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AUDREY AUSILI {CREATIVE DIRECTOR}

I've been on staff for 3 years. After school I plan to continue my journey in ministry with my church here in St. Augustine. My favorite part of school has been the friendships I've made and the skills I've acquired such as ASL and ceramics. Outside of school, I work as a daycare teacher and I spend most of my time at the beach or hanging with my friends and family. Being on staff has taught me that things work so much better when you have a great team beside you.



JADEN CONROY {LAYOUT EDITOR}

I have been on staff for 2 years. After school I am going to go to community college. I enjoy my time at Nease mostly by hanging out with friends and meeting new people. After school I hang out with friends, go fishing, or play games. Being on staff has helped me learn how asking for help or talking to others can help solve problems.



MACKENZIE DALY {CO-PUBLISHER}

I've been on staff for 3 years now and I'm excited to say I'm attending FAU as an elementary education major! I've loved all the friendships I got to create on staff and the memories I got to make. I'm also involved in our ASL honor society as vice president and choir as co-publicist. I've learned so much about time management and the importance of preplanning. Thank you journalism for being a part of me for the past 4 years!



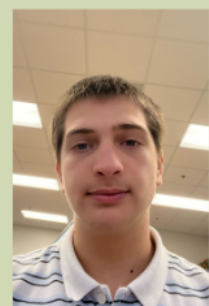
CAITLYN GILLETTE {BUSINESS DIRECTOR}

I've been on staff for 3 years. After I graduate I am going to UNF to major in sociology. I like that school gives me the opportunity to see my friends. When I'm not at school I work at Cold Stone, spend time coaching and reffing soccer for kids, and I like to go out with my friends. Being on staff has taught me how important it is to work together as a team.



AVA HOMER {ADVERTISING MANAGER}

I've been on staff for two years. Once I graduate, I plan to attend Southeastern University and study Nursing. During my time at Nease, I enjoyed cheering at football games and my biology classes. Outside of school, I'm a varsity cheerleader, a member of National Honor Society and a member of Quill and Scroll Honor Society. My favorite part of being on staff was organizing fundraisers and designing graphics.



ARDA CAN UTKAN {CO-WEB EDITOR IN CHIEF}

I have been on staff for 2 years. Once I graduate I plan to attend UF. During my time at Nease I most enjoyed my elective classes like Journalism or Band. I am a current member of the Nease History Honors Society, member of NHS, and president of Model United Nations. Being on staff has taught me important lessons in writing; far more critically, I advanced my ability to plan my work on my own without direct supervision.

Perception vs. Reality: What Is College Really Like?

Caroline Triplett
Feature

Remember your first day of freshman year? Did it live up to your expectations? Has high school been everything you thought it would be? It's safe to guess our transition to college will be similar. We reached out to 2021 graduates to check in and see how their first year of college matched their expectations.



Jonathan Kim, a freshman at WashU:

When asked: "I think that before going to college I romanticized the experience a bit whether that was because I watched so many YouTube/TikTok videos or hearing from family friends." Jonathan wants to say, "I wouldn't say my expectations were either let down or exceeded because in a way I feel both ways. Social media puts out an exaggerated narrative that college and college life is all sunshine and butterflies which caused my expectations to be fairly high. College is not as glorified as shown on social media and there are a lot of lows that aren't shown in the videos you see online." Even when you have these huge expectations for college and it is not exactly how you pictured it, does not mean you won't have a good time. Jonathan's experience was, "I will say that attending a year at WashU has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my entire life. I have gotten the opportunity to meet such gifted and smart people to surround myself with. I

have regained my love of learning because of the academic freedom that is granted to you in university."



