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In this special edition of iPulse, we cover Dorian’s path and progression, how the storm impacted different parts of the world, and the relief efforts organized by the university and South Florida.

The world watched as historic Hurricane Dorian evolved from a tropical storm into the record-breaking category five hurricane that demolished parts of the Bahamas, threatened multiple coastal states, and now looms over Canada as a post-tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 100 m.p.h., according the National Hurricane Center update on Sept. 7.

Since the life-threatening storm conditions have passed Florida, efforts are well underway to provide aid to the Bahamas. iPulse staff interviewed current Lynn University students, faculty members and staff to bring our readers all the information about donation drives, individuals making a difference, and much more.

In addition to covering the storm’s path and the Bahamian aid efforts, we also discuss what Lynn’s residential students did to entertain themselves during the university’s lockdown.
Before turning north, Hurricane Dorian appeared to be on a crash course with south Florida, leaving locals racing to grab water and food in preparation for the storm’s arrival.

Hurricane Irma struck south Florida two years ago as a category four storm. Irma forced Lynn to shutdown for an entire week, wreaked havoc along the Florida Keys, and left state road A1A in Fort Lauderdale covered in sand, according to Local10 news. After the devastation of Irma, officials emphasized the importance of preparing for Dorian and not underestimating the destruction Dorian could unleash.

Florida Governor Ron De Santis was praised for his communication about the storm. He ordered a state of emergency so that government agencies, local businesses and residents could have time to prepare for Dorian.

It was difficult for meteorologists to pinpoint exactly where Dorian would make landfall. Coastal states of the U.S. mainland, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas all held their breath as the record-breaking storm crept ever closer. It was forecasted that Puerto Rico would be heavily impacted.

When the storm finally made landfall, Puerto Rico avoided a direct hit. Unfortunately, the Bahamas felt Dorian’s full force. Sustained winds tore through the islands at 200 mph, and the storm stalled over the islands for hours at a time.

According to the New York Times, there have been 45 deaths recorded in the Bahamas due to Dorian. President Trump tweeted that the Bahamas will be receiving aid. Individuals, government programs and private organizations across America are organizing and dispatching supplies to the islands.

Even though South Florida was spared the brunt of the hurricane, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach airports closed for a number of days. The cities of Lantana, Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach also experienced flooding.

Hurricane Dorian is not finished, but all the records the storm has broken predict that its name will be retired.

Above: Nova Scotia work trucks on standby as Dorian moves north to Canada. Photo/NoVa Truck and Transport Photos via Flickr Commons.
By MARISA MCGRADY
Editor-in-Chief

On August 31, Lynn University’s aviation department began transporting their planes to Tennessee in preparation for Hurricane Dorian. Dorian initially threatened to make landfall on Florida’s east coast. Though the storm eventually turned north and spared Florida, Lynn’s Burton D. Morgan College of Aeronautics wasted no time getting their planes out of the storm’s potential path. Lynn’s aviation instructors piloted the planes themselves as they flew to safety.

The fleet stopped in St. Simons Island, Georgia before reaching Charlotte, North Carolina. After spending the night in Charlotte, the fleet departed for their final destination: Nashville, Tenn. The fleet arrived in Nashville on Sept. 2.

Once Hurricane Dorian no longer posed a threat to the planes, the fleet started their journey home. The fleet and instructors arrived safely back in Florida on Sept. 5.

Above: Lynn pilots captured this aerial shot of Lake Norman en route to Nashville. Photo/LU College of Aeronautics.

Above: The fleet traveled from Florida all the way to Tennessee to protect the planes from Dorian’s wrath. Photo/LU College of Aeronautics.
Kasia McCartney, a 23-year-old Lynn graduate student from Nassau, began doing relief work on Sunday, Sept. 1 to help friends and family from neighboring islands impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a massive category five storm. The storm pounded the country for days as the strongest and slowest hurricane on record to hit the Bahamas. The northern parts of the Abaco islands and Grand Bahamas island took the brunt of the storm’s assault.

“Luckily where I live was not hit as hard,” said McCartney. “I’m fortunate to have hurricane shutters and a hurricane-proof house. However, some people still in Nassau were affected because their infrastructure wasn’t strong enough to withstand the weather that did hit our island.”

After graduating from Lynn with a bachelor’s degree in biology, McCartney began pursuing her master’s in Exceptional Student Education. McCartney combined her desires to work with children and help the citizens of her country by working alongside Bahamian children’s homes following the hurricane.

“I’m passionate about children - making them feel safe [and] comfortable, especially since they’ve been through such trauma,” said McCartney. “I’m working with a children’s home called the Ranfurly home for children in the Bahamas, the Meridian School, and Windsor Preparatory School. We are making sure that displaced kids have a place to go to school and a loving place to live.”

McCartney spearheaded an initiative to open a new school to accommodate the influx of children arriving in Nassau from other islands. She is working alongside a group of people who value the importance of education and are doing everything they can for the students to stay in school despite Dorian’s destruction.

This project has also partnered with local and international psychiatrists who will be working with the new school to provide one-on-one and group therapy sessions for the affected students.

