To wrap the year up, Professor Powers’ Journalism I class creates, edits and publishes an edition of the iPulse. Previously the class chose a theme for the edition. This semester the class decided to highlight the past decade at Lynn University. This edition features the growth of the university and departments as well as featuring faculty members who have seen the changes over the past decade.

Throughout the edition, staff writers revisited the track/cross country teams, Lynn’s fashion show, the growth of student affairs and criminal justice, as well as looked at the growth of Lynn’s 2018-19 class.
The cross country and track programs at Lynn might have only begun in the past decade, but over time the teams have sent two runners to compete in the National Championship race.

Lynn’s cross country team officially started six years ago and has developed substantially since being founded. Initially the cross country team had more swimmers on the team than runners. The sport was originally seen as more of a cross-training program than an actual sport. This began to change when Christopher Wood became the head coach of cross country at Lynn in 2016.

“I remember the first year I was coaching at Lynn, I only had four girls on the team,” said Christopher Wood, head coach.

The team might have started small, but quickly grew thanks to Coach Wood’s training and recruiting. The cross country and track team currently has 25 dedicated female athletes from multiple states and countries. The team has accomplished much since its founding. The team started as not being ranked to now being the seventh ranked team in their cross country conference and has improved greatly as a track team that began in 2018.

In the six years of competition for the women, Gabriella Wuyke and current freshman Emannuelle Le Tertre have had the privilege to compete for the NCAA Division II national title. In addition, Le Tertre became the first cross country athlete to be named the conference Freshman of the Year this season.

“I am proud of what we have done so far, but I am more excited for what the future brings,” said Wood. “I believe the cross and track team will be able to go to nationals in the upcoming years.”

The men’s cross country team has high hopes for the future as this year was the first year for the program. The team has started their program with a running start by being ranked seventh in their conference. The men’s team is laying down a strong foundation for their program to build upon.

“I hope that before I graduate, the team will have won or be close to winning a national title,” said Hunter Dobbs, freshman. “I hope that even after I graduate, the program will continue to be successful by improving every year.”

Both programs have big aspirations for their future and have already begun the hard work required to reach such goals. While the women’s program works on building a strong track team by developing its sprinter program, the men’s team is trying to expand its amount of members so they can have an official track team next year.

This past decade has been great for Lynn’s cross country and track team, and it is hopeful the next decade will be even better.

Above: The women’s track team will head into their third official season of competition in 2020. Photo/C. Wood.
Over the course of the last ten years, Lynn has seen many changes within its campus including the annual fashion show. Lynn hosts the fashion show every spring in the Wold Performing Arts Center. Many attend in excitement of what students have put together the entire semester. These students, typically juniors and seniors, are enrolled in and in charge of the ‘Fashion Show Production.’

Individuals have all had different favorites over the decade. “I Love New York and The Seven Natural Wonders of the World were my personal favorites,” said Lisa Dandeo, director. “Those particular themes always stuck out in my mind.”

Along with her favorite themes, Dandeo recalls moments in time she will never forget at the fashion shows as well. “The most memorable moment was working with not only students, but also faculty,” she said. “I recall a time when Dr. Norcio impersonated Sonny Bono, and Dr. [Gregg] Cox belted out as the lead singer of AC/DC by singing Back in Black.”

Although some shows were easy to put together, others were a tad more difficult. “Capitals of Couture was personally tough being there were multiple heights to the stage,” said Dandeo. “This was actually way back when the shows were held in the Green Center.”

Dandeo also recalls her favorite moments as head of the fashion show production team. “I personally love seeing friendships blossom,” she said. “As well as relationships my students forge with local boutique owners, retail chain stores and management.”

Being that the themes are becoming more top notch each year, Dandeo cannot wait to see what is to come. “I’m highly looking forward to seeing what Dr. Burnstine plans for the spring 2020 semester show.”
Taryn Hamill was a student at Lynn in 2005 and graduated with her bachelor’s degree in business management. Previously, the university did not offer the accelerated program often known as 3.0 today, but she managed to finish her career in three years.

Hamill was part of Sigma Sigma Sigma one of the sororities offered at Lynn. Since then, “I have had a great development in the university,” she said. When she finished her degree, she received a B.A. in hospitality management in 2009 and at the same time was a graduate assistant in the Office of Admission.

Hamill, originally from New Jersey, shared that upon her arrival to Lynn, she knew that she would be happy. “I did not want to leave because I love this place,” said Hamill. For that reason, Hamill let her superiors know that she did not want to go and that her wish was to be an admission counselor. She wanted to recruit students from her home state which is one of Lynn’s biggest states of recruitment.

Hamill was only 21-years-old when she became an admission counselor. She pursued this job for two and a half years until she became the first campus visit coordinator. This is where Hamill really thrived within her field of work.

“I love working at Lynn because I have the opportunity to feel like I’m making a difference every day,” she said. “I am so fulfilled in working with students and I couldn’t imagine doing anything else.”

Through the years, Hamill has seen many changes both in the structure and the variety of students as well as staff that arrive each year. Lynn continues to thrive with a variety of development in different areas and in the future.

Hamill feels that Lynn is growing due to the leadership that Lynn offers. Admissions pushes students to get involved and succeed which makes students want to stay.

Above: Hamill currently serves as the associate director of enrollment management for the Office of Admission. Photo/T. Hamill.
By BRANDON ORTA
Staff Writer

During the final weeks of Spring, Dr. Theresa Gallo the associate dean of students shares some of her insight over the changes of student involvement at Lynn during the past decade. Gallo started at Lynn in 2012, when she first arrived things were different. Gallo started off as the director of student affairs and realized the difficult challenges that awaited her. "Everything was a mess," said Gallo, associate dean. "We only had two staff members with a lot of good ideas, but not enough hands on deck to execute them."

