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## PlutoHacks - A Hackathon Coming to Broward College

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PlutoHacks is an exciting 24-hour hackathon taking place at Central Campus from Oct. 21 to Oct. 22. It is a free in-person event in which hackers will create a project, like a prototype or a hardware project, based on the categories and compete for prizes. The categories and prizes will be revealed during the PlutoHacks' Opening Ceremony on Oct. 21 at noon (EST).

This is the second year of PlutoHacks, but the hackathons at Broward College began in 2014.

"This is the second year that BC students and members of the in-Tech club (a tech club for BC Central Campus) can help organize the hackathon ourselves," said Shelly Penichet, one of the organizers in a team where most are females. They have been inputting their creativity to create a memorable experience for all.

Here, hackers will have the opportunity of working alone or in teams of four to create their project. They can form their groups before or during the event.

You do not need to be a programming expert to join. Everyone participating has different backgrounds and specialties that may or may not be related to coding. You may work on web design, the overall graphics, or contribute to the team with your awesome ideas. But it is also a great opportunity to see what coding is all about and a way to put your skills to the test if you have experience.

If you have friends in a different college who you would like to partner with, this is your chance to work together. Everyone currently attending a college or university in the US can participate.

Be sure to bring your laptop, charger, toothpaste, blanket, and any other items you might need to stay cozy and prepared. There will be some laptops available in case you do not own one. Food will be provided throughout the day.



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You can also participate as a mentor and help out hackers if they are having a little trouble. There are also volunteer positions if you wish to assist in setting up the event, the food, or registering walk-ins.

There will also be workshops at Central Campus (Building 13) and some online through Zoom before the hackathon. You do not have to register for the workshops since room numbers and links will be posted soon.

Penichet wants everyone to have fun. During her first hackathon, she learned that speaking to others is the best way of making new friends and deciding what team to join or who to invite to

your own. She also mentions that no one expects a new hacker to have something finished and perfectly working once the time is up, so it is good to aim for a prototype.

"Although having something working is a plus, plenty of people have won thanks to their presentation alone."

You can register for the hackathon at [plutohacks.com](http://plutohacks.com) and check out their website for more details.

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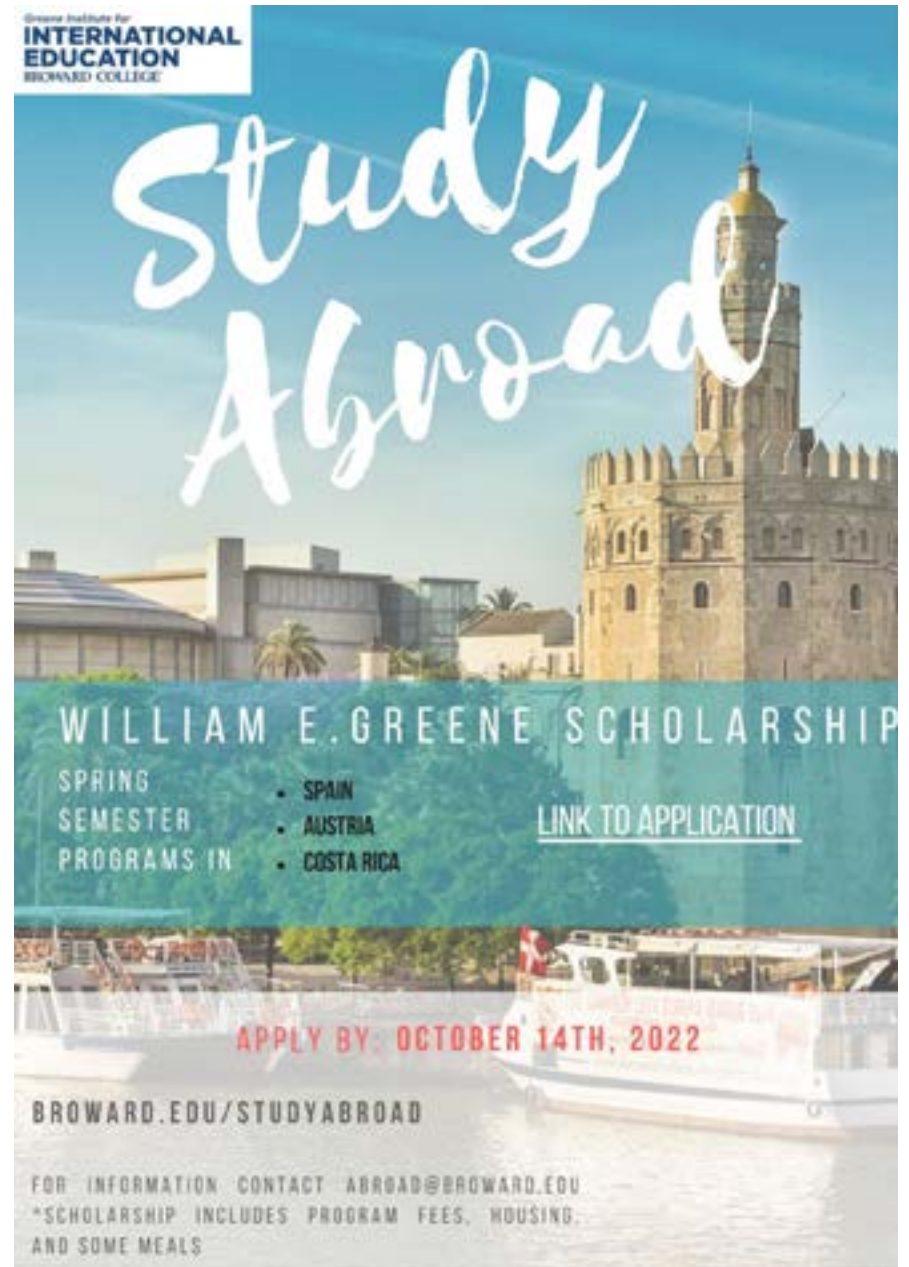
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# Broward College Academy Student Spotlight

