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New design for Broward College's website

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Say "Hello!" to Broward College's website's new look. Towards the end of last semester, many BC students began noticing a new design on the site. This new update brings a fresh appearance and new aspects worth checking out.

When you enter for the first time, you will see a pop-up that welcomes you to the "new" site, giving you a preview of what's new.

Broward.edu went through a complete makeover in May 2020. Since then, they have implemented a continuous improvement model which consists of analyzing the website's data to see how it is used, and its areas that can be improved or need fixes in order to act accordingly.

The project received incredible feedback from students, who, before release, described it as sleek, modern, and easier to navigate than before.

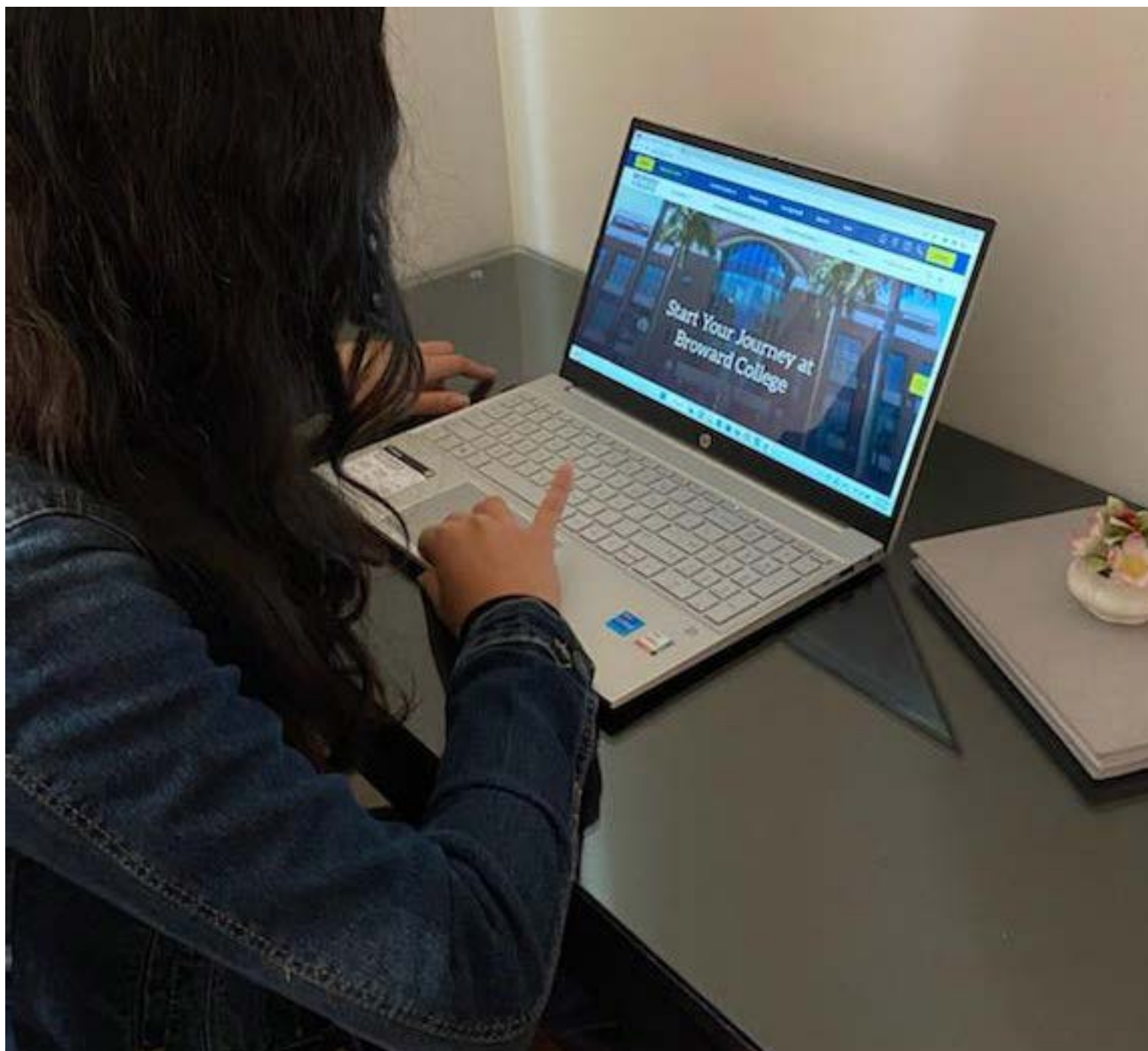
Some of the new features include a Notification Center, represented by a bell icon, that displays pertinent information for students. Some messages found here may regard FAFSA form availability, scholarships, and registration deadlines.

The re-design as well as the continuous updates are made by a joint effort between BC's Creative Director, Jennifer Silverio, and IT's Web Support Services department, overseen by Maria Perez-Del Valle. Daniela Circonciso, AVP of Marketing, and Bryan Anderson, AVP of Enrollment Management also collaborated on the newest redesign.

Improving the prospective student user flows as well as the user interface (UI) and expanding the design system were the main goals during the development of this project.

"Over the past two years, we found some areas of the site were not performing the way they should and knew we would need to streamline the home page to make sure the site goals were being met," mentioned Silverio.