Eventually as the school expanded so did the departments. Student Affairs grew in staff and student workers. This resulted in better quality programs with bigger budgets.

"We have come a long way. We are nearly tripled in staff. The programs are awesome. We started off with our offices in closets to now having our own penthouse in the new Lynn Student Center," said Gallo. "As we come to the end of the decade, I am excited to see what is next."

Working at Lynn the last seven years has provided many pleasant moments and memories for Gallo. "My favorite part of the job is meeting the students. I’ve seen a lot of faces come and go and each one provides different perspectives and meaningful relationships," she said. "The students are a very rewarding experience and gives us the opportunity to enhance our services."

Gallo worked her way toward the associate dean of students position in 2017, now the Center for Student Involvement recently hired a new Director of student affairs, who will bring fresh new perspectives while enhancing the student experience.

Above: The department of Student Affairs has won Lance’s Cup three times this year. It is given to the department with the most attendance at athletic events. LU Photos.
FRESHMAN CLASS SKYROCKET

Lynn Witnesses Highest Number In Incoming Students

This 2018-2019 school year has been a great academic year for Lynn University. As of this fall semester, more than 1,100 new students were welcomed on campus under the leadership of President Kevin M. Ross. More than half of these students came from at least 65 countries.

Wendy Lind, the Associate Director of the Office of Admission, formally worked for the Digital Media Arts College also known as DMAC. In 2017, Lynn and DMAC combined colleges to create the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn College of Communication and Design. Lind believes that this will impact the Lynn experience even more.

"I was very excited that DMAC was adopted on campus," said Lind. "I don't think the students realize that doing this has created new opportunities for them, especially the graphic design students."

Since the fall semester, each and every college program has had an increased number of students enroll. However, Lind does not believe that the new merger alone is the reason being for the large acceptance of new students.

"Lynn has been doing its best to reach out to students all over the world," she said, "I think the diversity of our school is also something that can attract people. Having a diverse college allows the students to have a positive experience while they are here."

Along with the new students, the Christine E. Lynn University Center opened on Feb. 8, 2019. The highly anticipated university center was in Lynn 2020 plan. Now in 2019, it is the heartbeat of campus.

"Lynn is starting to grow bigger and better as time goes on and I hope it continues to prosper," she said. "The more resources we can offer to our new students the better."

The rise of the class of 2022 has had a great effect on Lynn since the moment they all received their acceptance letters. Hopefully, they continue to thrive as not only students but as the future of Lynn's legacy.

IT IS THE LAW!

Criminal Justice Major Evolves

Throughout the years, Lynn's Criminal Justice Department has evolved from having just elective classes to a major created due to the passion and determination of the students and faculty.

In the early 2000's, the few criminal justice classes offered were limited to elective courses. On March 28, 2001 a signed petition was created to show the interest students had in wanting a criminal justice major. About a year later, the degree in criminal justice was started in the undergraduate day program.

Professor Karen Casey and Sidnee Kerker were the leading faculty members to help jump start the criminal justice program. "My perspective of criminal justice is that it is an interdisciplinary field and it is important to have a wide variety of courses from different disciplines included," said Casey.

The major is expanding and welcoming many students to the learning environment that Lynn offers not only on campus, but online as well. The criminal justice program teaches students every aspect of the entire field, and by the time an individual graduates they have a clear understanding of what they want to pursue.

"The impactful experiential opportunities that the college's programs in criminal justice offer promote real-world application of the theories and issues explored in the classroom," said Darren Allen, associate professor. "This allows students to apply themselves in the service of truly understanding the criminal justice system and its components."

The Department of Criminal Justice has definitely come far.

The addition of courses within this field will be most helpful for students to have a better understanding of the criminal justice system as a whole. If it were not for the determination of students and professors, Lynn would not have this major.
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Food Truck Conversations
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Wine Down Tuesday
5/7 @ 4:30 p.m. | Christine’s

Grad Cap Decorating
5/8 @ noon | Gutin Living Room

Blessing of the Graduates
5/9 @ 4:00 p.m. | Snyder Sanctuary

Senior Reception
5/9 @ 7:00 p.m. | Elaine’s

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This Saturday, Lynn will hold its first graduation at the Palm Beach Convention Center. The event will be livestreamed on Lynn’s Facebook. LU Photo.

Over the weekend, the Lynn baseball team hosted Palm Beach Atlantic for their senior day. LU Athletic Communications.
Dear Class of 2019,

Congratulations on officially completing your degrees at Lynn University. It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to reach this point, but you have overcome a number of challenges and persevered. Please be proud of all of your accomplishments and know we are proud to have you carrying the Lynn name as you embark on the next stage of your life. I hope that your time here was filled with solid friendships, rewarding learning experiences and personal and intellectual growth, and we are confident that you are now prepared for the endless opportunities available to you as a Lynn graduate.

Just as you have grown over the past four years, so has our university. We expanded our programs and partnerships, including the integration of DMAC; introduced new majors like cybersecurity and data analytics; and enhanced student services such as academic advising. Our men’s golf team won our school’s 24th national championship title, and we came together as a community to celebrate our campus’s largest project to-date, the Christine E. Lynn University Center.

We are excited about all that lies ahead for Lynn, and even though you will no longer be on campus, you are still part of our very promising future. When you walk across the stage at Commencement, you officially become a member of our alumni association, and we hope that you will continue to be engaged with your alma mater. Please keep us updated on your journey, and we hope to see you back at our annual alumni events.

Congratulations again on reaching this important milestone. We are proud to have you as part of our Lynn family and look forward to seeing all that you continue to accomplish.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Ross
President

A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT ROSS
Final Words To Today’s Graduating Class
PRODUCER SET FOR THE STAGE

Graduate Speaker Utilizes Years Of Experience

By SHAWN JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief

Graduating today with a Master of Science in communication and media with a specialization in media studies and practice, Alexandra Rafferty-Flugel has served as an international leader in broadcast production for nearly two decades.