**Melaina Lawrence**  
Staff Writer

College Academy student, Tasfia Howlader, spent her summer in Ghana with the Nyah project. Having a chance to create new memories and make new friends in a different environment made this summer one she won't forget. Pronounced "Neeyah" (the Swahili word for purpose), the organization strengthens leadership through travel opportunities. It serves as more than a one-time opportunity, as it bleeds its support over into post travel guidance to help students in whatever endeavors they end up pursuing.

The facilitators, Leigh-Ann Buchanan, Aileen Alon, Miami Whitehouse and peer facilitator John Paul Mejia through leadership labs, college readiness classes, application guidance, resume reviews and essay help continue to guide students. They helped students become closer to each other and bond in a professional and

personal way. Beginning over the pandemic, getting to meet her peers and mentors in person at the airport and grow even closer was a valuable experience. This fellowship provided a very familial relationship.

Arriving in Ghana, the fellows were greeted with a safe, homey atmosphere; Howlader recalls it reminds her of her home, Bangladesh. "People were welcoming. The media presents underdeveloped countries as dangerous... but it's more than that. It's more than a tourist attraction. It's food, culture, and environment. Ghana is not somewhere you visit once and forget. It's a lifelong experience", she recalls. Seeing people living with what they have and making the most of it, reminded her of the gap between how we perceive places and how they actually are.

One of Howlader's favorite activities was visiting Wli Waterfall. She walked 25 minutes to get there, having to run from insects for two of those



minutes. It was all worth it in the end because the waterfall was gorgeous and gave her and the other fellows a moment of peace and time to relax. She also visited the cape coast slave castle. Here, tour guides took her through both male and female dungeons. These spaces were left untouched; the remnants and memories from

the slave trade remained. Lights were turned off and it was so quiet to simulate the experience of slaves being able to hear British soldiers walking above. The experience allowed fellows to learn and gain a deeper understanding about Ghana's history. It resulted in a moment where everyone opened up emotionally and formed

a deeper connection with each other.

Howlader's summer helped her create global change and make new memories and experiences. This experience did not end after the summer, however. The Nyah mentors still provide her with support as she navigates the college application season.

Now, she works diligently on campus taking rigorous courses and maintaining multiple leadership roles. Her tenacity, creativity and resourcefulness make her an inspiration for her peers.

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## The first induction ceremony of the Male Minority Initiative

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The Minority Male Initiative (MMI) is a diverse association at Broward College that strives to maintain and exceed in academic performance and career advancement. The brotherhood consists of a network of administrators and students that actively participate in team-building events, career workshops, networking events, etc. The MMI offers developmental skill training to all male minorities attending Broward College. These skills include but are not limited to: academic success, leadership, mentorship, civil engagement and identifying self-esteem.

The MMI requires its students to maintain a standard minimum GPA of 2.5. MMI activities and sessions throughout the semester are meant to support interactions between MMI members and the school community, as well as provide networking opportunities for students in order to help them develop the best career path for themselves.

On Sept. 23, all MMI mem-

bers gathered together to become officially inducted into the Male Minority Initiative for successfully engaging the MMI program by reaching four or more participation benchmarks. The ceremony began with an introduction by Director Patrick Sneed and Abraham Gonzalez, followed by an entrance procession of all inductees. MMI members and staff presented speeches, as well as BC President Gregory Haile delivered an autobiographical speech detailing the importance of overcoming obstacles.

**Mohammed Aqeel** - MMI Member and Ambassador/President of Student Government/Lead Peer Mentor.

Aqeel is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Sciences at Broward College. He credits a great amount of inspiration to succeed to the Male Minority Initiative:

"While I joined college back then, I knew absolutely no one. I had zero friends. To make the matter worse, I did not have a plan on how to know anybody or make any friends. I remember at some point saying to myself that



Image Courtesy of Matthew Ramdhan

college life will be brutal. For a moment, I felt alone and in despair. Then not long after, I received a phone call and I learned about a program from success coach Abraham Gonzalez."