When you enter any web-



A BC student looks at Broward College's new website.

Scarlett Valencia Pulido/The Observer

site for the first time you want to be able to look through the homepage and easily navigate to a specific area you want to go to. The new design enhances the user's experience and guides them to what they are looking for. With the previous interface, it would take a while to find valuable information and the search bar was the go-to for many students.

Rose D. Julien, a Pre-Pharmacy student, shares that the website is more approachable now. "It's easier to navigate because it is clear and highlights essential sections."

The updated drop-down menus were expanded to give users one-click access to areas frequently visited like Student Resources, Financial Aid, and Registration.

Silverio points out that content presented in the previ-

ous version of the website directed visitors to many things simultaneously, making the site look and feel overwhelming and confusing to users.

Now we see a bold and welcoming home page showcasing BC's diverse community, culture, and opportunities.

This page also does a great job presenting the academic degrees offered and what they entail. If you click on one of them, you reach a detailed description about them and slide down to reach a list of the specific programs available.

"The new home page has a very clear flow down the page, with points along the way which allows for users who are prepared to take action or for those who are still in an exploratory mindset to keep going," Silverio com-

mented.

There were also improvements made to the career outlook thanks to the integration of Career Coach. Here you can find out about jobs, learn about a career's prospects, or even take a quiz to see which career path is meant for you depending on your educational goals.

Among the newest features aimed at prospective students is the "See Yourself Here" section, located near the bottom of the home page. Where you can check out BC's social media accounts, hover over images to learn more about the college, and envision your journey at Broward College.

The backend of the website went through some modifications as well for the customizable left-hand navi-

gation support, the expansion of the icons library, and the integrations of new views for the card grids, which Silverio explains to be the "building blocks" making up the website.

But Silverio explains that a website project never truly reaches a completion state. "It's important to keep in mind that a design system is never really 'done'; it will grow and evolve just like any other product," she said.

We can surely expect new improvements that continue to put users first in the future. But for now, explore the new site and discover the ways in which you can utilize it to enhance your experience at Broward College.

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What's happening around campus







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Nya Hitchman's acceptance to Barnard College and how she navigated her way through the process

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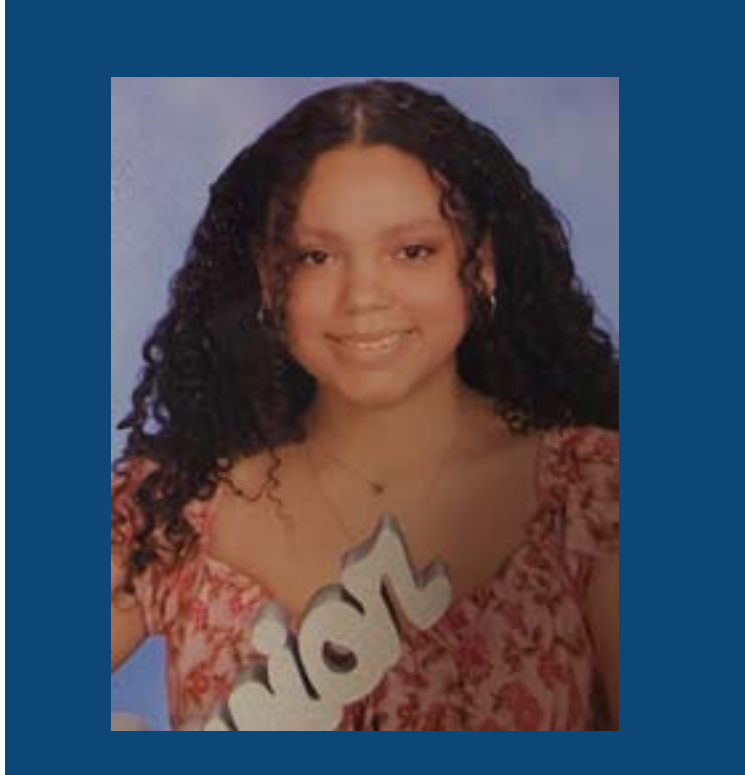
North Bureau Chief

Nya Hitchman, a senior with the College Academy at Broward College, has achieved so much during her short time with Broward College, with her acceptance to Barnard College being monumental. Barnard College is a private women's liberal arts college located in Manhattan, New York City. They offer small class sizes, world-class educational facilities, and a supportive community to uplift their students and encourage them to pursue their educational and personal goals.

Barnard College is special because of their unique partnership with Columbia University.

All classes at Columbia University are open to all Barnard Students and vice versa, allowing for a unique blend of opportunities for students at both Barnard and Columbia University.

With an acceptance rate of only 11 percent, Barnard College is extremely selective, which further shows that Hitchman's acceptance was well earned through her



Nya Hitchman

Photo courtesy of Nya Hitchman

extraordinary accomplishments and positive mindset.

"Throughout school I kept a good balance...however, if I had to choose, I would say that my extracurriculars are where I showed most of my personality."

Extracurriculars and essays are tools that colleges use to demonstrate an applicant's personality. It is important to participate in activities that

show passion, commitment, and character in order to craft a competitive application.

