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Academic Success Centers at Broward College help students

Kacie Doran
Staff Writer

We're off to a busy and productive start to the Fall semester at Broward College. The Academic Success Center (ASC) of each campus is gaining much attention. At North Campus alone, over 300 students per day are enjoying the quiet study hall environment provided for the benefit of their academic endeavors. Every campus has one, fully equipped with a wide variety of tutoring services.

Central Campus has multiple tutoring labs such as the Math Lab and Writing Center, among others. Students are immersing themselves in their core classes in preparation for all that lies ahead at their transfer university. There are tutors who have matriculated onwards to institutions ranging from MIT to FAU, some of which are attending graduate school in preparation from areas ranging from practicing medicine to teaching collegiate mathematics.

New equipment has come in, thanks to generous grant support for the benefit of our students. Large LCD monitors that students can project their homework onto has improved one-on-one tutoring in a drastic way. Tutors can use digital pens to write atop of enlarged lab screens and help students understand advanced mathematical formulas and collegiate self-editing techniques in a whole new way.

So far, the Downtown (Willis Holcombe Center/WHC) Campus of Broward College has the greatest amount of openings and longer session time availability for the benefit of any student attending Central Campus. Bc.mywconline.net has become the new Zoom favorite for the majority of students attending sessions with this campus remotely.

"Showing up is half the

battle, and oftentimes, students simply need to stick to a routine that works for them. When it concerns classes that are vastly different than anything they have taken previously, we can oftentimes feel a bit overwhelmed, or like we are just barely staying afloat – tutoring can help those students who are feeling this way to regain a sense of confidence in their abilities. For myself, showing up to the ASC allowed me to feel better prepared for class. Tutors were able to demonstrate study methods that were effective, certain techniques that I did not consider previously," said ASC A&P tutor, Elisabeth Di Giovanni.

There is no limit to the academic personality type flooding into the Academic Success Centers of Broward College, but one common denominator is prevalent: the perfectionistic Students who are seeking a debtless future are often walking through its doors. Research shows that those who go to the ASC labs often, tend to do better. A common view from ASC staff is that many students assume those who get tutored are primarily C students, whereas it's more common for a C student to try and do everything themselves at the last minute and see the A students seeking assistance and working in the study hall labs, getting work handed in ahead of deadlines.

What many students don't realize about the ASC is that they pay for it through tuition fees, whether or not the services are used. The labs have strong writers who come in for feedback to become even better. There are English as Second Language students who come in to improve their written and oral language skills. There are students who prefer to get their math or chemistry homework done in one or two days of just sitting

and working, with the aid of a tutor on standby, away from all the distractions at home. Nursing students like the visual aids of the anatomy labs and access to A & P tutors that are much further along in their educational pursuits. One thing is for certain: students who come to the ASC often, do better.

An interesting update Downtown is that students can get tutored in the Student Life lounge while eating their lunch, four days a week. At North Campus, new workshops are popping up in the Writing Center. At Central Campus, boot camps in the math lab are helping students brush up their algebraic and statistical knowledge for a grade boost. At every campus and across every lawn, academic growth and achievement is being pursued the most by those seeking true excellence and success in their collegiate pursuits.

Sage Kelly, a tutor in the Central Campus Writing Center, said "People tend to stick to what they're good at. Some equate failure to their identity rather than something they do." She likes to encourage her students to believe that they possess the capability in which to overcome all obstacles, which is a mindset that precedes success and encourages perseverance.

She comes across all types of students. "Some will get shy or feel like their writing is bad and be embarrassed, but the answer is to just start with the full knowledge that they possess the ability to do anything they want. Anyone can train themselves to do anything. It has to do with the way you talk to yourself, actively seeking challenges. When you stick to your comfort zone, you don't know what you're missing out on. Failure for someone that has a fixed mindset might be to not achieve anything and perhaps even



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believe they would have, had they done something in which to. In actuality, the true success belongs to those who try, regardless of the outcome."

Barbara Weinstein, an EAP tutor at the Downtown lab comments, "I see a lot of high performance students who really want to go to the next level. I see a great deal of students who may be struggling with a particular lesson or point of learning, rather than the overall course content, who seek extra guidance in which to better excel. The students I see, whether through a single session or multiple visits, show a big spike in improvement. Any roadblocks they encounter in their writing are overcome and the content in which they're putting out eloquently increases in quality and content. They get inspired. They keep up, they don't get behind."

He ASC has tutors who are studying advanced encouragement based teaching pedagogies, preparing for becoming adjunct professors after graduate

school, and much more. There is such a wide array of those who students can come and seek advice and knowledge from and walk away with so much of a larger perspective towards their educational and professional pursuits. They think they're just coming in for help on math homework or a research essay; however, they often walk away with so much more than that.