Serving as today’s graduate speaker, Rafferty-Flugel received her bachelor’s degree in communication and media studies from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in 1996. From there, she went on to receive her Master of Business Administration from FAU in 2017.

With more than 15 years of experience, Rafferty-Flugel has worked closely with a multitude of impressive TV personalities as both a producer and freelancer. Most notably, she has served as a key member alongside Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Phillip McGraw and Dr. Mehmet Oz.

“I first began doing infomercials in south Florida,” she said. “Then, I moved into criminal investigation shows, working at ‘America’s Most Wanted.’”

Rafferty-Flugel has worked most recently alongside actor and TV personality Montel Williams on the show “Military Makeover.” There, she produces documentaries that seek to acknowledge U.S. heroes by offering a helping hand to members of the military and their families.

“It’s been so special to produce [‘Military Makeover’] because we have the privilege of honoring and recognizing our veterans,” said Rafferty-Flugel.

As she prepares to graduate for the third time, Rafferty-Flugel is eager to put her additional education to work. She hopes to begin teaching in the local area, furthering her ability to share her wide array of experiences with students. With a 17-year-old daughter along for the ride, she expects to stay in the area for the foreseeable future.

“I literally travel every week, Monday through Thursday,” she said. “Florida is just where I go to bed, but we’ll probably stay here. If I do get the opportunity to teach at Lynn, FAU or another local school, I’ll definitely stay.”

With a vast list of experiences under her belt already, Rafferty-Flugel is prepared to tackle her dreams with the degree she will receive today. Having already seen the transformation in the field of communication throughout her accomplished career, she is confident in her abilities to continue distinguishing herself as a world-class producer, leader and innovator.
SPEAKER’S FINAL FAREWELL
Editor Prepared For Commencement Stage

In what may stand as my final moment before the Lynn community, providing an address about non-traditionalism on today’s commencement stage, I would like to offer a prefacing notion of gratitude to my entire Lynn family. No matter your position – student, faculty, staff or alumni – you played a remarkable role in where I am today.

When I first visited Lynn in 2015, I continued to hear of these “opportunities” that would be available if I ultimately chose to become a Fighting Knight. I was skeptical. How could a university this small offer a home-educated student like myself a plethora of avenues to grow?

Four years later, I can only be grateful for and humbled by the experiences I have had in my undergraduate career at Lynn. Not only did this institution allow me to thrive as a student, but it also gave me lifelong relationships I will treasure forever.

I would not be where I am today if Professor Stefanie Powers had not invited me to join iPulse in my first semester at Lynn. Since that fateful day, I have served as a contributing writer for multiple publications and have significantly grown as a storyteller, communicator and leader.

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With all of the relationships that I have built through the years, I will always be most proud of where we took iPulse under my direction. Alongside an incredibly dedicated print editorial team, we revamped the design of the publication, transformed the distribution cycle, improved readership extensively and more.

Truly, none of these successes could have occurred without the family-like atmosphere that pours throughout our tight-knit team. It was a pleasure to guide our managing editors – David Czarlinsky and Dylan Klim – along the way as they became vital members of our award-winning publication. Through the highs and lows, my trust and confidence in them remained strong.

To say the least, Lynn was good to me. Although I am unsure of what the future holds, one thing remains certain: Lynn changed me for the better. I am willing to bet it did the same for just about everyone here today, as well.
Looking back on my three years at Lynn, I could never imagine the countless memories and opportunities that I would experience throughout my college career. Entering college, I had no real expectation of who I was or who I would become. You could say I was lost, overwhelmed and terrified of my future – much like any 18-year-old would be.

With a healthy push from my mother, I toured Lynn in the summer of 2016. As I walked the steps of campus, I knew undoubtedly I had found my home. From that moment to now, all I can do is express gratitude for how this university has accepted me with open arms and molded me into the person that I am today.

Within my first semester, I knew I was experiencing something rare. I previously never had professors that pushed me to my greatest potential while encouraging me to seek out every passion. It was through the support of Professor Stefanie Powers and former editor Victoria Alvarez that I joined iPulse in the second semester of my freshman year.

Beginning as a copy editor and working my way up to editor-in-chief, I learned the value of hard work and leadership. I worked alongside likeminded individuals that allowed me to fall in love with the art of storytelling. Every staff meeting, every edition and every smiling face of a published writer in iPulse made me so proud to be a part of something that I knew was much more than a school newspaper.

As a Fighting Knight, I embraced every opportunity that I received, including working with the Palm Beach Post, the Boca Delray Newspaper and finding yet another family on campus in the Office of Admission as a social media assistant.

I cannot thank Lynn enough for putting me in a position of growth. Professors Powers, Martin Phillips, Gary Carlin and Allie Benzshawel in the Office of Admission were not only my mentors, but they were my friends who will always have a special place in my heart and be a pivotal part of my story.

Although I may not know what the future holds, I promise to approach my life without fear or doubt, chasing every passion to create, to inspire and to make an impact.
After transferring from Rowan University in her home state of New Jersey, Megan Selfridge has played a number of decisive roles at Lynn.

From the moment she arrived, Selfridge knew she had found her perfect fit. During her time at Lynn, the advertising and public relations major served in a multitude of clubs and organizations. Most notably, she became a resident assistant for Housing and Residence Life and the special projects associate for the Social Impact Lab.

“I knew at Lynn I would be a student, rather than just a number,” she said.

Selfridge knew that Lynn was very diverse in its population, furthering her decision to enroll. “I come from a very diverse background, and I was looking to continue that throughout my college years,” said Selfridge. “It completes me. I love how I have been able to meet people from all corners of the world.”