Hitchman was interested in Barnard College for a number of reasons, the most important being that "Barnard offered me, much like College Academy, the small school with plenty of resources. It's a liberal arts college within the bigger university of Columbia. The

fact that it was a historically women's college was also important to me because I hope to specialize in women's health. Within my education I don't want to feel confined, and Barnard offers me that opportunity to study things outside a strict binary."

Barnard has a specialized mission to make sure that all students have a diverse education. They do this through their "foundations curriculum," which ensures that students are exposed to a wide array of disciplines which is perfect for Hitchman's goals of going to medical school.

"It's been a dream of mine to work in medicine since a really young age, and I hope to specialize specifically in pediatrics or gynecology."

Balancing the challenging classes at Broward College and college applications can be tough, especially while trying to enjoy senior year. Time management is crucial during this entire process to make sure that applications and classwork are submitted on time.

Time management is also key to avoiding stress and the overwhelming feeling that the college application

process can bring along.

Hitchman had to balance her academics and extracurriculars all while trying to write personal statements and supplemental essays for Barnard College.

"The fall semester of my senior year has been the hardest yet, but it has also been the most rewarding. I tried to find time where I wasn't only focused on applications and went out with friends, even if it was just a trip to Dunkin' Donuts. I would tell anyone that this time is just something that you have to get through unfortunately. When you take your last final of the semester alongside submitting your last application, it is going to be the most euphoric feeling."

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P'anku Fall 2022 literay & arts magazine winter release

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P'anku Literary & Arts Magazine released its Fall 2022 issue on Dec. 9 on the 12th floor of the Broward College Downtown building on Las Olas. As you walked in, Mia Orris and Cherokee Trimble greeted you and made sure you had a copy of the newly issued magazine. Poets, artists and authors from all over the college gathered to celebrate the publication. Installments and sculptures lined the windows emanating the Downtown skyline as patrons took their seats.

One by one, speeches and commemorations took place to honor and celebrate each page and feature, bringing light to the showcased triumphs of the literary magazine's latest issue. Each student participant had something unique and vibrant to offer, not only to the publication but the audience present as well. Each voice reflected an individual tone to their piece that allowed the student personalities to leap off the page and enter the hearts and minds of those present with the eloquence of their artistry and the individual flavor of their very own presence.

With each voice, a new understanding of the artistry present in the student body at Broward College captivated each person that was present. A new facet of the depth and bravery behind each stanza and painted image allowed the audience the opportunity to be translated from the merely visual to the kinesthetic.

P'anku Magazine has been with Broward College since 1966 as an art and literature magazine. Ana Sofia, Associate Editor, also sees it as an expression magazine, loaded with an array of mixed-media pieces including video clips, music, photography, poetry, sculpture and much more.

"As a community of creatives and scholars working together, we possess the capacity to help empower our students. It's an achievement to have your work published. You say, "This is my expression, my passion and I get to share it." It's a chance for students to connect through their favorite mediums and even receive opportunities past graduation. We highly recommend students to begin building their resumes and portfolios now in pursuit of art related jobs in the future. The encouragement our students receive really helps breathe life into their artistic

pursuits, giving them the positive support that helps them thrive at a time where everything is foundational."

Sofia encourages students to submit the work that matters to them, regardless of how they perceive it's worth from the eyes of others, or even themselves. "We are often our own worst critics. I have found, personally, that most students are so shy about their art. The only prerequisite to submit your work is that you are a Broward College student. You don't have to be an art major. We're just looking for your inner voice and creativity to shine. You might not think your work is worth anything, but we might want to publish it and thus encourage you and your talents. Try submitting it, even if what you have is untraditional or even a collection of pieces."

Sofia was told at a young age that she would starve in response to sharing her dream of pursuing a career in the arts; however, she simply saw no other way to live. She claims that she cannot deny the passion that has been in her since she was two years old. Her favorite medium is painting and she's currently studying to become an Art Director. "As an artist, it can be hard to find the right path-



way. You can be a gallery artist, a curator, an art professor. There are many options." She believes in community and support to help encourage each other in the pursuit of one's passions.

"I want my fellow artists to be encouraged. I love it. I

love tearing down the wall of adversity and watching our whole community growing and developing together."

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Student Life has three goals for Spring 2023 semester

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Broward College is back for the spring semester, and that means a new semester of events and activities held by Student Life. Student Life is focused on holistic development, which means they look at all aspects of the wellbeing of students when planning their events. Their events and programs cover 6 main learning themes: leadership, inclusion, service, wellness, explore, and engagement. Using this as a background, Student Life set their goals for the semester. The club has set 3 key goals for the semester.

Student Life's first goal this semester is to increase cultural awareness through Heritage Month offerings. "We will host a variety of in person and virtual events in collaboration with faculty and staff from across the college to celebrate Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March," Lauren

Adamo, Director of Student Life at Central Campus said. Some upcoming events in February include an African Dancers event and a Black History Month movie on Central Campus. There will be events held on all campuses celebrating Heritage Months through various events and programs.

Another goal for Student Life this semester is to help students feel welcome and engage students on campus. "We want to increase student's 'sense of belonging' through engaging events and activities this semester," Adamo said. The organization is holding welcome weeks on North, South, and Central campus with events such as Club Rush, where students can discover clubs on campus, and the Resource Fair, where students can connect with college resources and services. Student Life is hosting events and activities throughout the semester, so make sure to check their calendar all semester long to find events that might pique your inter-



Student Life leaders.

