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Black Leaders in Education Inspire Change in Broward College Students

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The Minority Teacher's Association brings us the Black Leaders In Education meeting in honor of Black History Month.

The Minority Teacher Association began as a conversation between the host and one of his students who expressed his observation in the school systems of not seeing enough representation across the board. The student had gone through the K-12 school system, not having met a Black or Hispanic teacher until he decided to pursue his education at Broward College.

The panel of speakers included Interim Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and the previous dean of ACHD Pathways, Dr. Jamonica Rolle; Janice Stubbs, Vice Provost of Student Services; and Dr. Richard Louis, Adjunct professor of Education.

MTA Club President Gabrielle Summers said in her opening statement, "Thank you for being part of this important conversation in the education profession. We do this for the sake of our students. Not only have our speakers been mentors

for [the students] but especially so for black students. Additional support for black students is essential ... they need guidance when navigating what it means being part of the most repressed minority group in the nation, and being part of that community."

Summers opened the floor to VP Stubbs, "It's an honor to have conversations with students who are passionate about education. It's important to be a role model to our students ... but also for those who are not our students so that they can get a better picture of what it means to be a black professional, a black female, [and] black in America."

She added, "To whom much is given, much is required. Certainly, professionalism and having integrity stand out to me when I think about being an educator. It's important to be thoughtful of how you present yourself out in the world."

Dr. Rolle chimed in, "I learn from others to be able to do what I am doing now. In terms of virtues, be true to your word. Your word is all you have—and when people know that they can count on you—it matters. Being

brave enough to admit when you're wrong, or you aren't able to keep your word or you have to step back from what you originally said, those things are important, but it's also important to share our stories, to learn from them, and for us to learn from your stories. In hearing the students' stories, I am floored in how much they have overcome. As mentors, we're there to listen, and not always be quick to speak. Tell us how you feel, and to think about what we need to do to better support you, which involves listening carefully."

Dr. Louis echoed the thoughts of his colleagues while providing insight to improve processes at the college. "As a mentor, you want to have tough love with your students to keep them accountable. You should have a passion for what you're teaching to bring out the best in your students. Through you and what we are learning together, that what is [seems to be] impossible, is possible. They should be bringing their authentic self to the classroom to bring one from good to great."

Dr. Louis reported on his podcast Second Chance Coaching with Dr. Louis, that he cre-



BC students pose for the Miami Times in hopes of opening a new NAACP student chapter. Image courtesy of Professor Robert Morris.

ated the NNmadi Richard Louis Memorial Scholarship Fund in order to recognize the unique challenges of those students who have faced unique challenges and hardship when pursuing their education.

Students qualify if one or both parents is (or has been) incarcerated in a state or federal institution.

Naturally, Dr. Louis was also appointed to the Board of Directors by the Florida Justice Center. Dr. Louis is all about turning obstacles into opportunities. In December of last year, Louis officially became a first time homeowner. He empha-

sized the importance of nourishment in minority teachers and students who are the backbone of the faculty and staff at Broward College.

Dr. Louis explains, "I pride myself on being a business leader with the ability to drive employee engagement and student retention. I train, guide and develop individuals as leaders."

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BC's Study Abroad Programs Reopened for the Summer and Fall Semesters

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Countless college students around the globe dream to one day study abroad and experience a culture they have always dreamed of partaking in. Traveling to Peru, taking a trek to Machu Pichu, taste-testing its unique cuisine, and learning more about the rich cultures birthed in the country all while taking one step closer to finish a degree is what some crave to do, but do not see it happening in their college career.

Unknown to a great deal of BC students, however, is that Broward College has now reopened its study abroad programs up for students, allowing these dreams to become a reality for students looking to shake up their career journey.

Of the study abroad grant and scholarship programs currently offered at Broward College, the two most prominent are the Armstrong International Internship Grant and the William E. Green Scholarship.

While the Armstrong Grant is not particularly for "studying abroad," it covers the cost of a 1-month internship program curated by the company CRCC Asia. Future interns can currently choose to travel to South Korea, Japan and Vietnam to

learn about business in a variety of fields, from computer science, entrepreneurship, fashion and more. These internships not only allow for the acquirement of new knowledge of a business field, but they also allow for the intern to learn country-specific customs and knowledge, build their culture agility, create solid global connections in and out of the field, and increase their employability to future bosses and coworkers. The application deadline for a CRCC Asia July 2022 internship is April 15 at 4 p.m.