While unsure of her path after graduation, Selfridge currently plans to pursue her master’s degree. She credits her parents and sister for being with her every step of the way. “[My family] has always been an example of who I want to become, and all I’ve wanted to do is make them proud,” she said. “My friends have also been there as support; they always catch me when I’m about to fall. I’m forever thankful for having them around as well.”
Originally from West Palm Beach, Xiara Del Valle knew within her first week on campus that she found a home in Lynn. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in fashion and retail and a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in social entrepreneurship, Del Valle looks back on her time at Lynn knowing that she came by chance but stayed on purpose.

Beginning her freshman year, Del Valle was quick to get involved. After serving in numerous positions across campus, including the vice president of Project Civitas, a wellness educator, a student ambassador and the academic knight for Knights of the Roundtable (KOR), Del Valle sought to give back to the community she loved. Through her involvement on campus, she would travel to Kayonza, Rwanda, to complete an apprenticeship with the Urugo Women’s Opportunity Center.

Moved by her short time in Rwanda alongside senior Faith Thomas, Del Valle returned to Lynn and created It’s H.E.R. [Help Everyone Rebuild] Business, an ethical clothing brand whose mission is to strive to make a difference in the world. “Lynn was, and still is, everything to me,” she said. “Never in a million years would I have thought that I, someone who really only had time to give, would be selected to have such wonderful opportunities that will impact me forever.”

As she graduates, Del Valle encourages students to keep an open mind and always be on the lookout for opportunities.
Kasia McCartney, originally from Nassau, Bahamas, graduates today with a Bachelor of Science in biology. McCartney received several opportunities within her area of expertise in the College of Arts and Sciences, including interning at Boca Regional Hospital and its Neonatal Intensive Care unit.

“I encourage students to take as many internships as they can. The more you take, the better understanding you will have after you graduate,” she said. McCartney also served as a member of the women’s cross country team, student worker for the Office of Development and a student ambassador for the Office of Admission.

In the near future, she hopes to conduct research in neuroplasticity within the South African region, hoping to make a difference for those in need. Currently, McCartney is enrolled in an online graduate program for neuroscience. After graduation, she plans to continue her education by studying exceptional special education.

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McCartney would also like to extend a final expression of gratitude to her friends and family for their endless support. With her eyes on the future, she is eager to put her education to work.

FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN
Gibbons Prepares For Future In Education

Originally from Essex, England, Alicia Gibbons developed a passion for helping children, specifically those with special needs, through her elementary education studies.

“I have a lot of experience working with children and young adults with special needs, and I have loved every second of it,” said Gibbons. “I love working with children so much that I want to continue doing so after graduation.”

After becoming a student in the College of Education, Gibbons quickly found that the program would help her thrive as a student. “I loved getting to know all the professors in the program over my three years,” she said. “It was interesting to hear their experiences and how they all got involved within the education field before Lynn.”

While the College of Education opened many doors for Gibbons both inside and outside of the classroom, she also had the opportunity to serve as a student ambassador for the Office of Admission. During her time there, she showed prospective students what it was like to study education at Lynn.

Following graduation, Gibbons is excited to move on to the next step. She hopes to work with children on the autism spectrum, putting each of the lessons she learned at Lynn to use.
Madison Timmons, graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts in film and television, thrived in the College of Communication and Design while staying involved on campus.

“By being a film and television major, I got to collaborate with people who want to go into the same field as I do,” said Timmons. “Seeing people who have the same passion and drive as I do to make films made me love my major even more.”

In addition to her studies, Timmons was a member of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority, a peer leader and served on the media team for the Office of Admission.

“I would like to thank my family for continuously supporting me in all that I do. They will always be my biggest support system,” said Timmons. “Thank you to all of the professors and faculty I have had the pleasure to work with throughout my time here at Lynn. I truly feel like I have developed not only as an academic, but also as a person.”

After graduation, Timmons plans to attend Columbia College of Chicago to pursue her M.F.A. in creative producing.

“I feel like I am going to constantly grow and learn because there are always going to be new types of technology, social media platforms and changes in the communications field,” she said.

Timmons is eager to jump into the real world, continuing to grow her passion for filmmaking while creating content that inspires those around her.

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A computer animation major from Garden City, N.Y., Damian Diassinos’ journey to Lynn began with the acquisition of Boca’s Digital Media Arts College (DMAC) last year.

Not knowing what to expect with the move, Diassinos was admittedly skeptical at first about the environment in which he would soon find himself. With aspirations to eventually work in an animation studio, Diassinos has taken his experiences from both DMAC and Lynn and learned how to better his work ethic through them.

Outside of computer animation, Diassinos also served as the event planner for the AIM Arts Club last semester and is currently searching for a job or internship in which he can devote his time and work ethic.

As he moves forward, Diassinos looks to embrace future students in the College of Communication and Design. He encourages individuals to manage the stresses of undergraduate studies by showcasing strong time management skills.

“Figure out how long a project will take you and plan accordingly,” he said. “There are certain things that you need to do to show those in charge that it is a necessity for you and your fellow classmates.”

As he looks ahead to the next chapter of his life, Diassinos is hopeful to reach all of the goals he has set for himself, while also looking back proudly at each of his accomplishments.
Spencer Rubin, a Chicago native, spent his past three years in both the classroom and the sky. Rubin, an aviation management major, excelled as a leader in both the College of Aeronautics and numerous other departments on campus.

As an aviation student, Rubin earned his private pilot’s license and his remote pilot certificate. In addition to his time at Lynn, he spent a semester in Cleveland with CommutAir as the aviation operations intern, all before spending a summer with Atlantic Aviation at the Boca Raton Airport as a line service technician.