"I learned there are actually people like myself who come from a low-income family or have little to no friends and that was a uniting factor to know there were people in my shoes or are in my shoes. I made the decision of associating myself with the initiative and I have never regretted that decision ever. In fact, it makes the top ten list of the best decisions I have ever

made."

Aqeel has graduated from Broward College and the BOB Elmore Honors college with two associate degrees and a 4.0.

**Phillippe Kevin Lyberal** - MMI Member and Ambassador/Student Government Senator/Vice President of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa/Math Tutor

Lyberal is currently pursuing an AA degree for Mechanical Engineering and plans to transfer and pursue his Bachelor's Degree. He then plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Manufacturing and Energy. He details

his personal academic journey to success and how the Male Minority Initiative has offered him a supportive environment and resources that are essential for success academically and professionally:

"Coming to college presents many difficulties because of the confrontation of a new environment of all ages and issues with classes for a lack of information."

"By becoming an MMI member, I became more engaged and positive about the goals that I want to accomplish as the team pushes me to succeed with members who become brothers since we relate to the same lingo. If you are a student who believes in leadership, networking and achieving amazing things for your family environment, or the world, Minority Male Initiative is the exact support you need as you follow your path to success."

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# New student organization: Monarch Society Mentoring

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As College Academy welcomes the new junior Class of 2024, the lightly populated academy also welcomes a new society to unify and bring together the lot of its students.

Beneath all the incredibly resourceful groups, clubs and organizations Broward College's North Campus has to offer lies a newly sprouted College Academy based society titled Monarch Society Mentoring, a place where College Academy seniors can provide personal guidance to juniors, who are now trying to figure out and piece together the college setting and its elements.

With the big leap that comes with jumping from a sophomore in high school to a freshman in college, junior year students are very well expected to be slightly overwhelmed, confused and lost. That is completely normal, as both environments are extremely different. However, Monarch Society Mentoring strives to strip that first year/first semester stress from juniors and replace it with comfortability, contentment and confidence.

Sarah LaRussell, a College Academy senior at North Campus and leading officer to Monarch Society Mentoring, said that the club's overall purpose is to "provide aid by giving everyone a peer they can go to for help."

Allowing the juniors to have both a mentor and a friend in a senior who has already done what is now expected of them to do will not only bring the senior and junior classes together but will make maneuvering the college setting and future college application process a whole lot easier on them.

"It provides them with a new source to ask for help and guidance when they need it," said Nathaniel Simon, a senior mentor.

On Sept. 9, in building 47 room 112, Monarch Society Mentoring hosted its first meeting titled Mentor/Mentee match day, where seniors were to meet, sit and talk to each junior for approximately 3 minutes.

"It was kind of like a speed dating simulation," said Anthony Rodrigues, a College Academy senior mentor. "Juniors went from senior to senior to meet with each one and then picked who they wanted



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as their mentor."

Since then, the mentors and mentees have been chosen and paired.

On Sept. 23, the day of the official second meeting in building 47 room 112, juniors were given the name of their senior mentor on a card and were able to talk with their mentor for over an hour to develop a mentor/mentee relationship and friendship.

"The second meeting allowed both parties to devel-

op a stronger foundation for friendship," said Thalia Dadanala, a senior mentor. "I am excited to see what comes out of this in the future."

There is no doubt that this incredibly impactful club will flourish to no end. So, it will definitely be a joy to see the growth of both the club itself and all of its members.

If you are a College Academy student and have any questions about Monarch Society Mentoring, please contact

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# Making Strides Walks raises money for breast cancer

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Broward College is taking part in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k Walk" coming up on Oct. 22. This event is a charity walk created by the American Cancer Society where communities unite to raise money for breast cancer research.

According to LaKeshia Taylor, Human Research Professional at Broward College, the money raised goes towards "cutting-edge research, providing access to lifesaving screenings, providing 24/7 support for patients, and more."

The American Cancer Society found that approximately 290,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022 alone, with an additional 51,000 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ, the earliest form of breast cancer. The Society has also found that after skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer type in women. The goal of this walk is to help raise money to fight this horrible disease.