For more information about the ASC, visit <https://students.broward.edu/resources/asc/>

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Career Services Open House	Tuesday	23	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Career Exploration Workshop	Tuesday	30	1-2 p.m.
Get the Edge Workshop	Tuesday	30	3-4 p.m.
SEPTEMBER			
Resume/LinkedIn Workshop	Tuesday	6	1-2 p.m.
Interviewing Strategies Workshop	Tuesday	13	1-2 p.m.
Career Fair Boot Camp	Tuesday	20	1-2 p.m.
Career Exploration Workshop	Tuesday	27	1-2 p.m.
TRIO Career Day: Resume & LinkedIn Workshop	Tuesday	27	1-2 p.m.
TRIO Career Day: Get the Edge Workshop	Tuesday	27	3-4 p.m.
Certified Leadership Program-Communication	Thursday	29	12:30-1:30 p.m.
OCTOBER			
Resume/LinkedIn Workshop	Tuesday	4	1-2 p.m.
Certified Leadership Program-Teamwork	Thursday	13	12:30-1:30 p.m.
JCPenney Suit-Up Event	Sunday	16	4-7 p.m.
North Campus Career Fair	Tuesday	18	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
A. Hugh Adams Central Campus Career Fair	Wednesday	19	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Judson A. Samuels South Campus Career Fair	Thursday	20	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Career Exploration Workshop	Tuesday	25	1-2 p.m.
Virtual Career Fair	Tuesday	25	4-6 p.m.
NOVEMBER			
Certified Leadership Program-Critical Thinking	Thursday	3	12:30-1:30 p.m.
Resume/LinkedIn Workshop	Tuesday	8	1-2 p.m.
Interviewing Strategies Workshop	Tuesday	15	1-2 p.m.
Career Exploration Workshop	Tuesday	29	1-2 p.m.
Get the Edge Workshop	Tuesday	29	3-4 p.m.

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Honors Program provides students with rigorous, rewarding educational experience

Ryan Marin

Central Bureau Chief

For students looking to improve their college experience and learn lifelong skills, look no further than Broward College's Honors College. The Honors College provides students with a rigorous but rewarding college experience. "The program teaches students critical thinking skills that will prove useful for admissions to graduate programs and/or the workforce," said Regine Darius, Honors Coordinator at South Campus.

The Honors College provides students with a multitude of opportunities, such as additional scholarships, smaller class sizes, and priority registration. One example is the IRM scholarship that covers incoming students' tuition during their two years in the Honors College and provides them with a book voucher to purchase books at BC bookstores.

One of the key benefits of the Honors College is that it provides students

with a chance to socialize with and gain knowledge from like-minded peers. "Students have opportunities to meet and present to like-minded peers in class and college, such as the Honors College Colloquium on Nov. 17, and the Florida Collegiate Honors Council," said Darius.

The Honors College also hosts multiple events for its students to benefit from, such as Mindful Wellness events where students can learn to relax and re-energize, and transfer events where students can speak to representatives from different state colleges. The College also has upcoming virtual Honors College info sessions on Oct. 21 and Nov. 18 from 12-1 p.m. where students can learn about the program.

To earn an honors certificate, students must earn a 3.5 or higher overall/honors GPA, and must complete 15 Honors credit hours. To earn these, students can take an honors course, or they can complete a supplementary

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honors-by-contract project in a non-honors class approved by their instructor and the Honors College.

To apply for the Honors College, students can fill out an application at www.Broward.edu/honors. Incoming high school students must have a 3.5 GPA and the required test scores as listed on the Bro-

ward College Honors website. Current Broward College students with at least 6 credits completed and a 3.5 GPA can also apply to become an Honors student. There is no deadline to fill out an application, as that can be done anytime.

One of the main points that Darius made is that

Broward College's Honors College is not an honors society or a club, but the official honors program. "Students in this club are considered designated honors students and are taking honors and have an honors GPA. We are here to be a resource to students. Use us."

To find out more information, reach out to the Faculty Coordinator on each campus; Valorie Ebert at North Campus (vebert@broward.edu), Dr. Nilo Marin at Central Campus (nmarin@broward.edu) and Regine Darius at South Campus (rdarius@broward.edu). Students can also visit their website at www.Broward.edu/honors or email the Honors College at honorscollege@broward.edu.

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The Student Ambassador Program helps new students

Jordan Stephenson

South Bureau Chief

The student ambassador program consists of current students assisting in the transition of new students into the Broward College family. Their main goal is to be a guide for new students, in terms of any and every question, that they might have. They also serve the Broward College community.

Student Ambassadors also serve as an integral resource for new students as well as their family. The ambassadors execute this process by mainly supporting and encouraging the new students' main goals for school and life. Their specific tasks consists of the many campus tours every semester, participating in recruitment initiatives, helping with different events as well as programs and assisting with the advising and registration process. Another important

thing that the ambassadors do are volunteer for different things on campus and in the Broward community.

"My overall experience as a student ambassador was nothing short of amazing. I've assisted many students, volunteered at numerous places, and grew as a person in the process. Additionally, the skills I've learned from my time as an ambassador continue to help me as a peer mentor and TRIO Ambassador at the University of Central Florida. I'm glad that I was able to serve for a year and a half, especially before the pandemic," said Kenny Voltaire, a former student ambassador who now attends UCF.

Student Orientation Director and Student Ambassador Advisor Dinecia Pierre-Louis has been working as a full-time staff member since January 2016, and said, "becom-



Image Courtesy of Broward College

ing a student ambassador is a great way for students to give back and serve the college."