“Volunteering is so much work, it’s hard and it’s incredibly emotional. I never thought I would be in this situation because during these times and in these situations it’s so easy to feel helpless,” said McCartney. “As much as we all try to help as much as we can, we never really know if we’re actually making a difference. What motivated me, however, is knowing that the kids that I’m caring [are] somebody’s daughter or somebody’s son. If something were to happen to me, and if I was separated from my children, I would want someone to pick them up and take care of them, and make sure that they know that despite it all, they are loved and they are cherished, and that there is still a bright future to look forward to.”
Lynn University collaborates with local organizations to provide crucial resources for the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian.

Floridians prepared for heavy rain, strong winds, and flooding as Dorian threatened the east coast. Florida sustained minimal damage, but the category 5 storm battered the Bahamas on Sunday, Sept. 1.

“The hurricane was devastating for the Bahamas. I heard there are sharks on land. Houses are destroyed,” said Victoria Lue, a freshman majoring in Biology.

The Lynn community continues to provide both direct and indirect support for those impacted by the storm.

For direct aid, the division of student affairs is already collecting donations for the Bahamas. Some of the requested items include paper towels, flashlights, tool kits, first aid kits and diapers. The donated items will be transferred to the Boca Raton Fire Rescue and the Junior League of Boca Raton and then delivered to the islands.

Donations will continue to be collected until Friday, Sept. 13 at noon. Items can be donated at the following locations on campus: the International Business Center, the library, the university center, the Green Center, Freiburger residence hall and E. M. Lynn residence hall. Aside from donations, Lynn also took steps to support current students emotionally distressed, such as the Counseling Center,” said Jaclyn Kuwik Buttacavoli, assistant director of Student Involvement.

In addition to the donation drive, volunteers are needed on Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. to help load and deliver supplies to the Junior League and the Boca Raton Fire Rescue. The sign-up information for volunteering was distributed across campus via email by the division of student affairs.

“I’m expecting Lynn to really come together to help the Bahamas,” said Erin Garcia, director of international programs and services. “I think the three key resources for students would be to contact the Dean of Students, the Health Center and Counseling [Center]. They are designed for this kind of support.”

Any Lynn students can seek support from the following campus resources:
- Counseling Center: 561-237-7237
- Dean of Students: 561-237-7230
- Health Center: 561-237-7231

Above: Victoria Lue, freshman, Jaclyn Kuwik Buttacavoli, assistant director of student involvement, Erin Garcia, director of international programs and services. Photos/A. Zapata.
Lynn welcomes the class of 2023: the largest undergraduate class in Lynn's history!

Photo/LU.
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Above: U.S. News named Lynn University #1 in the region for “Most International Students” once again! Photo/@lynnuniversity via Instagram.
A NEW BEAT TO THE SAME HEART

The Daily Heartbeat of Lynn University Returns

By MARISA McGrady
Editor-in-Chief

Fall 2019 welcomed the largest incoming class ever seen at Lynn. Over eight hundred new undergraduate students flocked to campus in August from nearly sixty countries.

As hundreds of new faces joined the Lynn community, changes took place all across campus. The College of Communication and Design added a master’s program in digital media design, and the College of Business and Management introduced an MBA program in leadership and management.

With all these changes occurring on campus, iPulse matched Lynn’s energy and ushered in a great new team of staff writers, editors, and creative consultants. Before regular printing even began, iPulse brought Lynn all the information on Hurricane Dorian, Bahamian aid efforts, and student resources in our special edition last week. The iPulse team plans to match, exceed, and maintain last week’s excitement as we grow throughout the semester.

Though iPulse was sad to see some veteran team members graduate, the new editorial team and staff writers show outstanding promise and enthusiasm to bring the Fighting Knights the best and hottest on-campus news.

While the editors and creative team may change semester to semester, iPulse’s dedication to bringing Lynn accurate, reliable reporting remains the same. With plenty of exciting events, games, and fairs taking place this semester, we look forward to providing quality coverage to encourage and foster an informed student body.

On behalf of the entire iPulse staff, we thank all Fighting Knights for your continued engagement with our publication through the years. As we continue on our ongoing mission, we look forward to connecting with our readers.

Above and below: The iPulse team brings positivity and smiles into the new semester with them. Photo/S. Dantus.
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Lynn alumna Haley Marguerite has recently used the popularity of her initial publication to release the second installment in her children’s series with “Charlie Takes an Adventure to Massachusetts.”

Launched this past January, “Charlie Takes an Adventure to Massachusetts” follows Charlie, a young penguin, as he searches for fun facts and historical landmarks in Massachusetts. The first book in the series, “Charlie Takes an Adventure,” followed the main character from Antarctica to Florida as he sought after entertainment beyond Antarctica’s dull, snowy winter. Marguerite wrote the initial installment when she was just eleven-years-old as part of a language arts project.

“Being eleven-years-old at the time, I had no clue how to get a book published,” said Marguerite. “My book sat on the bookshelf collecting dust for 13 years.”

Despite discouraging words from her peers over the years, Marguerite held onto her original manuscript, hoping to one day make her dream of publication a reality. When “Charlie Takes an Adventure” was finally published, it first launched at Loggers Run Middle School in Boca Raton, where Marguerite attended sixth grade.

“Charlie Takes an Adventure” was hit with an overwhelmingly positive response from children, parents and educators across the board,” Marguerite said.

As Marguerite enjoys the success of her first two publications, she also works hard to prepare for her future creative endeavors.