For those who were looking to make the idea of trekking Machu Pichu while finishing their degree a reality, the William E. Greene Scholarship allows for just that. This scholarship covers the cost for one full spring or fall semester of study abroad in the following areas: Lima, Peru; Seville, Spain; San Jose, Costa Rica; Guayaquil, Ecuador and Salzburg, Austria. Along with providing a host of diverse areas and cultures to learn and board at, the scholarship will also be used to cover the full costs of the program, including tuition, housing and student travel insurance. To meet the deadline for the Fall 2022 Semester application, visit students.broward.edu/academics/study-abroad/scholarships.html and turn in the WEG ap-

plication by April 8 at 4 p.m.

The benefits of applying for and participating in a study abroad program can truly be endless. Study abroad students usually get to experience an authentic, typical daily life of a person living in the country they are studying in with the aid of a host family. Nikki, a CCIS scholarship alumna, attributed the study abroad trip she took to Peru as being "authentic and complete" due to the help of the Peruvian host family she lived with. She added that she was able to experience the "daily Peruvian lifestyle via delicious, home cooked meals, local excursions, festivities, and so much more," all while finishing her degree.

Studying abroad not only enables a person to immerse themselves into what another country has to offer, but also helps them recognize what they have been ignoring in life. Jamesa, a study abroad scholar who participated in a BC faculty-led study abroad program, described this phenomenon perfectly, saying "it amazed me how happy people can leave being away from technology and among nature." Modern-day U.S. life encourages its population to be fully online 24/7 but studying abroad shifts that focus towards becoming accustomed to the changes of living



CCIS alumni traveling on camels.

Photo Courtesy of Broward.edu

in a new country, exploring a new culture and meeting new people.

Of course, being thrown into a different lifestyle in an entirely different country can be anxiety-inducing, but Tiffany Power, a WEG scholarship alumna, tells students who have been "thinking about studying abroad, stop thinking and DO." To Power, "studying abroad is imperative to your growth as an individual," and one can find out things they have always wanted to know about another country and themselves.

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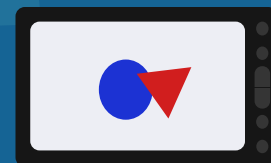
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Women’s Film Fest on Central Discusses Unique Issues

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The Women’s Film Fest, which was hosted by Central Campus’s Student Government, was an opportunity for students to watch short films that discussed unique issues with women as the focal point. The three films featured were: Death Metal Grandma, Pauline and a TEDx Talk by Sue Austin. The event occurred Thursday, March 10 under the building 19 patio with refreshments, such as freshly made popcorn. Once the films finished, a member of Student Government would ask related questions, such as: Have you ever done something that you always wanted to do? Have you ever felt like you did not

belong? What is something you enjoy doing, and why? Students were given a Student Life bag and water bottle for answering these questions.

Death Metal Grandma is a short film that focuses on Inge Ginsberg, a then 94-year-old Jewish woman who becomes interested in creating heavy metal music. The film follows Ginsberg as she prepares for her audition with American’s Got Talent. The film provides a glimpse into her life as Ginsberg discusses her past of escaping the Holocaust, becoming a refugee in Switzerland, and her musical career in Hollywood. Ginsberg’s main message being that she wants to explore new things in life, such as heavy metal music, but she does not have to use

her explorations as a means of proving she is alive to everyone else. This is due to her age.

Pauline is a film of a young woman that recounts her experience of discovering her sexuality, then coming to terms with her sexuality. The film discusses ostracization from community and family, as she recounts situations where loved ones become cold to her. She was placed in uncomfortable situations with her parents and feels that she has brought shame to them. From then, she finds love and feels more comfortable in her new home. The film provides a different point of view of coming out.

The TEDx Talk by Sue Aus-

tin, a disabled multimedia, performance, and installation artist, talks about her journey in a wheelchair, the stigma that is attached to wheelchairs, and an experience of a new form of freedom. After an illness, Austin was given a wheelchair for mobility. Austin associated the chair with freedom as she was no longer limited in what she can do. Though, she found that others would pity her because they felt that her wheelchair hindered her. To prove that this was not the case, Austin creates an underwater wheelchair. With this underwater wheelchair, Austin can scuba dive. In her presentation, she provides beautiful footage of her underwater exploration with her underwater chair. Austin shows that there

is many things that you can do, even in a wheelchair.

