Admired by Students, Security Guard Pierre's Life Story

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Patrick Pierre, campus's adored security guard, not only loves his job but is a friend to all and idolized by students.

Pierre was born in Manhattan and joined the Navy after moving to Virginia working for the Norfolk Sheriff Department. After about two years, he decided to go back to New York and worked as a correctional officer in Rikers Island for about 20 years.

After retiring as officer for Riker's Island, Pierre started working for security at Lynn. Consequently, Lynn supervisors saw him and asked him to put in a resume for a permanent position in Lynn security.

"I loved it since the beginning," said Pierre. "Both my family and I were able to attend school for free."

Pierre is not only a security guard, but he also attends school here and aims to pursue his degree in criminal justice.

"I want to get my degree mainly to show my kids that college is a must," he said.

His shifts are unimaginable. With a night shift from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. three days a week and midnight to 6 a.m. on Wednesdays, Pierre has become acclimated to the crazy sleeping cycle and rather enjoys it because it gives him three and a half more days to be with his family.

Pierre loves the students and faculty. He is continuously amazed by all of the different cultures and diversity.

"I don't really have a tough job," said Pierre. "Students are respectful and there are never really any bad incidents. It is a lot more simple here than in the correctional center."

The security guard plans on staying at Lynn for another 20 to 30 years. He plans to attain his degree and show his family that he never gave up on his education. It will not be tough for him—he adores his job.
STUDENTS DECKED OUT FOR FALL

Students Dressing in Style from Scarves to Boots for the Trendy Fall Season

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Fall fashion is on the horizon and it is time for students to break out their hats, jackets and scarves.

As the temperature drops and the leaves fall off the trees, it is time for fall and all the fashion it has to offer. Although the fall season comes around every year, the fashion always changes; new colors and different styles are created for all to enjoy. Fall fashion is more thrilling and fun than summer and spring.

An outfit no longer consists of just shorts with a t-shirt; there are scarves, gloves, hats, jackets and more that spice up an outfit.

“My favorite accessory is a scarf, you can always add a scarf to a plain shirt to spruce it up,” said Caitlyn Cafasso, senior.

Not only is there more to accessorize with, but the colors are more dramatic and intensified. Fall is no longer browns and deep greens; they are honey gold, olympian blue, tangerine tango, french roast, rhapsody and bright chartreuse.

Style now is all about being bold and standing out from the crowd and with shades like this, they allow one to do so. The inspirations for colors come from sunsets, fantasy, retro, foliage and so much more.

“Fall fashion is always fun, there is so much more I can do with my outfits than any other season,” said Alex Berger, senior.

These popular fall colors are not only seen on clothes and accessories, but also on nails. Fall nail colors are usually kept dark with using shades such as deep purples, blues, greens, grays and browns.

This year, the popular trend is the French twist. Instead of the typical clear nail with a white tip, it is a clear nail with a deep colored tip such as dark purples or blues.

There are a few must haves for this season for both the guys and gals. Army jackets are in along with the classic loafers.

“I am loving the fall fashions this year because short military boots are coming back and military inspired fall jackets and cardigans,” said Alicia Tosstti, junior.

Cashmere scarves with a silk scarf are a perfect mix. Any boot, low or high, is a definite must for any fall season.

Fall is a time for high fashion and showing off ones true style while keeping warm at the same time.

Above: Student Alex Berger shows off his trendy fall gear./Staff Photo/ M. Kulkin.
HOLIDAY WEATHER ROLLING IN
Students Share Their Thoughts on the Sudden Winter Weather Change

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It is not every day that South Florida is struck with 50 degree weather. Students deliberate on the unexpected cold front that passed through recently.

“I’ve lived in Florida for the past ten years so I’m used to warm weather. I love cold weather and I like bonfires. I like being excited to celebrate the fall and winter holidays that are coming up. I’m definitely looking forward to the cooler days that should come this season,” said Carlie Admire, sophomore.

“It reminds me of home (Maryland) and I like change of seasons because it gets me eager for the holidays,” commented Lauren Roberson, sophomore.

“I thought the cold front was a nice climate change from the hot humid weather we’ve had here. I missed the cold also because I’m from New York and it made me feel like I was home,” said Jenny Samaha, Sophomore.