According to Taylor, Talent and Culture and Student Life are collaborating to ensure Broward College has a strong presence on the day of the

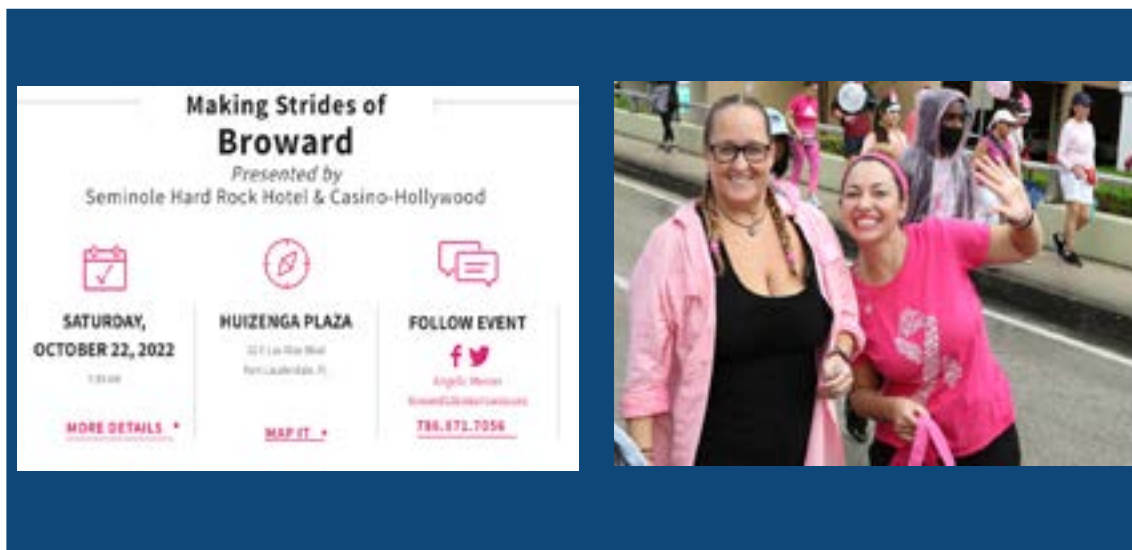


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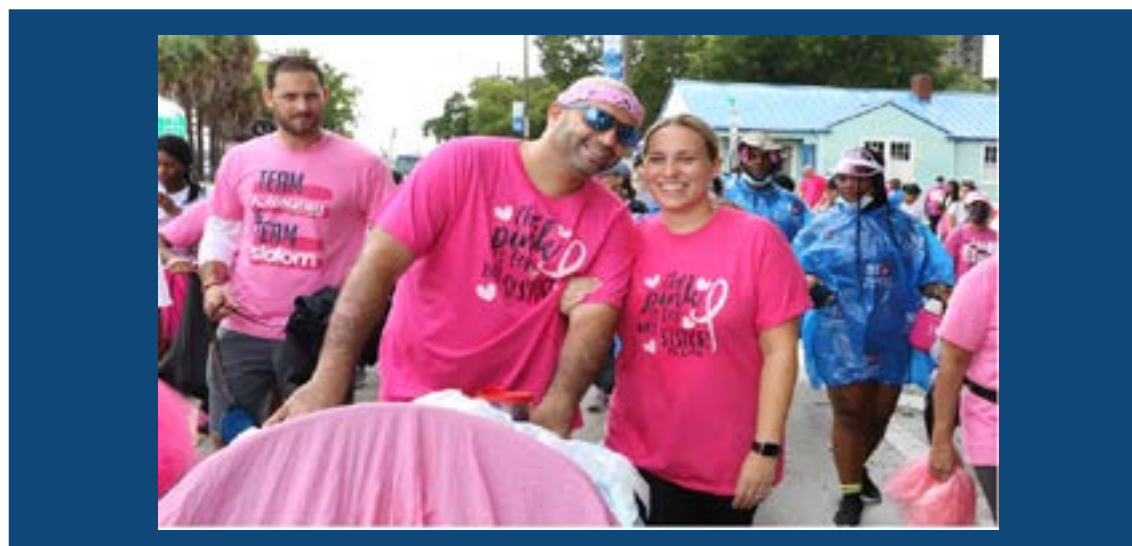


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race. Broward College has a fundraising goal of \$17,000. There are a few ways to fundraise: you can use the mobile app "FUNdraising" to accept donations, which allows you to send texts and emails with your fundraising link and customize your fundraising page.

You can also create a Facebook fundraiser that links directly to your page. If you want to donate, you can use the link found at the end of the article.

The event takes place on Oct. 22 at Huizenga Plaza in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. The walk starts at 7:30 a.m. The event is a 5-kilometer walk, equivalent to 3.1 miles. Broward College has a team available for any student or staff to join if they want to participate in the walk. Students and staff can also make their own team if they choose to do so.

If you want to join the Broward College team or donate to contribute to Broward College's goal, the link is <http://main.acevents.org/goto/BrowardCollege>

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## Hispanic Heritage Month: Prominent Figures in South Florida

From events on campus to others at city halls, each year we celebrate Hispanic culture here in South Florida. National Hispanic Heritage month officially starts on Sept. 15 and ends on Oct. 15. During this month, many countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Mexico commemorate their independence. The Hispanic community has impacted the music we hear, the food we eat, and even the way we speak. And with more than 2.5 million Latinos in South Florida, it is no wonder that many of them have contributed to the world with their essence. Here are five people from a Hispanic background that live in South Florida.

