough patches of being a high school student.

When speaking to Mrs. Johnson, one of the club sponsors, about what her goals are for this club she said,

"My goals are to have everyone feel included, everyone feel comfortable, and to really build a family atmosphere for the girls because I just feel like that's important in high school because sometimes you just don't have anybody to talk to..."

Above all, family seems to be the most important aspect to all of the girls involved with the upbringing of the Royal Vikings. They don't want to just represent the school through dance but, they also want to create new bonds that they will carry with them throughout the rest of their high school career.

The Rise of Pickleball

By Dani Bruner, *Staff Writer*

Pickleball is a sport that is becoming more common among teenagers. So common that Northeast students want to start a Pickleball club. Pickleball is a mixture of tennis and ping-pong. What is stopping us from having a Pickleball club if we already have a ping-pong club? Some important factors we need to keep in mind are the requirements needed to play, where play could take place, who could sponsor the club, and who would students play against.

Freshman Mason Burkke has spread the word about starting a pickleball club. He said, "I played pickleball once, and from there on I have found it to be so fun." Regarding where we would have the courts, he believes it would be smart to use the tennis courts but spray paint lines for the size of a pickleball ball court around it. Although we would need help to fund the courts, he believes players will most likely have to support themselves for their own paddles. Mason also said he has seen Northeast kids at Denver Park.

I did some research and went down to Denver Park to interview some Northeast students who play almost every weekend.

James Garvin and Luke Dudley, both juniors and frequent pickleball players, said they got into the sport because of their friends. Luke stated, "We come here almost every weekend and play with friends." They both agreed pickleball is a good workout and even said they would suggest it to others. James Garvin stated, "I am very competitive and good at it" and then explained how he has been in some intense matches.

Although pickleball is a competitive sport, the main reason why it has gained popularity is because it is easy to pick up. According to junior Elijah De La Concha, "Pickleball is something to do other than baseball and was easy to pick up on, so I like to play it." For some, pickleball is the most activity one will get, but for Elijah, it is kind of like a side hobby to do other than baseball in his free time.

With the increase in popularity for teenagers, pickleball has given them many health benefits. This improves balance, and hand-eye coordination, better mood, and builds social connections within the sport.

Once Mason Burkke and his friends find a sponsor for the soon-to-be pickleball club, this will be a good addition to Northeast High School and may affect many.



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Sports

Balling Bulls

By Haley Thompson, *Staff Writer*

The University of South Florida Bulls have been a dominant force throughout their basketball season this year. With their record of 25 wins and 8 losses, they came in number one in the 2024 American Athletic Conference. This upcoming season not only will improve student life but will encourage high school basketball students to perform their best, on and off the court.

Rylee Gonzalez, a senior planning to transfer to USF during her junior year, believes “students are wanting to get involved with different sports and clubs so it’s making [college] more fun for everyone.”

Student life is one of the most important factors for a teenager to consider when making the transition from high school to college, as they want to have the best experience possible. In fact, The Yuengling Center, the court where the division one team plays, showed multiple records broken for student attendance to games throughout the season.

Rylee believes the basketball season this year will “improve student life because more fans and students are coming to the games and more tickets are being sold”.

The more students that have a great college experience, the more that’ll be encouraged to attend as well. Every student wants to be part of a winning school, which is why the USF men’s basketball team will be encouraging more students to show up this upcoming season to attend games. Not only does the team encourage current Bulls, but also many high school basketball players.

Shay Kinney, a sophomore on the basketball team at Northeast, claims that teamwork is the most important part of a winning team. He believes that the success of the Bulls is due to “just showing the more you work with players that you are playing with, the more your chemistry will be”.

As children, we have role models that we constantly look up to throughout life. The USF basketball team is only doing that for children and teenagers all across the world. Many of the inspired teens play sports themselves and can learn different techniques and skills by seeing professionals on the court.

Shay looks up to many players in college basketball because they’re, “trying to get to the next level so they’re doing everything they can to get better and win so that motivates and encourages me”.

Performance is one of the

many keys to a successful team player. Not only is good playing on the court important but performing off the court is as well. Student athletes still have to maintain good grades and attend classes on a daily basis. Even though it may be hard to juggle at times, it’s possible knowing the bulls have done it as well.

With the University of South Florida’s basketball team record this year, it can only be expected that they’ll become a highly ranked seed throughout the next seasons to come. Students should be excited to participate in rooting their Bulls on. It can only be implied that more teenagers across the world will want to attend USF for the rising school spirit in basketball.

Coach White Returns to Girls Basketball

By: Brooke McCarthy, *Staff Writer*

In the upcoming 2024 girls’ basketball season Coach White will be returning as the new coach. He has been the coach in previous years but took a step away to coach bowling with his sons. He decided to come back to coaching the Lady Vikings because he has watched the team a lot this year and saw a high level of passion and skill in the players.

“I have coached mainly girls’ basketball teams since 1996 so I have a lot of experiences that I am excited to pass on” Coach White says.

He is excited to pass on his knowledge of the game to the girls, returning and incoming, as well as the coaches. He is also looking to set an aggressive playing style in order to up the girls’ performance. Along with experience he is excited to see the girls throughout the campus a create positive relationships with them.

“It is fun to build a team because in teaching you do not get to see improvement but in sports it is great to see it in real time” said Coach White.

While coaching, one can set up drills and go through the mechanics of the sport during practice in order to fix something. Drilling that information into an athlete is easier than trying to fix a student with bad habits, who maybe is not as interested in change. The progress checks to measure the improvement are the games during the season, while school has tests, which is not as appealing.

“He has a lot of experience in the program and has a lot to

teach me” says Kayley Missory, junior.

She also agrees that Coach White’s experience will be a benefit to the team and coaches. He and the team are looking to turn the program around compared to recent years. One way Kayley believes this is possible is because has won turnaround coach in a previous year proving he has the knowledge to perform this task.

Freshman, Alexa Chimner says “I am looking forward to next season because I know he has a bunch of plays planned.”

As an incoming sophomore for the 2024 season, she is looking forward to changing up the game and new plays to try out in practices and games. Also, she is looking for more practice time with the team because she knows he has more practice planned, as well as, hopefully more wins and a better upcoming season.

Sophomore, Yazmeen Williams’ opinion on the new season is “I think it will be good because I think he is a really good coach and knows what he is doing.”

Yazmeen Williams also believes he knows how to work with students and teach new things every day, whether it is in school or at basketball practice. Like other players on the team, they are expecting new plays that will up their level of play.

Like the players on the team, Coach White is exceptionally excited about his return and ready to get back in the rhythm of coaching.

Student Life

Cont... Beyond the Stars

Mariyah Salmeron, *Staff Writer*

Ever heard of the new branch in the Military? The date was December 2019 when the United States established the Space Force. The Space Force is a new and advanced Branch as they have taken control of managing satellites for communication with possible threats and navigation for the future! They have also developed new ideas with surveillance camera, looking out for any new creatures... which is so scary and intriguing at the same time...

With our space force improving and finding new ways to seek out information they have made international partnerships to help any activities in space. They have been aligning with other nations monitoring as well as tracking objects in Earth’s Orbit!

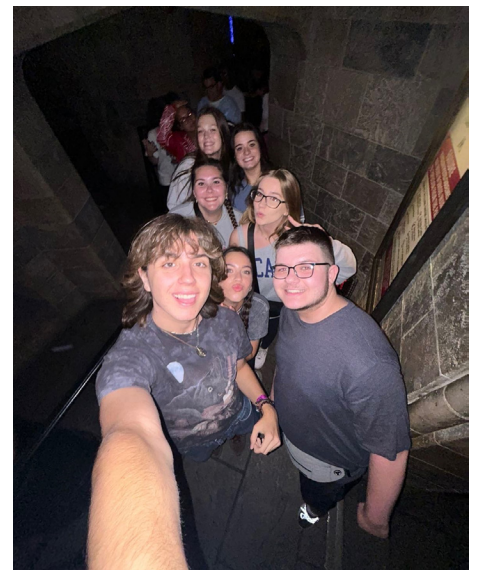
Deklan Joseph, here at Northeast Highschool, In JORTC, believes that the Space Force will be very successful in exploring and expanding our knowledge of the universe, and possibly leading to the discovery of planets for habitation. He also said that the Space Force represents a shift in the military works and can really reshape our understand of not only Space but our entire world!