“I wanted to take every opportunity I could to get involved during my time at Lynn,” said Rubin. “It was hard spending one of my six semesters at Lynn away from my friends and my life down here, but it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Aside from aviation, Rubin spent time as a resident assistant for Housing and Residence Life and has interned for the Office of Athletic Communications throughout his time at Lynn. In athletics, Rubin served as the voice for the volleyball, baseball, softball and basketball teams on their broadcasts for the Lynn Sports Network.

“Working for athletics has been one of the best experiences for me as a member of the Lynn community,” said Rubin. “David [Czarlinsky] and I came into the office in the first week of freshman year and have never looked back. The athletics department has taught me so much beyond the court.”

LYNN’S TRENDSETTER

Fashion And Retail Senior Transformed Program

After transferring to Lynn, Devon Brown quickly left a legacy in the College of Business.

Growing up, Brown developed an unwavering intrigue for the fashion industry, a passion he hoped to share with others as well. With that in mind, Brown knew Lynn’s fashion and retail program would be the right fit for him, enabling him to share his experiences with others.

Not long after arriving at Lynn, Brown began serving as the vice president of the Fashion and Retail Association, making it his mission to get students involved. For Brown, fashion is more than putting clothes on a mannequin -- it is about creating clothing that leaves a positive impact.

“Even after becoming vice president and developing change there, I felt it wasn’t enough,” said Brown. “I wanted to reach people outside of our student body, so I joined the Office of Admission as a student admission ambassador and, ultimately, a [member of its leadership team].”

With this new opportunity, Brown reached a unique audience, allowing him to interact with all types of students. By sharing his experiences at Lynn, he assisted in growing the fashion and retail program and the overall passion for it across campus.

“Most of all, I would like to thank my mom for always being there, supporting my dream of being a plus-size designer and starting my clothing line dedicated to plus-size women,” said Brown. “I want to also thank Dr. [Lisa] Dandeo for always believing in me and being in my corner. Without them, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

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Assistant Editor
CONDUCTING HER OWN PATH

Conservatory Of Music Propels Williams

By SHAWN JOHNSON
Editor-in-Chief

Graduating senior Kayla Williams has fine-tuned her artistry through Lynn’s Conservatory of Music, receiving her degree today in music performance on the viola.

As a leader in the Conservatory, Williams has developed numerous skills needed to achieve success at the next level. Over the past four years, she has grown as a performer, listener and role model through her many performances.

“During my time in the Conservatory, I have focused on building relationships with my colleagues and faculty members,” said Williams. “I lead by modeling a positive attitude, being disciplined in practicing my craft, serving as a voice for change and raising expectations for myself and others.”

While in the Conservatory, Williams has sharpened her appreciation for balancing a hectic schedule. Despite managing a busy performance lineup, she also served on the Office of Admission’s Student Admission Ambassador Leadership Team (SAALT).

Williams feels the Conservatory specializes in providing moments for students to grow as leaders in music.

“The Conservatory offers a myriad of opportunities to perform, hone your craft and branch outward as well,” said Williams.

Following graduation, Williams plans to pursue a graduate degree in viola performance, all while seeking a position in an orchestra and to perform as a recitalist.

CLOSING THE CURTAIN

Drama Senior Ready To Conquer Any Stage

By HADASSA DELHOMME
Editor-in-Chief

When Morgan Hotchkiss transferred to Lynn, she never could have envisioned the opportunities she would seize as a Fighting Knight.

Originally from West Haven, Conn., Hotchkiss began her college career at Long Island University in Brooklyn. It was not until fall 2017 when she would begin her Lynn journey, majoring in drama.

“My time attending college in New York made me think that school was not meant for me, that I was just there to graduate with a degree I had no interest in,” said Hotchkiss. “When transferring to Lynn, I realized that I really do enjoy school. I just needed to find the place that was right for me.”

While at Lynn, Hotchkiss became heavily involved within the drama department, starring in countless productions including the Café Du Cave series, Live at Lynn and Celebration of the Arts. She was even given the opportunity to study abroad on the Jan McArt musical theatre scholarship in Dublin, Ireland.

“I was working closely with professionals who exceeded my expectations on what a performer should be. I’m so lucky to have been able to work on my talent while immersing myself in a new culture,” said Hotchkiss. “I feel confident and excited to take everything I’ve learned at Lynn, ready to apply it to life after college.”

Following graduation, Hotchkiss plans to continue performing, ready to conquer any stage with the skill and confidence she gained as a Fighting Knight.
Graduating senior Alex Gharabegian fulfilled his lifelong aspirations of traveling internationally after studying abroad in England during his undergraduate years.

Before coming to Lynn, Gharabegian longed to see the world. With the help of the Center for Learning Abroad, he made that dream a reality. The Boston native spent the fall semester of his senior year in London, taking four business classes and exploring Europe with his friends. “My favorite thing about studying abroad was traveling across Europe,” said Gharabegian, an international business management major. “We were on a plane to another country almost every week.”

Gharabegian observed the nuanced differences between U.S. and British curricula as he studied. The academic lessons he learned and the life experience he gained shaped him into who he is today. “I thought it was interesting to see the varying views professors there had in comparison to my professors here,” he said. “Outside of the classroom, I learned what it’s really like to be an independent young adult.”

Gharabegian urges all college students to step out of their comfort zones and study abroad, knowing travel will be a fundamental part of his future. “I think everyone should take a chance and go abroad,” said Gharabegian. “I already have some trips in the works for this summer. After that, who knows where I’ll go next.”
Daniel Cooper, a basketball and film star from Chicago, transferred to Lynn three years ago from Goldey-Beacom College.

Cooper, a redshirt senior, shined on and off the court for the men’s basketball team. The forward started all but one game in his senior season and played a crucial role on defense.

“I chose Lynn because of the values that the university preaches to the community,” said Cooper. “In athletics specifically, the idea of ‘Spirit, Service and Strength’ resonated with me.”