If you are interested in viewing these short films, for Death Metal Grandma you can visit, https://youtu.be/mQZ_7C2oaLM. For Pauline, you can visit <https://youtu.be/RvgnOqBu314>.

For Sue Austin’s TEDx Talk, you can visit <https://youtu.be/PCWIGN318IU>.

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Notable Women in Florida: Commemorating Women's History Month



Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)
Trailblazer for African American education and civil rights

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Mary McLeod Bethune grew up to begin her own school for Black girls that would pave the way for African American education in the United States. Bethune's school eventually became Bethune-Cookman College in 1929, according to the National Women's History Museum. Bethune was a champion for education, politics, anti-lynching, women in business and women's rights. She moved to Palatka, Fl.



Marjory Stoneman Douglas (1890-1998)
Journalist, author, civil rights advocate and conservationist

Image Courtesy of cnn.com

Marjory Stoneman Douglas graduated from Wellesley College in 1912 and moved to Miami in 1915. Throughout her life, she took up many causes, including fighting pollution in the Everglades and the rapid commercialization of Florida and campaigns against slumlords. She also fought for free milk for babies whose parents were in need. Her 1947 non-fiction "The Everglades: River of Grass" redefined the popular conception of the Everglades as a treasured river, and she wrote more than 100 short stories using Florida themes that were published in national magazines.



Nancy Brinker (1946-)
Founder of Susan G. Komen

Image Courtesy of palmbeachcivic.org

Nancy Brinker, who was born in Illinois but now lives in Palm Beach, is widely credited with bringing a voice to breast cancer survivors by founding the popular Susan G. Komen (formerly known as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation) in 1982. The foundation, named after her sister, who died of breast cancer at age 36, is now one of the world's largest cancer charities, having raised more than \$1 billion for research and \$2.3 billion for patient support. Brinker's advocacy is credited with destigmatizing breast cancer and bringing to light a disease that so many women suffered in silence.



Loretta Ford (1920-)
Renowned nursing leader

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Loretta Ford is an internationally renowned nursing leader, credited with creating the nurse practitioner role after noting in 1965 a shortage of primary care physicians to care for people in her community. She lived in Wildwood, Fl. Today, nurse practitioners are "clinicians who assess, diagnose and treat acute and chronic diseases as well as counsel, coordinate care and educate patients regarding their illnesses," according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Nurse practitioners take into account a patient's environmental, socioeconomic and psychological welfare when considering care and diagnoses.

K-pop's "Perfect Body" Comes with Big Responsibility

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What is the "perfect" body? Though this may be a differing opinion for many, in South Korea, the standard is stern. Women are expected to maintain thin, frail-like figures, while men are preferred to be lean and muscular—but not too muscular.

This rigid ideal is enforced to the extreme in South Korea's music industry, or K-pop, where idols are put through rigorous exercise routines with little nourishment for their bodies.

To fit the aesthetic of "perfection," both male and female K-pop stars in South Korea have been reported to have undergone extreme diets.

However, the idols simply include it as part of their job description and keep persevering. Momo, one of the members of the popular girl-group TWICE, once revealed that during her trainee days, she was forced to lose 7kg in a week.

She ate nothing for the entire week and worked out intensely at the gym to reach her goal. She ate an ice cube but was afraid she would gain weight. Though she succeeded with an additional three days, she went to bed every night crying herself to sleep, unsure if she would wake up in the morning.

Though this type of regiment



"TWICE"

Image courtesy of glamour.com

is hazardous, the industry compels those in the spotlight to take such drastic measures.

The allure of fame and fortune baits so many young individuals to sell their livelihoods and bodies to companies who don't honestly care for them.

Momo's story is not rare; in fact, multiple groups in the K-pop industry have disclosed the strenuous effort it takes on their part to maintain their look.

Not only do K-pop companies enforce harsh expectations for their idols, but so does so-

ciety.

With the hyper-awareness that has resulted from the internet, people worldwide can cyberbully and harass individuals without facing substantial consequences.

They can freely project their own insecurities and degrade people for the fun of it, regardless of the detrimental effect on the receiver of such comments. This issue is not exclusive to South Korea's entertainment industry, either.

American celebrities like Jonah Hill, who has recently

lost a considerable amount of weight, have been the butt of jokes for viewers because of their weight, and they are expected to take the unwarranted criticisms.

Though the strict diets and restrictions that many K-pop idols and trainees undergo can have fast results, they are less likely to be sustainable. They can also have life-threatening consequences.