Celina Moen, a college freshman at University of South Florida (USF):

Celina stated that she expected college to be about: "...freedom and becoming independent." She also emphasized, "Me being naturally independent I enjoyed this freedom and the will to making my own decisions." College is a new experience for freshmen and it comes with a ton of new independence. After attending a year at USF, Celina says, "My expectations were most definitely exceeded! ...I have enjoyed everything about it. However, I do have to keep telling myself to stay on top of my classes. Many will notice college is much about teaching yourself and putting in your own time, because in the end it's all for yourself." The reality for Celina of college was very enjoyable and her advice for upcoming college freshmen is, "College is different experiences for everyone, being that everyone is on a different path, however; you will all find an amazing version of yourselves and will grow like you have never known". Graduating high school and becoming an adult is challenging, but from what Celina tells us, it is so rewarding.



Shivam Shah, a college freshman at UPenn:

Shivam talks about his experiences in college and how we expected it to be and how college really turned out to be. "Honestly I thought that college was going to be way different than it actually was. I thought it was going to be like Nease High School, small environment, tight knit nature with teachers that are available outside of hours to help you, but honestly it's so different. At this point you're not doing clubs just to get into college or just cause you're passionate about it. You know you put a lot of work into these clubs and maybe you're doing 3-4 clubs and the classes are huge."

The biggest challenge right now for Shivam in college is, "For me it's... committing to things that I really want to do because there is so many things. Imagine the amount of clubs that you have at Nease, its more than like 3 or 4 times that with all the organizations coming in, different companies coming in to speak, different speakers. Going to things you actually want and not overcommitting and if you do overcommit like in my case, narrowing it down to what you actually want to do is the biggest thing." Shivam elaborates on his expe-

riences in college as, "This is one of the best years of my life. It's a little challenging, you know, adapting at first, because you're used to living with your family, them doing everything for you, now you got to do everything for yourself... But it's great... I've joined several organizations I've found several communities... in the social sphere I've joined Model UN club." As for the social aspect of college and the difference between high school, "College socially is great, in high school you have your groups you, eat lunch with them, college you can sit with any person you like in dining halls." Academic wise in college, "They [professors] want to give you a lense of the world, they want to give you different classes to take that are not really related to your major. College is a constant source of friendship and comfort" Overall, Shivam explained to me that, "Nease really prepared you well with all the...variety of projects, group activities, homeworks, and tests that they give you because it really teaches you to think critically because that's all you do here [college]."



Class of 2022: Then and Now



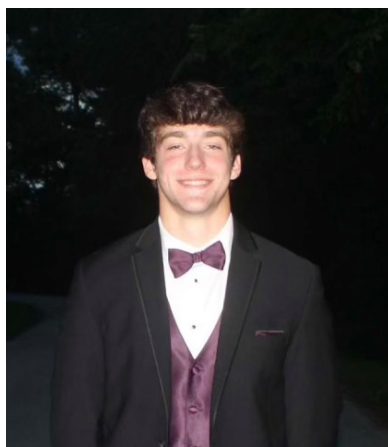
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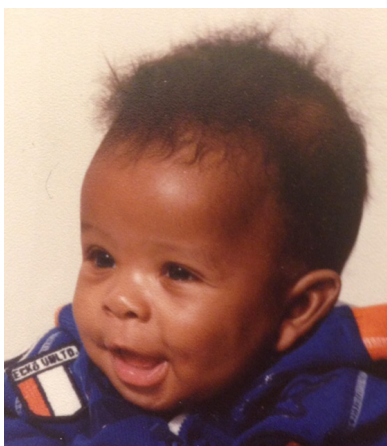
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Gabriel Bonilla