As a member of the Blue and White, he earned Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Commissioner Honor Roll recognition (3.2 GPA or above) in each of his previous seasons and is on track to receive the honor again for his senior campaign. In addition to the honor, Cooper also was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court last year.

“Being on the basketball team has meant that I can be a part of something much bigger than myself,” he said. “It was incredible that we had the opportunity to compete in the NCAA tournament. That was the experience of a lifetime.”

In addition to athletics, Cooper majored in multimedia journalism, all while setting his sights for a career in acting. Prior to attending Lynn, Cooper starred in the 2013 movie “Playin’ for Love” and made an appearance in a Nike commercial with LeBron James.

As a graduate, Cooper credits Head Coach Jeff Price and Assistant Coach Tae Norwood for believing in him and bringing him onboard.

Originally from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, Kristina Ortiz came to Lynn to become a student-athlete for the women’s golf team.

Majoring in international business management with a minor in sports management, Ortiz has gained skills as a full-time student while excelling as a golfer. Lynn provided Ortiz with a strong education and helped her make worldwide connections as she played the sport she loved.

“Golf is definitely a passion of mine because the sport teaches you numerous life skills, many of which I will be able to use out in the world,” said Ortiz.

Ortiz has served as the co-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee since her sophomore year. As co-president, she represents the other student-athletes in the Sunshine State Conference. Ortiz has been selected to serve on several association-wide committees with the NCAA, in addition to being elected to serve as the female student-athlete on the NCAA Division II Management Council.

“Meeting some of my closest friends from different countries and experiencing their cultures is something that I will cherish for the rest of my life,” she said.

Aside from these accomplishments, Ortiz spent two of her four years at Lynn helping run the Lynn Catholic Knights. This group worked with local seminars to help deepen the community’s faith.

After graduation, Ortiz plans to pursue her master’s. From there, she hopes to work in college athletics, looking to share her passion with others.
As Kahlil Allen, an aviation management major from Charleston, S.C., wraps up his time at Lynn, he can look back at his many accomplishments as part of the Alpha Phi Delta (APD) fraternity and be proud.

While at Lynn, Allen held multiple key positions within APD, including president, vice president and new member educator. Through these roles, he grew as both a student and leader.

“These roles helped me become well-versed, taught me the correct way of being the face of an organization as well as how to conduct myself and others in that manner,” said Allen. “There is beauty in the struggle and ugliness in the success, but it’s all worth it in the end.”

With aspirations to become a flight attendant and ultimately receive his commercial pilot’s license, Allen knows that the sky is the limit if he stays persistent in working hard.

As he prepares for his final moments as an undergraduate student, Allen acknowledges that Greek life is not a “walk in the park,” but rather a marathon with many trials and tribulations.

“Embrace your challenges, but embrace them as a group. You are much stronger that way,” he said. “Believe in yourselves, even when no one else will.”

With his eyes now focused on the future, Allen looks to carry the lessons of community, family and membership – all values he discovered in Greek life – forward into his career.

Gonzalez thanks her parents for pushing her to persevere, as well as Natalie Capiro for changing her outlook on life and education.

Graduating today with a Bachelor of Science in international business management, Karla Gonzalez thrived as part of Greek life in Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri-Sigma).

One of the most involved students on campus, Gonzalez joined the sorority after hearing of its local impact and foundational beliefs.

“Joining a sorority never crossed my mind as I was entering college. I always saw movies and thought Greek life was a waste of time,” said Gonzalez. “After getting to know the girls after my freshman convocation, it really got me thinking about joining.”

Not long after joining, Gonzalez immediately got involved with Tri-Sigma and held multiple leadership positions, including honor council chairman and philanthropy chair.

“I have tried to unify all of the Greek life on campus, as well as make our presence known,” said Gonzalez. “No matter the letter, we’re all Greek together.”

Her involvement in Tri-Sigma triggered a domino effect and motivated Gonzalez to get more involved on campus. She has served as both a resident assistant and community advisor, served as a member of the club soccer team and participated in The Vagina Monologues.

Gonzalez GOES GREEK

Tri-Sigma Transforms Senior

By ABBY SEARS
Staff Writer
With a passion and dedication for helping others, Emily Finocchio thrived in the Center for Student Involvement (CSI). After serving her sorority, Theta Phi Alpha, Finocchio found CSI. With significant time spent in their office handling various tasks, her role in the department bled into other areas of campus -- most notably, serving as a peer leader.

“Serving as a peer leader has given me the opportunity to make connections with not only other students, but faculty as well,” said Finocchio. “It has given me the opportunity to impact the journeys of incoming students and stand as a role model.”

Not only did the peer leader position provide Riley with a plethora of connections, but it also transformed her own undergraduate experience. “This role introduced me to numerous leadership skills and has given me even more relationships, all of which I will carry after graduation,” she said. Riley attributes her success and wonderful memories to her friends and family.

“I would like to thank my family for openly supporting every decision I make,” said Riley. “Also, I thank my friends for making this chapter in my life an unforgettable one, as well as my Lynn community for providing endless opportunities and valuable experience.”

As she graduates today, Riley leaves parting words of advice for her mentees. “Don’t take a single day at Lynn for granted,” she said. “These are the days you won’t get back. It will be over before you know it.”

FINOCCHIO LOOKS ONWARD
Senior Thrived In Center For Student Involvement

By JAYLA HALL
Assistant Editor

With a passion and dedication for helping others, Emily Finocchio thrived in the Center for Student Involvement (CSI).

After serving her sorority, Theta Phi Alpha, Finocchio found CSI. With significant time spent in their office handling various tasks, her role in the department bled into other areas of campus -- most notably, serving as a peer leader.

“Being a peer leader allowed me to help and guide incoming freshmen with their transition throughout their entire first year,” said Finocchio. “I was able to create a relationship in which I got to find out their interest and use that knowledge to get them involved around campus.”