Entertainment

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Three Comic Strips by Nancy Engle





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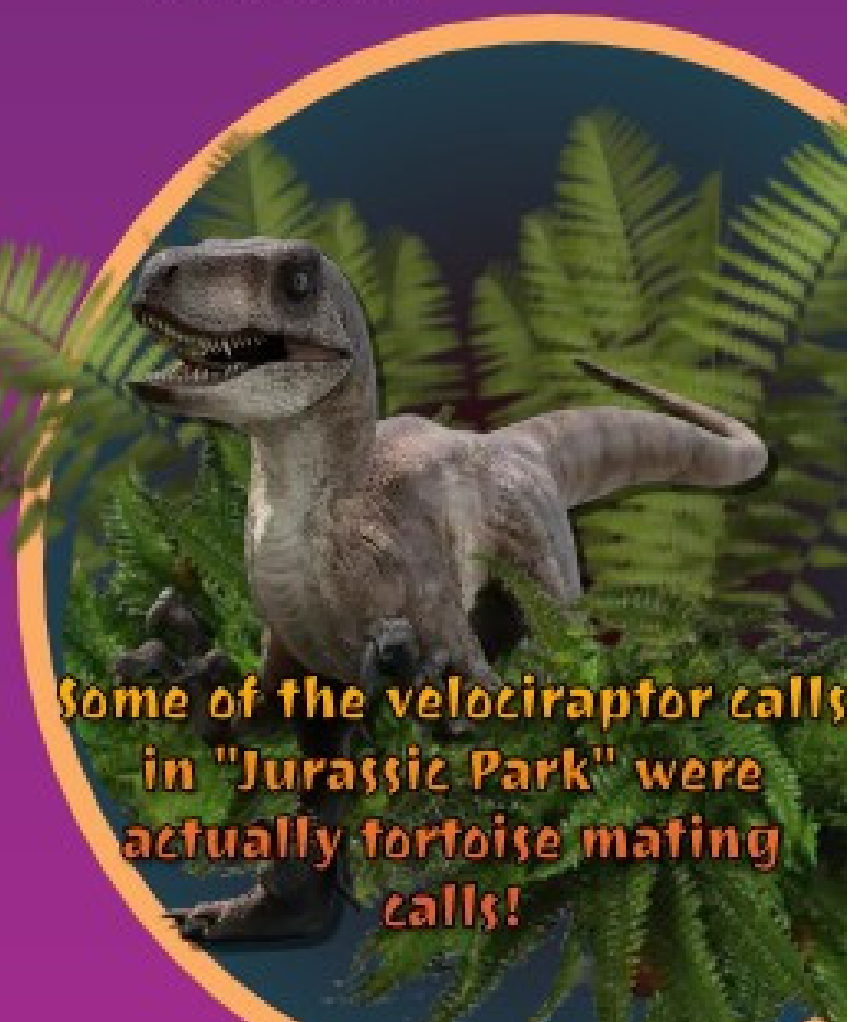
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Class of 2024 Senior Plans, Advice, Quotes, and Wills

Responses alphabetized by first name.

Name: Aanyah Youngblood
Post NEHI Plans: 2 years at SPC and then transferred to FAMU to become a business owner
Advice for Incoming Freshmen: Be a leader don't follow others stay on track
Senior Will: I senior Aanyah will leave my sister to follow my foot-steps with dean's list so that way she will know what to do
Senior Quote: Beauty isn't about having a pretty face. It's about having a pretty mind, a pretty heart, and a pretty soul.

Name: Aaron Narain
Plans After Graduation: SPC or PTEC
Advice for Freshmen: Where you are now you can't even imagine when the bottom will be like, this is your life.
Senior Will: I leave my legacy to Ta'jon Lee Capehart, I hope he has prosperity in his academics, IT academy and his love life.

Name: Adam Thomas
Plans After Graduation: Trade School
Advice for Freshmen: Try your very best and keep at it I keep struggling to make progress
Senior Quote: Hard work pays off

Name: Adin Mujkic
Plans After Graduation: SPC & USF
Advice for Freshmen: Make Good Friends & don't assume the worst or best in people. Live life naturally & carefree but responsibly as well.
Senior Will: I, Adin Mujkic, leave my fellow Underclassmen the Legacy of Fun & Excitement! Farewell to your future High School Year's & Foreseeable Future afterwards!
Senior Quote: Allow yourself to be Free & Insightful of your worldview, don't forget that somebody inside you for everybody else around you.

Name: Adrianna Thomas
Plans After Graduation: Going to college to study financial consulting.
Advice for Freshmen: Be yourself don't let others control who you are, find yourself; get a job as soon as possible

Name: Adriel Ellison
Plans After Graduation: SPC- SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS
Advice for Freshmen: stay on top of all your work.

Name: Aidan English
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Don't irritate your teachers and do your work

Name: Aiden Sessions
Plans After Graduation: Military
Advice for Freshmen: Just do your school work and high school is a breeze
Senior Will: I Aiden Sessions, leave to my little brother an amazing legacy of good grades and you can ask any teacher about me everyone will say the same thing. I leave all my memories of JROTC to you little brother, live it up and have the time of your life. All of my friends I'll see you on the outside
Senior Quote: Success is not final, failure is not fatal, It is the courage to continue that counts

Name: Aiden Vanasco
Plans After Graduation: Going to UCF for marketing
Advice for Freshmen: Figuring out who you are is a lot easier than you think, but it will take time.
Senior Will: I, Aiden Vanasco, leave to Vince Sharbono my throne as best dressed at NEHI.
Senior Quote: Good luck exploring the infinite abyss. - Zach Braff

Name: Akya Jackson
Plans After Graduation: St. Petersburg college
Advice for Freshmen: Be consistent and stay on track
Senior Will: I Akya Jackson, this has been a very great experience throughout my years there were good and there were bad days, but I finally finished high school.
Senior Quote: It always seems impossible, until it's done.

Name: Alan Alijagic
Plans After Graduation: SPC college then a transfer to USF
Advice for Freshmen: try to get along with everyone and you just might have a great time in high school
Senior Will: I, Alan Alijagic leave my little brother a legacy of acting if he's up to take it, and to my friends that have some time left I leave you with the stage of the auditorium which hold so many of my core memories from acting in plays to making the sets with you and the many others that have passed through and moved on to greater things. (The show must go on) as they say.
Senior Quote: "Fate is like a strange, unpopular restaurant filled with odd little waiters who bring you things you never asked for and

don't always like." Lemony Snicket Series of Unfortunate Events

Name: Alexis Baum
Plans After Graduation: Georgia College and State University
Advice for Freshmen: Have good communication with your teachers and find joy in everything!
Senior Will: I, Alexis Baum, leave all my art projects to Blake Butler to inspire him daily. I also leave a bag of grapes to Tucker Brakke, so he can continue our grape reviews. I leave all of our amazing memories to Dani Brunner, because she is not allowed to forget about me. Lastly, I leave an abundance of smiles to Alexa Rose, because she deserves to have a smile every day. Good luck, and I love you all.
Senior Quote: What if it all turns out better than you could have ever imagined?

Name: Alyssa Marie Bejerano
Plans After Graduation: Going to St. Petersburg College to study Nursing and enjoy my college life
Advice for Freshmen: Just do you boo boo
Senior Quote: "She could, so she did"

Name: Amelia Osburn
Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University of Alabama
Advice for Freshmen: Don't walk in the grass
Senior Quote: Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind. Bernard M. Baruch

Name: Amina Sulejmanovic
Plans After Graduation: St. Petersburg college
Advice for Freshmen: Don't procrastinate, make sure to stay organized, and remember to get the best grade you can so you can get a good GPA.
Senior Will: I, Amina Sulejmanovic, leave my legacy of all straight A's and good behavior to your teachers and to show off how amazing you guys will do. Thank you for the opportunity and experience that Northeast High gave me!
Senior Quote: "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

Name: Andrew Faiella
Plans After Graduation: Got to college. Most likely West Virginia Wesleyan college
Advice for Freshmen: Plan to do things ahead of time.

Name: Ashley Jairam
Plans After Graduation: USF
Advice for Freshmen: Enjoy the moments you have now
Senior Quote: "You just do what you can and you have as much fun as possible." Frank Ocean

Name: Ashley Shoopman
Plans After Graduation: Ptech for ultrasound tech
Advice for Freshmen: spend more time trying to make something of yourself and less time trying to impress others.
Senior Quote: Drink a Redbull, put your boots on, and turn up some Jason Aldean.

Name: Aster Nazario
Plans After Graduation: SPC, transfer USF for Biomedical sciences.
Advice for Freshmen: Work as hard as you can, play later. It'll pay off in the end- trust me.
Senior Will: I, Aiyanna Nazario leave a legacy of music to be passed to all the people who I've met through it, to the bonds its created for me. I hope that all my friends who are left behind in my troupe and choir continue to grow in their talents. To all those who are underclassmen, I am so blessed to have met you and I hope your senior years will all be just as amazing as mine has been. Make those memories, because everything goes so fast. I wish you all the best of luck.
Senior Quote: "As someone told me lately, everyone deserves the chance to fly!" - Elphaba, Wicked.