“I plan on writing a total of 50 books, where Charlie will make his way to every state in the US while learning fun facts and locating historical landmarks. When all the states are completed, my goal is to take Charlie abroad,” said Marguerite of her series.

Marguerite looks forward to the launch of her third book this fall, “Charlie Takes an Adventure to New York.”

“She [Professor Powers] was by far one of my favorite professors at Lynn. The most important thing she taught me was email etiquette,” said Marguerite. “I honestly never realized how important that lesson was until years later [when I found myself] sending letters to national buyers trying to get my books into their gift shops.”

Below: “Charlie Takes an Adventure,” Marguerite’s debut as a children’s author, laid the groundwork for the success of her on-going series. Photo/Hayley Marguerite.
By CLAIRE McCABE
Advertising Manager

The Bahamas suffered from Hurricane Dorian, landing as a category five hurricane when it hit the islands making landfall at Elbow Cay. Not only did this hurricane affect those who were in the Bahamas but it also affected those who reside on Lynn’s campus.

The Bahamas is a well-known vacation spot, but for many it is considered home. Giovanni Morris, a senior studying aviation management is a native Bahamian. He comes from the island of Great Abaco, an area located just south of where Dorian made its initial blow within the Bahamas.

During the storm, Morris remained on campus with hope that his family was safe. There is a community of people from the Bahamas found on campus, including students within the newest class of 2023. Amidst adjusting to college, many freshmen were worried about the safety of their loved ones.

“I was unable to communicate at all [with my direct family] during the storm,” said Morris. “My grandma from a different island texted me and told me that my family had to leave the house and seek shelter elsewhere because the home was taking in water and the roof had been torn off.”

Morris is on a mission to help the Bahamas in any way he can, starting with the development of a drive as supported by Lynn University.

“I have been in contact with various departments on campus including CSI [Center for Student Involvement], Admissions and President Ross who approved a donation drive as well as fundraising for the islands,” said Morris. He is happy to be a part of the effort and lead the support that the university has generously provided.

On Sept. 7, Morris had the opportunity to bring supplies to the island and return his family to safety. He was happy to see them and relieved to know that they were okay. The Bahamas are actively trying to rebuild and are in acceptance of constant donations.

Above: The Division of Student Affairs oversaw a donation drive through Sept. 13th to collect supplies to be dispatched to the Bahamas during their national crisis. Photo/LU Division of Student Affairs.

Right: Jaclyn Kuwik-Buttacavoli, assistant director of Student Involvement, assisted in organizing aid efforts for the Bahamas as well as supporting on-campus students by directing them to resources such as the Counseling Center and the Health Center. Photo/A. Zapata.
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Lynn’s campus avoided serious damage from Hurricane Dorian and remains as scenic as ever! Photo/LU.
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Above: Helen Kreuzer recently received SSC Women’s Golfer of the Week honors. Photo/@lynn_knights via Instagram.
GRETA THUNBERG SAILS TO NEW YORK

16-Year-Old Climate Activist Finishes Zero-Carbon Journey Across The Atlantic

By HELEN TAMY KREUZER
Staff Writer

Swedish teen-activist, Greta Thunberg sailed to New York on the Malizia II, a carbon-free vessel, to speak at the United Nations Climate Actions Summit.

Thunberg sought an alternative to air travel because it is one of the most dominant contributors to greenhouse gases, climate change and global warming. Thunberg decided to brave the Atlantic on the Malizia II with her father, two skippers from the Mailizia II’s racing team and a film producer. The racing yacht is equipped with solar panels and underwater turbines to guarantee a carbon-neutral journey from Plymouth, England, to the East Coast of the United States.

Back in 2018, Thunberg left school once a week to strike for climate change in front of the Swedish parliament. Her protests soon gained international attention, resulting in the development of the Fridays for Future movement that encourages millions of students worldwide to strike for climate action every Friday. Since the formation of this initiative, Thunberg has not only spoken in front of the European Parliament, but she also continues to inspire strikes in more than 119 countries.

The ultimate goal of the UN Climate Action Summit is to bring governments, civil society, the private sector, and local authorities together to develop a global solution for climate change. While Thunberg’s efforts are highly appreciated by her fellow environmental activists, she has also received criticism for her unusual method of traveling overseas. This is because Thunberg’s trip required a separate team of several skippers to fly to New York in order to sail the Malizia II back, meaning that emissions would have been sufficiently lower if she would have flown directly from Europe to the US.

Apart from speaking at the UN, the young activist is also scheduled to attend the annual UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Chile later this year. As Thunberg’s journey through America continues, she does not yet know how she will return emission-free to her home country of Sweden in December.

Right: Thunberg on-board the Malizia II for her voyage across the Atlantic. Photo/@gretathunberg via Instagram.

Above: Thunberg leading a Friday for Future school strike outside Washington, D.C. on Friday, Sept. 13. Photo/@gretathunberg via Instagram.
JUMP START THE SEMESTER

Lynn University’s First 40

By LUCIA DORLEY
Photographer

At the beginning of each new academic year, Lynn’s Center for Student Involvement puts together a group of events called the First 40 for all incoming freshmen.