“I came to school in Florida for the warm weather, so I was kind of disappointed,” said Jose Valdivinos, sophomore.

“It was a nice change. I have a lot of scarves that I haven’t gotten to wear so I definitely took advantage of that opportunity,” Catherine Bradson, sophomore.

“Usually I prefer warm weather, which is why I came to school here, but it was a nice change. It made me feel homesick for fall and I got to bring out all my cute winter clothes,” commented Mallory Vendrick, sophomore.

“The cold reminds me of home, I really don’t mind it, and it’s a nice change from the scorching heat,” said Tanner Berman, sophomore.

“I didn’t like it. I’ve been in Florida for so long that I forgot how it felt to be in cold weather,” said Hobbs Karg, sophomore.
Peanut butter is simply a part of growing up. It is the better half of peanut butter and jelly and a delicious late night snack for those willing to admit they have eaten it by the spoonful. However, it would seem most people do not realize there is always on... a whole wide world of creamy or crunchy, deliciousness to be explored.

One obvious upgrade is to revolutionize the peanut butter sandwich into what is called the Reese’s Pieces Panini. Simply slather some peanut butter onto one slice of bread and on the other slice, Nutella. Not to take the spotlight away from peanut butter but uniting these two powerful flavors is nothing short of spectacular.

Put the slices together and if one can manage to make it to the stove before eating it just like that, place it in a pan with just a small dab of melted butter and toast it until golden brown. Now simply indulge.

Some may realize however, that peanut butter is more on the savory side and not everyone has that same giant sweet tooth. While cooking with peanut butter, it may be challenging for those living in the residence halls or even those without a knack for cooking, however, there is a solution.

This recipe may sound a little bit shocking. For a quick and easy Thai Peanut noodle recipe, simply take a ramen noodle cup and cook as instructed, adding the seasoning, and keep a small amount of water in the cup. Next, add a dollop of peanut butter or more to your preference and blend until the peanut butter becomes a thick sauce. Students may also add a small amount of soy sauce to enjoy their delicious meal.
Over the years the cultural change in society has made gift giving for children very different than when students were young children.

Physical toys do not seem to be as popular as they once were. Most toys and games have been transferred into an app that can be downloaded in seconds without parents ever having to enter a toy store.

iPulse went out to see who thought toys or technology were better for children’s gifts.

“The increase in technology gives kids these gift ideas. When I was a kid there was less technology and times were much simpler and the things that were simpler seemed much bigger. We had Disney Channel and now kids have iPads,” said Joe Williams, senior.

“Technology has taken over the younger generation. I would ask for toys and art sets and I feel like kids don’t even know what those are anymore,” said Alex Berger, senior.

“I think culture has changed the mindsets of children,” said John Schatz, senior.

“I think that kids will adapt to what environment they are in. When we were kids we didn’t have technological advances like this so we didn’t ask for such materialistic things like kids do now,” said Anna Hernandez, senior.

“I loved when I was younger; I had an Easy Bake Oven and it was the best thing ever. You can’t make cookies with an iPad. It is not nearly as fun now and kids can’t be physically interactive with iPads,” said Carlee Pizzolato, junior.

“I don’t think it’s good or bad, however, you are using your creativity in a different way. You are exploring a new world that our culture has created, instead of kids coloring on paper, they color on a screen,” said Alex Daughtery, junior.

Modern day technology has really created cultural change with the way children play. Years ago kids had not even heard of a flip phone and were playing board games. Now every possible board game can be found as an app. Many feel that it might be time to adapt.
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It is that time of year again when the galore of seasonal decorations make their appearance. Christmas lights line the roofs of houses and wreaths are hung on doors and windows, while the tree finds its place inside.

Christmas decorations are a popular trend that make the season more colorful and cheerful. Decorating Christmas trees with ornaments is an example of how a simple tree can be turned into a winter wonderland filled with shiny ornaments and sparkling lights. Tree ornaments can be purchased at various stores once the season begins or students can simply make their own ornaments to decorate with.

Individuals can either choose to hand make original ornaments using model, purchasing pre-made clay or glass ornaments at a local craft store. All supplies can be purchased inexpensively depending on which finishing touches one chooses to use.

