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## Single Stop offers many resources to college students

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Social Media Editor

Single Stop is a resource for Broward College students but not limited to only Seahawks; it serves as a comprehensive website designed to assist students from all colleges. This online platform offers a wealth of resources to support students in areas such as food, health, housing, immigration, legal aid, transportation, finances, employment and much more.

When you visit their website and confirm your college affiliation, including Broward College, you can create an account and become a part of the Single Stop community. In just about 5 minutes, by providing your personal details, you'll receive a report indicating the benefits you are likely or unlikely to qualify for. These benefits are determined based on factors like your income, household situation and specific needs.

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preparation services, Pell grants and health-related benefits. Once you've completed the screening process, Single Stop furnishes you with a comprehensive guide to assist you in applying for these benefits. This guide not only helps you locate the resources but also provides step-by-step instructions on the proper application process, ensuring you can access the support you need effectively.

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comprehensive pathways that effectively lead individuals out of poverty. This noble objective is steadfastly pursued through the strategic amalgamation of collaborative partnerships and cutting-edge technology, culminating in the establishment of a distinct and all-encompassing one-stop shop. Their multifaceted approach extends beyond the mere creation of these pathways; it is fundamentally rooted in the imperative principle of ensuring that the array of available resources is seamlessly accessible to those individuals who stand in the direst need.

Single Stop's commitment to its mission goes beyond the mere facilitation of access to resources; it extends to the conscientious and equitable distribution of these resources. The organization aspires to make certain that the safety net programs and support systems vital to breaking the cycle of poverty are effectively channeled to the individuals who require them the most. In doing so, Single Stop not only offers a lifeline to those in need but also actively contributes to their advancement on the socio-economic ladder.



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## Think Fast game show teaches students about Hispanic Heritage

**Tamara St. Helen**  
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Each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, we have observed Hispanic Heritage Month to celebrate their contributions, achievements, culture and history. Recently, Broward College began celebrating with a kickoff Think Fast game show event on Central Campus.

"I've been to several events that the campus has hosted, but they were mostly outside. This is the first time it is being done in the café area. As a Hispanic person, I love Hispanic culture and more specifically Hispanic pop culture. That's why I came to this event. This has also been a real fun experience and I got to bring my friends along. It's their first time attending a campus event," said Alejandra De Rubio.

The event had a wide variety of questions about different topics which did not only cover Hispanic Heritage, but also a few non-Hispanic topics in pop culture. The students who were interviewed agreed that this event was a fun experience for them.

Unlike De Rubio, who reg-

ularly goes to these events on campus, for some it was their first time attending. One such person was Valerie Vaccaro, who won \$100 on the second round of Think Fast.

"I thought the questions were very creative and some of them were not common knowledge. I realized a lot of them were based on shows which included Hispanic people. I was very happy it was multiple choice answers. Through the questions I learned new things about some of the Hispanic countries and gained new information as well about them," said Valerie Vaccaro.

"We did this event to get the students more interested to know more about Hispanic Heritage Month in a fun way. They get to know more about them and what they have done for their country," noted Mya Deshields of Student Life. "Our goals right now are to keep the students informed about the events and to keep them engaged because with our events they tend to stay on campus more and it also influences them to come to the



Valerie Vaccaro, far left, winner of the second round of Think Fast  
Photo by Tamara St. Helen/The Observer

campus often. It is also a good opportunity for people to get together. You don't have to be Hispanic to be part of this. Remember we are a melting pot, celebrating together."

As Hispanic Heritage Month observances continue, Student Life is planning several activities and events continuing into October. To keep informed, students are encouraged to look at the calendar on

the Broward College website for them.

The full schedule is available online on the Broward College Events Calendar. For more details about Hispanic Heritage Month and the campus activities, one may contact the Central Campus Student Life office at (954) 201-6756. You also have the option of visiting Central Campus Student Life in Building 19,

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# What's happening around campus

## STUDENT LIFE -North Campus Events-



**Tue, Oct 17th**

12 PM

**Pastamania**

National Pasta Day  
BLDG 46, Breezeway

**Wed, Oct 25th**

12 PM

**Movie Madness**

Happy Halloween Scooby Doo  
BLDG 46, Coffee House

**Wed, Oct 18th**

12 PM

**Certified Leader Workshop**  
BLDG 46, Coffee House

**Thu, Oct 26th**

1:30 PM

**Certified Leader Workshop**  
BLDG 46, Coffee House

**Thu, Oct 19th**

12 PM

**Trick or Trivia**

Put your knowledge to the test!  
BLDG 46, Coffee House

**Mon, Oct 30th**

12 PM

**Spooky Carnival**

Have fun... if you dare!  
Student Life Patio

**Sat, Oct 21st**

8 AM

**Student Life Breast Cancer Walk**

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using the QR Code below  
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**Tue, Oct 31st**

11 AM

**Phantom Feast**

Spooky Breakfast  
BLDG 46, Breezeway

**Tue, Oct 24th**

1 PM

**League of Women Voters**

Kahoot Game Show  
BLDG 47, RM 107

**Wed, Nov 1st**

12 PM

**Dia Los Muertos**

Day of the Dead  
BLDG 46, Student Life Patio

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# International student experience at Broward College is a positive one

**Swami Hinojosa**  
*Central Bureau Chief*

Students from all over the world come to the United States to study, learn new things, and experience the fantastic culture of North America, and Broward College is a college that warmly welcomes international students. Although the journey can be difficult, the International Student Services Office provides many supports and opportunities to connect with other students and make friends. Like many other students, you can find a home away from home at Broward College.