### Edison Lopez

By sharing the rich culture of Puerto Rico with the world, Edison Lopez, better known as Señor Edison on social media, has reached a broad audience of over 700,000 followers on Tik Tok. Edison is 21-years-old and a proud Boricua from Broward County. He creates videos about his experience in South Florida and Puerto Rico. Reggaeton, Latin American history, current events, and food are just some of the topics he touches upon entertainingly. You always get a laugh and learn something new with his content that never fails to put Puerto Rico's name up high. He has recently been invited to events organized by Telemundo as well as Prime Video.



### Camila Cabello

Known for her many hits like "Senorita" and "Havana," Camila Cabello is a singer and songwriter that has added a tropical flavor to her music. Her mother is from Cuba and her father is from Mexico. She was born in Cuba, moved to Mexico, and then came to Miami at the age of 6. At the age of 15, she participated in the X-Factor, where her group, Fifth Harmony, won third place and released music for six years. She departed from Fifth Harmony and began her solo career releasing her debut album, Camila in 2018. She starred in Amazon Original's Cinderella and is currently the newest coach on the latest season of The Voice!

### Manuel Oliver

Activist and father of Joaquin Oliver, Manuel Oliver has been a voice for gun violence prevention. Originally from Venezuela, Manuel and his family moved to Parkland. Where, in 2018, Joaquin and another 16 victims at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting were murdered. Since then, his family decided to create a nonprofit organization called Change the Ref. Its mission is to educate young people and "raise awareness about mass shootings through strategic interventions that will reduce the influence of the NRA on the Federal level." They have resorted to using art and advertisement proposals to make their voices heard. Manuel Oliver and his team make paintings, sculptures, and murals across the country to speak up and bring awareness to this issue that affects all of us.

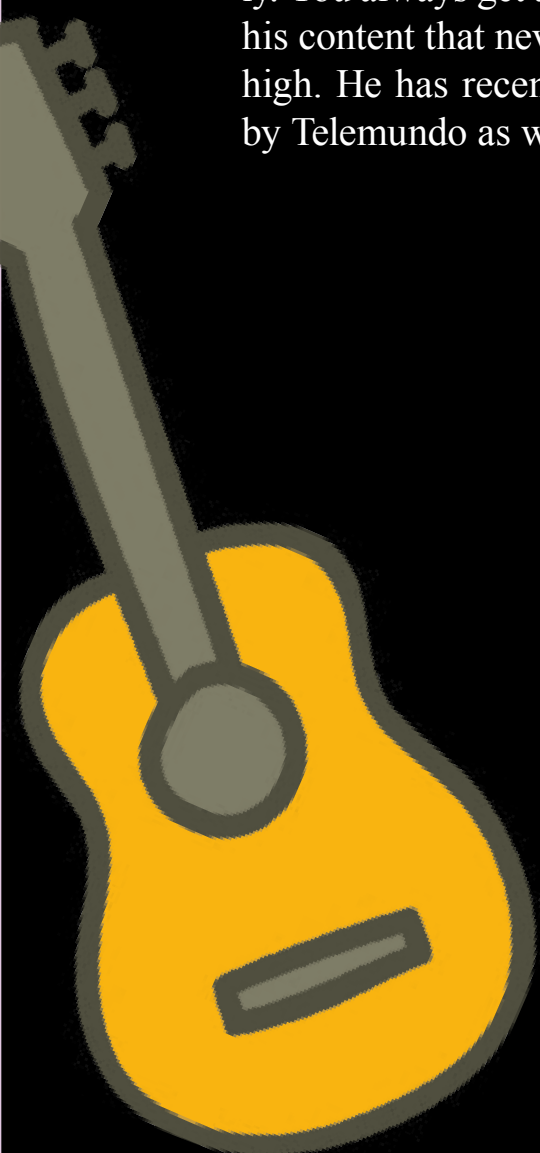


### Mirta Ojito

Award-winning journalist and author Mirta Ojito graduated from Miami-Dade College and Florida Atlantic University. She has worked for the New York Times, Miami Herald and the Nuevo Herald. Ojito came to Miami from Cuba at the age of 16 during the Mariel Boatlift, a mass emigration that took place in 1980. She wrote about her experience coming to the United States in Finding Mañana: A Memoir of a Cuban Exodus, a book titled after the boat she boarded. She is a recipient of a Pulitzer Prize and an Emmy for investigative reporting and currently works at Telemundo as the senior director of standards.

### Juan & German Puerto

You might have seen their tropical flavored product around supermarkets here in South Florida or pharmacies like CVS. Colombian brothers Juan and German Puerto are the co-founders of the square bars ice cream Frutique. They began manufacturing in 2011 and have been having constant growth. Their artisan ice cream has over 10 delicious flavors like guabana, passionfruit, coconut, blackberry, mango, and their unique guava and cheese. In addition to their ice cream bar, they now manufacture popsicles and ice cream pints. The company was founded in Hialeah, but the company has now entered markets in other cities like New York and Boston.