The student ambassador program is extremely involved in community program initiatives. Before COVID 19, the North Campus student ambassadors raised money to participate in Operation Christmas Child through the organization Samaritan's Purse.

"The main purpose of this particular program was

to bless children in need around the world, by putting gifts in a shoebox," said Pierre-Louis. Most, if not all student ambassadors, have learned to serve the community and make a difference in peoples' lives.

To become a student ambassador, you have to be a current student at Broward College, have at least a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least six plus credit hours, to be completely eligible. The student ambassador

program has had a substantial impact on Pierre-Louis' life.

"I love to serve, so being able to be an advisor, to the many student ambassadors is rewarding."

Some of the benefits of becoming a student ambassador include interacting with orientation leaders consistently, earning a scholarship for their volunteering services and serving the community.

For more information about the student ambassador program, contact Pierre-Louis at dpierre1@broward.edu

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Club Rush on North Campus features returning, new clubs

Maya Mohan
North Bureau Chief

Club Rush took place on North Campus and opened up a variety of opportunities for students this Fall. The event had a great turnout with many different clubs being represented in the breezeway. Despite the heavy rain, there was plenty of entertainment, food and socialization. This semester's event was a Nacho Palooza. It was a great way to highlight Hispanic Heritage Month, making it a very welcoming experience.

This fall, many new clubs have made their debut which is exciting. These clubs include the Multicultural Dance Club and the Upcycling Club. The Upcycling Club is an organization that focuses on innovative ways to recycle and repurpose clothing in order to reduce the carbon footprint on the environment.

The club heavily prioritizes creativity, environmental awareness and craftsmanship. The Upcycling club plans on holding bi-weekly meetings on Fridays, when

the majority of Broward College students don't have class. The exact time has not been determined yet, however anyone who expresses interest in joining will be informed as soon as new information is available.

The president of the Upcycling Club, Shantaneil Francis, has many goals she wants to accomplish regarding her vision for the club.

"I want to see more people talking about upcycling and practicing it even outside of club meetings. I would like to raise awareness about the negative impact that fast fashion has on the environment. Above all, I hope to teach everyone, not just our members, that everything has a second purpose and to utilize it- not waste it."

If anyone is interested in joining, they can contact frans253@mail.broward.edu for more information.

The Multicultural Dance club is another new Broward College club on North Campus. The Multicultural Dance club is about bringing students from all different backgrounds together. It highlights and appreciates



Maya Mohan/The Observer

dances from different cultures in order to make students feel more welcomed in an inclusive environment.

The Multicultural Dance club also gives students a chance to express themselves through dance. Tasfia Howlader, the president of Multicultural Dance club, has a very unique reason in why she decided to lead the organization.

"I've been dancing since I was 4 and became fully immersed into my culture of being a Bangladeshi girl who was born in Florida. I

quickly became attached to my culture and knew that dancing was a part of me. I got the opportunity to lead the club from a former senior and knew I had to take the chance to introduce others and learn about other cultures."

The club will start meeting soon and it will most likely be on Fridays. The president of the club "hopes to achieve a friendly environment where everyone is learning new things and becoming one big family."

To learn more about the

club, email howt1@mail.broward.edu.

Some other clubs that are also active and meeting this semester include STEM Club, Psychology Club, Nursing Club, HOSA, The Music Club and Political Science Club. All of the information regarding how to join and club advisors can be found on <https://students.broward.edu/student-life/club-rosters.html>, which includes a complete list of organizations.

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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.

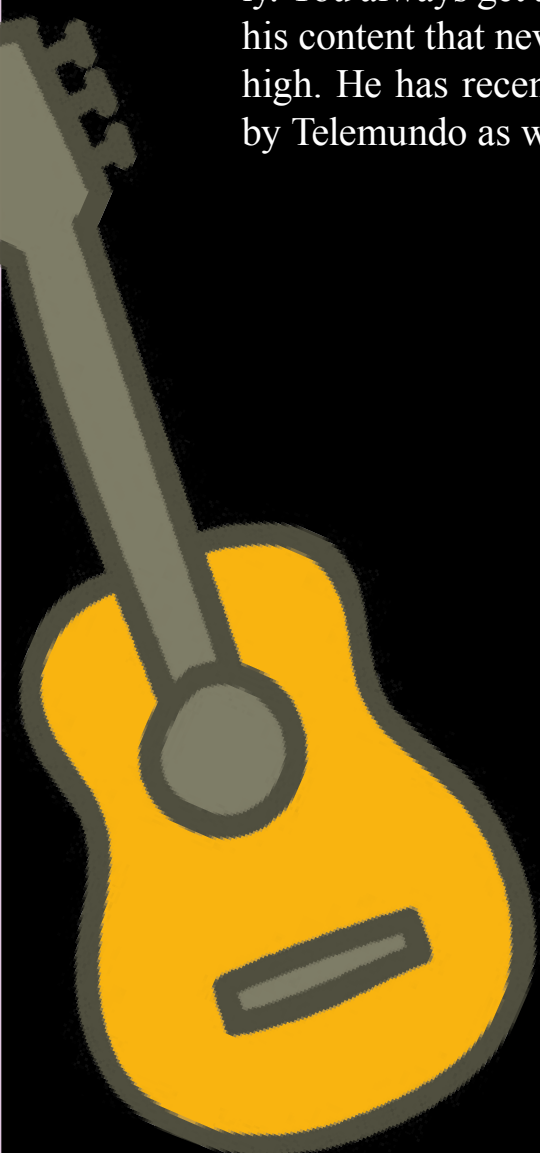


Mirta Ojito

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.