The International Student Services Office (ISSO) is the first point of contact for international students at Broward College. It's a place where international students can find the guidance and assistance they need to make their journey to the United States smooth. Located on campus, the ISSO is a hub of resources and support for international students, serving as a compass for their academic and personal experiences.

The ISSO periodically organizes meetings and events to foster a sense of community and support among international students. These gatherings are often accompanied by the warm aroma of coffee and the delight of donuts, creating a

cozy atmosphere where students can come together, share their experiences and learn from one another. These events allow students to recount their unique journeys and share valuable insights with their peers.

Being an international student means entering the United States under the F1 visa program. To secure this visa, one must demonstrate the possession of a high school diploma and the financial capability to cover living expenses. The ISSO is crucial in guiding students through the complex process of visa applications and embassy appointments. They also offer comprehensive orientation programs that familiarize students with the College and the local area, ensuring a seamless transition.

Broward College is in a diverse and dynamic region of South Florida, where students have many transportation options. They can use ride-sharing services like Lyft, public transportation, or even the College shuttle service. The College is strategically situated near University Pointe, where many international students find accommodation, further enhancing their convenience and accessibility to campus.

At Broward College, students worldwide come together, creating a welcoming and

inclusive community. For international students who may need to speak English fluently, the College offers an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program to help them improve their language skills. This program prepares students for college-level courses and helps them succeed in their academic careers. Broward College is a place where language barriers are not a problem, and students can connect with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

Broward College and other community colleges are popular among students for their affordable tuition fees and quality education. Although international students must pay out-of-state tuition fees, the experience, and opportunities they gain from studying here are worth it. Plenty of scholarship opportunities and on-campus jobs are available to help them with their financial needs. Learning in a new country is an opportunity to step out of ones comfort zone and meet people from diverse backgrounds.

Whilesome may underestimate the value of a community college education, the numbers don't lie. A significant percentage of students graduate from community colleges and move on to achieve great success in their chosen fields. The support



Broward Collage International Students. Photo by Swami Hinojosa/The Observer

and guidance available at Broward College are invaluable for international students, making the journey worthwhile and promising.

The International Student Services Office offers an EAP lab for English for Academic Purposes

students. This lab is a quiet, productive space where students can concentrate on their studies. Supportive staff are readily available to assist with writing and other academic needs. International students can immerse themselves in campus life through student organizations and activities. These clubs and events offer a range of options to explore, ensuring theres something for everyone. Student life at Broward College is open to

international students, providing them with numerous avenues for social interaction, cultural exploration, and personal growth.

Studying at Broward College as an international student is a unique and beneficial experience.

The International Student Services Office is multicultural, and there are many academic programs to choose from. In addition, you can share your own culture with others, which can be a very educational experience. Broward College is a friendly and promising institution that supports international students in achieving their educational goals in the United States.

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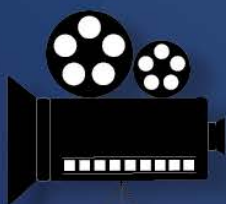
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# Broward College presents Sabor Latino for Hispanic Heritage Month

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Student Life at Broward College North Campus hosted an event in conjunction with the Education Pathway, the Sabor Latino event, in which they introduced Hispanic writing to various sorts of literature and showcased dishes from various Hispanic cultures and music that the students could appreciate.

Hispanic Heritage Month was presented in 1968 by California Senator George Brown to perceive the commitments of Hispanic populaces in America. On September 17, 1968, the US Congress passed Public Regulation 90-48, which formally approved and mentioned the presidents right to make yearly announcements proclaiming Public Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1987, Delegate Esteban E. Torres of California proposed extending the festival to the ongoing 31 days. These specific days were picked because

they concur with the Autonomy Day festivities of a few Hispanic nations.

“Through Senior Director of Student Engagement, Dr. Lauren Adamos vision and support, we mirror the same recognition and gratitude for Hispanic contributions to the United States of America and Broward College, and we are proud to offer events celebrating the Hispanic culture,” said Joe Tinsley, North Campus Student Life director.

Tinsley was also questioned about how exactly the idea of the event, Sabor Latino, came across. He said that “Sabor Latino was the brainchild of Student Life and the Education Pathway.

Both areas felt it was important to offer students a rich and immersive Hispanic experience that goes beyond textbooks and classrooms for Hispanic Heritage Month. South Campus Student Life Director Leo DeAraujo and Professor Eileen Santiago want-



Sabor Latino Photo by Sara Fuentes/The Observer

ed to provide a unique opportunity for students to broaden their cultural horizons, experience artistic expression, promote global citizenship, and cultivate new learning environments.