As indicated by the name, the First 40 consists of exciting programs, games, events and fairs taking place during the first 40 days of each Fall semester. Some of these events include guest speakers on campus, trivia night, comedians and tie-dyeing shirts. The First 40 aims to immerse freshmen in their new home and welcome returning students back to their beloved community.

“Our mission was to help students to find connection because the first few weeks of school can be a lot, so making students find connections around campus was our biggest mission," said Jaclyn Kuwik Buttacavoli, assistant dean for the Center for Student Involvement.

During the First 40, two teams, the blue knights and grey knights, face off to showcase their Lynn spirit in an interactive competition called Battle of the Fighting Knights. This competition encourages students to experience the First 40, join clubs and organizations, and utilize the resources provided for student success on campus. At the end of the First 40, the winning team earns prizes such as mini-fridges, air diffusers and much more.

A significant and exciting part of attending these events is receiving free goodies such as Lynn t-shirts, water bottles and gift cards. Even though only one team will win the Battle of the Fighting Knights, everyone can win prizes at almost all of these spectacular events. The winner of the Battle of the Fighting Knights will be announced Oct. 5.

For more information about the First 40, visit the Center for Student Involvement on the second floor of the University Center.

Above: Students enjoyed events such as Condom Bingo and Open Mic Night. Photo/@lynn_studentaffairs via Instagram.

Above: Students can compete to win prizes and take fun photos during First 40 Events. Photo/@lynn_studentaffairs via Instagram.
After two exhilarating weeks of tennis, Bianca Andreescu and Rafael Nadal won the U.S. Open 2019 finals.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Bianca Andreescu seeded 15, and Serena Williams ranked 8th on New York’s hardcourt. Andreescu, the 19-year-old Canadian star, won her first U.S. Open final, becoming the first Canadian and first player born in the 2000’s to win a Grand Slam title. After this defeat, Williams has now lost the last four finals she competed in since the Australian Open of 2017.

At the post match interview Williams praised Andreescu but told reporters that it is inexcusable for her to play at that level and that she could have played better.

The tournament ended with the men’s singles final on Sunday, Sept. 8. After four hours and 38 minutes of play, Daniil Medvedev missed Nadal’s game-winning shot. The match ended 5-7, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, 4-6 making Medvedev’s thrilling comeback not enough to win his first Grand Slam. This win gives Nadal his 4th U.S. Open title and 19th Grand Slam, making him one Grand Slam shy from tying the all time record held by Rodger Federer.

The world of sports went nuts after Nadal’s win, and multiple athletes showed admiration for Nadal on social media.

“Congrats to Rafa for creating more history in our sport and showcasing amazing fighting spirit,” said number-one-ranked tennis player Novak Djokovic via Twitter.

“Appreciate his greatness,” said Tiger Woods via Twitter.

Top athletes will take to the court again in 2020 for a chance at the Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.
Aviation instructor Dominic Liberta led the College of Aeronautics’ fleet of planes away from Hurricane Dorian, helped evacuate Bahamians and flew supplies to the impacted islands.

When powerful hurricanes such as Dorian approach Florida, Lynn’s College of Aeronautics has two options. First, they could either leave the planes secured in the airport and risk the potential damages, or they could fly the planes out of the storm’s path. After a plane took severe damage from a storm several years ago, the College of Aeronautics decided to fly out their planes for any future hurricanes.

Liberta, assistant chief flight instructor, led Lynn’s fleet of five SkyHawk planes and one Beechcraft Bonanza on their journey away from Dorian. If the college flies out their planes for a storm, they must keep the planes out of the storm’s cone of uncertainty for insurance purposes. The fleet originally planned to stay in Charlotte, N.C., but Dorian’s constantly changing cone of uncertainty forced the fleet to adjust their course.

“The trip was strenuous in the sense that you always have to look on the hurricane’s website and figure out where the storm is going, but the flying part of it was routine for us,” said Liberta.

The fleet first stopped in Charlotte where Liberta and other flight instructors enjoyed some time at Carowinds, a local amusement park, before traveling to Nashville, Tenn. to avoid the cone of uncertainty. Liberta, his colleagues in the College of Aeronautics and his friend Thomas Furey collected and transported supplies for the Bahamas.

“Above: Liberta used his skills as a pilot and leader of his community to help evacuate and bring supplies to the people of the Bahamas.
Above: Thomas Furey, Liberta’s friend, aided Liberta in bringing supplies to an affected community in Freeport. Photo/D. Liberta.

Above: After Liberta and Furey provided one family with supplies, the family’s young son took some of the supplies and shared them with his neighbors. Pictured here is the son, in the white tank top, with his neighbors. Photo/D. Liberta.

Above: Liberta and the other instructors piloting the fleet stopped at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla. on the last leg of their journey back home. Photos/D. Liberta.
CREATIVE CAREERS ON THE RISE

Technological Advancements Lead to Changes in the Art Industry

By ALEXANDRA ZAPATA
Head Graphic Designer

In today’s modern world, artists can choose from a variety of creative careers within the industry due to the expansion and increasing implications of technology.

Many talented individuals seek artistic careers because they recognize how changes to the industry could help them become successful as professionals. The rise in digital culture created a wave of new opportunities for artists: the ability to work remotely but communicate instantly; having all artistic supplies contained on one device; scholastic programs that train the artists in high-demand skills such as Adobe Photoshop, In-Design and Premiere. Students pursuing their bachelor’s degree in graphic design, game art, computer animation and other creative areas take courses related to filming and editing, digital lighting, drawing and motion graphics, all of which can be used for other career-based skills.