Top intriguing NFL games to start the Season

Jordan Stephenson
South Bureau Chief

The NFL season is in full throttle. So far, we ended week two with two Monday Night Football games. There have been so many intriguing games, that have taken place already. Also, there has been many surprising teams and players who have made significant impacts so far already as well as disappointing team and players.

The first game of the season, on Thursday Night Football, was the Bills vs Rams. The Bills surprisingly mauled the Super Bowl champs on their home field, for a score of 31-10. Josh Allen dissected the Rams defense by going 26/31, for 297 yards, with 3 TD's, and 2 INT's which the receivers dropped passes. Stefon Diggs routed the Rams defense, especially All-pro CB Jalen Ramsey, for eight receptions, 122 yards, and a TD. The Bills stifling defense forced Matthew Stafford into 3 INT's, even though Cooper Kupp had 13 receptions, for 128 yards, and a TD.

Another thrilling game that took place in week one was a divisional rival game, between the Steelers vs Bengals. The Steelers defeated the Bengals, in a hard-fought OT game, for



The Dolphins trio dominant and clutch comeback game against the Ravens (clutch points.com)

a score of 23-20. The stars of the game for the Steelers, who came up extremely clutch, was their vaunted defense. Two players in particular from their defense who played great was DPOY TJ Watt, who had a sack and three tackles for loss. The other was Minaj Fitzpatrick, who had a pick-six and a blocked extra point, to send the game to OT. Joe Burrow went 33/53, for 338 yards, 2 TD's, and 4 INT's. Jamar Chase had 10 receptions, for 129 yards, and a TD. The game went back and forth in OT, with both kickers missing field goals, until Chris Boswell hit a 53 yard field goal, before

time expired.

The Chargers vs Raiders divisional game was extremely star studded. The Chargers beat the Raider in a close game, for a score of 24-19. Derek Carr had an average game by going 22/37, for 295 yards, 2 TD's, and 3 INT's. In Davante Adams debut, he had 10 receptions, for 141 yards, and a TD. Justin Herbert had a good game by going 26/34, for 279 yards, and 2 TD's. The Chargers defense finally came up clutch, compared to last year. Two players in particular, who dominated defensively, were Derwin James, who made significant impact

playing different position and the newcomer Khalil Mack, had three clutch sacks in his debut.

The game of the season so far was the Dolphins vs Ravens, because it was high scoring, also it had many ups and downs. The resilient Dolphins beat the Ravens, in a clutch game, for a score of 42-38. Tua Tagovailoa had his best game of his career, which was also his career defining moment because he rallied his team down 21 points in the 4th quarter, by making extremely clutch long passes. Lamar Jackson had a great game, even though

it was overshadowed by the Dolphins clutch comeback. Jackson went 21/29, for 318 yards, 3 TD's, 119 rushing yards, and a rushing TD. Tua spoiled Lamar's great game, by going 36/50, for 469 yards, 2 INT's in the 1st half, 4 TD's in the 4th quarter, and 6 TD's for the game. Arguably the best, but definitely the fastest receiver duo, in Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle dominated and came up extremely clutch in this game. They both had 11 receptions, they both had over 150 yards, respectively 190 and 171 to be exact, and 2 TD's. This game is definitely a statement game because of Hill being traded to Miami, and why Tua will lead the Dolphins to the playoffs.