Name: Ava Davis-Wilson
Plans After Graduation: I plan on getting a job so I can make enough money to do an EMT program online and then hopefully in the future I will be a EMT for paramedics
Advice for Freshmen: It will only get easier if you try.
Senior Will: I, Ava Davis-Wilson, leave my little sister my legacy in JROTC so that you can hear from those two instructors how great I was in the program. To my All-Female Unarmed Exhibition team, I hope the next person up in line guides y'all to the next level of your lives. Good luck and see you on the outside!
Senior Quote: Look at the stars, look how they shine for you and everything you do, and it was all yellow

Name: Bethany Theppanya
Plans After Graduation: Going to SPC and trips of New York.
Advice for Freshmen: Get a job as soon as possible. For experience and to have money for yourself,

school, and friends.

Senior Will: To my dear Alyssa I leave behind all the hair I shed in your car and all the voices I've used to talk to you in your head.
Senior Quote: Throughout Heaven and Earth, I alone am the honored one.

Name: Biahna Kakhankham
Plans After Graduation: Pinellas technical college
Advice for Freshmen: don't skip school
Senior Will: I, Biahna Kakhankham, leave all my little cousins in the grades below me, to succeed and do better than I did in school. Don't skip class and go to school whether you want to or not. It all catches up to you so be better than I am. I'll see y'all at graduation!

Name: Bianca Asuzu
Plans After Graduation: Graduate from AROTC USF program and join the Army
Advice for Freshmen: Be open to new people and new things.
Senior Will: To all my friends and loved ones, I hope our paths cross again. To my haters, I leave my dust. Bon Appétit!

Name: Brayden Myers
Plans After Graduation: SPC For Engineering
Advice for Freshmen: Enjoy the good times before, while they're there.

Name: Brian Samson
Plans After Graduation: Study music at SPC or learn new trade skills at PTEC
Advice for Freshmen: just do the work
Senior Quote: "Thine own courage is the beacon 'gainst stormy seas; sail forth with heart."

Name: Brooke Blydenburgh
Plans After Graduation: St. Pete College
Advice for Freshmen: Don't forget to have fun. High school is the time to be free, there shouldn't be any stress.
Senior Will: I, Brooke Blydenburgh, leave all of my trauma of being completely alone all of high school to the depths of the ocean because no one else should have to experience that.
Senior Quote: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

Name: Christian Kubala
Senior Quote: "We Start Tomorrow Right Now, No Matter What Comes Next, We've Won" - Rick Grimes

Name: Christina Mochrie
Plans After Graduation: Veterinarian or pianist
Advice for Freshmen: Do your best?

Name: Colin Foster
Plans After Graduation: University of South Florida
Advice for Freshmen: Don't focus on the friends you didn't make. Focus on the ones you did.
Senior Will: I, Colin Foster, leave to the incoming seniors my legacy of straight A's.
Senior Quote: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work" Thomas Eddison

Name: Connor McMinn
Plans After Graduation: BFA in MT
Advice for Freshmen: Get good grades your freshman year, it's hard to recover.
Senior Will: I, Connor McMinn, leave to all my friends the memories and performances of a lifetime!
Senior Quote: You only live once. Live your life with no regrets.

Name: Dakota Lostumo
Plans After Graduation: Saint Petersburg High School
Advice for Freshmen: Try your best to succeed.
Senior Will: I as a senior want to try my absolute best to be successful and have a good career job. I want others to be the best they can and complete achievements.
Senior Quote: There's always a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

Name: Daniella Roper
Plans After Graduation: Attend SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Enjoy the time you have with your friends
Senior Will: I, Danny Roper, hope I left a positive impact on those who considered me a friend. And I hope those who watch the seniors leave complete the rest of the year strong and are just as excited as I am to open a new door of opportunities!
Senior Quote: "Despite everything, it's still you."

Name: David Bates
Plans After Graduation: Military
Advice for Freshmen: Just be yourself
Senior Will: I, David Bates leave to my little sister my legacy of cadet captain rank in JROTC. For my best friend I leave all of our memories of the JROTC raider team. And for the rest of my friends I leave the fun of being a senior and the stress of trying to make sure you can graduate
Senior Quote: You shouldn't change yourself for other's you should change yourself for you

Name: Diego Ortiz
Plans After Graduation: Create my own business.
Advice for Freshmen: Make as

many friends as you can
Senior Will: I Diego Ortiz will leave to my little sister my legacy of the best tennis player so that you can always hear from your teachers how amazing I was, to my best friend, I leave all the memories of hoco and mill ball and to my friends in the sophomore class I leave of the senior week and the fun days it go to you guys in the future
Senior Quote: Never played this sport but became #1 for the next 3 years, hard work beats talent

Name: Dominic Gabriel
Plans After Graduation: Join the circus.
Advice for Freshmen: Do your work

Name: Dylan Barnette
Plans After Graduation: I'm in PTEC as a mechanic

Name: Eduardo Munoz
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Senior Quote: Life is this, I like this

Name: Edward Kasper
Plans After Graduation: Distill alcohol for a distillery
Advice for Freshmen: Don't take music ensemble classes if you want a free period, only take em if you find the classes interesting and are actually gonna do stuff.
Senior Will: I, Evelyn (Edward) Kasper leave my friend, whom I see as close as a cousin, Kade to enjoy the school as much as I have, and hopefully come out of their shell as I have. I leave it to my best friend, whom I see as a sibling, Armand, to greet all the freshies with open arms as I have. I leave them both my fondest memories. To the teachers who have gotten me through, Dr. D, Dr. Tripp (even though he doesn't teach here anymore), Ms. Porter, Ms. Engle, Ms. Grass, Mr. Havelka, Ms. Fajardo, Ms. Menne, Mr. Cady, and Mr. Hernandez, my greatest of thanks, and the great honor of being the reasons I haven't dropped out. I leave Ms. porter and Mr. Joyce the promise I will be back to help them teach band and choir, as well as helping them prepare for events like MPA (both) and Candlelight (Choir).
Senior Quote: "And after all, we're only ordinary men" -David Gilmour of Pink Floyd (Us and Them)

Name: Eli Zuppa
Plans After Graduation: Florida Southern
Senior Will: I Eli Zuppa, leave to my little brother a wonderful high school experience full of friendships, good grades, and accomplishments. And to my teammate, Sean Feller a legacy of school records and championships for both cross country and track.
Senior Quote: "No human is limited" - Eliud Kipchoge

Name: Emilee Traina
Plans After Graduation: Attending Florida Atlantic University, Majoring in Medical Biology, plan to go to medical school after for dermatology
Advice for Freshmen: Do not procrastinate, when you get the assignment DO IT.
Senior Quote: "Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

Name: Ethan Flowers
Plans After Graduation: Ptech
Advice for Freshmen: don't wait until the end of the quarter to ask your teachers to fix your grade, it's rude.

Name: Everett Klein
Plans After Graduation: Usf St Pete for business
Advice for Freshmen: Don't Procrastinate and start early.
Senior Will: To the incoming freshman class, I leave my best wishes for a successful journey ahead. Cherish the friendships you make and the knowledge you gain. Embrace the challenges with courage and the victories with humility.
Senior Quote: Nothing changes if nothing changes

Name: Faith Jackson
Plans After Graduation: Start my first Job and apply for colleges.
Advice for Freshmen: Just do it and get it over with I promise you once it's over you'll never regret it.
Senior Will: I, Senior Faith Jackson wish and hope the best for every freshman and don't do anything immature and be respectful and don't play around. I understand school is hard but I believe in you and you got this do your work and pay attention and keep that attendance straight just like your grades.

Name: Gabrielle Grauer
Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Just don't expect it to be easy, just do your work, it makes things a lot easier.
Senior Will: I Gabrielle to my friends good to where ever they end up

Name: Gio Brown
Plans After Graduation: Possibly military or PTEC for trade
Advice for Freshmen: Don't rush it
Senior Will: I Giovanni (Gio) Brown, leave my stepsister the name of "Gio's sister" so whenever you walk around that's how people get your attention to my friends Derrick Ryan and Ricky always remember us chilling in the car listening to music and just hanging out doing school work in my car after school I hope everyone takes their time and doesn't rush to get out of high school because I wish I didn't
Senior Quote: Don't rush to graduate take your time to grow up it's worth it

Name: Haley Thompson
Plans After Graduation: Attending University of South Florida's Freshmen Nursing Track
Advice for Freshmen: DONT WALK ON THE GRASS!!!!!!
Senior Will: I, Haley Thompson, leave my sister my legacy of being an amazing student so my teachers always brag about me to her. To my friends, thanks for sticking with me along the way throughout my highs and lows. To all underclassmen, enjoy your senior year while it lasts and take advantage of all the fun activities you'll get to do. Best of luck to upcoming graduates and bye bye!
Senior Quote: God made a girl his best work of art. -Morgan Wallen

Name: Holden Smith Wall
Plans After Graduation: College for biomedical, no specifics
Advice for Freshmen: Find friends, figure out your groove

Name: Isaac Gibson
Plans After Graduation: FAMU
Advice for Freshmen: Save as much money as possible
Senior Quote: "Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going. I just hope I find it along the way" - Micheal Scott

Name: Isabell Fowler
Plans After Graduation: Attending UCF
Advice For Freshmen: Be outgoing

Name: Isabella Buerki-Turner
Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Take in everything, don't take anything for granted, and try to get involved in everything. Time flies
Senior Quote: "I always knew this day would come..." - Hannah Montana

Name: Isabella Rios
Plans After Graduation: SPC forensic
Advice for Freshmen: Don't be that annoying person be yourself
Senior Will: I, senior isabella rios I leave all the memories to band and all the dress up days
Senior Quote: "When life gets hard, keep on marchin' on, even if the finish line is far, or you have to push the car. Keep on marchin' on."