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est.

Student Life's last goal for the semester is to increase student leadership skills through their Certified Leader program. "We're really excited to see how many students take advantage of the Certified Leader program. Students will learn soft skills that are not being taught in the classroom and are highly desired by employees," Adamo said.

The program provides key opportunities for students to learn key leadership skills and prepare for future opportunities. Some of the benefits include students building and enhancing their resumes, attending professional development workshops and conferences, and students building and expanding their professional network. The program is available on all campuses,

and if you want information email studentlife@broward.edu.

For more information, you can visit <https://students.broward.edu/student-life/contact-us.html>. Here, you can find out how you can contact your campus' Student Life department.

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Making New Years Resolutions

1 Setting Attainable Goals

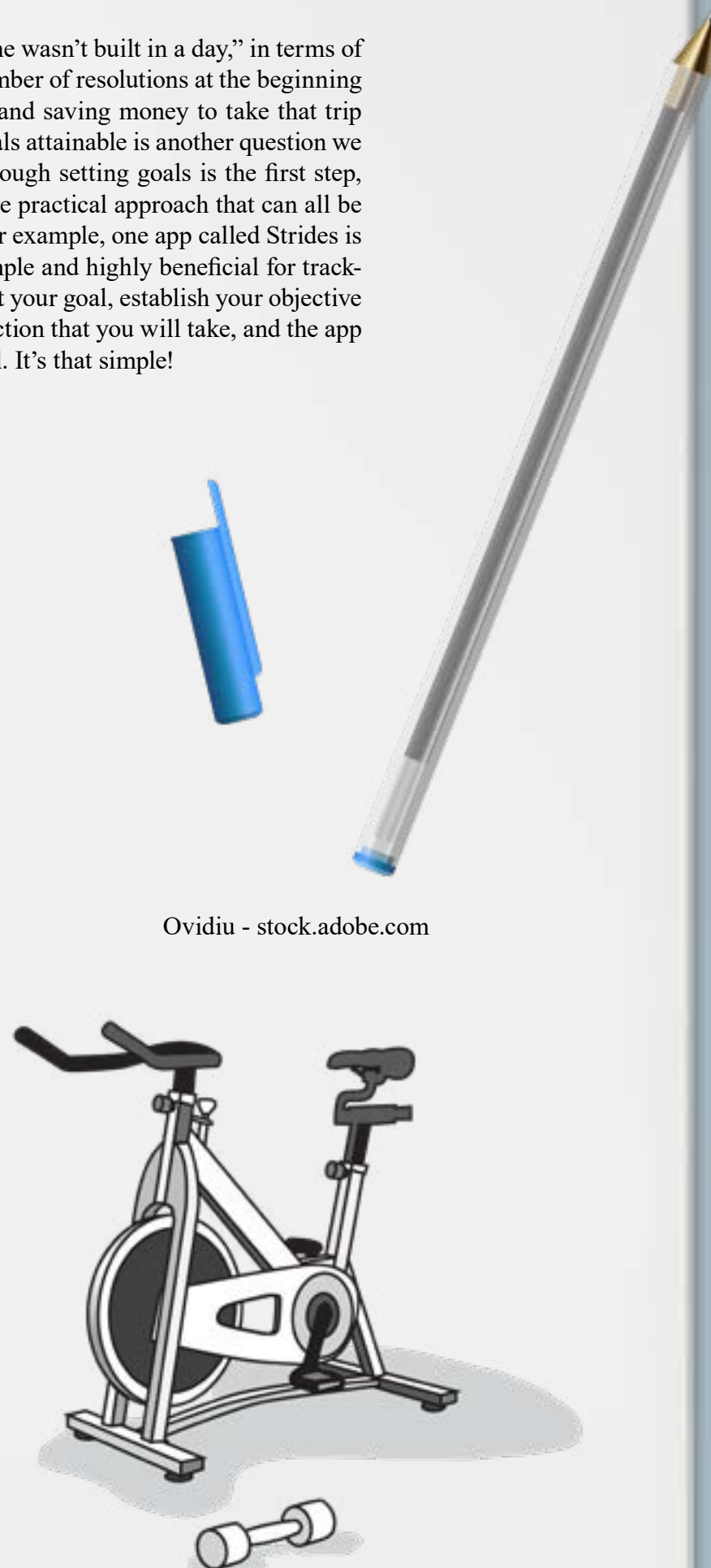
Even though you've probably heard the saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day," in terms of setting goals, this is accurate. Many of us make a number of resolutions at the beginning of the year, such as losing weight, eating healthily, and saving money to take that trip we've always wanted to go on, however, are these goals attainable is another question we should be asking ourselves when setting them. Although setting goals is the first step, developing a plan with attainable targets is a far more practical approach that can all be accomplished with the aid of several applications. For example, one app called Strides is one program that has been discovered to be both simple and highly beneficial for tracking goals and daily habits. All that is required is to set your goal, establish your objective and set your target. Then choose the best course of action that you will take, and the app will assist you in getting closer to reaching your goal. It's that simple!