If students choose to make their own clay ornaments, they will need air-drying clay, a wooden skewer and textured items which will be pressed into the clay in order to create patterns. First, roll the clay into a ball and flatten it out with the textured items. Once the clay is in the shape, use the skewer to thread a ribbon through for hanging on the tree.

Gather supplies such as paint, markers, ribbon, stickers and glitter to decorate with. If one lacks inspiration, gather ideas from various craft websites such as Pinterest and Etsy which will provide tips on how to make the ornaments more festive.

Holiday stickers are an easy way to spice up handmade ornaments. Decorating one's own ornaments is simple enough to be created in residence halls. The ornaments can be used as inexpensive gifts for family and friends or use the ornaments to hang around residence halls in order to decorate for the holiday season.

Above: Different holiday decorations for students to create at an affordable price for the holiday spirit. Staff Photo/ M. Montgomery.
MEANINGS BEHIND THE HOLIDAYS
Learn All About Kwanzaa, Christmas and Chanukah

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Christmas, Kwanzaa and Chanukah have been widely celebrated all over the world for centuries; yet the meanings behind them have almost been forgotten.

Christmas is celebrated in the United States as both a religious and secular holiday. For many Christians, it is believed to be the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth. Although each individual has their own customs for celebrating Christmas, some common norms include Christmas tree decorating, hanging lights on the house, presents on Christmas morning, Christmas dinner and waiting for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve to eat the cookies and milk laid out by children. Christmas is celebrated on Dec. 25 each year and has been this way since 1870.

Kwanzaa is a celebration of the African-American heritage and culture. Kwanzaa was founded by Maulena Karenga, the chairman of black studies at California State, Long Beach. It is focused on the seven principles where each principle is celebrated on one of the seven days of Kwanzaa. The principles include unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, creativity, faith and purpose. Every day from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, one candle is lit on the candle holder known as the Kinara. They then sit with family and friends and discuss the principle. Some common rituals include Kwanzaa gifts, wearing African clothing, honoring ancestors and feasts.

Chanukah is a Jewish holiday that originated when Judah and his followers reclaimed the temple where it was then cleansed and rededicated. Therefore, the word Chanukah means dedication. In remembrance of this rededication, one candle is lit each day, for eight days. Some of the traditions include children receiving gelt or money, playing Dreidel (a spinning four-sided top) and receiving of a gift each night. The holiday starts on the 25 of the Jewish month of Kislev and lasts for eight days.

Although each and every holiday is celebrated with different customs and for different meanings, each holiday still focuses on enjoying time with family.
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GIFTS FOR MALES AND FEMALES
Different Holiday Present Ideas to Give to Your Close Friends and Family

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It is about that time when gift giving is around the corner and what to get loved ones is always tricky and takes quite some thought.

Gift giving has been a tradition for years. Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Years are typical gift giving holidays during the winter season. Gifts are given to friends, co-workers, family members and, of course, significant others. However, this is where it gets a little tricky.

Men are usually easier to shop for than women. Women enjoy more of a variety and love new items that can be added to their closet. Whereas men are simpler and usually say they do not need anything. Finding the right gift can be difficult. Here are some safe choices that can be made.

Depending on the length of one's relationship the gifts will vary. If the relationship is new and fresh, gifts can be easier and at times less expensive. Girls like gift baskets with candles, body sprays and bath soaps.

"When I date a girl for a short period of time I usually take them out to dinner and buy her flowers and a card," said Alec Daughtery, junior.

Boys like gadgets for their computers or phone, going to stores such as Best Buy is a best bet.

In longer term relationships and marriages, gifts need to come more from the heart which can also mean a higher price tag. At this point, women like jewelry, perfume or clothes. The options are almost endless for the females. Men are more interested in watches, golf clubs or leather wallets.

"I have been with my boyfriend for a year and he is very casual. He enjoys tickets to a game rather than something flashy," said Carlee Pizzo, junior.

"Thinking of gifts are never easy and I usually end up on Google searching ideas for the right gift," said Alex Berger, senior. Gifts are not for receiving but for giving. They are special and come from the heart. Something that one will...