“In summary, attending a Hispanic cultural event encompassing music, literature, and cuisine is an enriching experience that enhances language skills and connects academic learning with real-world experiences. Its an essential component of a holistic education, preparing students to thrive in our increasingly intercon-

nected world, said Tinsley.

During this interview, Tinsley was also questioned about what exactly the students should expect when attending the Sabor Latino in the future. He said, “The students will broaden their cultural knowledge and appreciation, particularly of the Hispanic arts, music, literature, and foods.

Niola Baronette, a current student at Broward College, attended the Sabor Latino event for the first time, and said it was very informative, and she had learned about differ-

ent cultures and different pieces of literature. Baronette also said that she will attend the event in the future to learn more about different literatures and cultures presented by the Sabor Latino event.

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## A new way of cheating or learning? Chat AI and college education

**Keynaya Thompson**  
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In the age of technology, education is rapidly evolving. The recent advances in Chat AI systems is ushering in a new evolution for education; sparking polarizing conversations about the future of the learning experience. AI on one hand is bringing on never before seen levels of accessibility and efficiency for education while on the other it's a major concern for academic honesty, engagement and the core of student education.

Chat AI has proven its efficiency across all boards of education, including administration. Institutions of higher education can serve students with less resources, something that is highly beneficial post-pandemic. AI has streamlined tasks such as registration, enrollment, and basic advising, allowing a seamless execution and saving time for instructors and administration to focus on more complex and demanding issues.

The potential to make education further accessible to more diverse students is a lauded benefit of Chat AI. Chatbots

provide instant and real-time support to students, serving all students' learning styles, concerns and needs. The accessibility of AI allows them to have 24/7 support, making higher education limitless for students with non-traditional schedules, learning styles as well as students with disabilities.

David Hennessy is a professor at Broward College as well as a leader in the professional development workshops that assist faculty with adapting to the presence of AI. “A.I.-chatbots can potentially serve a useful purpose in assisting students as they seek to better understand course content, such as walking a student through how to solve a problem or reviewing a key concept a student might be trying to better comprehend. In these ways, an A.I. chatbot can serve as a personalized tutor to assist a student in the learning process,” Hennessy tells The Observer.

AI's accessibility has made it easy for students to access help with assignments, thus raising concerns regarding academic integrity. Long-used plagiarism tools are struggling to assess the difference between

student's work and AI generated/suggested text. This issue has the potential to impair the basis of academic dishonesty. The challenge academic officials face is to foster the balance of AI's presence along with instilling the importance of original and critical ideas into students.

In the modern era of education where AI is having a fast-growing presence, defining the value of college education has become important. The value lies in knowledge acquired and skills gained and/or refined as opposed to simply passing classes and earning a diploma. Although students may receive passing grades, they are cheating themselves out of the core values of college education: academic growth as free thinkers, writers and creators.

Although the pandemic introduced a more online approach to the college experience, digital AI continues to drive this and can risk dehumanizing the experience even further. Critics argue that technology and AI strips students of the uniqueness of face-to-face interaction with their peers as well as the

mentorship of an in-person professor. If students become increasingly dependent on automated responses, the culture of emotional and social connections in the learning environment may cease to exist.

Chat AI's impact calls for a balanced approach to education that takes the usage of AI into consideration. How can institutions harness AI while gatekeeping the foundations of academic integrity and student engagement? Incorporating policies and guidelines that establish boundaries for AI use in education are essential.

“Instructors and institutions are best served by clearly communicating with students as to what might be the ethical and appropriate uses of A.I. tools vs. what might be unethical and counterproductive to learning. In the most basic unethical situations, these fall under the same guidelines of other forms of academic dishonesty, where the repercussions can include failure of the assignment and/or failure of the course,” Hennessy said in reference to how administrators can assess the pros and cons of AI.

As stated above, education is

evolving rapidly largely based on advancements in technology. It is imperative that not only educators, but students adapt to change. If students are to use AI and benefit from all of its resources, then it should be encouraged that the usage is responsible and honest. Emphasis should be placed on gaining knowledge and enhancing the ability to think

critically and solve problems. Educators and administrators should alter their ways of education to account for AI's presence alongside face-to-face mentorship.

Integrating AI into higher education is not a conversation that has a good or bad side, it is a complex issue that calls for non-biased, thought-provoking conversations, research, and shared ideas that all in all will enhance learning in a digital world. The future of college educations can be both enhanced by AI while still maintaining its foundations in humanness.

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# America's Favorite Haunted Holiday: Halloween 2023

It is that time of the year to dress up in your scariest costumes, share scary stories, carve pumpkins, decorate your homes, watch your favorite scary movies, and eat all the free candy you can! Yes, there are still a few more days until America's favorite haunted holiday but you can dress up in your scary costumes, decorate your homes, and binge those scary movies all month long. This holiday brings people together to have some scary fun, do unique rituals, and of course, get free candy so enjoy it when it comes because it only comes once a year.

Celebrated October 31, Halloween serves as a celebration in remembrance of the dead and marks the end of summer and the beginning of winter. This year the holiday falls on a Tuesday and it may be difficult to plan Halloween activities midweek, however, with it being right around the corner it is certain that there will be some fun events all over to provide the opportunity to whoever wants to celebrate before. Let's just let you in on some of these fun activities that may even be close to you!