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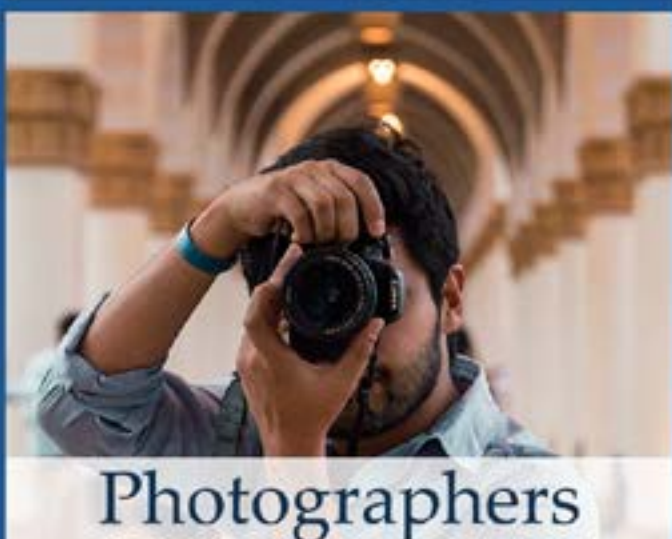
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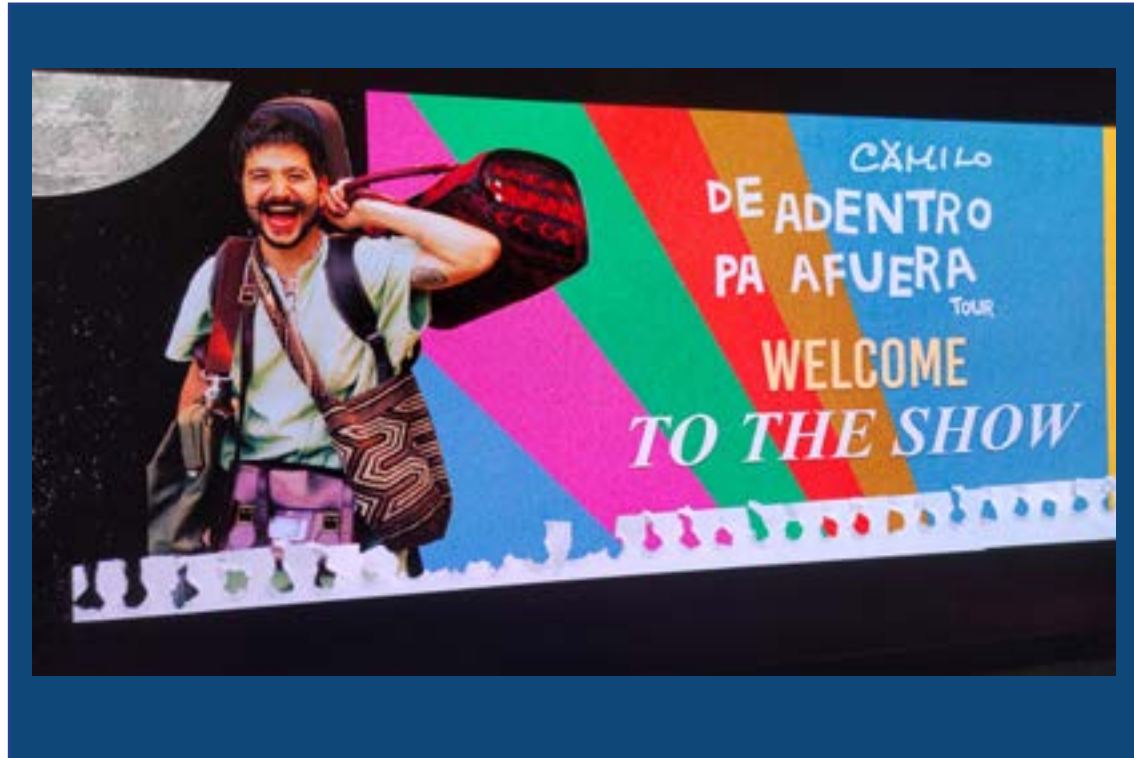
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Camilo concert wows audience in Miami

Isabella Mendez
Staff Writer

Sept. 15 until Oct. 15 is the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and kicking it off early here in Florida began in Miami where Camilo Echeverry held his concert. Mainly known as just Camilo, he is a Colombian singer, musician and songwriter who lived in Miami, Florida. He is mainly known for singing with other artists such as the song Tutu with Pedro Capo, La Boca with Mau y Ricky, and his most recent song Kesi which he did a Spanish version with Shawn Mendes.

Camilo's concert in Miami took place at the FTX Arena (where the Miami Heat plays) with the doors opening around 6:30 p.m. and able to fit up to 20,000 people for concerts. Although Miami is always packed with traffic, current construction has made it more jammed for entering before and leaving after the concert. With this fact being taken in place, as well as many people having to return to their car because of security measures not letting anything but a small handbag being taken into the arena, the concert that was set to take place at 8 p.m. was delayed a bit longer. This did leave more



time for those who wanted to go into line and buy food, drinks, and take photos of themselves and with their friends in the arena as well as the digital billboards that showed Camilo's concert name, De Adentro Pa Afuera, and the date welcoming them to the show.

As everyone was finding their seats, those with certain seats that are folded chairs and are open, received a pamphlet with a link that was promoting Camilo's new album De Adentro Pa Afuera that was released on Sept. 6, four days before the concert. By 9 p.m., an hour after the intended time, once the arena had filled up the band came out and the

lights dimmed down. The camera was showing live footage of the stage on the projector for those in higher seats to be able to see Camilo, once the music started Camilo came out making a grand entrance playing the drums along with the band and then singing the first song of the night, that being Kesi.

Throughout the night, just like many other artists, Camilo would stop singing during certain sing choruses and let the audience sing it for him making it a great experience for everyone. Camilo as well had backgrounds that would relate to his song or from his music videos in the middle screen throughout the night. He then took a small break to quickly get close to his fans, although it was to lead up to his next song, he made the effort to connect to his audience and give a small life advice.