Written by Jessica Cinalli

2 Prioritizing One's Health

Prioritizing one's health tends to be a very popular New Year's Resolution for many students. The most popular choice to go down the road of health is losing weight. However, many end up quitting before getting too far, whether due to committing to a rigorous plan without much preparation or falling back into old routines early on. Weight loss might seem like an impossible feat, but there are ways to commit to it and succeed, whether that'd be slowly or as quick as 2-3 months. The most effective method to get in the right mindset of losing weight is to start immersing yourself in the world of fitness. Watching and subscribing to health and fitness channels on YouTube, inviting a friend or two to the gym, or creating a fitness group with your classmates are all great decisions to make, especially if all of those things are centered around weight loss. Investing time into using weight loss apps is also a good way to get your head in the game. Lose It! is probably the best app for losing weight, as it gives you a chance to either carefully customize or choose a plan based on your body type and goals while giving you a community to communicate with on your journey. MyFitnessPal is another good app in similar vein that gives you the same things but also gives you a tab for meal plans, workout plans, and more. Both apps are free and easily accessible to students with their own premium version that comes with features like water and sleep tracking.

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3 Be More Organized

Finding things fast, having less stress, and not missing deadlines are just a few of the benefits of becoming more organized. Apps like Notion, Microsoft To-Do, or any notes app are tools that can help keep up with your tasks. It is a good idea to break them down into easier to-do's so you see your progress as you cross them out. You can also choose to use Google Calendar or Apple Calendar to create a schedule so you can organize your time throughout the week and improve your work-life-school balance. These two apps allow you to create events to divide your day and set reminders. If you would like to have your class notes handy all the time, consider using apps like Notability to record audio and your notes simultaneously. The key here is to see in what areas you wish to be more organized, find a way to improve, and use tools that can help you!

Written by Scarlett Valencia Pulido

4 Read More

It is often hard to find time to sit down and read during a rough semester. If your goal is to read more this year, here is how you can follow through on it. Find a time to read that works for you and stick to it. Whether you are the type to read in the morning before getting ready, or at night before bed, or even mid-day, try to stay consistent and soon enough, it will become a habit. It is also important that you embrace all kinds of reading. Some people prefer audio books, some graphic novels, some digital books, and some physical books. Determine which you prefer, and reading will become much more enjoyable. This next part is optional, but nonetheless worth mentioning: follow social media geared towards reading. They will help you stay motivated to read, keep you updated on the happenings in the reading world, and finally give you your next read. Some apps to use are Notion to help keep a personal archive of all books; Storygraph to share reading progress with friends, find the stats of the content you're reading and give public rating to books; and finally, Audible for podcasts and all your audio book needs.

Written by Melaina Lawrence



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5 Be More Environmentally Friendly

After taking the Intro to Environmental Science course with Professor Rebecca Clark here at Broward College this fall semester, my world has changed—but to my dismay, I realized it had been changing long before I recognized it. In a country engrossed by consumer culture, it's not every day we are forced to come to terms with our chummy relationship with greed. Upon completing my course, I decided to embark upon the new year with an environmentally-conscious mind and, hopefully, some self-control. I've realized I don't need to keep buying Starbucks Blonde Roast Unsweetened Iced Coffee for \$5.28 in its disposable plastic bottle when I can easily make cold brew at home. I've learned about the dangers of methane emissions and hope to eliminate or, at least, scale down my meat consumption. Recently, I have been using the app, Too Good to Go, which helps restaurants that join the service to find customers looking to reduce food waste. Customers can collect excess unused food for a discounted price. We've all seen what Dunkin' Donuts does to their unsold donuts, and this service hopes to counter that issue.

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NFL playoff teams news and notes not to be missed

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This 2022-23 NFL season had so many ups and downs, but the great thing is that the playoffs are finally upon us. This is the 1st season that the 17-game season and extra playoff spot, with a bye week for the top seed in each conference, have been in effect. So far, the early returns of the few tweaks, have been pretty overt in NFL circles. The playoffs officially start on Jan. 14, with Wild Card games, with the Seahawks @ 49ers, at 4:30 PM; and Wild Card weekend continues with five other games.

The Chiefs officially locked up the #1 seed with a commanding win vs the Raiders, which means they are awarded a bye week as well. Patrick Mahomes has had an MVP caliber season, by leading the league with 5,250 passing yards, and with 41 touchdowns and is definitely a favorite to win his 2nd MVP.

The Bills have had a difficult couple of weeks to say the least, but in spite of everything they were still able to secure the 2nd seed, by defeating the Patriots. A week ago today, safety Damar Hamlin had a tragic cardiac arrest, after making a routine tackle against WR Tee

Higgins. He was immediately treated given CPR on the field, and then was rushed to the UC Hospital. He was in the ICU and on a ventilator for multiple days, but each day he was able to get better and better. The past three days he was able to speak to people, make social media posts, and thankful to be discharged from the hospital.

The Bengals locked up the #3 seed by defeating the Ravens. They ended the season winning five plus games and are poised to make another Super Bowl run. Their playoff matchup is vs their divisional rivals, the Ravens. The Jaguars secured their 1st playoff berth in multiple years and the 4th seed, by defeating the Titans. Doug Peterson has showed them how to be professionals and win. Their playoff matchup is vs Justin Herbert and the streaking Chargers.