Not one for scary movies or storytelling? Maybe you just want to dance to some music and have a fun time with your friends, if so, the Violectric Halloween Concert is the way to go. This will be on Oct. 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. Just dress up in your scariest costumes and be ready to rock your socks off at this rock concert with tickets ranging from \$25 to \$35.

There will be the Monster Mash hosted on Oct. 27 from 6 p.m.- to 8 p.m. at the Coconut Creek Community Center. This will be filled with costume contests, trick or treating, scary storytelling, arts and crafts, and fun games. Feel free to go and have a whole lot of scary fun at just \$5 for Coconut Creek residents and \$10 for non-residents and all you have to do is go to <https://www.coconutcreek.net/events/monster-mash> and register.

Additionally, to celebrate Halloween this year there will be the Spook-tacular Halloween Event hosted on Oct. 28 from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Festival Flea Market for free. There will be trick or treating and other activities planned for the whole family so stop by if you can or better yet, attend from start to finish and enjoy all the activities with your family. Five Nights at Flynn's: 4th Annual Halloween Party will be happening on Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at Flynn's Arcade & More for free. There will be arcade games, giveaways, karaoke, and much more so get all your family and friends together, yes, even the not-so-great singers for a fun Saturday night

Halloween celebration. These are just a few fun events planned for Halloween 2023 and there are many more events in communities all over. So do Halloween right this year and attend any events that may be happening near you.

# NBA Teams and Players with High Expectations (2023-24)

**Jordan Stephenson**  
South Bureau Chief

The NBA Season officially starts on Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. on TNT, with a rematch of the WCF between the Nuggets vs the Lakers. Currently in the NBA right now, there are definitely many teams and players with things to prove; mainly because of what transpired last season and in the offseason. So, everything that I discussed above combined with the new Player Participation Policy (PPP), essentially intertwines league wide competitiveness, with particular teams and players with elevated expectations, definitely leads to uncontrolled anticipation for another great season like last year.

This biggest and most surprising trade of the offseason took place before free agency, when Bradley Beal was traded to the Suns from the Wizards, for Chris Paul and other assets. The assets included 2024-2028 with a 2030 2nd round picks, 2024-2030 even number of 1st round pick swaps, Landry Shamet, and cash. Also, Jordan Goodwin and Isaiah Todd were traded to the Suns. Later that week, the Wizards traded Paul to the Warriors for Jordan Poole, a 2027 2nd round pick, and a 2030 protected 1st round pick. Paul (CP3) has to prove he can play a complementary role to eventually help himself and the Warriors win a championship.



Playoff Caliber teams

Image courtesy of Hoopshype.com

Poole has to prove that he can be one of the star players on a rebuilding Wizards team.

Another trade that took place before free agency was the Kristaps Porzingis trade. The Wizards, Celtics and Grizzlies facilitated a three-team trade that traded KP to the Celtics, Tyus Jones to the Wizards and former DPOY to the Grizzlies. Porzingis has to prove he can be a 3rd or 4th option on a championship Celtics team. Adrian Wojnarowski (WOJ) reported that the Trailblazers traded Holiday to the Celtics. The Trailblazers received Malcom Brogdon, Robert Williams, a 2024 Warriors 1st round pick and a 2029 unprotected 1st round pick.

Immediately when free agency started, Green agreed to a four-year \$100 million

deal with the Warriors, and with a player option. Also, Kyle Kuzma agreed to a four-year \$102 million deal with the Wizards after declining his \$13 million player option. Some other shocking signings were Bruce Brown signing a two-year \$45 million contract with the Pacers, Dillon Brooks with a four-year \$80 million deal with the young Rockets and Jerami Grant signing a five-year \$160 million contract with the Trailblazers. Brown has to prove that his championship pedigree can help lead the Pacers to the playoffs, especially with his deserved contract.

Kyrie Irving finally re-signed with the Mavericks for a three-year \$126 million contract. Fred VanVleet signed a three-year \$130 million contract to leave the Raptors and join the young

Rockets. Khris Middleton re-signed with the Bucks for a three-year \$102 million contract, including a player option. Brook Lopez re-signing with the Bucks for a two-year \$48 million contract. RFA, Cameron Johnson, agreed to a four-year \$108 million deal with the Nets. RFA, Rui Hachimura, agreed to a three-year \$51 million deal with the Lakers. RFA, Austin Reaves, agreed to four-year \$56 million max extension with the Lakers. Irving has to prove that he can help Luka Doncic and the Mavericks win in the playoffs.

Some notable huge contracts extensions were signed like Tyrese Haliburton and the Pacers agreeing on a five-year \$260 million contract, Desmond Bane and the Grizzlies agreeing on a five-year \$207 million contract, LaMelo Ball and the Hornets agreeing on a five-year \$260 million contract, Domantas Sabonis and the Kings finalized a five-year \$217 million contract renegotiation, Dejounte Murray and the Hawks finalizing a four-year \$120 million contract. Also, Anthony Davis and the Lakers finalized a three-year \$186 million contract. AD has to prove that he can consistently play at least 65 plus games, while being the undoubtedly best player on the Lakers for years to come.