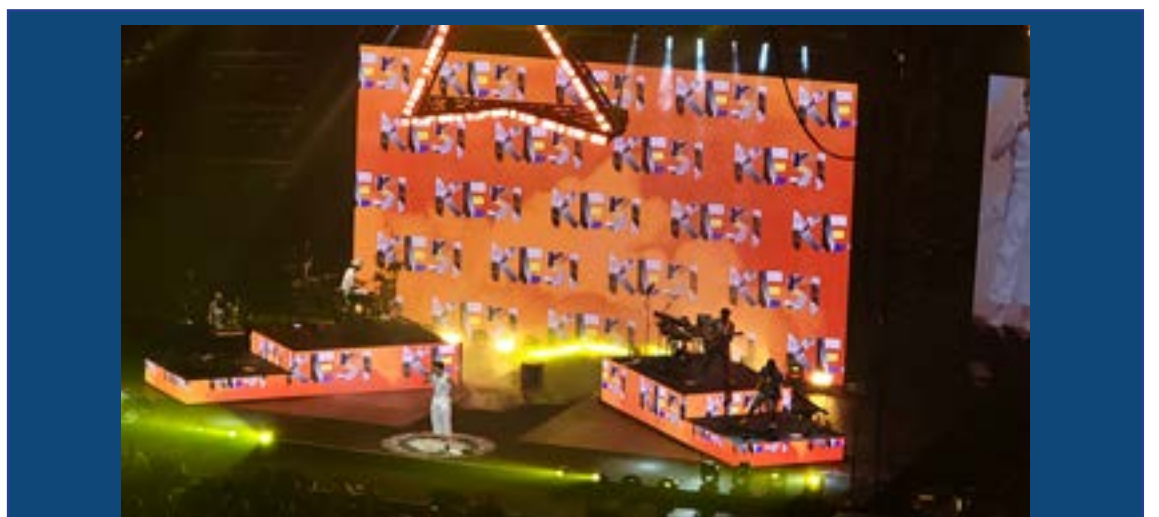
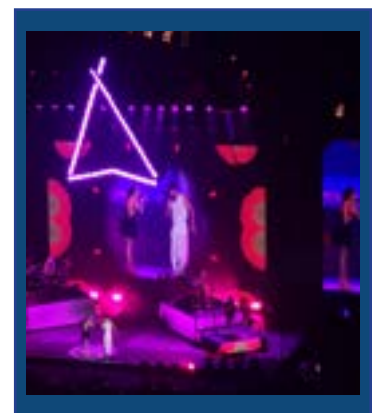
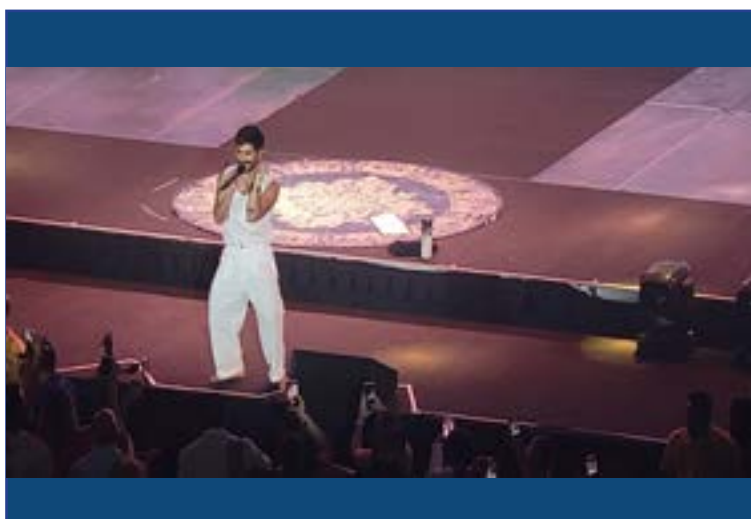
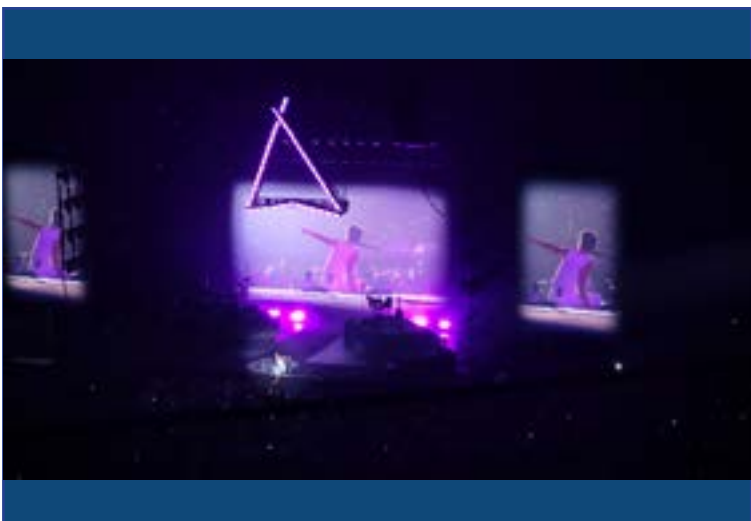
After a few songs Camilo

brought in a surprise guest, Evaluna, who is a singer as well as his wife and mother to his child. For the two songs during the middle of the concert she sang and danced with Camilo Por Primera Vez and Machu Picchu. Once they have finished singing and Evaluna had left the stage, Camilo once again took a moment to speak to his fans and even asked for everyone to put away their phones for the upcoming song. Now all this was spoken in Spanish, but he proceeded to speak on how the next and final songs will be from his new album, which the concert was named after, De Adentro Pa Afuera.