Deprivation has profound effects, like a weakened immune system and irregular menstruation cycles for women. Food

and rest are nourishment and limiting them will not only gravely impact one's physical health over time but also mental and emotional wellbeing.

South Korea's entertainment industry is booming, with shows like Squid Game and the popular music group, BTS, breaking international records and gaining immense success.

With the worldwide fame that K-pop has amassed, its influence is ever-growing. However, with the recognition also comes the responsibility to set healthy examples for the public.

By showcasing harmful lifestyles and practices, the destructive cycles continue to repeat.

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Women Owned Businesses are Prospering, Including Sweetie's Italian Ice

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Women's History Month is about celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of women throughout history. Today, according to the National Association of Women Business Owners, more than 11.6 million businesses in the United States are owned by women. A number that keeps increasing as we progress through time.

It's not easy running a business in today's economy, according to West Palm Beach News, real estate prices are

expected to rise another 11 percent by the middle of 2022 which includes business properties as well. But Women located in South Florida are persevering and opening successful businesses while simultaneously making positive impacts on the local community. Sweetie's Italian Ice is a local Italian Ice business located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They serve delicious frozen treats for all ages. The business is owned by Mildred Lowe, the found-

er and successful woman who uses her business to connect with her community.

In July of 2021, Sweetie's Italian Ice hosted a summer contest called "Sweets and Rhymes" where students at summer camps and youth camps located in Broward County or Miami Dade could write an original jingle, poem, song, or rap that expresses their love for Italian Ice.

The prize for the contest was a \$50 and Italian Ice party for the winner's group.

Lowe is constantly trying to uplift the community through her business, Sweeties Italian Ice. When asked "as a woman, do you think that it's harder to run a successful business?" Lowe responded with, "Having been in business now in the food and beverage industry selling only 1 product for several years, I think it's hard for anyone, old, young, male, female, any gender,

wealthy or low income, experienced, or entrepreneur; particularly if they are doing mostly everything themselves."

Many new business owners start by doing most of the work themselves, it can be difficult to hire employees at the starting stage of business because of the high cost. Advertising the position on various media platforms and reviewing resumes can take up valuable time for a new business owner.

Lowe began to really think about the idea of opening her own business as she entered her 20's,

Her parents were also entrepreneurs too. They owned and rented property, had a moving company, and owned a thrift store.

Sometimes, it takes more than one attempt to launch a business, but when the timing is right things begin to take a turn for the better leading to success, "It was not easy to start a business, my first attempt was in 1999. I tried again and decided the timing for my family and circumstances were not aligned to provide the time it would take to build a business. In 2014, I was in a good place to start and give it my all."

When wanting to start a business, it is important to do critical research to understand the cost and responsibilities that come with owning one. Make sure not to rush into anything and take all the time needed to put together a proper business plan.

Lowe has great advice when it comes to starting a business: "Do not quit your day job. Save your money, seek education, start with the many awesome resources the Broward County Library system offers. Utilize Broward Co. Office of Economic and Small Business Development for more insight on the many directions you

can take your business. Check in with your local city business resources and learn what the cost of doing business legitimately in your city / town would be. When networking in the industry you believe you see yourself in; meet

others and ask them questions to get a feel of what they may be experiencing in real time. Lastly, when considering your business and vision, start looking for a partner or begin to prepare yourself to pay and effectively manage a team."