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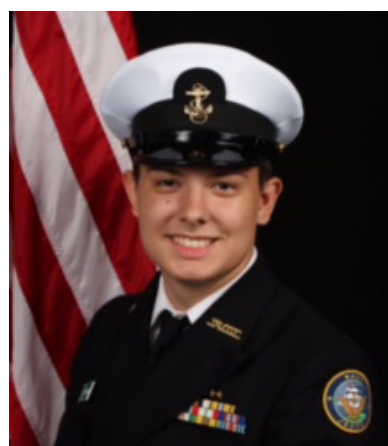
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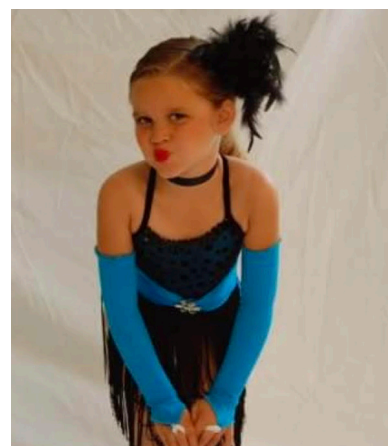
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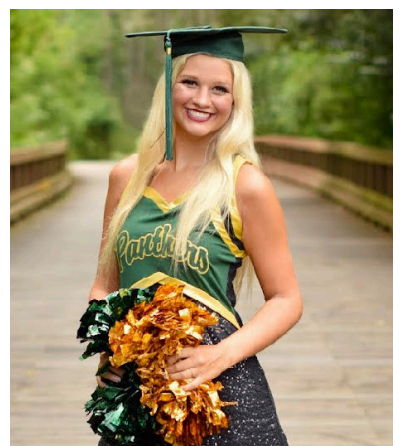
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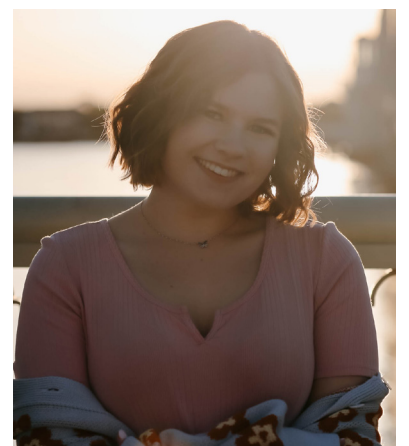
E. Blythe Gouker



Aaron Jost



Abby Hamby



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Savannah Hamel



Zach Harmon



Ava Harris



Cameron Helt



Braden Holmes



Conner Holmes



Canaan Kimball



Christopher A. Lopez

Throughout your High School years: 2018-2022

A Timeline of Events

The class of 2022's first day of high school

Aug 12, 2018

Hurricane Michael hits Florida

Oct 10, 2018

Stephen Hillenburg the creator of SpongeBob Squarepants passes away

Nov 26, 2018

Marvel movie, "*Endgame*" released

April 26, 2019

All women spacewalk is the first to be conducted entirely by women

Oct 17, 2019

Harry Styles' releases "*Fine Line*"

Dec 13, 2019

The first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the U.S.

Jan 21, 2020

Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna, and 7 others passes away in a helicopter crash