James Harden exercised his \$35.6 million player option, which evidently led to Harden shockingly requesting another trade, specifically to the Clippers. WOJ reported that

the Trailblazers executed a blockbuster three team Damian Lillard trade that included the Bucks and the Suns. The Trailblazers received Jrue Holiday, Deandre Ayton, Toumani Camara, a Bucks 2029 unprotected 1st round pick. Also, an unprotected Bucks swap rights in 2028 and 2030. The Suns received Jusuf Nurkic, Grayson Allen, Nassir Little and Keon Johnson. Lillard has to prove that he can help himself and the Bucks to have a chance to win a championship.

The top playoff caliber teams with high expectations consist of Bucks, Suns, Celtics, Lakers, 76ers, Nuggets, Heat, Warriors, Knicks, Clippers, Cavaliers, Mavericks, Hawks, Timberwolves, Nets and Pelicans. The top teams that are favored to win the championship are the Bucks, Suns and Celtics because of how they all finished last season, as well as the great acquisitions they made. The top 10 players with high expectations are Joel Embiid, AD, Jaylen Brown, Beal, Doncic, Lillard, Donovan Mitchell, Kawhi Leonard, Zion Williamson and Trae Young.

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## NFL's Good and Bad and (in between) Teams

**Jordan Stephenson**  
South Bureau Chief

So far during this exciting NFL season, the good teams have definitely separated themselves from the bad teams. Then there are the in between teams, who have both good and bad qualities combined, are currently 3-3 with .500 record, and they could either go over .500 or under a .500 record. This week of games is definitely extremely important and vital for the in between and bad teams; because the in between teams don't want to fall under .500, and the bad teams can't afford to continue losing games in terrible fashion. Essentially the key to success for all teams is playing complimentary football consistently.

Two of the NFL's unbeaten teams (were 5-0) lost Sunday,

in the 49ers and the Eagles. So, because of their unfortunate close losses, there are currently five 5-1 teams right now: three from the NFC and two from the AFC. These 5-1 teams consist of: the 49ers, Eagles, Lions, Dolphins, and Chiefs. The best 5-1 team right now, is probably the 49ers, because they have definitely been the most consistent team playing complimentary football.

The 49ers, Eagles, and Lions are definitely "the cream of the crop" in the NFC. Coming into this season, we absolutely thought the Cowboys would be one of the top three teams, but the Lions have elevated themselves over the Cowboys. Like I explained above, the 49ers have been the most consistent team playing complimentary football, which has resulted in them being top

five in offense and defense. They recently came off of a 19-17 loss to the elite Browns defense, and their kicker missed a game winning field goal. Sadly, some of their star players got injured in loss like Christian McCaffery (CMC) (oblique and/or rib injury), Deebo Samuel (shoulder injury), and Trent Williams (right ankle injury). Their statement win was when they destroyed the Cowboys 42-10, which put Brock Purdy and CMC in the MVP conversation.

Even though the Eagles are 5-1, most analysts would definitely say they have looked that great all season. Then when they played the hungry Jets, all their issues were exposed in their 20-14 loss to the Jets. Jalen Hurts uncharacteristically threw three interceptions, D'Andre Swift fumbled the ball, and Jake Elliot missed his lone field goal attempt in the loss. Their statement win was when they defeated their division rivals the Commanders, in a 34-31 OT thriller. The Lions are definitely the most surprising 5-1 team, because they have already surpassed the Cowboys. They are playing with immense confidence on offense and defense, Jared Goff is quietly in MVP contention, and their defense is extremely improved from last season. Their statement win was when they defeated the reigning Super Bowl champions Chiefs, on the road 21-20.

The Dolphins and the Chiefs are definitely "the cream of the

crop" in the AFC. They have been the most consistent teams, in an extremely competitive AFC conference. The Dolphins currently have hands down the best offense in the NFL, and still leads the NFL in majority of the important offensive statistics, even though their defense is shaky, but at best average. One thing they definitely improved from last year was their rushing attack. They were in the bottom half of the league last year but have improved to the best rushing attack with 181.8 rushing yards per game (ygp). They also lead the NFL with essentially 500 total ygp, 316.8 passing ygp, and are 3rd in the league 21 sacks per game. Tua Tagovailoa leads the NFL with 1,876 passing yards, and Tyreek Hill leads the NFL with 814 receiving yards and six receiving touchdowns. De'Von Achane is 3rd in the NFL with 460 rushing yards on few attempts, with seven total touchdowns, and Raheem Mosert leads the league with nine total touchdowns. They recently lost to their division rivals Bills 48-20, but then rebounded with a 42-21 win over the Panthers. Their statement win was when they defeated the Broncos 70-20.

The Chiefs are 5-1, but don't look as good as last year, especially offensively. Their defense is surprisingly solidified in the top 10, but their offensive weapons besides Travis Kelce needs to be more consistent. Patrick Mahomes is

still great, even though he isn't really leading in any statistical categories. Their statement win is when they demolished the Bears 41-10, with Kelce's girlfriend, Taylor Swift, in attendance. Some other good teams are the Ravens, Cowboys, Jaguars, Bills, Browns, Seahawks, Buccaneers, and Steelers.