# Fall Recipes

Want to spice up your palate with some fall flavors this season? Scrolling through the internet for recipes and deciding can sometimes feel like a task because they all look so delicious. However, for students and let's not forget those teachers, it is important to not only prepare something delicious but also easy to make and healthy to eat. Here are some quick, seasonal recipes that anyone can enjoy this fall.



## Air Fryer Spiced Walnuts

### Ingredients - Makes 8 Servings

- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 cup walnut halves



## Spicy pumpkin parfait

### Ingredients - Makes 4 Servings

- 1 15-oz can pumpkin
- 2 cups vanilla-flavor fat-free Greek yogurt
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp orange zest
- 1 1/2 cups granola with pumpkin seeds
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- 4 tsp pure maple syrup

## Turkey burgers with spinach and feta

### Ingredients - Makes 4 Servings

- 1 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 pound 93% lean ground turkey
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 4 small hamburger buns, preferably whole-wheat, split
- 4 tablespoons tzatziki
- 12 slices cucumber
- 8 thick rings red onion (about 1/4-inch)



## Pork chops and apple greens

### Ingredients - Makes 4 Servings

- 4 5 ounce boneless pork chops
- 3 slices dried bread
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 2 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 2 cooking apples, cored and sliced
- 6 cup packaged baby spinach
- Freshly ground black pepper



## Pumpkin Pie bites

### Ingredients - Makes 12 Servings

- 15 oz pumpkin puree, 1 can
- 12 oz evaporated milk, 1 can
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon, extra for taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2 pie crusts, refrigerated
- whipped cream or ice cream

# NBA training camp and preseason headlines

**Jordan Stephenson**  
South Bureau Chief

NBA training camp officially started with Media Day, on September 24-26th with all teams and players engaging with the media, for the first time. Many great players, playoff contenders and championship contenders had to answer many looming questions about themselves and their respective teams. Most teams started on court training on Sept. 27. The NBA also are hosting preseason games in other countries, like the Japan series with the Warriors vs Wizards, like Abu Dhabi series with the Bucks vs Hawks, and the Canada series featuring the Raptors.

The first team I'll be discussing is the championship contending Celtics. They have had many looming news and questions surrounding their team. The biggest news surrounding them was when their HC, Ime Udoka, was investigated by an independent law firm because of a consensual relationship. After the surprising investigation, the Celtics decided to suspend Udoka for one year, and have a reduced salary. A recent development showed that he had used crude language, with a particular unknown female before they engaged in their



consensual relationship; that significantly factored into Udoka's one year suspension. Assistant coach, Joe Mazzulla, was named interim HC. Their All-NBA defensive first team center, Robert Williams, had knee surgery and is expected to miss more time than expected before the surgery, which is now 8-12 weeks.

One team that has had drama and uncertainty circulating through their team, since the offseason, is the Nets. This team had many looming questions, more than answers like: Will KD or Kyrie Irving be traded, will Ben Simmons be fully healthy physically and mentally for training camp, etc? The biggest question is will KD, Irving and Simmons

be available to play together for the first time on opening time vs the Pelicans? On media day, Irving said, "I gave up four years, 100 and something million, to be unvaccinated, and that was the decision." Gm Sean Marks said, "At the end of the day, we're happy that Kyrie is back here; I listened to the press conference he had this morning, and my takeaway from this, is that he is committed."

KD said, "Can we move on past [the offseason drama] at some point?" Later he said, "I know it's an interesting story, I get that, but I didn't miss any games, I didn't miss any practices; I'm still here, so hopefully we can move past that." He also said, "There's a

lot of s - - that was inaccurate, but it's like I don't want to go through it right now." The big three of the Nets, are all expected to play in their first preseason game tonight, not coincidentally vs the 76ers, which is Simmons first game since missing the whole season.

The most important question surrounding the championship contending Clippers is will Paul George, more so Kawhi Leonard, be healthy to make a championship run. Leonard missed the entirety of last season, because of a torn acl in their previous playoff run. At media day, Leonard said, "I'll be participating in training camp; then from there, just seeing how my progression

is, how I feel, just gradually building up." He also said, "I feel good, I feel stronger for sure, and the plan is to start camp and play." They hosted their training camp in Las Vegas, and will play a couple preseason games in Seattle, who are craving for another NBA team.

Some important questions for the championship contending Heat are: Can we internally improve off of last season, and who'll be our starting power forward? During the offseason, we were fully emboldened to trade for KD or Donovan Mitchell. None of those trades came to fruition, so yesterday they signed Tyler Herro, to a 4-year \$130 million extension. One small but huge impact we could make, is trading for former Heat player, Jae Crowder, who has requested a trade, and who fill our starting pf position need. The Heat had their training camp in the Bahamas.