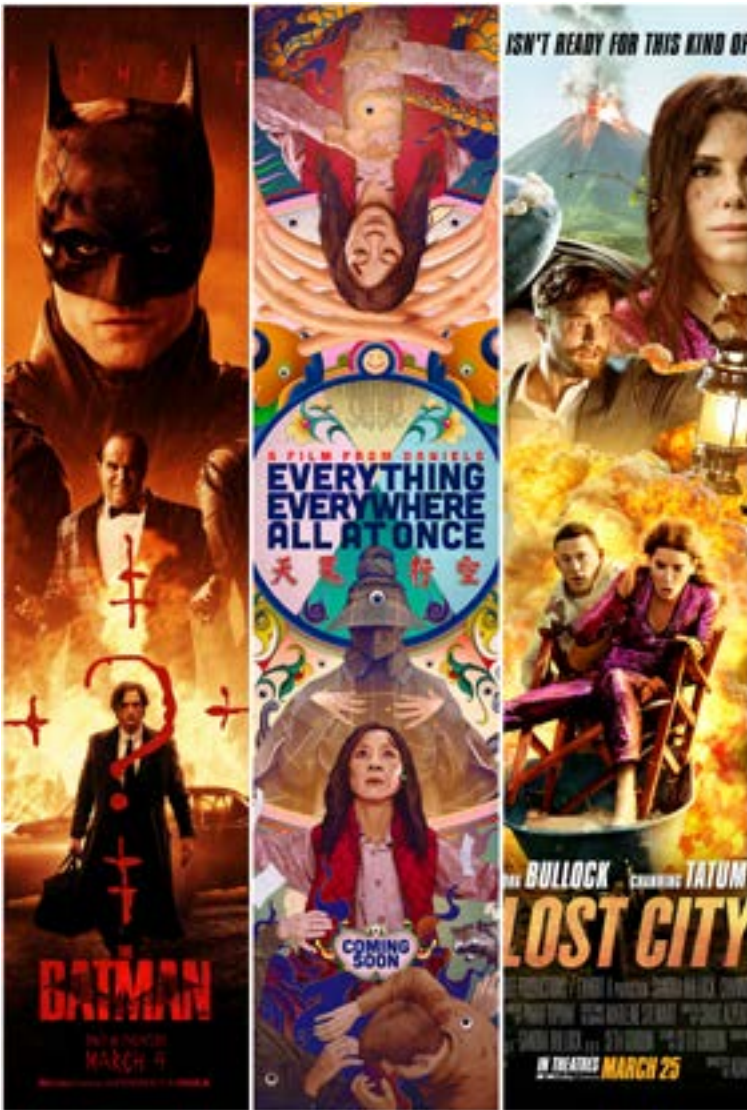
For any inquiries about Sweetie's Italian Ice, contact them at <https://www.sweetiesitalianice.com/contact-us>. They serve Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

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Top 3 Movies to Watch in March at the Cinema

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On March 4, the long-awaited film *The Batman* by Matt Reeves was released. The imitable Robert Pattinson played

the leading role. The director promised to show a completely new version of Bruce Wayne and the “darkest” film about

Gotham City. Billionaire Bruce Wayne (Robert Pattinson) is called the “Prince of Gotham.” After the murder of his parents, he became the sole owner of Wayne Enterprises Corporation. Bruce has little interest in a business: he has been catching Gotham criminals in the form of his alter ego, Batman.

The affairs of Wayne Enterprises at this time are run by the butler and an old friend of the Wayne family, Alfred Pennyworth (Andy Serkis). Batman helps the Gotham police maintain order; however, only James Gordon (Jeffrey Wright) trusts him in the department. Gordon summons Batman to the case of the Riddler (Paul Dano), a murderer who destroys the city’s political elite.

At the crime scene, he leaves unusual clue ciphers. And to solve this case, Bruce will have to find the killer and look into his past because all the messages of the Riddler somehow come down to him. The new film is striking in its aesthetic cinematography, so it is worth watching on big screens.

The film also features Catwoman, played by Zoe Kravitz. This film has everything you need for a superhero blockbuster: beautiful cinematography, an exciting plot, a dark atmosphere, and a melancholic mood from *Nirvana*.

The next movie, *Everything Everywhere All at Once*, is out on March 25. One of the

physical theories says that our universe has an infinite number of copies that differ from each other in individual details.

In each of them, a person can become someone different entirely. The comedy-adventure film tells the story of a Chinese immigrant, Evelyn, who learns from personal experience that this is all true.

She gains the ability to experience other versions of her personality. In different worlds, her fate is different: she can live thousands of lives and be anyone - a famous actress, a martial artist, an opera diva, and even a heavenly deity.

However, it turns out that the multiverse is in danger. An unknown creature threatens to destroy the entire set of alternatives, and it is up to her to stop the disaster. Constantly doubting herself, Evelyn decides to devote herself to the fight to save the world.

Michelle Yeoh (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, 2000) and Jamie Lee Curtis (horror franchise *Halloween*) played the leading roles in the film.

The movie was directed and written by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, who previously worked together on *Swiss Army Man*, 2016. The film was produced by the Russo Brothers, who directed the *Avengers* Marvel franchise, so the theme of many worlds is far from new to them.

The *Lost City* is an action-ad-

venture comedy film directed by Aaron and Adam Nee, who co-wrote the screenplay with Oren Ozil and Dana Fox, based on a story by Seth Gordon, hits theaters also on March 25.