Name: Isabelle Harden
Plans After Graduation: Studying Astrophysics at UCF
Advice for Freshmen: Make sure you get into dual enrollment if you want to go to college
Senior Will: I, Isabelle Harden leave to Elise Tippett and Callie Tetzl the legacy and future of our choir program so you can continue pushing everybody in the right direction. To my best friends, I leave all our memories and late night drives. And to Mr. Joyce I leave a world of memories of our short time together

er as a choir and the joy of learning and performing music.

Senior Quote: Just keep swimming

Name: Jacob Devinny
Plans After Graduation: I plan to go to FIU
Advice for Freshmen: do all your work and turn it all in on time
Senior Will: I Jacob Devinny leave my wrestling legacy to my team and little brother as a reminder to never quit till the very very end
Senior Quote: Wish for a stronger back not a lighter load.

Name: Jada Moten
Plans After Graduation: Go to SPC for 2 years and transfer to Howard university I want to major in pre-med
Advice for Freshmen: Take your freshman year seriously so you are on the right track. Make sure you turn your work in time and catch up if you fall behind.
Senior Will: I Jada Moten, hope to leave all the memories of my high school years and hope to the rising seniors that they'll make the best of times
Senior Quote: "Never let success get to your head and never let failure get to your heart"

Name: Jada-Kay White
Plans After Graduation: college
Advice for Freshmen: Please go to class and learn to walk faster in the halls.
Senior Quote: sometimes you gotta close a door to open a window

Name: Jade Drain
Plans After Graduation: Trade School for nails
Advice for Freshmen: Make sure your working hard in schools and pass your math and reading test because having to play catch-up as a senior is not fun.
Senior Will: I Jade Drain leave to my little brother my legacy of being in JROTC and singing the national anthem and to my close friend Kya I leave all the memories of us working the concession stand during football season. and to my friends in junior class, I leave the fun of senior week, Dressup days, econ, and prom! Goodluck! I pray you all find your path in life. Keep going and have faith! See you on the outside!
Senior Quote: "God is within her, she will not fail" psalms 46:5

Name: Jae'lyn Johnson-Brown
Plans After Graduation: USF for biology pre-medical degree and become an obgyn
Advice for Freshmen: Work hard so you can play harder
Senior Will: I Jae'lyn Johnson-Brown leave my legacy of being an academic scholar to all of the incoming freshmen.
Senior Quote: Time truly does fly when you're in high school so enjoy every moment and cherish the little

things with the people you love.

Name: Janessa Harrison
Plans After Graduation: military
Advice for Freshmen: get your money up not your funny up
Senior Will: I, Janessa Harrison, leave my legacy to my family for if not for them i wouldn't be where i am. to my teachers for pushing me to get my work done and keeping in line. To colonel Miller and Frist Sergeant Walker for always being there for me and pushing to be the person i am today. To my best friends for always telling me what i need to hear and always being there for me when i needed to be. thank you, guys, for everything and i love you guys
Senior Quote: The thing about new beginnings is that they require something else to end - Blair Waldorf

Name: Jase Quillan
Plans After Graduation: Trade school
Advice for Freshmen: Lock in and focusing on graduating and prepare for harder stuff
Senior Will: I, Jase Q, leave all my friends in grade 11 you guys better pass and be good to your senior teachers and try your best to have fun
Senior Quote: "Celebrate endings — for they precede new beginning"

Name: Jasmine Lutz
Plans After Graduation: Double major in business at a university
Advice for Freshmen: Get into the habit of avoiding procrastination
Senior Will: I, Jasmine Lutz, leave to all my close and best friends the fun of Homecoming, Spirit weeks, and grouping up at FBLA competitions together. To the rest of the other Juniors, I leave my advice with the college admissions process, and to my AOF Sophomore friends I leave the fun and responsibility of the Achieva Viking Branch. Good luck with the rest of High School!
Senior Quote: "Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently."

Name: Jaxson Solomon
Plans After Graduation: USF
Advice for Freshmen: talk to everyone
Senior Will: I, Jaxson Solomon, leave to my little sister my legacy of straight A's so that you can always hear from your teachers how amazing I am. To my bestie, I leave all the memories of hoco and Valhalla. And to my friends in the junior class, I leave the fun of senior week, dressup days, Econ, and Prom. Good luck and see you on the outside!
Senior Quote: We are the lucky few that get to live. Most people that could ever live, will never have been born. We are allowed the gift of death.

Name: Jay Vyas
Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Don't give up and follow what you like in your life.....
Senior Will: I senior Jay V. Had a great student experience
Senior Quote: Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

Name: Jayden Rahdert
Plans After Graduation: Brevard College on the way to the FBI
Advice for Freshmen: Do your work and do everything you can, live life without regrets.
Senior Will: I, Jayden Rahdert, leave my best friend all of our memories together at the beach and soccer. I leave all my friends in lower grades the fun of senior year, prom, and finance.
Senior Quote: "Don't stop thinking about tomorrow. It'll soon be here."

Name: Jayla Laster
Plans After Graduation: military

Name: John Barnes
Plans After Graduation: USF
Advice for Freshmen: Try to be less annoying than most freshmen.
Senior Will: I, John Barnes, leave to my brother my testing stress. To my teachers, I leave the fact that they assigned too much homework. Lastly, I leave to the school a parking space I will no longer occupy. Good luck!

Name: John Valera-Franco
Plans After Graduation: Marine Corps
Advice for Freshmen: Enjoy life and don't stress yourself too much life goes on.
Senior Will: I, John Valera, am the first high school graduate of my immigrant parents. I am trying to set a path for my sisters to follow their dreams and to not let anyone, no matter what happens to you bring you down. Life happens and when it throws you lemons, you make lemonade and sell it. CLASS 2024

Name: Jonathan Demas
Plans After Graduation: Go to SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Be yourself, don't fall into the wrong group of people, and enjoy yourself
Senior Will: To all my newfound theater friends, have so much fun :)
Senior Quote: Be yourself, and people will accept you.

Name: JonMauri Jackson
Plans After Graduation: Most likely UF
Advice for Freshmen: Take as much as you can handle, but also be social and get involved in new things.
Senior Will: I JonMauri Jackson, leave to my friend Julia (Jones) my legacy of Straight A's so that you are remind that while education is tough, it is not hard. To my juniors,

I leave behind my leadership so that you make take the lead in your ventures. To my sophomores I leave behind my dedication, so that you can make it through Junior year. Lastly, to my freshmen, I leave behind my management ability so that you may navigate the new world that is High School. Good Luck and see you at Tropicana. Once a Viking, Always a Viking. Senior Quote: "Hate has 4 letters, so does Love. Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends. Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth. Negative has 8, so does Positive. Under has 5, so does Above. Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy. Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy. Right has 5 letters, so does wrong. Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal. It means life is like double edged sword... So, transform every negative side into an aura of positivity... We choose the better side of the life." -Unkown

Name: Joseph Mendez
Plans After Graduation: SPC Pharmacy Major
Advice for Freshmen: Try not to procrastinate I know y'all can't help it sometimes but, it makes catching up a lot less stressful.
Senior Will: I Joseph, leave to my little brother when the ability to keep pushing forward in school even when it gets rough. To all my friends in theater, a great year of experiences even if it gets rough we the show must go on! And to my Junior friends Oliver and Brandon, You guys got one more year you got this om the bag! I hope y'all do great next year!!
Senior Quote: "Forgive, Forget, Move on, and then succeed!"

Name: Joshua Sorensen
Plans After Graduation: Playing College Baseball
Advice for Freshmen: Don't skip class, if you show up, you'll pass.
Senior Quote: Be Brave, Stay Wild, I'll see you on the next adventure.

Name: Josie Layne
Plans After Graduation: University of Florida
Advice for Freshmen: Set goals for yourself to look forward to, and don't miss out on fun events, you'll wish you had joined in!
Senior Quote: "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind" - C.S. Lewis

Name: Jovan Ellis
Plans After Graduation: trade school
Advice for Freshmen: do all your work
Senior Will: I do hereby declare this to be a testament to stay on your teachers good side

Name: Judah Adams
Plans After Graduation: Architecture in college
Advice for Freshmen: don't be scared to be yourself, a lot of people

will accept you for being you
Senior Will: I, Judah Adams, leave my soccer accomplishments so that coach can always reflect on what an example player looks like. To all the my guys who I spent everyday with, never forget this experience we had together. One day i hope to see you all again.