The Chargers secured the 5th seed going 10-7 on the season. Their 2nd best WR, Mike Williams, was carted off with a back injury vs the Broncos; luckily it was reported earlier today, that he's expected to play, in their playoff game vs the Jaguars. The Ravens luckily were able to secure a playoff berth, as well as the #6 seed, without Lamar Jackson, with a



Mahomes and Hurts secure #1 seeds

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knee injury for a month plus. They did it by their stifling defense and playing complimentary football. Coach Harbargh said today that Jackson is doing everything possible, to be cleared to play in their playoff game vs the Bengals.

Lastly the Dolphins were able to end their playoff drought, as well as secure the #7 seed; by playing complimentary football, led by their 3rd string QB, and by the Bills defeating the Patriots, who will coincidentally be their playoff opponent. Tua Tagovailoa is still in concussion protocol, more clarity will be given on him later this week, and hopefully he'll be able to play

because the Dolphins don't have a chance to win without him. Also, RB Raheem Mosert suffered a broken thumb yesterday, and is uncertain if he'll play.

The Eagles officially secured the #1 seed, by defeating the resting Giants. Jalen Hurts was finally able to play, after being out with a shoulder injury. Now he's able to rest one more week because of the bye week. The 49ers secured the #2 seed by playing complimentary football, with a backup QB. Hopefully they star players, like Debo Samuel, will be able to play vs the Seahawks. The Vikings secured the #3 seed by winning their division, win-

ning many clutch games, and going 13-4 this season. They play vs the Giants at home. The Buccaneers secured the #4 seed, by winning their division and only needing an 8-9 record. They play vs the Cowboys at home. The Cowboys secured the #5 seed, by getting at 12-5 record. They end the season on a terrible note, by losing by double digits to the 3rd string QB of the Commanders, which makes analysts wonder if they'll even win a playoff game. The Giants and Seahawks secured the #6 and #7 seeds respectively.

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Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, Ben Simmons unfiltered interviews

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ESPN staff writer, Nick Friedell, was tasked with interviewing, Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving, and Ben Simmons, one on one, to discuss wide-ranging topics. As I was reading all three interviews, I realized immediately that the interviews were extremely candid, and all three stars were as vulnerable as they would ever become. Fast forwarding to now, those things facilitated their leadership roles, to help the Nets team chemistry. Also, to exude trust in their teammates, to eventually work towards winning a championship this year.

Friedell first interviewed Simmons and asked, how much are you looking forward in reminding people how good you can be? Simmons responded by saying, "I can't wait, I'm excited to do that because I know what I'm capable of. It's patience; it's doing the little things, working everyday, and getting back there." Another question Friedell asked was, on media day you discussed your confidence and mental space. How would you describe the work you put in? Simmons said, "It's taken a lot of work, but that's apart

of my life, everyday routine now; it's working on myself, and staying in that place." At the end of the interview, Simmons said, "Me and Ky literally were just talking about it before practice. He's like 'Why is everybody on our heads?' F—, we're interesting people I guess."

Next Friedell interviewed Irving, and asked, how do you block out the noise about this extension? Irving said, "Well I'm only as great as my team and the individuals around me, and they keep me very grounded and balanced, in terms of what my goals are." Another question that Irving was asked, what is it like having it back again, on a full-time basis, and it never left you? Irving said, "I don't ever leave it (Laughs), I go everywhere with it; yeah, the love..., that's part of being in a relationship." "Time is all we have. I'm having kids. I have three beautiful kids now; I have my wife; my life has changed." "My priorities definitely changed, but the love has always been a battle that is worth climbing, that is worth going on that mountain for."

At the end of the interview, Irving discussed his relationship with Simmons, and some of the advice that he has given



KD, Irving, and Simmons discussing their game plan details

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him. Irving said, "I feel like it's my responsibility to protect him, but I also must understand, he has to go through things on his own; and when he asks for help, just be there for him..." "Just dealing with the ebbs and flows, I just don't want to see him get caught up in the same nonsense."

Lastly, Friedell interviewed Durant, and asked, why didn't things splinter apart after all the Kyrie stuff, and why have you guys come back together now when things could've easily exploded? KD said, "We were together regardless, coming into training camp we understood that it was going to be a lot on us, from a me-

dia standpoint; the noise in general, around our team; so I think that made us tighter when Cam started." KD also said, "We started to win games, started to get better as a team, do something out there that works for us; now it seems like everything was patched all together, but it felt like it was cool, to be honest."

Another question Friedell asked was, over the summer, when you decided to come back, why were you so confident that you guys still could compete for a championship? KD said, "I don't even look at s— that way, my whole thing was like, are we, does the process matter to us?" KD

added, "That's one thing I did know that people here enjoy, grinding, so that was the most important thing for me; titles and stuff come with the process in which you - - how you prepare." "It was more so, all right are we going to practice harder? Are we going to pay more attention to detail? Not just everybody else, all of us, me included. Is that going to be preached to us every day?" KD also said, "I had faith that that would happen because I voiced that throughout the summer as well, they understood what I value; that's what I was hanging my hat on, the preparation side of it."