Jan 26, 2020

Chadwick Boseman, the star of "*Black Panther*" passes away

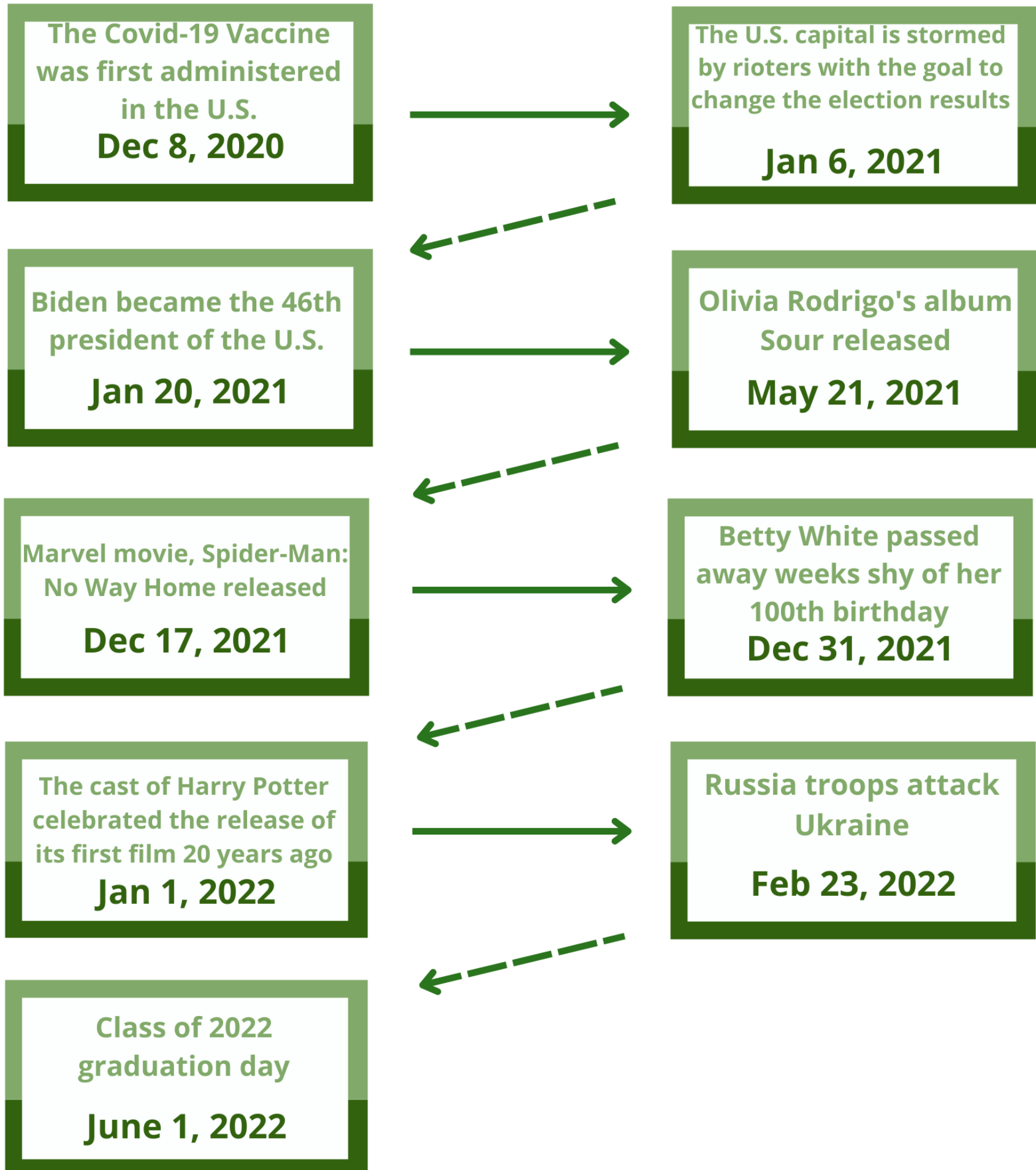
Aug 28, 2020

Ruth Bader Ginsburg passes away

Sept 18, 2020

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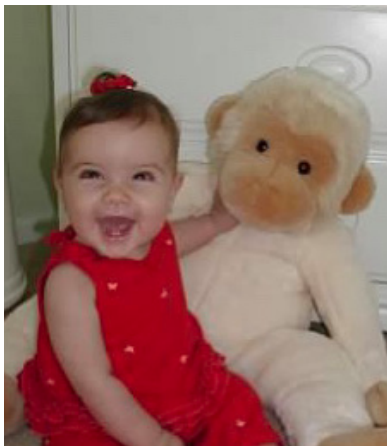
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Julian Lowery



Jaclyn Madson



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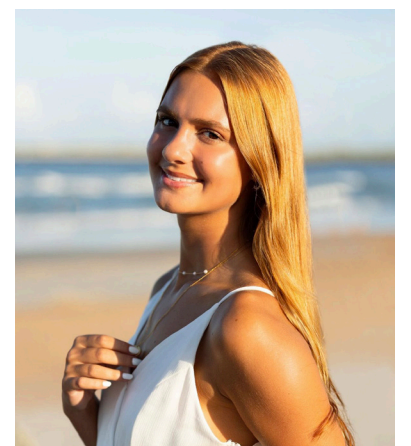
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Logan McCarthy