Senior Quote: Proverbs 10:19 If you talk a lot, you are sure to sin; if you are wise, you will keep quiet...

Name: Jude Kinney
Plans After Graduation: Attend SPC and join the combined EMT/fire academy program
Advice for Freshmen: Enjoy the time you have because it fly's by
Senior Will: I Jude Kinney leave to the incoming senior class my legacy of academic performance.
Senior Quote: For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred dear us into the Kingdom of His Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. - Colossians 1:13-14

Name: Juila Fuston
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: take school serous
Senior Will: I julia fuston will be forever annoying. :D
Senior Quote: Somewhere, under starry skies, you won't be a tool, but a person worthy of that name.

Name: Juliahn Lusic
Plans After Graduation: University of south Florida
Senior Will: Hello I'm Julihan Lusic and I am leaving behind these good grades and stuff and yeah to my friends or something you guys are cool. College is going to be hard, basketball.
Senior Quote: You miss 100% of the shots you don't take

Name: Julian Waters
Plans After Graduation: PTEC
Advice for Freshmen: Explore your options
Senior Will: I, Julian Waters, leave my experience in the shop with the teachers and the broken cars we used to learn. My teachers, I leave my sorrows for having to deal with me. And to my friends I leave my parking space. Whomever takes it takes on the paint I left from last year.
Senior Quote: Endure hardship as discipline- Hebrews 12:7

Name: Kailey Barrucci
Plans After Graduation: St. Petersburg college, bachelors at USF for Computer Science.
Advice for Freshmen: Be yourself! Find your passion, and go for it. Give love to yourself most of all, and uplift your community.
Senior Will: I, Kailey Barrucci, bequeath my fellow geeks and nerds my love of comics, computers, and overly complex video game storylines. To my underclassmen

friends and acquaintances, beware the grass!! To all of my teachers, I wish you all love and prosperity in all of your years to come. Thank you for your patience and understanding most of all, and impacting my life as a student and as a person. Don't ever let them break your soul! Love, Kailey Barrucci
Senior Quote: "Just because someone stumbles and loses their path, doesn't mean they are lost forever." (Charles Xavier, X-Men: Days of Future Past, 2014)

Name: Kaley Morrison
Plans After Graduation: Working on my art so I can eventually open up my own animation studio
Advice for Freshmen: Don't be scared to be a little weird.
Senior Will: I, Kaley, leave all the fun of being a senior and going through high-school to my younger friends, freshman, sophomores, and juniors. You guys are gonna love it! Good luck!
Senior Quote: Despite everything, it's still you.

Name: Kateryna Shuryha
Plans After Graduation: Going to SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Do all your work in class and homework. Try your best
Senior Will: I, senior Kateryna Shuryha, leaving all the best grades possible for those who will come next to my school. I appreciate all the things happened to me in school and wish everyone else to experience the same good feelings and emotions!
Senior Quote: Be passionate and follow your dreams.

Name: Kaysone Phrasikaysone
Plans After Graduation: go to SPC for 2 years then go to the University of San Fransico
Advice for Freshmen: save up a lot of money because being a senior is super expensive in this economy
Senior Will: I, Leila Phrasikaysone, thank you for everyone for supporting me and being there for me, with the ups and with all the tears and laughter we've had together, I love you all. and thank you to my parents for doing all they can and giving me the life they couldn't, pushing me to my furthest point. once a Viking always a Viking

Name: Keegan Jefferis
Plans After Graduation: Go to college and do NROTC to be a physical therapist in the Navy
Advice for Freshmen: Make sure to surround yourself with the right people
Senior Will: I, Keegan Jefferis, leave to Elise Tippet and Callie Tetzal the fun times in choir. I leave to Marko Butina my legacy of getting straight A's and being Top 10, I leave to all of my upcoming Senior friends the fun year of senior year and to have the time of your lives.

Senior Quote: If you want to be the best, you have to do things that other people aren't willing to do.
Michael Phelps

Name: Keyanni Newton
Plans After Graduation: Florida southern college
Senior Quote: "School was alright i give it a 20/24"

Name: Kimora Jones
Plans After Graduation: Bachelor's of Nursing
Senior Will: I Kimora Jones, hereby leave my dedication and hard work to all of my classes, hoping it inspires your own journey to success. To everyone I pass on the happiness and good vibes that got me through tough days. And for the late night sleepers, I leave our coffee that may keep us awake
Senior Quote: she's an overachiever cause all she do is succeed.

Name: Kristen Sondregger
Plans After Graduation: SPC to become an elementary schoolteacher.
Advice for Freshmen: Do not skip it becomes a bad habit lol.
Senior Quote: Treat people with kindness-Harry Styles

Name: Kristianne Tamara Abduhalim
Plans After Graduation: I plan to attend the University of North Florida.
Advice for Freshmen: Fun doesn't have to be big and bold! Appreciate the simpler joys of life and cherish those moments.
Senior Will: I, Kristianne Abduhalim, leave the underclassmen a positive attitude and curiosity for the world. Make the most of what you have and try to move forward with little regret.
Senior Quote: Fall down seven times, stand up eight.

Name: Lejla Colic
Plans After Graduation: St. Petersburg College
Advice for Freshmen: Don't procrastinate and slack off because it'll affect you in the long run.
Senior Will: I, Lejla Colic, leave my legacy behind to any cousins that might attend Northeast High School with straight A's and so I can hear how amazing you are with different teachers, even finance ones. Good luck to you one day and enjoy this experience!
Senior Quote: Futures don't make themselves; you have to create them." -Unknown

Name: Leomary Mendez Blanque
Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Keep going
Senior Will: I Leomary Mendez leave my legacy to all the Hispanic children's, please keep punching forward don't let the teachers or kids get in your head, good luck in your journey!!

Name: Liana Billey
Plans After Graduation: Head to college, most likely UF
Advice for Freshmen: Don't Procrastinate and Save your money
Senior Will: I Liana Billey, give Kayley Missory my determination in classes, the ability to solve any problem, and to enjoy the final year at NEHI. I give Colin Campbell all of the fun memories for his first year in high school, what to expect in the coming years, and to live life to the fullest. I give Valarie Ray my straightforward demeanor, the ability to give good advice in any situation, and to continue being the vibrant person she is.
Senior Quote: "It's our problem free, philosophy; Hakuna Matata" - Timon and Pumbaa

Name: Lianna Cruz Castro
Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Never put off for tomorrow what you can do today.
Senior Will: I, Lianna Cruz Castro, better known as Lia, despite the short time I was in NEHI, the staff and the students made the school my home, I am very grateful for the friends I have now, To my teachers I leave the memory of how good and cheerful a student I was, I leave my friends every Moment that we live together in the hoco and things like that and to the students who arrive new to the school remember: Straight A's, smile on the face and focused on what u want so u can fulfill ur dreams .
Senior Quote: "If you can't see anything beautiful in yourself, get a better mirror"

Name: Lily Bates
Plans After Graduation: university
Advice for Freshmen: do it all in the beginning to make the end easy.
Senior Will: I, senior Lily Bates, leave Northeast High with my chin up and my brother behind me to follow in my footsteps, as a great student and a better person. I will Miss the Academy of Finance with all my heart, but it is time for me to go, wish me luck.
Senior Quote: "I'm not saying I'm gonna change the world, but I guarantee that I will spark the brain that will change the world." -2Pac

Name: Logan Mielich
Plans After Graduation: Explore
Senior Quote: "All truly strong people are kind" Takuan Vagabond

Name: Logan Richards
Plans After Graduation: Start a Fashion Brand
Advice for Freshmen: Don't let yourself crumble under pressure
Senior Will: I, Logan Richards, bequeath my killer fashion sense—may it continue to turn heads and set trends long after I've graduated. To the underclassmen, I leave my legacy of good grades and the se-

cret sauce of staying on top without breaking a sweat. And to everyone who's shared this journey with me, I pass on my positive attitude—may it be the spark that lights up your days as it did mine. Keep shining, keep styling, and always keep it 100. Peace out, high school!
Senior Quote: Fashion is my art and I'm ready to build my dynasty one stitch at a time.

Name: Londyn Speights
Plans After Graduation: St. Petersburg college.
Advice for Freshmen: Do great freshman, sophomore and junior and senior year would be a breeze I swear
Senior Will: I, senior Londyn Speights will leave my basketball legacy to my little cousin and my legacy of getting good grades as well.