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Don't miss Avatar: The Way of Water

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We have been waiting 13 years for another “Avatar” movie. Finally, it was confirmed 13 years ago that there would be a sequel, and James Cameron released it on Dec. 16. For those of you who have not seen this film yet, here are a few insights you may find interesting.

The second part of “Avatar,” which already has 2 Golden Globe nominations,

is positioned as one of the most expensive films of all time, with a budget exceeding \$350 million, according to the media. The production cost was so high that it needed to hit \$2 billion to start making a profit. This has only been achieved in movies like “Titanic” (1997) and “Avatar” (2009), by Cameron himself, “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” (2015), “Avengers: Endgame” (2019), and “Avengers: Infinity War”

Jemaine Clement.

After the first film’s events, Jake Sully and Ney’tiri have formed a family and must do everything they can to stay together. However, when an ancient threat reappears, the family and other inhabitants of their tribe are forced to leave their home and explore different regions of Pandora. They flee to the territory that is held by the Metkayina clan. These people live in the oceans that surround them. There, the Sullys must

adjust, learn to navigate the dangerous world of water, and gain acceptance from their new community. However, it will not be easy for adults and children.

“It is an endless visual spectacle. A story that is better told and is also more complex than the first. It is exciting, although he could let his character grow a bit more. It is a bit long for me, although it has better images and 3D techniques. At the end of this, we want to see the third part,”—stated Brandon Davis of Comic Book.

“I had faith that James Cameron would raise the bar with the effects, but these

images are amazing. One impressive painting after another. But what I learned the most is how technical feats always feel in the service of character and world-building,” said Perri Nemiroff, film producer.

“Avatar” will continue with three more sequels that Cameron has already filmed and marks his return to the industry as a director after several projects as a screenwriter.



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Wednesday Addams is Not the Girl of Your Dreams. She's the Stuff of Your Nightmares.

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Wednesday has officially made its grand opening on Netflix, giving an early holiday treat to Addams Family fans who could not wait to begin snapping their fingers once again.

Released on November 23, 2022 (a Wednesday, of course), this comedic horror series officially marks Tim Burton’s, famously known for The Nightmare Before Christmas, Beetlejuice, and Corpse Bride, directorial TV debut and stars Stuck in the Middle’s Jenna Ortega as our teenage Wednesday.

This supernaturally addictive mystery follows Wednesday Addams’ teenage years as a student at Nevermore Academy, a school for “outcasts,” where she attempts to simultaneously hinder a frightful killing spree affecting the town, master her surfacing psychic ability, and solve the 25-year-old paranormal mystery involving her parents—all while attempting to explore her new and strangely twisted relationships at

Nevermore.

With this series’ mix of supernatural beings, mystery, dark wit, and, yes, even romance, this show is truly Netflix’s jack of all trades masterpiece, and one, I can assure, you do not want to miss.

However, that is not all...

Released in 2021, The Irregulars on Netflix is the perfect watch for those of us who enjoy spooky crime fighting. Set in Victorian era London, the show follows a group of troubled teens: Bea, Spike, Billy, and Jessie, along with a royal, Leopold. The story is inspired loosely by the original series by Arthur Conan Doyle, and thus features 221B Baker Street, John Watson and of course, Sherlock Holmes himself.

Bea is the leader of the group. Due to her maturity, she is forced into a mother-like role, ensuring the other members stay out of trouble and survive their time living in a cellar. Billie is a hothead who likes to fight, and, in fact, tries to make a career out of it. Spike is the lad with connections all over town due to his undeniable charisma. Leo is the son



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of Queen Victoria, but the group soon learned he was not like other royals after he almost hit Jessie with his carriage and instead of riding off, ensured she was safe and so they welcomed him in. Jessie, younger sister to Bea, frequently has nightmares and wanders off into a trance state. In her dreamlike state, Jessie meets the line man from America, who helps her understand her powers and is always there for her.

As the team solved cases on behalf of John Watson, they start seeking answers of their own about why these haunted crimes have been happening in London, why Jessie has this power and what happened to Jessie and Bea’s mum. The show involves the perfect mix of supernatural aspects and a younger generation of sleuthing, that adds to intrigue to the original Sherlock Holmes plot in a way that works out perfectly.

Though it has been canceled after one season, which is truly saddening since we won’t get to see the entire story play out, the show is worth watching a million times over.

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World Cup Qatar 2022 game recap

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To end the year 2022, there has been many events. One of these events being the World Cup 2022, which brings many people and countries together every four years to watch these soccer games to see which country will be the world champion. For many legends such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Luka Modric, Luis Suarez, Angel Di Maria, Kevin De Bruyne, and many more, this would possibly have been their last time playing in a World Cup game.

Game Recaps

This year a lot of teams known as lower ranked levels had been beating more of the known top ranked teams leaving many viewers a bit stunned such as Saudi Arabia beating Argentina 2-1, Tunisia beating France 1-0, Japan beating Germany and Spain 2-1, Cameroon beating Brazil 1-0, which many of these lower ranked teams didn't even make it to quarter finals. The only lower team that came out as the 'underdogs' making it to quarter-finals was Morocco joined along with the top ranked teams being Argentina, Netherlands, France, Croatia, and Brazil.