The in between teams, which all have a .500 record consists of the Jets, Colts, Texans, Bengals, Rams, Commanders, Falcons, and Saints. Now to bad and lowly teams, they consist of the Chargers, Packers, Vikings, Titans, Patriots, Cardinals, Broncos, Bears, Giants, and lastly the 0-6 Panthers. Like I explained in the beginning, these teams need wins asap, so that the in between teams don't fall below .500, and so that the bad teams don't continue their losing attributes. The most important thing for these teams to get wins, is obviously playing complimentary football.

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Hills touchdown celebration

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# Game Review: Disney's Twisted Wonderland

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Disney's Twisted Wonderland is a Narrative Adventure JRPG created by Aniplex and Walt Disney Japan. On March 18th, 2020, the game was released on IOS and Android in Japan; then the official English version was released on January 20th, 2022. The game follows the player as they are transported to another world by a magic mirror where they find themselves at the magic training school, Night Raven College- despite not having magic powers themselves. The player doesn't have any memory of their life or where they come from, so to find a way home they are forced to live in the college's run-down dorm, Ramshackle Dorm, as an errand boy.

Night Raven College consists of seven dorms- excluding Ramshackle Dorm- based of Disney Villains. There's Heartslabyul, which was founded by the severity of the Queen of Hearts (The Queen

of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland); Savanaclaw, which was founded on the tenacity of the King of Beasts (Scar from The Lion King); Octavinelle, founded on the compassion of the Sea Witch (Ursula from The Little Mermaid); Scarabia, founded on the deliberation of the Sorcerer of the Sands (Jafar from Aladdin); Pomefiore, founded on the unrelenting efforts of the Fairest Queen (The Evil Queen from Snow White); Ignihyde, founded on the diligence of the Lord of the Underworld (Hades from Hercules); and Diasomnia,

founded on the elegance of the Queen of Thorns (Maleficent from Sleeping Beauty).

Each dorm gets its own time to shine in each book. The premise of the game is to prevent the house wardens from over-blotting, which is a condition that happens when they use too much of their magic powers. They have magic pens that act as a catalyst for their powers and when the stone on their pens turn black, their power overrides and negative energy takes over causing them to over blot. Then it's up to the player and their com-

panions Grim, Ace and Deuce to solve the problem and get the over blot character back to their normal state.

My favorite parts of the game are when the player gets to see the other dorms. Since the game is magic based, each dorm looks like the setting where their respective villains resided. Heartslabyul dorm looks like Wonderland; Savanaclaw looks like The Pride Lands; Octavinelle looks like it's underwater; Scarabia looks like Agrabah; Pomefiore looks like the Evil Queen's castle; Ignihyde looks like the Underworld' and Diasomnia looks like Maleficent's castle surrounded by thorns. Another part of the game I like is that the characters don't see the dorm founders as Villains, but as leaders and role models. Watching the movies gives us a different perspective on the villains; they're evil and we shouldn't root for them. But the game characters look up to the villains as their inspirations. This is extremely evident in "Book 1: Heartslabyul"

where house warden Riddle Rosehearts makes the students of that dorm follow the many rules of the Queen of Hearts no matter how ridiculous they are.

If you're looking for a game to play to pass the time, or a game that's story based, I definitely recommend Disney's Twisted Wonderland. It has the Disney aspects to it and anime aspects to it as well. There are also minigames that help improve your hand-eye coordination and timing. Twisted Wonderland is a great mobile game for all ages, and everyone who plays it will absolutely get hooked pause.

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## Universal Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights 2023

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As the days grow shorter and the nights darker, there's an electrifying buzz in the air - it can only mean one thing: Halloween Horror Nights is back, and it's bigger and scarier than ever! Universal Orlando invites all Broward College students and staff to join in the spine-tingling festivities

deepest nightmares come to life.

Gather your bravest companions, for legend has it that you should never brave the horrors alone. Summon your scream squad and navigate the haunted houses inspired by the biggest names in horror. Whether it's the hair-raising Stranger Things 4, the spine-chilling Exorcist: Believer, or the pulse-pounding Last of

Dragons: Choose Thy Fate puts you in the middle of an epic dragon battle. And beware, the Yetis are on the prowl in Yeti: Campground Kills, a 1950s campground overrun by these menacing creatures.

For those who seek the ultimate thrills, Universal offers a range of ticket options to enhance your experience. The Single-Night Ticket provides admission



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through Nov. 4.

For over a decade, Halloween Horror Nights has reigned as the Best Halloween Event according to Amusement Today's Golden Ticket Awards, and this year promises to raise the bar even higher. With a lineup of ten mind-bending haunted houses, prepare to embark on a journey into the heart of fear, where your

Us™, every step will leave you questioning if it's sheer excitement or spine-tingling dread that courses through your veins.

Universal Orlando doesn't just bring you the classics; they introduce you to new nightmares. Dr. Oddfellow's Twisted Origins promises a descent into a menagerie of twisted oddities, while the Dueling

to a night of terror, while the Express Pass ensures you skip the regular lines at haunted houses and select rides.