Name: Mackenzie Ryan
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Don't skip Mosley's class
Senior Will: I leave my legacy of absences with Mr. Mosley to my little brother potato chip. I leave lunch in Lang's room to baba butler. I leave the funness of senior and junior year to Keegan and Tessa Johnson.
Senior Quote: live laugh love

Name: Malena Phakeovilay
Plans After Graduation: Go to College and travel
Advice for Freshmen: Stay on top of your work

Name: Marquis Bonet
Plans After Graduation: Most likely piloting school or sum training for it
Advice for Freshmen: Do an after school activity, be good, Do the work, and check out for college as you go through the years
Senior Will: I, Senior Marquis Bonet, leave to the future freshman a goal, a goal for anyone who needs a road to drive or a vision to create. I leave all the memories of Cross country and Track. And to my friends in junior class, I leave the fun of senior week, cap and gown suit up days, Art and good Fridays. Good days to all and see you on the flipside.
Senior Quote: This quote goes out to everyone including my little brothers Jordan and Kamini "Never Back Down Never Give Up."

Name: Matias Olivera Moll
Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Stay off your phones during class and dint procrastinate
Senior Will: To the underclassmen I leave at least one or more years of high school
Senior Quote: It's time to lock in, there's still a long way to go.

Name: Micah Jimenea
Plans After Graduation: SPC

Advice for Freshmen: participate in all school events you can
Senior Will: To my teachers I leave them a wonderful experience of having me as a student!
Senior Quote: if we hold on to hope, we'll have our happy ending

Name: Mikayla Lafrenier
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: don't skip class

Name: Miranda Alvarez
Plans After Graduation: SPC, then FIU
Advice for Freshmen: SAVE MONEY!!!!
Senior Quote: "Simple goes a long way" - Bad Bunny

Name: Monique Garces
Plans After Graduation: St Pete college
Advice for Freshmen: Don't mess up at the beginning. Your freshman year is one of the most important years of your school career.
Senior Will: I, Monique Garces leave to any incoming freshman all of the upcoming memories you will make in high school. To my friends I leave hoco and fun dress shopping for it. I wish all of the underclass the best as they continue on their journey!!
Senior Quote: "the needle of a compass always swings before pointing in the right direction. the same goes for life." - Suga of BTS

Name: Morgen Beers-Clem
Plans After Graduation: Go to PTEC to finish automotive
Advice for Freshmen: Enjoy your time in high school, I know it seems like your far away from graduation, but it will come a lot faster than you think
Senior Will: I morgen beers leave behind all the memories in my high school years,
Senior Quote: "I remember I wanted for to quit for so many times But I know this moment'd come, now it's my time"

Name: Mykayla Mefford
Plans After Graduation: College at SPC/USF
Advice for Freshmen: It's usually a lot better than middle school here, but there's still a lot of emotional turbulence, ups and downs, the typical life stuff. There are gonna be up-times and there are gonna be downtimes; it's better to enjoy the ups and ride the downs working hard for the next coast above the waves.
Senior Will: To all of my friends and family who have gotten me to this point, I leave behind a trail-blazing will, and that ability to look forward to progress and hope for better days.
Senior Quote: Life is like a library, and we all write our own stories; I look to the future to read so many more. May everyone find their

book in this place.

Name: Nasir Maxwell
Plans After Graduation: SPC

Name: Natalee Thomas
Plans After Graduation: Real Estate
Advice for Freshmen: Pay attention the first time so you won't have to do it a second
Senior Quote: Basketball coach John Wooden said: "It's not so important who starts the game, but who finishes it."

Name: Nicholas Ramos-Montero
Plans After Graduation: Us Navy Hospital Corpsmen
Advice for Freshmen: Never ever give up because life can be hard regardless, all that matters, all that really matters is one question, what are you willing to do?
Senior Will: I senior Nicholas Ramos leave to my good buddy Gonzalez, my wisdom, my knowledge, tactics, in leadership, training, friendship, never forget, you can always find support, with none other than your raider family. And my to best friend Cone I leave you memories, and hard work, we had a good run, we trained together, laughed together, you been my best friend, I cannot thank you enough for the support and the love you have bestowed upon me, I will forever cherish our friendship in my heart
Senior Quote: Knowledge is the key to success, will is the key to greatness

Name: Nicholas Schreiber
Plans After Graduation: Go to SPC then transfer to USF and studying physical therapy.
Advice for Freshmen: Run to class.
Senior Quote: "For nothing will be impossible with God." - Luke 1:37

Name: Nya Burney
Plans After Graduation: Attend SPC on a promise scholarship to get my A.A degree in nursing. Then work towards my real estate license to have multiple incomes.
Advice for Freshmen: Stay organized and manage your time effectively to balance academic and social life.
Senior Will: I, Nya Burney leave the underclassmen to be ambition and only invest into things that's beneficial to you.

Name: Paige Bloink
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Don't worry about what others think, take the time you have and spend it wisely, your only young once so make the most of it.
Senior Will: I Paige Bloink, leave my legacy to living your life, and following your dreams. Keep pushing forward or you just might miss what you're looking for. Good luck and see you on the outside!

Senior Quote: "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Name: Parker Fowler
Plans After Graduation: Trade School
Advice for Freshmen: Have fun

Name: Patrick Bond
Plans After Graduation: New College of Florida or St. Petersburg College
Advice for Freshmen: Don't give up when it gets hard.
Senior Will: I, Patrick Bond, leave Northeast with all the memories I have made with my peers and teachers.
Senior Quote: You might win some, you might lose some. But you go in, you challenge yourself, you become a better person.

Name: Peyton Fowler
Senior Quote: "Figure out what you do, then do it. And do it better than anyone else. - Tim Grover

Name: Raeana Cody
Plans After Graduation: To attend SPC and USF studying health sciences.
Advice for Freshmen: Learn to believe in yourself early on, confidence will work wonders for you!
Senior Will: I, Raeana Cody, leave to my best friends our last moments together of our childhoods, to my cousin Kyra, I leave missing seeing my beautiful face in the hall every day, and to the underclassmen I leave the opportunity to take in every last moment before graduation.
Senior Quote: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller

Name: Rory Derosia
Plans After Graduation: St. Pete College
Advice for Freshmen: Start Your Time in High School Strong to Enjoy The End of It.
Senior Will: I, Rory DeRosia, I leave my legacy to little brother to hope he does better than I did during my time here.

Name: Russell Needham
Plans After Graduation: University of Florida
Advice for Freshmen: Being nice costs nothing
Senior Will: I, Russell Needham, leave every single missing assignment to the teachers who assigned too much, and to the upcoming juniors I leave the hassle of decorating.
Senior Quote: Wherever you go, there you are. -Crouse

Name: Rylee Gonzalez
Plans After Graduation: I am planning on going to SPC for 2 years and then transfer to USF Tampa to major in nursing and become a

pediatric nurse practitioner.
Advice for Freshmen: Turn all your work in on time and respect your teachers. Take advantage of volunteer opportunities
Senior Will: I, Rylee Gonzalez leave to my little sister my legacy of good grades and the confidence to run for HOCO queen.

Senior Quote: "All your dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

Name: Saiana Keo
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: You will have weak moments, the only thing that will matter is getting back up
Senior Will: I, Saiana Keo, leave love and luck for my friends that are still high school. You will do well and I'll will always have your back.
Senior Quote: I love you Ianna, Shantel, McAllyster, Cammie!

Name: Samantha Bastidas
Plans After Graduation: College (USF)
Advice for Freshmen: Never give up, and be as most involved as possible in school
Senior Will: I, Samantha Bastidas, leave to my teachers many hugs for always helping me out through this years. To my best friend, I leave all the memories we had together through events and classes at school. And to my friends In junior class, I leave I leave the fun events of senior year!
Senior Quote: If there is not struggle, there is no process -Douglass

Name: Schyler Peel
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Learn from your mistakes but don't dwell on them.
Senior Quote: Your future is only as good as the work you put into it.

Name: Sean Smarr
Plans After Graduation: University of South Florida
Advice for Freshmen: Pay attention in math classes
Senior Quote: Everything I'm not made me everything I am

Name: Shanika Crawford
Plans After Graduation: I plan on going to college at SPC
Advice for Freshmen: Stay on track, Don't skip and DO YOUR WORK IN CLASS
Senior Will: When my siblings get to high school, I pray they do more than me and accomplish more than I did in high school. I leave them my dedication, my trait of always willing to learn new things and my unbothered version of me
Senior Quote: High school was alright I give it a 20/24

Name: Sienna Smith
Plans After Graduation: Theater Teaching
Advice for Freshmen: Be yourself

Senior Quote: Don't do things for people who aren't worthy.

Name: Sofia Pelamati
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Senior Quote: the choices you make now affect the rest of your life

Name: Sonya Nikolova
Plans After Graduation: SPC
Advice for Freshmen: study for your certifications.
Senior Will: I, Sonya Nikolova, leave my little sister Monica my regards for all the nights she'll spend studying to earn a successful future. Good luck!
Senior Quote: Pain and suffering are always inevitable for large intelligence and a deep heart. -Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Name: Sophia Restrepo
Plans After Graduation: SPC college then transfer
Advice for Freshmen: just do your work
Senior Will: I leave my legacy of always staying out of drama and being at peace.