“Art and designing are on the go now,” said Alex Reyes, a senior graphic design student in Lynn’s College of Communications and Design. “There is [the] opportunity to create what you have in mind on the spot. Freelancing work is easier because I don’t have to meet my clients. With one client, I got paid via CashApp.”

Similar to Reyes’s experience, many artists selling their work find themselves needing less in-person interaction to communicate with and solicit to clients. By emailing, texting, video chatting, using online storage clouds and using digital money transfers, artists can ask clients for feedback on an art piece’s progress, send digital copies of the final piece and get paid.

A common misconception is that the only way to make an income as an artist is to sell traditional paintings or become an art teacher. With the constant innovations of technology, more creative opportunities continuously emerge. One such opportunity is the development of video games.

“With technology and art came the art of interactivity, which is video games,” said Dorian Piloto, a junior game art student. “With video games there is a whole level [of] interactivity that is easily forgotten because [people] think of the art and music as separate aspects, but they are all one. Level of interactivity is something that has changed.”
Digital artist David Belliveau, an online instructor at Paintable, created the workbook “Digital Painting Jobs and Projects” in which he shared 47 creative career paths for digital artists. He listed several projects that artists can create to earn an income, including the creation of portraiture, fashion illustrations, greeting cards, card games, book and album covers, posters, logos, medical illustrations, vehicle design, character and environmental design for video games, 2D and 3D animations, film storyboards and graphic novels. 

“With digital [art], there is a lot of shortcuts and the work can come out with more polished looks,” said Kianju Roberts, a junior animation student. “A lot of work is being computer generated. You can also take what you learn from traditional skills and apply them to digital.”

With the development of technology like drawing tablets and artistic software, many of traditionally challenging and time-consuming projects have become easier to produce. Technology has also allowed for artists to gain exposure quicker with social media. Large corporations are no longer essential for obtaining recognition.

Students and postgraduates that seek jobs in creative fields now have more opportunities to earn an income in the art industry than ever before.
In Spring of 2019, Watson scholars James Okina and Isaac King partnered with Lynn’s Film and Television department to produce a documentary in the Dominican Republic raising awareness for homeless children.

According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) there are about 150 million children living on the streets worldwide. Many of the children run away from home due to violence, drug and alcohol abuse, war, the death of a parent and natural disasters. As a result, children are forced to beg, scavenge for food, and face other challenges such as recruitment attempts from gangs.

“In 2017, a child died in my arms when I was in Calabar,” said Okina. “He did not have to die. He shouldn’t have died. He overdosed on something, and his friends did not know what to do. He had been lying in that spot for two whole days and nobody did anything about it. I was too late. The doctor told me if the boy would have come in one hour earlier, he would have survived.”

Okina, a Nigerian native, almost ended up on the streets himself when he was nine-years-old. Okina created a youth-led movement called Street Priests in 2015 based in Calabar, Nigeria to help children in similar situations. Street Priests works with different organizations to transform the lives of homeless children and turn their potential into measurable assets to help them achieve a better future.

“These kids are invisible. The average person is oblivious to them,” said Okina. “A big part of the problem is that according to society they do not exist, and you cannot solve a problem that does not exist. So how can we bring more light to this [problem]? That is the biggest part [of Street Priests].”

Street Priests runs on a very low budget, which contributes to its success. Instead of running a facility, Street Priests builds partnerships with churches, local businesses and fast food restaurants to provide food and shelter for the children. Over the past five years, Street Priests and their partner organizations have helped over 3,000 homeless children.

King, an American student who works to combat bullying by creating programs to empower students through art, has lived in the Dominican Republic and speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. Together, Okina and King decided to create a documentary about this crisis in the Dominican Republic, but they had to raise money to fund their trip. The pair were surprised when they raised the money necessary in only one week and eventually exceeded their fundraising goal three times over.

In the Dominican Republic, Okina and King were exposed to a new culture and the problems that children face in that country.

“In one of the shots [we were filming], a man was soliciting sex to a child right in front of us,” said Okina. “This boy was, what, 11-years-old? This is definitely something I want people to see: see it for what it is. There are many people who would never go through even 10 percent of what street children go through.”
During their time in the Dominican Republic, Okina and King spent hours talking and interacting with the children to understand their situation. The children they met were mostly Haitian and Dominican. The documentary aims to highlight and bring awareness to the international epidemic of homeless children.

King and Okina used their time in the Dominican Republic as an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of not only the homeless children’s struggles but also the issues causing homelessness in the first place. After collecting the children’s stories firsthand, Okina and King attempted to map the system that is allowing this problem to continue.

“I would argue any day that this is one of the worst cases of human rights denial of our time,” said Okina. “These kids are being stripped of even the most basic things like an identity. They don’t know what today’s date is because their life has just been reduced to survival and have to figure out what to eat today and tomorrow. That is no way to live. It is a really dark world we live in.”

Okina believes that if every individual person works to help out at least one child in their country, the problem will slowly become eradicated. His goal is to build a movement around the stories of the children and show the public the reality that street kids live in to encourage them to make a difference.