Leila McNeill



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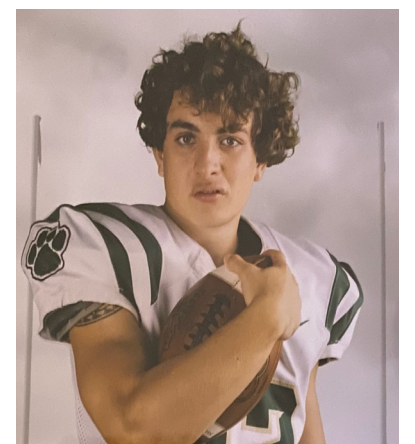
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Tyler Moltisanti



Liam Monroe



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Jaidin O'Donnell



Meagan Pan



Sophia Peppe



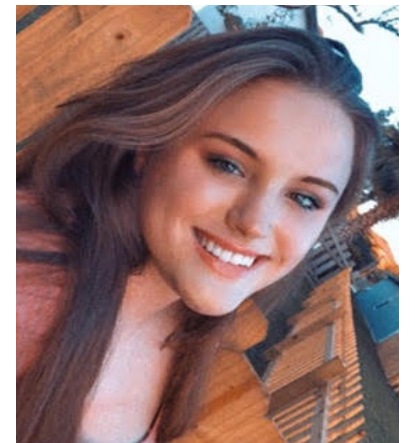
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Keira Runyan



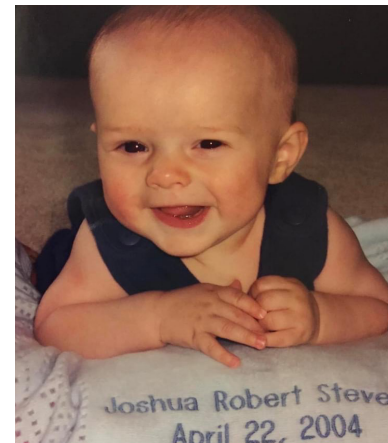
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Bhavya Saxena



Brady Schaffstein



Josh Stevens



James Thompson



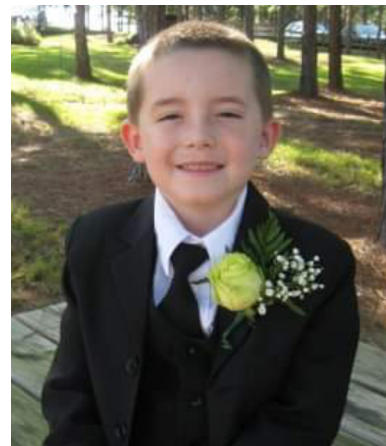
Cameron De La Torre



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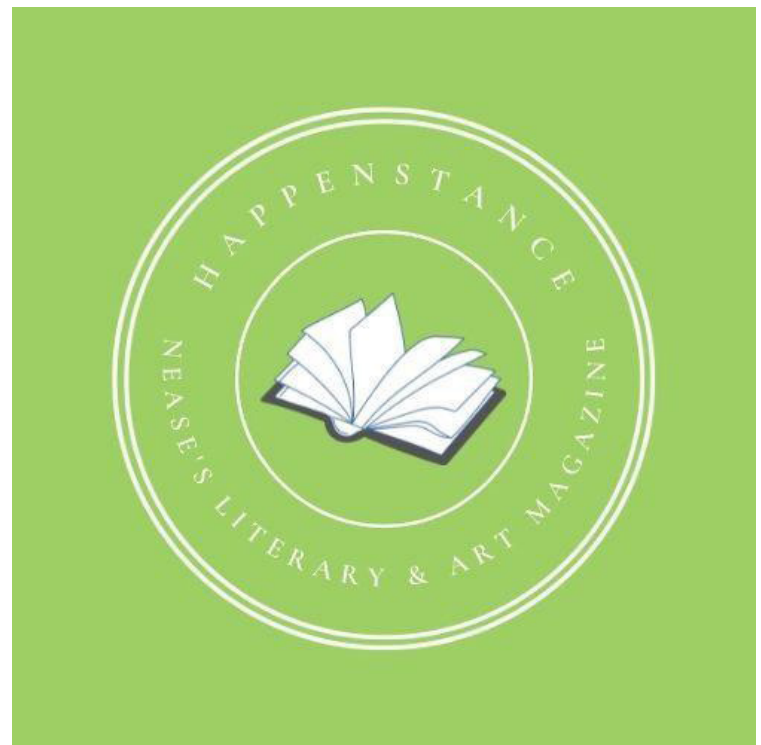
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How Has COVID-19 Impacted College