Name: Sydnie Fjare
Plans After Graduation: Clemson University
Advice for Freshmen: Don't procrastinate!
Senior Will: I, Sydnie Fjare, leave all the memories of my high school years to the junior class and hope they will make the best of everything no matter how difficult it gets. Good luck and see you on the outside!
Senior Quote: I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them.

Name: Ta'Jiri Banks
Plans After Graduation: SPC then Stetson University
Advice for Freshmen: Finish all your work and stay on top of it
Senior Will: I, Tajiri Banks leave my legacy to the kid who was never great at being Academic, but push themselves to be great
Senior Quote: So if you need a hero Just look in the mirror -Kali Uchis

Name: Ta'nayshia Grover
Plans After Graduation: Do the FUSE program with USF to become a Mechanical Engineer
Advice for Freshmen: Keep a planner. Have an idea of what you'd like to do in the future and build your classes around it.
Senior Will: I, Ta'Nayshia Grover, I leave my best and sincerest wishes to every single one of you. Appreciate the little things and find the happiness in everything. To my future Engineers, you got it.
Senior Quote: If I'm going to tell a real story, I'm gonna start with my name.

Name: Tanner Williams

Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Try hard
Senior Will: I leave good memories to field trips and homecoming and prom
Senior Quote: Be yourself

Name: Tarynn Gunter
Plans After Graduation: SPC nursing
Advice for Freshmen: Don't procrastinate because it will catch up to you.
Senior Will: I, Tarynn Gunter, leave to the Northeast high school varsity basketball team the ability to have a supporting you as a family and the drive to get better for not only yourself but each other
Senior Quote: but as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.

Name: Tatiana Andino
Plans After Graduation: Online college
Advice for Freshmen: Be on top of your grades and try to graduate early.
Senior Will: I, senior Tatiana, leave my remembrance to my school with all the teachers that known me and friends that know me, and I hope they have an amazing learning experience through the years of high school.
Senior Quote: You can't move forward without saying goodbye to the past.

Name: Thalia Diou
Senior Quote: "More and more I find myself wondering if it's all worth fighting for. For a future without fear... Yeah, it's worth it."

Name: Thomas Flores
Plans After Graduation: Work
Advice for Freshmen: Don't fail, turn in your work, and don't destroy the bathrooms please.
Senior Will: I, Thomas Flores, leave nothing behind. I leave nothing behind so that my underclassmen can create their own stories, stories that they'll remember for the rest of their lives. They will remember the stories for the rest of their lives, or the memory of it will fade like a smell that you faintly remember but forget again. What matters the most is that it happened, and everyone had a good time.
Senior Quote: When We Hit Our Lowest Point, We Are Open To The Greatest Change.

Name: TJ Jankovic
Plans After Graduation: SPC for Tech Management
Advice for Freshmen: the 4 years really do fly by
Senior Will: I, TJ Jankovic, leave my little brother all of my clothes so he can stop dressing like a highlighter.

Name: Trey Halle
Plans After Graduation: College for Baseball

Advice for Freshmen: learn time management

Name: Tristan Schleede

Plans After Graduation: College
Advice for Freshmen: Keep your grades up and don't fall behind. Falling behind will always lead you to fail.

Senior Quote: Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light - Albus Dumbledore

Name: Tug Orozco

Plans After Graduation: Go to college and study marine biology
Advice for Freshmen: Don't push stuff till last minute, deadlines come up fast

Senior Will: I, Destin "Tug" Orozco, leave my sister Kaylie my ability to procrastinate and still get good grades. To my son Arturo I leave my sports abilities and all my knee problems. To Oliver, I leave my locker and speed flex to carry on the trophy wall. To Tyson, I leave you my passion for lacrosse and to always keep going and breaking records. And finally, to my graduating class, I thank you for all of the memories we made and wish you the best of luck on wherever life takes you. Love you all.

Senior Quote: "Good morning, and in case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening, and good night." - Jim Carrey (The Truman Show)

Name: Tyler Gonzalez

Plans After Graduation: USF
Advice for Freshmen: don't procrastinate

Name: Yalisa Perez

Plans After Graduation: Military
Advice for Freshmen: it's not where u start it's where u finish

Senior Will: I Yalisa Perez leave my legacy of being a star on flag football so that you can always hear how great I am from the coaches and teammates

Senior Quote: They didn't believe in me but God did

Name: Zachary Mason

Plans After Graduation: trade school

Advice for Freshmen: Don't worry about school at all. It's easy. Get involved with the school and find people you like to be around.
Senior Will: I, Zach Mason, I, senior student name, leave to my little sister my legacy of straight A's so that you can always hear from your teachers how amazing I am. To my bestie, I leave all the memories of hoco and Valhalla. And to my friends in the junior class, I leave the fun of senior week, dressup days, Econ, and Prom. Good luck and see you on the outside.

Academics Cont...

Gov and Econ Cont...

side, Valentina Baya, junior, is taking her economics class online feels "I think I work better online because I can work at my own pace."

Having an online class is a better fit for some rather than others, and Valentina Baya is an example of that. She believes she works best online and keeping these classes will make her more

Tough Break

By Shelby Stirk, Staff Writer

Looking at the last five years, it has become increasingly harder to live because of the inflation. More and more graduates are finding it harder to move out of the house without finding scholarships, second jobs or even help from their parents.

The COVID pandemic caused inflation to "reach a high of 9% in June of 2022" (Klein, 2024). Prices of goods and living since have averaged 19% higher than before COVID. These price changes have effected everyone and have caused more homeless, poor or even average wealth. It is so much harder to live not only for adults but graduating students.

In order for anyone to live even an average life now, people get second jobs, apply for tons of scholarships and ask other people

Why is attendance important?

By Haley Thompson, *Staff Writer*

Attendance is one-word high schoolers hate to hear. Why go to school when you could be at home doing fun things like playing videogames and sleeping? Being present in class can be boring and draining, but there are still some benefits to attending class.

"I feel like if you don't show up then you don't have the opportunity to learn", senior and salutatorian Violet Ashoff states.

Being one of the top people in your class is hard work and contains constant dedication, especially with your attendance. Even though attending class on a frequent basis can be difficult, it's important to think of the positive side of going to school. Not only do you see your friends during the day, but you're able to do your assignments in a timely manner. Missing class only helps you fall behind on your work.

Senior and Valedictorian Josie Layne talked about her struggle with turning in assignments on time when she misses school because it "made me worried for

motivated to complete her work on time. Some students like not having a teacher to nag on them to do work, so online is a good option to get work done when you want to, as well as when you have the proper time to complete assignments.

However, Concordia University Texas says there is not only less in person interaction but, technology fails and multiple distractions. While one is online there is not a person to the right or left to ask for help or have quick access

for health. Mackenzie Ryan plans on "working full time while taking night or online classes for college." Taking online or night classes at SPC will help her save time to make more money throughout the day.

Scholarships will save a lot of people, whether you get them from your good grades or your athletic abilities. The rise of inflation has created more scholarship opportunities with there being so many different kinds. At Northeast High School some of the scholarships that are given out regularly include, Bight Futures, Raymond James or Quest Bridge. With work put in, anyone can get these scholarships to help them pay for college.

Lexi Baum "plans on going to Georgia College and State University to pursue a degree in nursing and play NCAA D2 volleyball. I will be living in a dorm and will be paying for this through academic and athletic scholarships and with

making stuff up or [has been] inconvenient to do later".

Many high school students would rather be doing something else with their time instead of being in class, which is why there are many incentives to being here, such as exempting exams, Viking bucks, and exclusive benefits. Prom has been one of the benefits for seniors with good attendance this year. With a newer restriction in place, only those with good attendance will be able to attend this year's event.

Mrs. Mullaney, an assistant principal at Northeast, claims "that if you're not in school, you can succeed. You must have a passing grade (2.0 GPA) to graduate. If you can't come to school and you can't get a passing grade, then you shouldn't be able to attend prom because you're not present."

Not only does rewarding students with events like prom make attending class worth it but exempting exams can as well. Showing proficiency in a subject along with attendance sets students up for success, which is why they're able to exempt out of midterms and finals. The Pinellas County school system's exemption requirements make sure that only students missing proficiency in a subject, or their attendance should be taking exams.

"If you're here every day

to anyone in a range. Also, a laptop could fail, if the power or internet is out, there are not many ways to accomplish work as well as distractions around; such as family, phones, tv, etc.

Upcoming students have a change on their hands, especially the ones who are taking their government or economics class online this year. The statistics of next year will prove whether this is a major benefit for the students or not.

the help of my parents."

Scholarships are not the only opportunities though. Northeast provides programs like Finance, Culinary, and JROTC which all help you with scholarships, higher paying jobs, or career opportunities. Aiden Sessions took advantage of the JROTC program and plans to "go into the Marine Corp where I'll be living in the barracks on base, having no expenses to pay." He's just one example of using the opportunities given to him, in order to set himself up for an easier life.