“I don’t know if I can solve this problem, but I hope that I can make a significant impact around the world,” said Okina. “I really hope that I can and hope that this will have some sort of Domino effect and more people will begin to think about this and have some sort of empathy towards these kids.”

Above and top right: Okina and King photographed, interviewed and videoed many “street kids” in the Dominican Republic for their documentary to raise awareness about homeless children photographed/J.Okina
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Above: Parents and families weekend is approaching! This year, family weekend falls on Oct 18-20. Registration is available now at lynn.edu/events. Photo/LU.

Above: Knights of the Round Table invites all Lynn students to attend the upcoming open meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Henke Wing. Photo/LU.
Lynn Graduate, Shayne Fontana, was picked in the 23rd round of the 2019 MLB draft as an outfielder to play for the Orioles Organization.

Originally from Clinton Township, New Jersey, Fontana grew up on a baseball field. Fontana transferred to play baseball at Lynn his junior year and graduated from Lynn in May 2019. Fontana majored in Criminal Justice.

“The day I got drafted it was a crazy feeling and honestly a huge relief,” said Fontana. “It has been a dream of mine my entire life... I couldn’t stop shaking when I heard my name called.”

Just days after being drafted, on June 10, Fontana was sent to Sarasota, Florida to the Orioles Gulf Coast League. In a short amount of time Fontana was moved up to the Aberdeen Ironbirds on July 24.

Reaching greater heights, Fontana moved up once again on August 14 to the Delmarva Shorebirds, a Single A South Atlantic League team in Salisbury, Maryland. Fontana finished out the season with the Shorebirds, helping the team reach a 90 win record in the South Atlantic League.

“A challenge for me was constantly being on the move and adjusting to new coaches and teams while being far away from family and friends,” said Fontana. “I continue to learn more about the game and myself throughout this entire experience and feel grateful to have this opportunity.”

The outfielder ended his first season playing a total of 51 games. Fontana’s batting average was .275 and on base percentage was .370 with 49 hits, 15 stolen bases, 2 home runs and 19 RBI’s.

“I feel happy I made it through my first season as a minor league player and got to experience many ups and downs,” said Fontana. “I’m happy with how I finished the season and I have set higher goals for myself for next season.”

Lynn students are staying active on campus by taking advantage of the new classes offered at the fitness center.

Unlike last year, the fitness center now offers a wide variety of classes led by trained and certified professionals. Students can sign up for bootcamp, boxing, ab circuits, yoga, Zumba and personal training sessions as the semester continues. As of right now, bootcamp, ab circuits and personal training sessions are already being offered.

“Signing up for bootcamp was honestly the best decision I’ve made this semester,” said Max Gold, junior. “I like bootcamp because I don’t have to keep going on social media to find different workouts anymore, and I have an instructor that encourages me to not give up during the workouts.”

In order to partake in these classes, students simply show up to the class of their choice during the scheduled times. All classes are free except for personal training sessions. For many, the price for personal training is ideal for a college student budget, and previous students’ results from on-campus personal training motivate current students even more to sign up.

“As soon as I finished the personal training sessions I paid for at LA Fitness, I switched to coming to campus for training,” said Silka Dyett, senior. “A lot of my friends were telling me that I needed to start coming with them because the classes were fun, challenging and free.”

Despite it being the beginning of the semester, classes like bootcamp have already shown success in terms of the number of daily participants. The number of participants for personal training have been increasing as well.

For more information about fitness classes on campus, visit the fitness center on the first floor of the Lynn Residence Center or call the fitness center at 561-237-7732.
Greymar Maldonado, a 20-year-old Lynn student from the Dominican Republic, travelled to Costa Rica this summer and worked with a local non-profit organization called Transforma to empower women in extreme poverty.

Maldonado recently participated in the Social Impact Lab’s Ambassador Corps, an eight-week program that sends students to developing countries to do an internship with non-profit organizations. While in Costa Rica, Maldonado measured Transforma’s impact on the lives of local women and assisted a marketing professor in one of the classes offered by the organization.

“I decided to go to Costa Rica because it is a country that speaks my native language: Spanish,” said Maldonado. “I knew I would feel comfortable and be able to connect with the women. I did not want to go to a country where the language barrier would be a challenge.”

Transforma, which means transform in Spanish, was created to help some of the most vulnerable people in Costa Rican society: elderly women, undocumented immigrants, single mothers, abused women, prostitutes and addicts.

Many of the women that turn to Transforma live on less than $1.25 a day and face challenges such as food insecurity, job insecurity, irregular income, lack of healthcare, inadequate housing, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, lack of education and lack of career skills. Many of these women fled their home countries for Costa Rica hoping for a better life, but the aforementioned challenges prevent them from progressing.

“The women in Transforma were very friendly and positive despite their economic situation,” said Maldonado. “They always had a smile of their face. They never came with a bad attitude. They obviously come from very humble situation[s] with houses with dirt floors that are falling apart, but they are trying to get out of that situation.”

Transforma teaches women a variety of skills ranging from entrepreneurial education for self-employment to direct trade training for cosmetic work, textile creation and production and massage therapy. The organization also offers classes for conflict resolution and human trafficking prevention. There are even special programs to reintegrate women involved in prostitution or suffering from drug addiction into society.