Once again, he had started to sing and introduce his new music, one of his band members even came down and sang with him in a part of a song. For the final song, Índigo, Evaluna came out once again to sing it with him since it was

a song they wrote together and released earlier this year since it was a tribute to their child and was revealing what they were naming their baby. Once the song had finished, the band soon joined Camilo and Evaluna to gather around and bow in front of the audience to say goodbye, ending the concert around the time of 10:45 p.m.

Once they left the stage, the lights slowly dimmed and everyone began to exit the stadium and go to their cars, since there was construction in Miami it did take longer than usual to leave since thousands of people were leaving at the same time.



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New Movies And Shows Worth Watching

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Throughout life, everyone, at different moments in time, has internally faced the same dark, questionable maze where two separate paths hold your line of sight, one right path and one left path. It was in this maze where I first heard the whispers of the unanswerable - a

timeless, daunting question that drives this new Netflix tale: "What if?"

'Look Both Ways', a 2022 Netflix Original, tells the story of a young UT graduate named Natalie (Lili Reinhart) whose life slams right into the center of a crossroad when she, in the

heat of the moment, sleeps with her guy best friend, Gabe (Danny Ramirez), and discovers she may be pregnant.

In the brief minutes it takes to receive the pregnancy results, Natalie envisions her life bursting into two separate parallel universes, with one universe holding the version of her that pursues her dream-life plan and the other holding the version who puts that plan on hold to raise an inadvertently conceived child. These two completely different, but probable worlds allow both audiences and Natalie to navigate the unknown paths of "what if" and experience the trials, tribulations, and joy that stem from both turns.

Now, the point of such a story is not to dissect both parallel worlds and pin one as the "correct" one, but to show us all that one "right" path simply does not exist. One can indeed go left in a maze where the exit is right and still make it out.

Which is what makes this two-in-one tale a true gem.

It makes it known that no path or choice is on the non-existent level called perfection.

Speaking of choices, coming up in November, Netflix will release season two of Young Royals. Originally in Swedish, this tv show follows Wilhelm (Wilhe) and his journey navigating royal life.

After attending a party, at which he finds himself getting in a fight, his family sends him off to boarding school; Being Prince of Sweden, he'd tarnished the family's reputation. Here, he meets Simon. Their chemistry is undeniable and they get smitten with each other.

Wilhe could afford to start a gay relationship, as long as they could keep it undercover since he was never in line to take over the crown. After unforeseen circumstances, however, things changed. The stakes of their relationship were higher. Wilhe was now in line for the throne.

After both a heart wrenching and heartwarming sea-

son, the last episode featured him having to make a difficult decision: his relationship with Simon, or the crown of Sweden. Hopefully, in November we can see Wilhe and Simon's relationship blossom even more despite being seemingly star crossed.

Until then, here is my favorite scene: After going through a rough patch, Wilhe finds himself drinking. He is on the school's football scene and decides to call Simon, "I've found it out, everything is fake... the grass on the football field isn't even grass, it's plastic!...All the people are fake, they're made of metal. But I like you. And that is not, it is not fake." Simon responds by biking from all the way home to meet Wilhe and ensure he was safe.

The two are the perfect couple and will leave you dying to watch another season each time.

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Rethinking Celebrity Influence

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In this new world of social media, the impact of celebrity culture is increasingly prevalent in our society. Celebrities have amassed a great deal of influence on the general public, and it is occasionally positive. However, how timeless will this cycle of control between these figures and their audi-

ence be?

When people who consider themselves up-to-date on social trends think of an influencer, they will most likely think of Kim Kardashian and her sisters. Since Kim's infamous leaked tape in 2007, her rise to stardom in the American media has been almost

unbelievable. She and her family have made a name for themselves, relying on the human instinct to share.

By making choices that shock and sometimes anger their audience, the Kardashian-Jenner name has become almost synonymous with the word scandalous. The family is often the target of criticism for their fashion choices, their lifestyles, and their looks. Despite this, their social followings, platforms, and opportunities increase. In a world where "cancel culture" exists to shut down an individual's platform and silence them, the phenomenon has had the opposite effect on the Kardashian-Jenner family. Their fame comes from their outrageous statements and efforts, and though they receive criticism, they continue. Through their purposeful insensitivity towards their actions, even their audience starts to forget. Though many find the family disgraceful, there's no denying their influence and stamina to stay in such a fast-moving industry.

In the early 2010s, Kim

Kardashian faced allegations of seeking a Brazilian Butt Lift (BBL). Though she denied the claims, her new figure sparked a revolution among women to embrace their curves and accentuate them. Though this movement seems optimistic, many people expressed their outrage over the fact that this new wave of appreciation for curvy bodies came after a white woman promoted them and not after the generations of black women were made to feel less attractive because of their natural shapes. Criticism for Kardashian grew as she continued to deny the accusations, with people claiming that she was setting unrealistic beauty standards for a new generation of women.