Finocchio’s success as a peer leader furthered her interest in serving as a student worker for CSI, a role that would allow her the avenue she needed to impact the Lynn population at-large. Surrounded by an incredibly supportive staff in the office, the experience truly met and exceeded her expectations.

“I would like to thank everyone from CSI,” she said. “Jaclyn [Kuwik] for being there for me since day one, Theresa [Gallo] for offering me positions and pushing me out of my comfort zone, Jessica [Fitzpatrick] for always encouraging me to strive for the best that I can be and, last but not least, Adler [Marchand] for always brightening my day. You all have made a bigger impact on my life than you think.”
MAKING CAMPUS HER HOME
Parks Blossoms In Housing And Residence Life

Lynn was a no-brainer for Sydney Parks, an early childhood education major from Exmore, Va., who wanted to go to a place where the concept of diversity and culture was accepted.

“I am very grateful for my time here at Lynn. If I was asked to do my entire experience all over again, I would not change a thing,” said Parks.

Embracing the culture across campus, Parks quickly jumped into Housing and Residence Life (HRL), serving as a resident assistant in the Lynn Residence Center last year before making the leap as a community advisor in the Perper Residence Hall.

After working in both capacities, Parks developed unique skills and fine-tuned her abilities to manage conflicts. In fact, becoming a member of the HRL team showed Parks her true direction in life -- helping others.

Above all, the friendships she made through her leadership positions have impacted her more than she could have imagined when she first walked onto campus.

“During the past three years at Lynn, I’ve joined a family that will last a lifetime,” she said. “I couldn’t do it without the help of my family and friends, including Alex, Arianna, Lourdes, Anna and David. I am appreciative for their endless support and laughs.”

After graduation, Parks plans on furthering her education in south Florida by pursuing her master’s in education.

By DYLAN KLIM
Managing Editor
As I get set to walk across the graduation stage, I would have never thought I would be writing a reflection as the managing editor of the school newspaper. Being involved in the iPulse was something I never expected, but it has absorbed the last three semesters of my time at Lynn and I am forever grateful for the experience.

During my freshman year, Professor Stefanie Powers pulled me aside in her Journalism I course, insisting she saw potential in me to become an incredible writer. In that class, I found my passion for journalism. Later, I discovered my love for the iPulse.

iPulse was more than just a school newspaper for me. In fact, iPulse became my life during my senior year. The publication has been an ideal opportunity to share stories and bring them to life, all while creating life-long friendships behind-the-scenes.

From that moment in Journalism I, I began to appreciate writing so much more and found a desire to create more than just articles. I found a desire to combine writing with my love for sports and my job in the Office of Athletic Communications, beginning to write game recaps for Lynn.

Since freshman year, I have had the honor to work in Athletic Communications, a department that has given me the opportunity to expand my passion for journalism. By writing post-game recaps, broadcasting games and serving as a sideline reporter, the office showed me what I want to do in the future.

Whether it was entering stats at a basketball game, watching a 13-inning softball game at midnight or having the opportunity to operate as information director for the cross county teams last fall, Chad Beattie and Alex Slocum each empowered me to take on leadership roles in Athletic Communications. In addition to highlighting my future path, they both focused on creating a fun, uplifting work atmosphere.

Beyond my time working with Lynn athletics, I served as a resident assistant (RA) and community advisor (CA), was a member of the Knights of the Roundtable and took on high-ranking roles with both the Lynn Leadership Institute (LLI) and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

I applied to be an RA because Hannah Link pulled me aside during an LLI session freshman year and mentioned the position to me. The idea of free room and board was the motivation behind the process, but holding positions in the department was so much more than that.

Serving as an RA and CA helped shape me into the leader I am today. Dealing with very unusual situations has showed me to think on my feet unlike anything else in the world. I am incredibly thankful to everyone who helped pave the path for me in Housing and Residence Life.

Although at times working with so many different departments on campus was exhausting, I was able to learn from so many people and create life-changing experiences and relationships.

Through my involvement, many individuals have guided me to where I am today. I would like to thank the entirety of the Center for Student Involvement team, Meagan Elsberry, Hannah Link, Tyler Casey and Anthony Altieri for believing in me and supporting me through it all.

Lynn gave me numerous opportunities, many of which I would not have received elsewhere. Although many individuals have insisted that I have been too involved through the years, my time in college has truly passed in the blink of an eye.

In the end, I would like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my entire journey. They each have had my back since I first arrived at Lynn, and I most definitely would not be here without them.

As I move on from Lynn, I look forward to pursuing a master’s degree at East Tennessee State University, where I will also be a graduate assistant in their Athletic Communications office.
A NEWFOUND LOVE
Managing Editor Transformed As Fighting Knight

Three years ago, I have to admit
I never would have thought I
would be in this position, writing a
reflection about my time serving
for a university newspaper. To be
honest, if you would have told me
in high school that I would be in
iPulse, I probably would not have
believed it. During that time, I only
played sports, avoiding most other
extracurricular activities.

A criminal justice major coming
into Lynn as a freshman on track
to graduate in four years, I had
shallow expectations. I was simply
looking to be a “typical” college
student, coasting by while doing
the bare minimum. Considering
myself to be a lone wolf, I was
not involved in any clubs or
organizations.

It was not until my sophomore
year that I found a genuine love
for journalism and ultimately
iPulse. In fact, this passion is
due solely to Professor Stefanie
Powers. The moment I walked
into her Journalism I course, it
became more than just an elective
- it became my passion, a pathway
for a shy kid from New Jersey to
express himself in ways he could
not previously.

Later, I would join the 3.0
accelerated degree program and
add a multimedia journalism
minor. With the guidance of
Powers and my advisor Sindee
Kerker, both serving as my role
models at Lynn, I have grown
into a leader across campus. Each
of them stand as empowering
women, warranting a spot in my
own Lynn Hall of Fame.