“I would like to keep volunteering and help people in need,” said Maldonado.

Maldonado is double majoring in forensic investigations and psychology. She aspires to become a clinical psychologist and provide free therapy for the women of Transforma. Maldonado plans to return to Costa Rica over Thanksgiving break to visit the organization, her coworkers and the women she helped.

For more information about the Ambassador Corps program, contact ghildebrand@lynn.edu or aregueiro@lynn.edu.
Sea turtle nesting and hatching season in Boca Raton’s Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is March 1 through October 31.

Every morning during sea turtle nesting season, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center employees and marine turtle specialists survey sea turtle tracks and look for turtle nests. After observing the tracks, the marine turtle specialists determine which turtle species created the tracks. Once a nest is located, the specialists mark off the area with flagging tape.

The sea turtles hatch approximately two months after being laid in the nest. Hatchlings are brought back to Gumbo Limbo and released the next evening. This process helps conserve the hatchlings’ energy and ensures they are able to glide smoothly into the ocean and avoid hungry predators.

“Our Sea Turtle Conservation Team is on the beach every single morning during sea turtle nesting season,” said David Anderson, conservation coordinator. “We mark all the sea turtle nesting activity that happens the night before. We also check on the existing nests to see if they’ve hatched out or not.”

The highest recorded number of sea turtle nests was over 1,000 during nesting season in 2013. During the 2018 nesting season, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center found over seven-hundred nests. At the beginning of the summer, Anderson reported the number of recorded sea turtle nests found at various beaches in Boca Raton.

“We have over eight-hundred sea turtle nests so far this summer,” said Anderson.

For more information about sea turtle nesting, visit the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center website at www.gumbolimbo.org/nesting.
Gary Carlin, associate professor in the College of Communication and Design, spent 10 years working at Hasbro. Carlin began as a product manager before being promoted to Hasbro’s vice president of marketing.

During his time at Hasbro, Carlin was in charge of managing the advertising, public relations, product design, pricing and sales promotions for Hasbro brands like Monopoly, Scrabble, Joku, Easy Bake Oven, Twister, Trivial Pursuit and Candy Land. Carlin loved how he could express his creativity every day at his job. His love for toys and games began at a young age and continues to grow today.

“My favorite game is Monopoly, but I also really like the game Clue. That was my childhood favorite,” said Carlin.

Towards the end of his career, he transitioned board games to digital versions online. Some of the games he shifted to digital are still played today such as Frogger and Roller Coaster Tycoon. He will always cherish the memories he made from being apart of the Hasbro team.

Tired of everyday corporate life, Carlin thought he could come to South Florida to inspire those who want to follow in his footsteps. “I miss the people I worked with and I miss Boston but not the cold weather,” said Carlin.

Carlin’s passion for advertising and public relations is shown in the classroom through lectures, discussions and in-class activities.

“I love the energy from working with young people...the ideas... the creativity,” said Carlin. “It energizes me and keeps me young. I really enjoy taking my real world experience and combining it with academics to inspire and teach students. Every day is rewarding and inspiring.”

Carlin will continue sharing his experience with those who are eager to learn.
Above: Carlin cares deeply about the success of the students he works with, as evidenced by the bonds he forms with the students he mentors and teaches. Photos/G. Carlin.
Madison White, a former fighting knight, graduated Lynn in 2017 and has since worked as a freelance fashion photographer in New York City.

White, the 23-year-old Florida native, studied fashion merchandising at Lynn and graduated in the 3.0 program while competing for the women’s softball team. Following graduation, White pursued her dream to live in New York and become a freelance photographer in the fashion industry.

“When people would ask me what my dream job was when I was young it was always a fashion photographer,” said White. “It is still one of those pinch-me moments when I can’t believe that I am living in my dream city and pursuing my dream career.”

White’s first major job opportunity all started from an Instagram direct message from the head of PR and influencer marketing for Laura Mercier. White began shooting events for Laura Mercier and has been working for her ever since.

“I love being a fashion photographer because it combines my two passions into one career,” said White. “Every shoot is different, and I get to meet so many new people every day.”

White highlighted the benefits of being a freelancer, including the opportunities it has given her to take on new projects and meet new people. White’s work includes shooting for models, influencers, branding events, runway shows, birthday parties and weddings. White also enjoys that her career allows her to be flexible in what project she chooses, as well as being able to make her own schedule.

White finds that the opportunities are endless in New York City. Although White is constantly finding new projects, she finds it challenging to balance her work life and social life. White finds it difficult to say no to new projects, being that she is extremely dedicated to her career.

“I knew if I wanted to work in the fashion industry this was where I needed to be,” said White. “I love the hustle and drive that everyone has living in New York.”

Just recently, White worked her first season as a full-time photographer during New York Fashion Week. White’s schedule consisted of attending shows, shooting backstage, shooting influencers, events and gifting suites for two weeks straight. White values moments like these because she is able to network and connect with people from all over the world in the fashion industry.

“My most exciting moment of this [New York Fashion Week] was being able to attend the Kate Spade Spring/Summer 2020 Runway Show,” said White. “It was in an outdoor garden in Soho, and I was able to shoot the show and celebrities like Emma Roberts, Sadie Sink and Anna Kendrick! Definitely a pinch-me moment.”