On NBA TV, Luka and the Mavericks, Ja and the Grizzlies, also Joel and 76ersoc participated in an all-access real training camp, where I witnessed in-depth, what they all were focusing on in practice.

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# NFL's current best teams and players

**Jordan Stephenson**  
South Bureau Chief

So far in this NFL season, there have been many unexpected wins and unexpected losses. The reason is because there aren't any overwhelming teams right now and much more even teams overall. This season has been so thrilling and eventful because many teams and players have been executing in symmetry. This is why most of these players got the bag in the offseason.

Arguably the best all around team right now, but definitely the best team in the NFL, is the Eagles. They are currently a surprising 4-0, and the last unbeaten team. The reason is because they have a top five offense and defense, and also MVP candidate, Jalen Hurts, has surprisingly been dominating this season. This goes to show that complementary football can lead teams to success. They have an elite running game, with Hurts running phenomenally, the best run blocking offense line and Miles Sanders being third in the league in rushing yards with 356. They also have an elite passing game, with Hurts improving on his flaws and being fifth in the NFL in

passing yards with 1,120, the best pass blocking offense line, and A.J. Brown being third in the league in receiving yards with 404. They recently had one of their best wins last game when they were down 14-0 to the extremely improved Jaguars. Their comeback was led by their stifling defense, who forced four fumbles and an interception on Trevor Lawrence, who also rushed 27 times for 134 yards, and two TD's.

Another surprising team, that is still playing great despite key injuries is the Cowboys. They are currently 3-1, while on a three-game winning streak, with their back up QB, Cooper Rush. Many people, especially NFL analysts, wrote the Cowboys off after their week one loss to the Buccaneers because Dak Prescott injured his thumb on his throwing hand. The most consistent part of the Cowboys three game winning streak is their suffocating defense led by arguably the best defensive line in the league, who has the most dominant defensive player right now, in Micah Parsons. He's currently top 10 in the NFL with four sacks. Complementary football has also been a key to their success. Prescott is on the verge of returning either vs the Rams or Eagles on the road.

A current championship



Jalen Hurts gritty celebration (ESPN.com and the ESPN app)

contender in progress, who has also won three consecutive games is the Packers. In their first game of the season, they got blitzed on the road, versus division rivals, the Vikings. After that abysmal performance, the Packers have become a top 10 offense and defense, by playing complementary football. They have an elite run game led by Aaron Jones and AJ Dillon, more so by Jones, because he's seventh in the NFL in rushing yards, with 327. Their stifling defense is led by their rising star, Rashan Gary, who's top five in the NFL, with five sacks.

One of the most balanced and all-around teams right now is the Bills. They are currently

3-1 and looking to continue on their championship contending path. They also have a top five offense and defense, lead by MVP candidate, Josh Allen, who's second in the NFL in passing yards, with 1,227. Also, WR, Stefon Diggs, is second in the league in receiving yards, with 406. This is a perfect example of a team playing complementary football.

The most surprising team in the NFL this season is the Dolphins. They are a surprising 3-1, which should've been 4-0, if Tua Tagovailoa didn't suffer a horrific concussion injury on TNF. They are playing complementary football, with their top 10 offense leading the charge. Tua would've been

top 5-10 in passing yards, if not for his concussion protocol mishap issues. The best WR duo right now, is Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle. They are both top 10 in the league in receiving yards, with 477 and 381 respectively.

Some honorable mentions for other great players and teams are: Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs, Justin Jefferson and the Vikings, also Saquon Barkley and the surprising Giants. As I've been reiterating throughout this article, complementary football is key to team success.

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# NASA Artemis I

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Image courtesy of NASA

Artemis I has not yet been able to take off from Launch Complex 39B at NASA's

spaceport at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. This is after hav-

ing a rough couple of test trials that have happened throughout the month.

After multiple delays, the first being on Aug. 29 being from a faulty reading and then a weather issue, to the second delay on Sept. 3 after the team members have found a hydrogen leak on the spacecraft. This had left the next launch attempt to be on Sept. 27 to give time to find any more leaks or faulty detections to be fixed. Although because of Hurricane Ian, the next pushback went from October to now possibly November.

The Artemis I spacecraft, also known as Exploration Mission-1, has been planned to be the first unmanned spacecraft to orbit the moon. Its launch plan is to leave the earth's atmosphere, orbit around it before going to the moon and stay in its orbit. The mission's approximate duration would take a total of 26-46 days while traveling approximately 1.3 million miles and would reenter the Earth's atmosphere at around 24,500 mph (approximately Mach

32). According to NASA it will take 38 days, 23 hours, and 49 minutes for the mission to be completed and for Artemis to return to earth on October 11, 2022, according to its first scheduled launch. Although from the flight delays, the return date of Artemis I will be now around November 5, 2022.