The movie stars are Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe and Brad Pitt.

The main character of the film is a writer, Loretta Sage. Her favorite genre is romance novels, which always occur in some unusual places. The main hero of her works is Dash, a thief of women’s hearts and just a handsome guy. His prototype in real life is the model Alan, who embodies the book character on the cover.

During the next tour to present a new book, the writer Loretta Sage meets a billionaire. Soon he kidnaps her and takes her to the island. The man is sure that she knows something about the treasures are hidden in the lost city - the events of her last book take place there.

Meanwhile, Alan wants to prove that he is not just a pretty picture but also a savior. He goes into the jungle to get Loretta out of a trap, but in the end, they end up together in the epicenter of an incredible adventure.

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Where will the Defenders shows go now that they have left Netflix?

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Image courtesy of IMDB

Marvel TV Series have officially left Netflix. The company partnered with the comic giant back in 2012 and produced six fan-favorite shows, includ-

ing *Jessica Jones*, *The Punisher*, and *Iron Fist*. These action shows had been on the platform ever since their release. However, many fans here in

Florida were surprised when signs that said, “This show is available until February 28th,” began to appear under each of the Marvel titles at the beginning of January.

It turns out that even though Netflix premiered these action series, it had a licensing agreement, like it usually does, to hold the Marvel content until the contract expired.

Hundreds of Tiktok users shared on their accounts how they prepared to binge-watch Marvel series such as *Daredevil*, *Luke Cage* and *The Defenders* before they were removed.

But now that these shows have said goodbye to the world’s most-streamed service, where will they go?

Many people believed that these series will move to a Disney-owned platform, since they are the owners of Marvel comics, and their speculation was not wrong.

It has been confirmed that Disney + will be the new holders of these six Infinity Stones, so to speak.

It really is no surprise that the Walt Disney Company will be obtaining these Marvel shows.

Almost all of Marvel’s content is already on Disney +. They currently have almost all of Marvel’s content and have acclaimed original series like *Wanda Vision* that can only be viewed on the Disney streaming service.

But that is not the only plat-

form that Disney could have decided to give these six series to if they wanted to have them close.

Syfy Wire has reported that Disney actually owns the majority of Hulu, which already has other Marvel programs such as *Runaways* and *MO-DOK*.

Some people speculated that the mature content that appears throughout some of these new additions would stop the company from incorporating them into Disney +. And it is understandable since Disney has always had a strong focus on releasing family-friendly material for its audience.

But the Parent Television Council (PTC) expressed their discontent with having these programs on the platform. PTC’s President, Tim Winter, published a statement in which he emphasized that Disney + “foray into TV-MA-rated fare will forever tarnish its family friendly crown.” A crown that they have been wearing for decades before Disney + even existed.

Rather than eliminating scenes presenting gore and violence or not having these shows on the platform, the platform will be updating the adjustments available in parental controls.

This means that parents will be able to limit the shows that their children will be able to watch.

Doing this is better than losing potential new users that would like to see the unedited episodes.

Besides, these series present more violence than the other Marvel material currently on Disney +, so modifying it could change how the audience experience the storylines.

Now parents, especially those who are Marvel fans, can view *Daredevil* and be as happy as their kids when they watch *Mickey Mouse Club House*.

These six *Defenders*-related shows will be joining Disney + on March 16, 2022.

In addition, the platform has said that *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, Marvel series produced alongside ABC studios, will also be added that same day.

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NFL Trades, Free Agency and News

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NFL trades can be made official March 16. Also, free agency begins at 4 p.m. that same day as well. There was no shortage of important league altering news, starting with two MVP caliber QBs.

Since the Packers lost to the 49ers in the divisional playoff game, there was contagious uncertainty on what Aaron Rodgers would do next season.

He had three options, either retire, ask for a trade, or sign a deserving extension after becoming a back-to-back MVP.

He waited until March 8 to inform the Packers of his decision, which was coincidentally the same day the deadline to franchise tag All-Pro Packers receiver, Davante Adams.

So, on March 8, Rodgers announced on Twitter that he'll be returning to the Packers.

Also, that both sides are working on a new contract that would lower his salary cap figure, while also giving him contractual clarity throughout his 40s.

Also, later that day the Packers franchise tagged



Image courtesy of packers.com

Adams as expected, which gives them until July 15 to negotiate a well deserved long-term contract.