Kim's look has been almost unanimously determined to be the product of several cosmetic procedures. It certainly has created a shift in American beauty standards, with people moving more toward a "racially-ambiguous" look, which is different than previous ideals. How-

ever, it brings to question how much influence society gives individuals with large outlets. Though Kim's choices to alter her body are her own, why do they affect such a large-scale public? Though the popularity of her curves has positively impacted those who naturally have those body types, it has had a contrasting effect on those who don't, who now feel pressured to seek procedures that should be a decision based on personal desires rather than induced by comparison.

Celebrity culture, as we know it, isn't going anywhere for the time being. With platforms such as Tik Tok and Instagram, trends and people constantly influence the public. But as the audience, it's time to differentiate between genuine positivity and a business pursuit.

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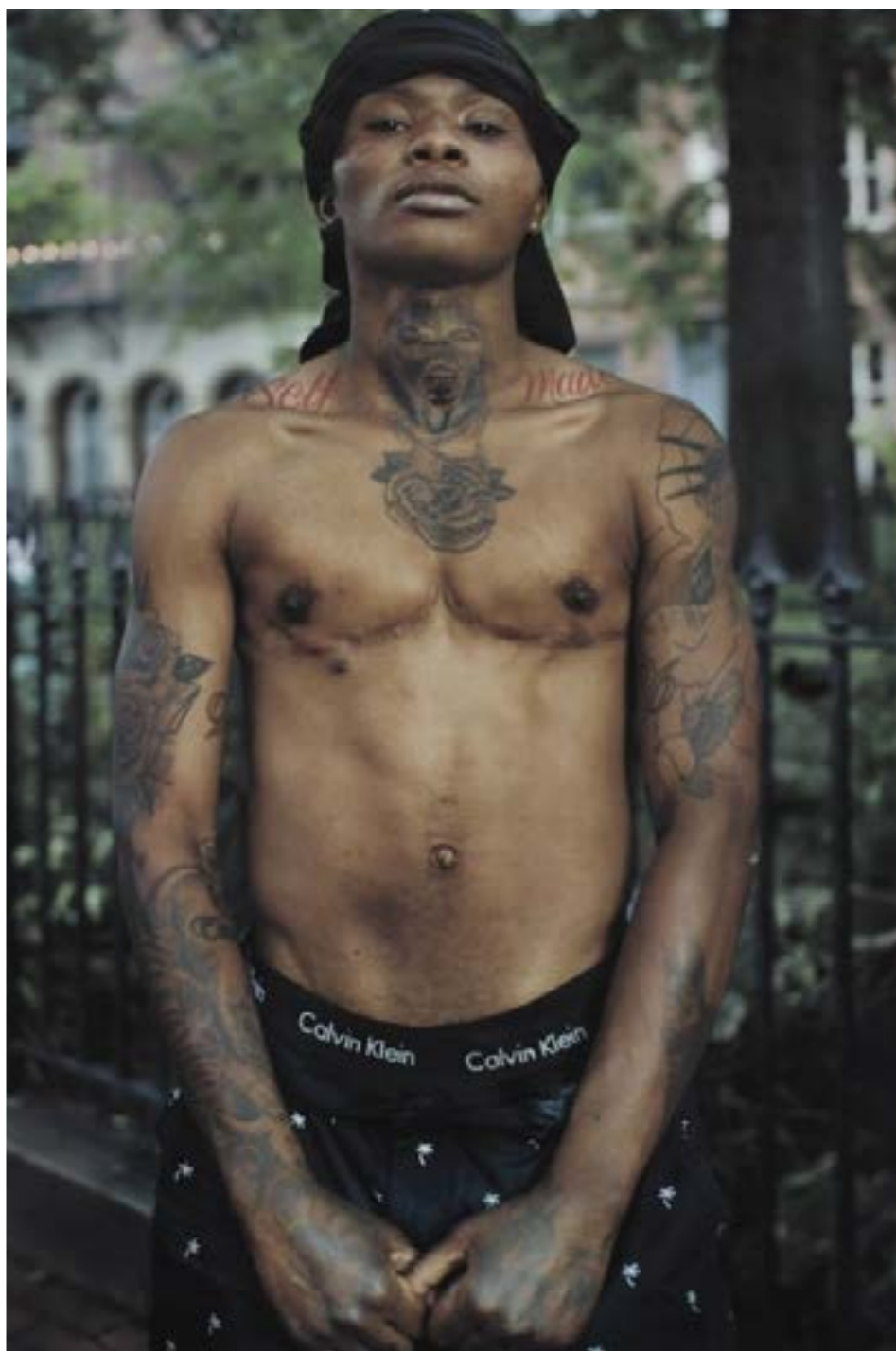
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FLOWERS | AN EXHIBITION

BY STAS GINZBURG



The pictures are from the exhibit called Flowers at the South Gallery on South Campus. Russian born photographer Stas Ginzburg has created a tapestry of images focused on the struggle for civil rights for all. In his words, ‘...the resurgence of street activism from Black Lives Matter to Stop Asian Hate and advocacy for trans, immigrant and sex workers rights has filled the streets of New York City. Queer and trans voices of color have come to the forefront of this fight for freedom with a potent message that their liberation will usher liberation for all.’



The exhibition runs through Nov. 10. Contact gallery director Kohl King at kking2@broward.edu for tours or more information on this exciting exhibition.