Jaden Conroy

Feature

With COVID-19 regulations relaxing in terms of gatherings and interactions, more students are returning to face-to-face learning instead of online classes. Recent polls, conducted by Third Way and New America High Ed took a look at how college students navigated their education during the pandemic. With a high percentage of students doing online classes, COVID-19 impacted the teaching and learning process for higher education around the world.

Three national polls surveyed more than 1,000 college students on the different ways COVID-19 impacted their experiences with and feelings about higher education. The surveys delved into how high education navigated the pandemic crisis, if higher education was still worth the cost when online learning was the primary delivery of instruc-

tion, challenges for learning, and concerns about future employment prospects.

One of the most alarming findings, was that more than half of the students polled did not believe higher education was still worth the cost. The study also found that incoming students were making different decisions about when and where they would attend college. For example, more students are now opting to stay closer to home.

The figure to the right takes an indepth look at how students ranked the challenges of online or hybrid learning during the pandemic. For access to the full study, visit:

<https://www.thirdway.org/memo/one-year-later-covid-19s-impact-on-current-and-future-college-students>

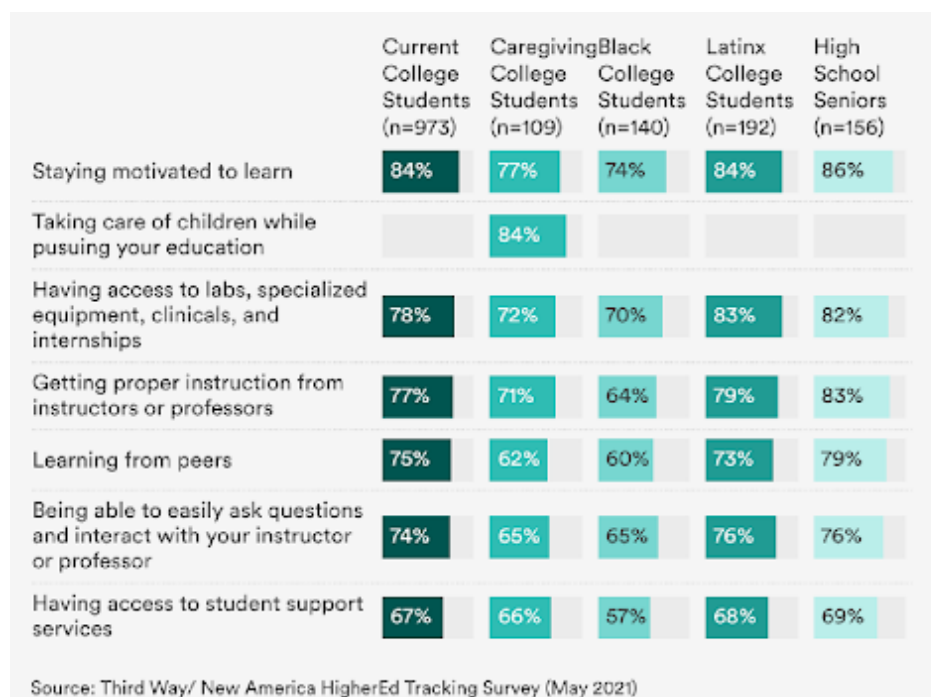


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This figure shows specific challenges faced by college students during the pandemic.