On that same day, a breaking news trade, and one of the biggest trades in NFL history involving Russel Wilson surfaced.

The Seahawks traded Russel Wilson and a fourth-round pick to the Broncos for Drew Lock, Noah Fant, Shelby Harris, two first round picks, 2 second round picks, and a fifth-round pick.

This trade sent shockwaves around the NFL. Also, it solidified the Qb battles in the AFC and the

AFC West division. This trade was in the works for about two weeks prior to the trade taking place.

So that means that both teams kept this trade in house, so that it could get completed as quickly as possible.

It's shocking that this trade took place because the Broncos were rumored to be trading for Rodgers all offseason, especially since they signed his former offensive coordinator, Nathaniel Hackett as their new head coach.

On the same day the Seahawks traded Wilson, they decided to release All-Pro

linebacker Bobby Wagner; also, both were drafted on the same day in 2012, 10 years ago. These players were the last players who were apart of their championship runs.

The next day the Colts traded Carson Wentz to the newly named Washington Commanders for two third round picks. This was a little bit shocking since the Colts acquired Wentz last year. To bolster their team and especially their defense, the Chargers acquired All-pro defender Khalil Mack from the Bears, for a 2nd and 6th round pick.

A trade that took place this weekend was the Cowboys trading Amari Cooper to the Browns, for a 5th and a 6th round pick.

On Friday, a grand jury didn't indict Deshaun Watson, which means he won't face criminal charges, after 22 women filed lawsuits against him.

The Saints, Panthers, etc will meet with Watson, to eventually try to acquire him. On Sunday night, Tom Brady announced on Twitter and Instagram, that he'll be returning the Buccaneers for his 23rd season, after announcing his retirement 40 days ago.

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NBA Historical Performances and Injury News

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The past couple of weeks in the NBA have been extremely exciting. There were quite a few notable performances via great players, from triple-doubles to 50-point games. Also, great role players for playoff teams, are becoming healthy for the inevitable playoff push.

For the Heat, two key role players returned last week. Victor Oladipo returned 1st vs the Rockets, from a quadriceps injury, after 11 months of recovery. After his 1st game back he said, "I'm still getting stronger,

still getting better, just gotta keep getting better." Next was Markieff Morris, who returned from his whiplash injury, after four months. His final steps to return was his case to be heard by the NBA's Fitness-to-Play Panel, which comprised of three physicians.

For the Bucks as well, two key players are returning tonight vs the Jazz. Brook Lopez was out since opening night, with a nagging back injury. His return will help their defense return to being a top 10 defense, because of his size and defensive

ability. Also, George Hill is returning from a neck soreness injury, that caused him to miss 16 games.

The Bulls had a key role player return last week in Alex Caruso. He was out for around four to six weeks with wrist surgery injury. The Cavaliers had a devastating blow to their team when 1st time all-star center, Jarret Allen, fractured his middle finger. He's currently out indefinitely, so rookie of the year favorite, Evan Mobley, will have to carry the team more offensively and defensively.

The Raptors OG Anunoby fractured his finger earlier this month. He'll test his finger for two weeks and will be reevaluated after that time period. The Nets best player, Kevin Durant, returned earlier this month vs the Heat from a strained mcl injury. KD was out 19 games and has dominated since he's been back. Since his injury the Nets were 1st in the eastern conference, and he came back they were 8th. Ben Simmons is currently still out indefinitely because of his nagging back injury, which started to resurface when he tried ramping up to get back to playing.

As of right now Simmons has ramped down, is only doing light shooting drills, and currently can't run or sprint yet.

The Suns Chris Paul had a devastating fractured finger right before Allstar break. He'll be out 6-8 weeks. About two weeks ago Devin Booker entered health and safety protocols. He returned vs the Heat, and helped the Suns become the 1st team to clinch a playoff berth. The Grizzlies best perimeter defender, Dillon Brooks returned from an ankle injury. He was out 3-5 weeks.

The Warriors Allstar, Draymond Green is returning tonight from a long battle injury, that was connected to his calf. He was out 2 months recovering from this injury. The Lakers Anthony Davis suffered another injury, which was a sprained mid foot. He's optimistic that he can return before the regular season is over.

There were a couple of huge 50-point performances by two teammates last week. Kyrie Irving and KD carried the Nets the past few games. Irving had 50 points, on 15-19 shooting, with 9-12 from 3-point range vs the Hornets. This was the 2nd most effi-

cient 50-point game in NBA history. KD then dropped 53 points and nine assists yesterday vs the Knicks.