It might be harder to live now then if was before, but there are also tons of new opportunities being made. Go to the Northeast High Schools website to learn more about all the opportunities and scholarships available within the school. Apply for any scholarship you can and find any opportunity to get higher education and higher paying jobs.

and you have the A's and B's to be able to exempt the exams, that alleviates one more stress that you have to deal with [during the end of the year]". Mrs. Mullaney believes that students relaxing before the end of the year, especially during their senior year, is important for their wellbeing.

Even though student mental health focus has been rising, that's still not an excuse to miss class. Being absent to take care of yourself sometimes feels necessary in today's world, but students should still be able to consistently attend class.

Violet has used mental health days before, like many other students on campus. However, she knows the difference between taking a day off and just skipping. "I think if you need a mental health day that's okay but if you're just skipping to skip, don't".

All the incentives given to students by administration and the school district are there for a reason, to encourage them to attend school. These benefits should be acknowledged with respect and appreciated for being there, because they could easily be taken away at any time. The school day should be taken seriously; therefore, students should always be present in class, ready to learn information they might need in the real world.

Incoming NEHI Student Government Leadership Positions

SGA President
Danielle Brunner
SGA Vice President
Summer Latimer
SGA Secretary
Lauren Fernald
SGA Treasurer
Presley Jones

Senior President
Chloe Lambrecht
Senior Vice President
Emily Jones
Senior Secretary
Allyson Minelli
Senior Treasurer
Brody Butler

Junior President
Abbey Bounthisavath-Valdez
Junior Vice President
Sarah Jairam
Junior Secretary
Alyson Lightfoot
Junior Treasurer
Yazmine Mondragon

Sophomore President
Han Nguyen
Sophomore Secretary
Kaylee Silva

Senior Awards Ceremony Recognizes Standout Students in Each Subject Area

English Composition
Mackenzie Ryan
English Literature
Lejla Colic
English Dept.
John Barnes
Mathematics
Bhumi Patel
Science
Sydnie Fjare
Social Studies
Colin Foster
Band
Isabella Rios
Orchestra
Dylan Smith
Chorus
Aiyanna Nazario
Theatre
Connor McMinn
Thespians
Sienna Smith
Technical Theatre
Mars Shuman
Art 3D
Isobel Keyser
Art 2D
Violet Ashoff
AVID
JonMauri Jackson
Academy of Finance
Alexis Baum
FBLA
Amelia Osburn
Academy of Information Technol-
ogy
Ethan To
Culinary Academy- Front of the
House
Briana Hamilton
Culinary Academy – Back of the
House
Saiana Keo
Career Readiness - Academic
Romeo Gonzalez
Career Readiness- Vocational
Matej Galic
Career Readiness – School
Achievement
Keke Byrd
Automotive Academy
Julian Waters
World Languages
Michael Courtney
Physical Education
Kenneth Munoz
James B. Sanderlin Award

Isaac Gibson
Girlfriends
Aanyah Youngblood
Journalism
Devin Godfrey
ESOL
Gary Tamayo Lopez
JROTC
Aiden Sessions
TV Production Technical Applica-
tion
Patrick Sullivan
TV Production Artist Expression
Aiden Vanasco

Achieva Branch Positions Announced

Branch Manager
James Blackman
Phoebe Robinson
Asst Branch Manager
Rylee Cady
Darrell Woods
Head Teller
Forrest Nelson
Bea Rodriguez
Asst Head Teller
Sarah Jairam
Sage Tracy
Teller
Gwendolyn Anderson
James Strickland
Kasem Wilt
Aubree Baril
MSA
Emma Butcher
Giselle Oliviera
Ava Twinam
Chloe Bridges
Kendall Martin
Brooke Pothier
Jazmine Reddick
Jolie Weaver
Senior Auditor
Aliyah Hodge
Elise Tippet
Luciana Ossa
Hannah Plummer
Packet Auditor
Andres Thepsombath-Smith
Tessa Johnson
Mya Wray
Tyson Severs
Auditor
Jase Amaral
Sokona Diaby
Preston Bruni
Milania Xaymongkol
Branch Ambassador
Austin Biddle
Camrin Grimes

Selena Lukic
Elaina Esposito
LMS Coordinator
Billy Jo Washington
Isabella Garcia-Cruz
IT
Alex O'Brien
Amari Ramos
Marketing Manager
McAllyster Solomon
Kyle Ryan
Marketing
Kirylo Komarov
Jack Rankin
Shantel Gamble
Kaelin McDaniel
Kendal Stickney
Tatiana Gantt
Evan Lazzara
Nina Thomas
Macey Stroemich
Aidan Pogribnichenko

What are you bringing with you to college that are essentials?

Lexi Baum -

I'm bringing all my hoodies because it's going to be cold in Georgia so I'm going to need to stay warm and I am bringing the blanket that I made with my best friend because I never want to forget that memory, and I'm bringing pictures of the people I love so when I miss them, I can look through the pictures. I'm also bringing my computer because I

will need to use it for work. Then a very important essential is my mini fridge for my snacks throughout the day and even dinner. I am also bringing my hair curlers to make sure I look good for games.

JonMauri Jackson -

My computer, my MacBook, my phone chargers, sheets for my bed, my planner so I can be organized and take notes. It is also important so I can study efficiently and not be behind on work.

Amelia Osburn -

As much as I could love to spend money on coffee every day, I will be bringing a coffee pot and a cold brew maker to help further my crippling caffeine addiction.

Packing for your dorm? Here is a list to get you started.

Cleaning Essentials

- A portable vacuum
- Mop
- Dustpan

Food essentials

- Seasonings
- Microwave
- Utensils
- Pans
- Fridge

Health + Hygiene essentials

- Face Wash
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- Perfume

School Essentials

- Planner
- Pens
- Computer

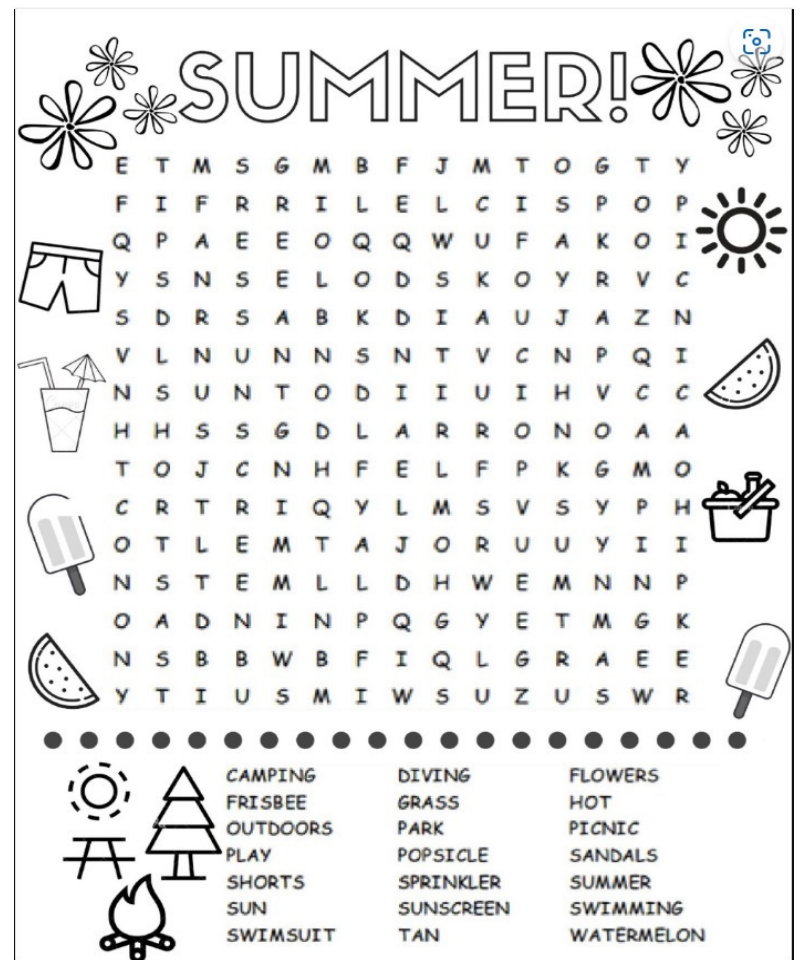
Living Essentials + Everyday

- Candle
- Phone Charger
- Clothes
- Shoes
- Mattress Topper
- Pillows

Class of 2024 Top Ten



Left to Right: Jaden Cannizaro, Peyton Fowler, Izzy Fowler, Josie Layne, Jayden Rahdert, Violet Ashoff, Haley Thompson, Lexi Baum, Sydnie Fjare, Ethan To.



Signing Day



NEHI Viking Athletes Sign their NLIs to continue their sports at the collegiate level in Cross Country, Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball, and Football.