For the fearless souls who want to be fully immersed in the frights, consider the 2-Night Halloween Horror Nights Hotel & Ticket Package for Florida residents. Save up to \$200 on a hotel stay, paired with 2-Park or

3-Park Tickets and admission to Halloween Horror Nights. The longer you stay, the more you save, making it an unbeatable offer.

Remember, this event is not recommended for young children under the age of 13. Leave the costumes and costume masks at home and get ready to face the terror head-on.

But the fear doesn't end at the haunted houses. Universal Orlando Resort offers special rates at their hotels, ensuring you stay close to the screams. To sweeten the deal, select ticket purchases come with six months of Peacock, giving you access to a treasure trove of horror favorites and much more.

Before you plunge into the abyss of frights and delights, be sure to review the latest costume guidelines and Florida residency requirements. And if you have any questions, don't hesitate

to contact Guest Services at 407-363-8000.

So, Broward College students and staff, are you ready to brave the ultimate Halloween experience? Mark your calendars for select nights through Nov. 4, and get your tickets at the official website: <https://www.universalorlando.com/hhn/en/us>.

Don't miss out on this spine-tingling adventure. Summon your scream squad, and let the terror begin! series on Netflix.

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# Five Nights at Freddy's likely to succeed

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The Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF) movie produced by Blumhouse Productions based on the video game franchise of the same name will release Oct. 27, and it is likely to amass a hefty profit and draw moviegoers to the theaters in droves.

What is FNaF?

In FNaF, typically a night guard at "Freddy Fazbear's Pizza" must use cameras and other tools to defend against a horde of murderous nocturnal animatronics while balancing the associated energy costs of these preventive measures.

Lending itself to Youtube videos because of its episodic format and the looming dread, a passionate fanbase

especially of youths emerged from viewers who were invested by the accessible mascot horror and looming dread that could be felt even in videos.

Rising from obscure indie title to the mainstream inspiration of the mascot horror genre, FNaF is one of the most popular horror franchises, selling over 1.7 million copies of Security Breach and publishing over 9 million book copies.

Why is FNaF expected to be a success?

First, the FNaF movie has already recouped its budget in licensing fees to streaming platforms. This potentially indicates that there is a high degree of trust among streaming platforms that it will succeed and

draw viewers to their sites. Financially, this also means that the film made some of the money back and has been a good investment for both FNaF and the production studio.

Second, Blumhouse Productions has placed an immense faith into this with a comparatively enormous budget to its other successful horror flicks like *Us*, *The Purge*, and the numerous Halloween sequels. Given that these releases often punch weight above their weight quality-wise, FNaF could be one of their best yet, especially considering this funding has allowed them to get premier animatronic equipment and effective directors like Emma Tammi.

Third, there is plenty of community support and excitement surrounding the project. Scott Cawthon, the creator of the original show is intimately involved in the whole directing operations, ensuring that it remains faithful enough to placate dedicated fans; meanwhile, there is scheduled to be several cameos from some of the frontrunners in FNaF Youtube channels that helped mold the early fledgling series.



The Official FNaF Teaser Poster, Courtesy of Five Nights at Freddy's Website

Finally, audiences for this franchise seem to be aging up and able to rush to the box office. Parallel to this, there has been an increase in the quality of video game movies that is both representative of that trend and incentivizes more people to come out to see what was previously considered a schlocky cash grab. Detective Pikachu began this trend in 2019 with its picturesque animation, followed by *Sonic the Hedgehog* in 2020 with its compelling narrative, and now the *Super Mario Bros* Movie in 2023 with its family-friendly content; all three have been box office records, and there is no reason FNaF can't be as well.

Should I Go Watch?

Personally, I remember going to parties and seeing everyone else playing FNaF on their phones and not being quite brave enough to check it out myself. I do not think I will be going to the theaters with the same amount of trepidation I felt watching Youtubers like Game Theory or Markiplier, but I go in now with a renewed sense of nostalgia that is equally valuable. If you grew up in the periphery, why not check it out?

Either way, if you are in for scares for Halloween, it is a ghoulish way to get yourself prepped for the most frightening day of the year.

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FNaF Trailer 2 Thumbnail, Courtesy of Universal Pictures Youtube

# Xavier Nigel: The Visionary Designer of Next in Fashion

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Fashion is an ever-evolving art, and the industry constantly searches for fresh talent. In the world of design and innovation, one name that has been making waves is Xavier Nigel. As a contestant on Netflix's *Next in Fashion*, Xavier captured the hearts of viewers and the attention of fashion lovers worldwide with his unique style, unapologetic self-expression and unparalleled passion for his craft.

Xavier Nigel's life started on a rough note as he grew up in a small town, facing various hurdles. However, he was blessed with a vivid imagination and a penchant for drawing, which helped him cope with the challenges that came his way. As he grew older, Xavier struggled with a sense of not fitting in and found solace in fashion. It became his medium of self-expression and a way to communicate to the world who he indeed was. In the reality show, *Next in Fashion*, Nigel was not simply competing to win but to showcase his immense talent and push himself to improve. With his unique style and creative designs, he aimed to prove to everyone that he had what it takes to make it big in the fashion industry.

