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THE DAILY BEAT OF LYNN

Below: Lynn drama students volunteered to perform voice-overs for KidSafe's Stay KidSafe!™ Program, which allows children to learn about important topics of safety through fun, 3D animations. Photo/KidSafe.



PROVIDING A VOICE FOR CHILDREN

REFLECTING ON LYNN'S COLLABORATION WITH KIDSAFE



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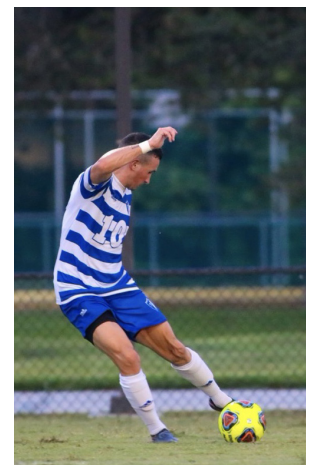
From fall 2020 to spring 2021, members of Lynn Drama collaborated with KidSafe Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child sexual abuse, by providing voice-overs for the organization's latest animated videos within their new Stay KidSafe!™ Program.

For the past two years, Lynn has had the honor of collaborating

with KidSafe. The local group educates children and parents on how to identify, prevent and handle the wide range of dangerous situations that children could encounter, like sexual abuse, online exploitation and human trafficking.

Founded in 2009, KidSafe works hard to educate children on these

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difficult topics by creating age-appropriate courses taught at schools across America. Along with courses designed for children, the organization has classes available for parents and professionals so they can be educated on how to keep children safe.

“KidSafe protects children and families from child sexual abuses, online exploitation and trafficking by providing them with education with lifelong tools to stay safe,” said Cherie Benjoseph, the chief program officer and cofounder of KidSafe. “The CDC looks at the issue of child sexual abuse as a public health crisis for children and the best way to address it is through education. Education for yes, children, but also importantly for the adults responsible for keeping children safe.”

The collaboration between KidSafe and Lynn began when Madison Slate, Lynn’s director of special projects, reached out to KidSafe after the organization hosted classes at her daughter’s school. When KidSafe decided to create animated cartoons for its new Stay KidSafe!™ Program, they reached out to Lynn’s drama department looking for volunteers to provide voice-overs for animated characters.

After holding auditions, the selected students began voice recording their lines. Thanks to the joint effort, KidSafe was able to create its 3D animations on a tight budget while the Lynn students were able to get experience with voice acting.

“This whole process in general, which was having scripts made and then having people do voice-overs, it was a learning experience, not just for the students but for us. So, the students for sure all gained a tremendous amount of skills in the area of voice over and development of characters,” said Benjoseph.

One of the Lynn drama students who voice acted for KidSafe’s animations was CristaMarie DeVito. DeVito volunteered to get experience within voice acting and was selected for the character Jada, a young girl who stands up for her personal safety.

By working with KidSafe, DeVito learned how to use different levels of her voice to provide voices for multiple characters and learned the importance of having good communication with one’s higher ups due to her often being alone when recording her lines.

Along with gaining skills, DeVito gained an appreciation for KidSafe teaching children by using the language of safety. She is proud to have played a role in the organization’s mission.

“I’m very proud to have worked with KidSafe. I love their mission and I love the way they go about their mission,” said DeVito. “They’re taking a topic that is very difficult and very taboo [that] people sometimes don’t receive well, but I know what they’re doing is really important and I know that they’re protecting a lot of kids. And to be a part of that is very rewarding.”

With the Stay KidSafe!™ Program completed, KidSafe is excited and proud that this new program is available for children to experience and learn from. After working with Lynn to create the Stay KidSafe!™ Program animations, KidSafe is excited for the chance to work with Lynn again.

“We hope that with the Stay KidSafe!™ Program being a finished project, that we reach thousands upon thousands of students and teachers with this safety project,” said Benjoseph. “From a Lynn University standpoint, we hope to move forward and be introduced to the department of education, and we have trainings other than the KidSafe training that we can help prepare future educators for their future jobs.”

While child sexual assault used to be considered a taboo topic, KidSafe is working hard to make people comfortable with the topic and tries to educate everyone on the issue.

“KidSafe’s goal is to just continue to make people comfortable with the topic so that it is not taboo and doesn’t have to be scary. It’s very empowering, its empowering for parents, it’s empowering for teachers, and it especially empowering for children,” said Benjoseph.