Artemis' specified mission is more complex than just being out into space; it will be launching the most powerful rocket [Space launch System (SPS) rocket]. The spacecraft that will later be holding humans, will be the Orion spacecraft. During this mission, Orion will fly farther than any spacecraft that was built for humans and stay in space longer than any spacecraft has before. While in space, Orion would be able to contact the space control in Houston, Texas through the Deep Space Network to demonstrate on how it will continue to operate as well in the deep space environment. While a mannequin wearing a First-Generation Orion Crew Survival Sys-

tem Space Suit with sensors to be able to collect data on what the crew members may experience on the next human mission.

If and once Artemis 1 re-touches back into Earth's atmosphere, the success of the mission would open more doors to the Artemis mission. Once the first one is a success, by around 2024 Artemis 2 launch date would be put into place. With this second mission, Orion will take the four-person crew to the farthest side of the moon and back. Once they have returned safely then it would put Artemis 3 [launch date to be determined] into place where the main goal of the mission is to be able to be the first moon landing since Apollo 17 in 1972.

To be able to watch the launch you can mainly stream it on YouTube or watch it on NASA TV. You can also find more specific information on Artemis I and the mission on NASA's official website under the Artemis I category.

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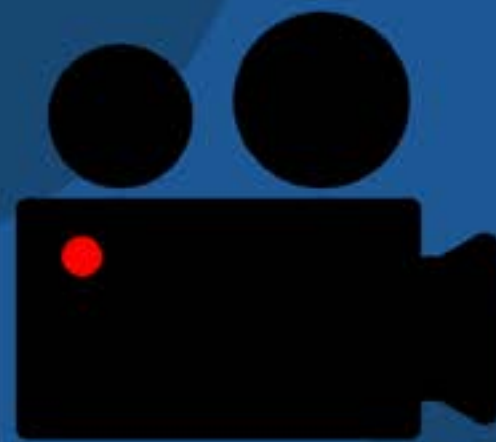
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# Hurricane Ian Serves as a Lesson to Florida's Poor Climate Resilience

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Homes and buildings in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., after Hurricane Ian swept through the state

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Hurricane Ian, one of the most destructive hurricanes in US history, hit southeast Florida on Sept. 28 as a category 4 storm, with more than 100 deaths reported and thousands still unaccounted for. The unprecedented scale of wreckage is catastrophic. In a news conference, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said, “The impacts of this storm are historic, and the damage that was done has been historic.”

Despite knowing the state’s susceptibility to hurricanes, Florida officials were not ready to face destruction of this magnitude. Wind, flood and storm surge impacted millions, leaving cities and homes decimated in its wake. The hurricane’s aftermath is estimated to cost the state \$40 to \$75 billion in property damages. Severe inaction to climate change is one of the reasons to blame.

Serving as context, Florida is the most hurricane-prone state in the country, having been hit by more than 100 hurricanes since 1851.

About 40 percent of the hurricanes that make landfall in the US occur in Florida. Geographic location is the main reason why Florida is more susceptible to hurricanes. Warm tropical waters of the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico surround the state, where tropical cyclones likely form.

Clearly, we can’t do anything to stop hurricanes. But being prone to these disasters doesn’t mean we just have to take the damages at face value. Officials should be responsive to the state’s proximity to natural disasters, wherein proper provision of resources is needed to mitigate risk and build community resilience. In particular, officials should

allot resources to address climate change, the major driver of rising sea levels and higher temperatures that affect typhoon strength. However, Florida’s abysmal history of tackling climate change shows the opposite.

Florida’s infrastructure related to climate resilience is inadequate. While Gov. DeSantis signed a \$640 million climate change plan bill last year, the measures proposed only addresses the symptoms of climate change, not the root problem that causes it. To quote climate change reporter Alex Harris of Tampa Bay Times, “Florida’s plan to address climate change involves only spending money to adapt to rising seas instead of cutting the

emissions that cause them.” A Democrat representative brought up an amendment to include research on cutting down emissions in the state through green alternatives, but the opposition shut it down immediately.

At the same time, Florida politicians rarely address climate change directly. To recall, last December, Gov. DeSantis avoided addressing global warming concerns and labeled them as “left-wing stuff.” Politicizing climate change and framing it to be merely a partisan issue, as if overwhelming scientific evidence is not supporting it, curtails the future of Florida against hurricanes. Without climate resilience in mind,

disaster response will only lead to an unending cycle of coastal rebuilding and short-term assistance instead of long-term preservation.

Babcock Ranch, a green community in Charlotte County, Florida, serves as a template for how officials should oversee future infrastructure improvements. It was the only neighborhood still running on power in the county considered “off the grid” after Hurricane Ian. Native landscaping of the roads reduced the water level. Solar panels, with buried power and internet lines, made sure the neighborhood was still running post-hurricane. It’s not hard to imagine the rest of Florida following suit.

The link between extreme natural disasters to climate change is clear but still left in shambles in the context of Florida politics. Knowing that about 76 percent of the population lives in low-lying coastal communities, it’s bleak what will happen to us in the future if the state continues on a path of pluralistic ignorance.

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