Nigel's approach to fashion is nothing short of visionary. His designs effortlessly blend streetwear elements, haute

couture and avant-garde aesthetics. He has a talent for transforming the unconventional into the mainstream while elevating the ordinary. What sets him apart from other designers is his unwavering commitment to breaking down stereotypes in fashion. He challenges gender norms and encourages individuals to be unapologetically themselves. His designs often feature bold colors, unconventional silhouettes, and a fearless use of materials, all of which underscore his commitment to inclusivity and self-expression.

Nigel's appearance on *Next in Fashion* was a rollercoaster ride. As a contestant on the show, he faced intense challenges, design constraints, and the pressure of competition. Yet, he remained true to himself, consistently pushing the boundaries of fashion while staying grounded in his vision.

Week after week, people saw him change his clothing designs on the runway. He made wedding dresses that looked different from usual and tried to make clothes that were good for the environment. Nigel showed that he can do many things with his designs. He was best in the "Streetwear" and "Uniforms" parts of the show. He surprised the judges and other people in the front with his ideas for these themes.

However, he faced setbacks and eliminations like all great artists who overcame adversity.

While seeing him leave the competition was painful, his presence on *Next in Fashion* left an indelible mark. The fashion world had taken note of this emerging visionary. In an era where inclusivity is becoming more important in fashion, he is at the forefront of the movement. He uses his platform to encourage individuals to embrace their unique identities and wear what makes them feel good, regardless of conventional expectations. He empowers people to take ownership of their style and express their personalities. Nigel's mission transcends the runway. He passionately advocates for diversity and inclusion within the fashion industry and society. He firmly believes that fashion should be accessible to all, regardless of size, gender, age, or background. His designs consistently break down barriers and challenge societal norms.

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Nigel also places a strong emphasis on sustainability and ethical fashion. He is deeply committed to reducing the fashion industry's



Xavier Nigel

environmental impact and using eco-friendly materials. His advocacy for sustainable fashion aligns perfectly with the growing global awareness of environmental issues.

Throughout his journey on *Next in Fashion*, he consistently championed sustainability in his designs. Whether using eco-conscious fabrics or by transforming recycled materials into high-fashion garments, his commitment to ethical and sustainable fashion practices stood as a testament to his vision.

Nigel is a fashion designer doing fantastic work in the fashion industry. People worldwide are excited to see his new collections because he always surprises them with his designs. He is also very passionate about being fair to everyone, taking care of the environment, and letting people

express themselves through what they wear. His story is about how he discovered himself and used his creativity to make beautiful clothes that make people feel good about themselves. He is not afraid to be himself and to include everyone in his work. He is making fashion more fun and exciting for everyone.

People often say that only certain types can wear certain clothes in fashion. But Nigel is doing the opposite. He is making fashion for everyone, no matter who they are. He is an excellent example for anyone who likes style and wants to make a difference. Nigel is not just the future of fashion; he is improving technique for everyone right now.

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# Don't be the victim within - you have control of your actions

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In recent years, race, political coMany people don't realize the number of times they keep themselves stuck in a pattern, an endless loop of complaint and defeat. How many times a day do you let your mind go over the past? How many times a day do you allow social media to influence your life? And how many times do you go over the things you can have or achieve? This identification of yourself that you keep in your mind holds more power than you know.

No one wakes up one day and becomes a millionaire and no one famous just randomly appears. There have been actions and situations that have occurred before a person reaches their goal. The most important thing to realize from anyone

in the spotlight or just a regular person who has accomplished some type of achievement that they wanted to experience is that it never came easy, it never just happened without action on their part.

A realization that has hit me is that I was once a person who never let go of the past, who based one bad experience as fact, and who placed everything as a state of emergency that if something didn't happen exactly when I wanted it to then I raise my emotions in defeat like a 5-year-old. The ones who win are the ones who show up every day even when something doesn't go as planned and even if they receive a no.

Take a social media influencer for example, how did they gain all those followers? You may think they have it so easy in life as of right now. I mean to

pick up a camera and just film or create content, but that is exactly what happened, they picked up a camera and created based on what they already had and in return gained so much more followers, brand deals, fans, extra income.

They grained based off their action; the followers didn't just appear. The energy that was put in had a positive outcome so every time you sit on the phone with your friend going over the same conversation from a bad situation imagine what type of outcome you will face overtime. Putting that amount of action in old circumstances and problems, repeating the same story of your life over and over again, how will that translate into something good happening or something better?

The amazing thing is

that we are human, so it is okay to have a bad day and want to stay in bed all day. It's okay to tell your friend what happened that made you upset but don't make it a daily occurrence. Decide to start with what you have to become better and experience better because that is what we all deserve.

You may not have full control on how someone or something is showing up in your life right now, but what you do have control is how you wake up and organize yourself, the media you consume and the friends you are always around.

You have control over how you live just by your actions, so try something different for once. I'm not saying to not deal with any issues that may be happening, but what I am saying is how can you view it differently

and respond differently in a manner that leaves you satisfied and looking forward to the days ahead. full scope of inequality is as if we are suppressing our past. And suppression is one step closer to oppression.

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