During my time as an undergrad,
iPulse became more than a school
newspaper; it became my life. A
publication I will always speak
highly of and be proud to call my
own, iPulse allowed me to create
friendships that will last a lifetime.
Not only has my writing improved
significantly since I first began, but
my ability to work with others has
also grown substantially as well.

Although I call New Jersey home,
my best friend is from Alabama.
Shawn Johnson, a Pelham, Ala.
native, is another reason I have
flourished alongside our student
publication. Each step of the way,
Shawn has been there for me and
never stopped believing in me.
No matter what the future holds
for me, I know Shawn will always
have my back.

Shawn and I both have grown
together these past few semesters,
continuing to work together well
as all good friends do. Some may
even say we have a “bromance,”
similar to that of “Jersey Shore’s”
Pauly D and Vinny.

Whether I was serving as a
baseball coach, resident assistant,
student ambassador, treasurer,
communications chair or
alongside the editorial team for
iPulse, I would not change a thing.
Having worked alongside nearly
every department, I have loved
every minute of my involvement
thus far.

I dedicate all of the awards and
recognition I have received to
my mom, Lucy. She created the
man I am today, and this campus
brought the best out of me. My
inspiration to keep going, my
mother has always stood as the
strongest woman in my life.

Alongside my mother were my
second set of parents, Susann and
Jimmy Leishman. While in New
Jersey, Susann was always there
for me as my second mother, and
Jimmy is the reason why I coach
baseball today. The Leishman
family showed me that there is
always something more to life
and to have fun regardless of my
current situation.

I would also like to thank Paul
McPhee, my admission counselor.
McPhee paved the way for me
to attend Lynn, allowing me to
leave my mark across campus.
From the second we met, McPhee
saw something special in me and
ensured I would not be overlooked
as a senior in high school.

As I move forward, I am beyond
thankful for this campus in
bringing the best out of me as a
student and leader. I am very
appreciative to call Lynn my
second home, as this entire
campus has become my family
forever. I know today’s ceremony
will not be my final moment with
my Lynn family; I promise to be a
member of this campus for a long,
long time.
PICTURE-PERFECT FINISH
Copy Editor, Photographer Signs Off

By NICOLE CLERI
Copy Editor

When I was a senior in high school, I remember touring Lynn, hearing of iPulse and thinking to myself, “I want to be a part of this.”

Three years later, I cannot believe how far I have come and the experiences I have gained from being a part of this publication. During my sophomore year, I joined the 3.0 accelerated degree program and began my iPulse journey.

At that time, I was in the midst of second-guessing myself, overanalyzing my decision to pursue multimedia journalism. With the help of Professor Stefanie Powers, who saw potential in me and guided me in the right direction, I succeeded and have made my family proud.

I began my time with the student publication as a staff writer and photographer, continuously overjoyed when I would be published. Going into my senior year, I was given the opportunity to serve as a copy editor, allowing me to improve my writing significantly. While I would continue reporting for iPulse, I would also have the chance to be published in the Boca/Delray Newspaper.

With these opportunities, I have made countless connections around Boca Raton, and I have made even more great friends along the way.

Without the continuous support from the many professors in the College of Communication and Design, I would not have grown into the journalist I have become today. Beyond graduation, I look forward to what the future holds.

By ALLI MANCINI
Assistant Editor

When I first began my Lynn journey, I stood as a communications and emerging media major. Always certain of my dream to become a sports broadcast journalist, I was unsure of how to earn notability or gain the necessary experience.

During my second year here, I began my time with the iPulse, the best decision I made in my three years at Lynn. I was nervous at first, having never written an article previously. Still, Professor Stefanie Powers reassured me, encouraging me along the way.

Shortly after, I fell in love with print journalism and writing, having found a true sense of belonging in iPulse. With the help of Professor Powers, I would ultimately change my major to multimedia journalism.

Near the end of the fall semester in 2017, I would be given a life-changing opportunity - a spot on the editorial staff. For the second half of my undergraduate experience, I would serve as an assistant editor.

I began working side-by-side with the editors-in-chief, gaining a plethora of opportunities along the way. In the following spring semester, Professor Powers helped me land an internship with the Office of Athletic Communications as a sideline reporter, a role I held for the entirety of my remaining time at Lynn.

As I prepare to begin a new chapter in my life beyond graduation, it is safe to say that I would not be where I am today without the help of the professors in the College of Communication and Design.
With numerous supporters behind them, today’s graduates are ready for whatever the future may hold. Photos/C. Snapp.
Not only have today’s graduates succeeded at the collegiate level, but they have also developed lifelong friendships that will transcend their careers. Photos/C. Snapp.
LYNN YEAR IN REVIEW

iPulse congratulates Dr. David Jaffe, dean of the College of Communication and Design, and Dr. Gregg Cox, vice president for Academic Affairs, on successfully serving the Lynn community in their respective roles through the years. As they move into new roles on campus, we look forward to watching them continue making a difference in the lives of students on a daily basis.

SPECIAL THANKS

Dr. David Jaffe

Dr. Gregg Cox
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

- iPulse Team
SUMMER BRINGS OUT THE BEST OF BOCA

Warm Weather Highlights The Local Beauty Of Nature

Above: Across Boca, various nature hubs - gardens, beaches, parks and more - have shown the picturesque elements of the city. Staff Photos/S. Galati, A. Acosta and N. Cleri.
FINAL FAREWELL FOR GRADUATING CLASS

Lynn Holds Largest Commencement Ceremony In School History

Above: Lynn was set to award more than 900 associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees this academic year—an increase of nearly 50% in the last decade. LU Photos.
Above: With the summer session kicking off early this month, the Lynn community has found time to relax while staying busy. Staff Photos/D. Gopaul.