A week plus ago Jayson Tatum dropped 54 points vs KD and the Nets. That same game KD became the 23rd player to reach 25,000 points. LeBron James scored 56 and 50 points in the past two weeks. He's the oldest player to score 50 points multiple times in a season. Also, last night James became the 1st player to reach 10,000 points, rebounds, and assists; and he basically created his own statistical category, which is mind blowing. This is crazy but Karl Anthony-Towns just scored 60 points with 17 rebounds, which is the most points scored in a game this season. He also had 56 points through three quarters. Also, he's the first player in NBA history with 60 points, 15 rebounds, and 60 percent from 3-point range.

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Books to “Spring” Into in the upcoming weeks

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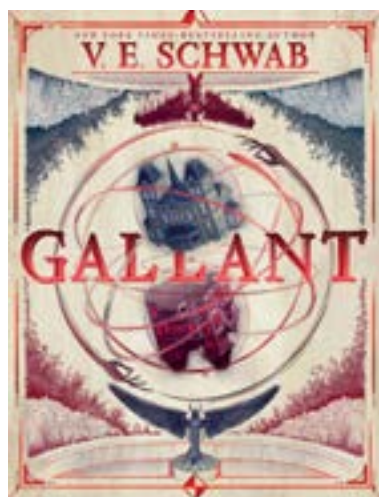
Spring has finally arrived in South Florida! Clear skies, blooming flowers, and of course, the ever-looming time of cramming in homework, projects and studying for those midterm/final exams.

These next few weeks are going to be a lot for many students, which is why it is a good idea to spend some free time and pick up a book!

There are a ton of recent and upcoming books that I’m very excited to dive into, but to dwell on them will be endless. So, to keep things interesting, I’ve compiled a short but great list of Young Adult and New Adult novels that will be releasing this Spring (from March-May).

GALLANT

Since the viral and bestselling sensation of the 2020 novel *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, fans of V.E. Schwab’s work wondered what story was up next under the author’s sleeve. Well, they don’t have to wait longer because Schwab’s latest novel, *Gallant*, just came out a couple weeks ago. It follows Olivia who receives a letter that invites her to Gallant—a strange, haunted mansion that is filled with as many secrets



Covers of upcoming Spring books

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as there are ghouls. With Schwab’s staple lyrical prose and emotional themes, this standalone novel is perfect for all ages to be sucked into this mysterious world. (Released March 1, 2022)

BLOOD SCION

With the brutal Lucis’ rule looming over her head, Sloane’s powers are kept secret and it could mean death if they’re discovered. When her fifteenth birthday arrives, she is forcefully enlisted in the army and as vengeance, she seeks to take it all down within. But as she rises to the ranks, Sloane slowly loses her own self and risks becoming the monster she swore to fight against. Inspired by Yoruba-

ba-Nigerian mythology, Deborah Falaye’s *Blood Scion* takes readers on a journey of power, injustice, magic, revenge, and magic that’ll be sure to become a hit with audiences. (Released March 8, 2022)

PORTRAIT OF A THIEF

Grace D. Li’s *Portrait of a Thief* is for those who love a good heist. Will Chen is suited into the role of the Perfect American student, aiming to please his parents. But Chinese benefactors scoop him along with four other fellow diaspora- on a (kind of illegal) mission to steal back Chinese sculptures stolen from Beijing. The reward? Five million dollars and put themselves on the history books. But to fail

would be a failed attempt to take back what colonialism has already stolen and continues to do in modern times. Both a reflection of the Chinese American identity and a critical look of how colonialism lingers on through the years, *Portrait of a Thief* is a novel readers cannot miss. (Releases April 5, 2022)

BOOK OF NIGHT

As a huge fan of *Holly Black*, I’m highly anticipating the release of her adult debut novel, *Book of Night*. Charlie Hall’s world is filled with shadows that can be manipulated. While some folks prefer to use them for entertainment or to alter appearance, others rather seek its power. From controlling feelings to changing memories,

using the puppetry of shadows has the cost of losing days or years of one’s life. Or perhaps a shadow can have its own life. When Charlie is thrown back into chaos, she’ll have to face her past and deal with doppelgängers, thieves, billionaires and even her own sister as they all try to harness shadow magic. (Releasing May 3, 2022)

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