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The last two finalists of the World Cup 2022 were France and Argentina, bringing an anxiety-inducing game that lasted from 10 a.m. until almost 1 p.m. What had been a 90-minute game turned out to have an extra 30 minutes and later into penalties. For those who may have not seen the game, Argentina had the lead for the first half of the game winning by 2-0 with Messi taking the first goal and Di Maria taking the second. During which it all changed in under 2-minutes in the second half with France tying the score up with Mbappe scoring both goals. Leaving this to the extra time of 30 minutes where Messi made the third score and later Mbappe tied it up when scoring a penalty

kick, which led to what all fans were hoping to avoid, that being penalty kicks. This brought down all the pressure to both goalies and the 5 chosen players on each team to have a chance to score, which ended with Argentina winning with the score of 4-2 in penalty kicks. This also gave Messi his first ever World Cup win and the Argentina team their third World Cup trophy since the last time they won in 1986.

During the ceremony, four awards were presented, one to France player Mbappe that being the Golden Boot (most goals scored). Then the other three awards went to Argentina's players: The youngest player award going to Enzo Fernandez, Golden Glove keeper)

going to Emi Martinez – a.k.a Dibu, and the Golden Ball (best player) going to Lionel Messi.

Qatar Host

The most known information to the public about Qatar was that when they built their stadiums for the World Cup, they had abused their civilians and many labor laws. This also being that Qatar bribed their way into being the hosts for the FIFA World Cup 2020, and then putting laws into place with the no alcohol rule, as well as their homophobic tendencies to fans who came for the games and to the soccer players themselves. To the point where when Mbappe was celebrating a goal with Giroud and he lifted him off the ground, the Qatar hosts wanted to kick out both

players from the rest of the World Cup because of the pose being very "intimate."

World Cup 2026

Another four years will pass by until we get the next World Cup game, in the year 2026 hosted by the U.S.A, Canada and Mexico. In that year's World Cup, it will undergo a new format that bring the 64 games to 104 and the finalists from being six to eight.


Changing the brackets of how the games are played but keeping the three group matches and adding an additional knockout round match.

This making all three teams automatically qualifying to play in the World Cup 2026, although there has been rumors that there was talk on how the Mexican team might be banned from playing in its own tournament.

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FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022: A Success, But At What Cost?

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After a memorable FIFA World Cup, supporters of the fan-favorite Messi and his Argentine team can return home victorious—and alive. However, the same cannot be said of the thousands of migrant workers who made the spectacular 2022 event a reality.

FIFA has been subject to claims of numerous human rights violations throughout the years. Though the organization claims to safeguard its commitment to “respecting all internationally recognized human rights,” it continues to supervise through its words rather than actions.

The 2022 Qatar World Cup, in particular, has been the recent recipient of controversy regarding the deaths of migrant workers hailing from countries like India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Kenya, and more. According to the Guardian, the deaths of more than 6,500 South Asian migrant workers have been reported “in Qatar since it won the right to host the World Cup 10 years ago.” The Qatari

government has kept many of these fatalities hush-hush to protect their operations from further scrutiny from nations opposing their selection.

However, this secrecy has left the families of these migrant workers in the dust, with no word of their sons, husbands, and fathers.

Madhu Bollapally, a worker from Telegana, India, came to Qatar in 2013 in hopes of earning money to send to his struggling family back home—his wife, Latha, and 13-year-old son, Rajesh. Seven years later, in 2019, his roommate found Bollapally on the floor of their shared dorm, unresponsive. His death was recorded as “heart failure due to natural causes.” “Natural causes” was the prevailing reported cause of death among South Asian workers, according to the Guardian, leaving the underprivileged families of the deceased left hurt without answers or the breadwinner they relied on to survive.

Tragedies like Bollapally were not the exception but the norm. Gruesome deaths by electrocution, falling from high elevations, and

even suicide were reported. Strenuous working conditions and expectations, along with Qatar’s excruciating summer heat, made surviving an everyday challenge for these workers.

When questioned by reporters about a death of a Filipino worker who slipped off a ramp onto the concrete floor, the chief executive of the Qatar World Cup, Nasser al-Khater, in turn, asked about the relevancy of the matter.

He asserted that “death is a natural part of life—whether it’s at work, whether it’s in your sleep,” while effectively removing himself and the organization he leads from the query. What al-Khater and other organizers fail to recognize is that many of these deaths were avoidable.

The issue itself could have been prevented or, at least, lessened through strict enforcement of regulations in place with human rights codes.

Though it is Qatar’s controversial policies relating to the 2022 FIFA World Cup that have come into question as of late, its predecessors are not exempt

from similar allegations. Countries that hosted past World Cups, like Russia, Brazil, South Africa, etc., have all received backlash for using tactics like forced labor and torture to build the infrastructure needed for such a colossal event. Since then, not enough has been done to counteract the situation. A report corroborated by Forbes reported

that Qatar’s World Cup had been the most expensive World Cup to date, with the country spending over \$220 billion. Though such a worldwide event requires extensive investments and expenditures, it gives way to the uncomfortable question of what limits succeeding countries will go in ensuring their global launch is greater than the last.



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