White says that first impressions are so important and have created a snowball effect in meeting new clients. White continues to live out her dream and create new content for people in the fashion industry.

To see more of White’s work, visit her Instagram page @madisonlanephoto or her website https://itsmadisonlane.myportfolio.com/lifestyle.

Above: White recently did a shoot for New York University’s Alpha Epsilon Phi chapter. Photo/M. White.

Above: White captures official studio images of name-brand fashion lines and models. To see more of White’s work, visit her Instagram at @madisonlanephoto. Photo/M. White.
Lynn soccer player Shay Brennan brings talent, drive and discipline to the field, but the ideals he cultivates off the field – hard work, bravery and strength – inspire students and other athletes even more.

“In adversity, we don’t rise to pressure, we just sink to the level of our training,” said Brennan.

Before becoming the talented soccer player he is today, Brennan faced many arduous obstacles. Brennan was released from a professional team at the age of 18, his good friend in England passed away and he had to adjust to playing soccer in an entirely new environment and culture, but Brennan successfully navigated every challenge life threw at him. Where many would have crumbled under similar circumstances, Brennan worked hard and rose above these obstacles.

“Work harder,” said Brennan. “Whether its staying after practice or not going out and partying. Do whatever it takes to become better because when you work hard and do the things that no one else is willing to do, it is then [that] you will do great things that no one else has done.”

For Brennan, soccer is not just a game, it is his life. When his teammates are taking a break during half time, he is one of the very few who remain on the field to run drills. When his teammates are running to the locker room after practice, he is the only one that remains on the field to continue practicing.

“All it takes is self-discipline,” said Brennan. “To improve as an athlete, one must develop self-discipline.”

According to Brennan, the little things like practicing longer or sacrificing one’s social life make all the difference in how athletes perform. When all is said and done and the game is over, Brennan knows as he walks off the field that he will be remembered as a hardworking, passionate and dedicated player and a tough competitor to beat.
This semester Lynn welcomes HER Campus, an online magazine, for female college students looking for a safe space to talk about trending topics.

Janelle Evans, the founder of the Lynn Chapter, pitched the idea to bring HER Campus to Lynn. Evans created a team of students at Lynn by spreading the word and reaching out to close friends.

Jayla Hall, Paige Garrison, Chelbie Smith and Danika Bao became members of HER Campus and took on different roles to help Evans make this chapter possible. Since then, Lynn’s Chapter has continued to grow.

“Although this magazine targets female college students, HER Campus is not gender exclusive,” said Garrison, senior. “It is a great way to bring women in college of different demographics together and talk about things from fashion to politics to issues regarding the female body.”

Hall is the editor for Lynn’s Chapter, and Bao is the social media editor. Gardith Desauguste runs marketing for HER Campus at Lynn. Evans oversees the projects and visions of HER Campus and continues to spread the word about this organization.

“HER Campus caters the needs of creative females on Lynn’s campus,” said Garrison. “Lynn has so many clubs, but HER Campus is far different than what we have.”

HER Campus creates a safe space for students to speak about several different topics. Garrison, the events coordinator for HER Campus, is preparing the Lynn Chapter’s first event this October.

“HER Campus is so popular everywhere with amazing sponsors, so not only does it bring positive attention to Lynn, but it opens doors for networking for females at this school,” said Garrison. “Again, we are not gender exclusive, and we love having guys on our team to give us different perspectives.”

HER Campus is always looking for new members and encourages Lynn students to get involved. If you are looking to become a member of HER Campus, visit @hercampuslynn to sign up. For other information about Lynn’s Chapter, visit hercampus.com.
Students Reveal Highlights of the Fall Semester Thus Far

With the school year back in full swing, so much has happened already in the span of just four weeks. The school welcomed one of the largest freshmen classes since its foundation in 1962. Before the freshmen truly had a chance to get accustomed to their new home, Hurricane Dorian shut down the university for several days.

Dorian luckily changed course and missed Boca Raton, and now Lynn is gearing up for a great year. With over 800 freshmen starting this fall, the school rented rooms at the Wyndham Hotel for some students. Regardless of whether students are at the hotel or on campus, everyone has something good to say about the school year so far.

iPulse asked six students what their favorite part of the semester has been so far. Here’s what they had to say:

“Being with friends and going to events like, Condom Bingo, watching movies and going to the men’s soccer game vs Alabama-Huntsville,” said Juan Casis, above.

“Seeing your friends again and being back in the warmth of Florida,” said Kristian Colato, above.

“My favorite part of being back has been reconnecting with my quality friendships and finding my perfect balance between school and friends while also mastering my craft of acting,” said Laura Cozine, above.
“The best part of being back has been getting to know my professors more throughout the years,” said Caroline Saari, above.

“Going to Duffy’s with my group of friends and being able to hangout again was great,” said Sarina Adoni, above.

“Being a peer leader and working alongside other peer leaders and working with and meeting new students,” said Adam Hurd, above.

Above: A photo from one of the events this fall, Trivia Knight. Many students listed university-organized events like Trivia Knight as part of their fall favorites. Photo/@lynn_studentaffairs via Instagram.
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Celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender History Month!

Above: Stop by the library any time in October to learn about LGBTQI+ history, explore fiction about LBGTQI+ communities and participate in interactive activities. Photo/Lynn Library.

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