A Look at Incoming Freshman at Florida Universities

Caitlyn Gillette & Audrey Ausili
Feature

For the last two application cycles, universities received an overwhelming amount of applicants. Due to students, from the classes of 2020 and 2021, choosing to wait out the pandemic. Due to the limited space in colleges and overwhelming applications even those who apply and meet the minimum requirements have a lower chance of being admitted. Here's a look at released statistics from Florida universities about applications from the 2021-2022 school year and/or the 2022-2023 school year.

University	SAT	ACT	GPA	# of Applicants	Accepted Students
Florida Atlantic University	1100-1270	23-29	3.73-4.33	32,000 (2021)	18,715
Florida Gulf Coast University	1090-1230	22-27	3.56-4.33	15,430 (2021)	11,956
Florida Polytechnic University	1250-1400	27-31	4.10-4.60	2,000+ (2021)	1,600
Florida State University	1250-1400	28-32	4.20-4.60	74,000+	17,000
University of Central Florida	1250-1370	26-30	3.96-4.49	40,417 (2021)	13,873
University of Florida	1350-1480	30-34	4.40-4.70	14,294	6,719
University of North Florida	1100-1260	22-28	4.00-4.50	16,004 (2021)	12,401
University of South Florida	1230-1370	26-31	3.97-4.48	36,986	17,753
University of West Florida	1060-1240	21-27	3.61-4.20	7,232 (2021)	4,163

Roads for Seniors

Arda Can Utkan
Feature

The modern American school system tends to pressure students towards the path of college, but that is not the only way forward for students. Students can take a gap year, join the work force, enlist, or attend college. College itself offers multiple options as well, such as: in-state, local, and abroad.

Taking a gap year gives students time to make considerations, but the primary concern in taking a gap year would be to make money through temporary employment. This wealth would grant students an opportunity to go to college with less financial issue.

Students, might find joining the US military to be more advantageous. Students may feel a calling to this service, joining the military can also help pay for college be-

cause the tuition is waived and in some cases you may be able to be paid to learn.

Going to college is a very complex choice as well: students can go to a state college, trade school, or study abroad. State college is usually the cheapest option, and Florida offers a variety of strong colleges for prospective students across the state. Trade schools are most helpful to those looking for specific work and gives a shorter and cheaper path. College abroad will usually cause the greatest financial strain but may offer superior programs for whatever major a student desires.

For more detail, I talked to some of our counselors at Nease. "It really depends on what career you're looking for," says Ms. Kuhel, who brought up the First Coast Tech-

nical College as a good choice for students looking for a trade school. She also emphasized the speed at which students can obtain certification, "In 6 to 18 months they can get a certificate." Other counselors such as Ms. Strickling and Ms. Jordan pointed out that military service can significantly reduce the costs of schooling; they also added that certificates, typically gotten from trade schools, can be obtained at regular colleges as well. Above all, the counselors recommended students to talk to them about

how they should move forward, even if they haven't thought about taking any of their options yet.



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- Toilet paper
- Razor
- Shaving cream
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Sunscreen
- Makeup
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush
- Skin care items
- Lotion
- Shower shoes
- Cotton swabs
- Dry shampoo
- Shower Caddy
- Toothbrush

BEDDING

- Comforter
- Pillows
- Throw Blanket
- Bedshelf
- Mattress cover/pad
- Sheets

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- Microwave
- Minifridge
- Food containers
- Reusable water bottle
- Dish Detergent
- Trash bags
- Trash can
- Water filter
- Air fryer
- Paper towels

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Paper
- Desk lamp
- Extension cord
- Bulletin board
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Notebooks
- Calendar
- Planner

STORAGE

- Hangers
- Mirror
- Trash/Recycle cans
- Storage bins
- Makeup organizer

LAUNDRY SUPPLIES

- Detergent
- Lint roller
- Stain remover
- Laundry bag
- Tide pen
- Dryer sheets

HOME GOODS

- Iron
- Ironing board
- Small vacuum
- Wash cloths
- Plates
- Fan
- Napkins
- Silver wear