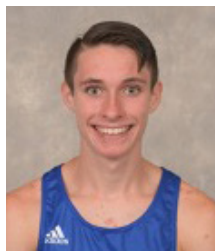
If you would like to volunteer at KidSafe visit the organization’s website, KidSafeFoundation.org, and click on the Contact Us page. From being a social media assistant to volunteering at tables at health fairs, the organization has a wide range of ways to get involved.

If you or someone you know was a victim of child sexual assault, call RAINN, the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-658-4673.

CHASING THE DREAM

A FIGHTING KNIGHT ALUMNUS WORKS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER

Since he was five years old, Alex Horveno has dreamed of playing professional soccer. Now, Horveno is going all in to pursue his dream and earn a professional contract.



By Bryan Ryder
Staff Writer

Growing up in France, Horveno was exposed to the beautiful game at a young age. As he continued to improve, he was eventually brought in as an academy player for Stade Brestois 29. During his time in the academy, Horveno was exposed to what professional life could be like and was able to take his game to another level.

"The academy really helped me not only as a player, but as a person," said Horveno. "I got independence much earlier compared to my friends who did not go to a professional academy. I had to leave my family when I was young. I had to grow up fast."

Horveno performed well, working up the academy's ranks. He then attended Ohio Valley University. After two strong seasons, Horveno felt he needed a new challenge. Eventually, he transferred to Lynn University. Horveno was drawn to the prestige of Lynn's soccer program and felt a new environment was the next step in his career as he dreamed of winning a national championship.

"When I came here, I was aware of the history...and [its] many great players," said Horveno. "I had to challenge myself to play better and help the team."

During his time as a Fighting Knight, Horveno established himself as a key player, earning First-Team All-Conference and All-Region honors in the 2019 season. Helping the Fighting Knights earn a Final Four appearance, Horveno finished the season with 14 assists, third most in the nation.

After the 2020 season was canceled because of COVID-19, Horveno bounced back and contributed again in 2021, ending the season with three goals, seven assists and earning Second-Team All-Conference honors.

After ending his collegiate career on a strong note, Horveno now has his sights set on earning a professional contract.

"I have had some conversations with professional clubs, but I did not realize how hard it is to earn a professional contract as an international player," said Horveno. "COVID gave me the opportunity to finish my career and get my master's degree, but I am still pursuing options now to play professionally here in the United States."

Horveno wants to stay involved in the game regardless of whether he can play professionally.

"I'm still working hard and being patient...but I know it will be tough, so I am also focusing heavily on coaching," said Horveno. "I want to stay in the soccer world and I think becoming a coach would also be a great opportunity for me."



Above: Horveno holding the NCAA D2 South Regional Trophy from 2019. Photo/A. Horveno.



Above: Horveno dribbles past defenders. Photo/A. Tasende.

CLEAN GREEN, PLEASE

COLLEGE STUDENTS SHOULD USE ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING PRODUCTS

Many college students use chemical-based cleaners, but there are nontoxic alternatives, whether purchased or homemade.



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Many natural cleaning products are available for college students to use when cleaning their rooms. According to New York Magazine's The Strategists, examples include Bon Ami Powder Cleanser, a scrub that can be used to clean surfaces, and Ecover Zero Dish Soap. These natural products are sold on Amazon along with others that will ensure clean surfaces.



Above: Bon Ami Powder Cleanser is a natural cleaning product sold on Amazon that college students can use to clean their rooms in an eco-friendly manner. Photo/The New York Magazine's The Strategists.

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Above: College students can help the environment by using eco-friendly cleaning products and eco-cleaning substitutes. Photo/African Studio/shutterstock via <https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/how-to-make-homemade-cleaner-with-simple-ingredients/>

"I would be interested in using natural cleaning products if they smell good and work good, so I would like to get a stain removal natural cleaning product, because if they both work effectively and help the environment, that would be great," said Ava Aguilar, Lynn student.

Another option is for college students to make their own eco-friendly cleaning products. Homemade cleaners are often considered "surprisingly inexpensive to create," according to familyhandyman.com

"The vast majority of cleaning projects can be tackled with nothing more than vinegar, baking soda, soap and water, but other ingredients are useful for specific jobs," according to Eartheasy.

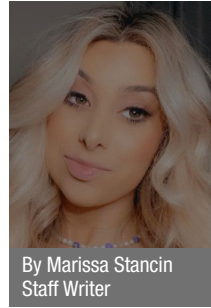
Another eco-cleaning substitute college students can use is lemon juice, since it can be used to kill bacteria, according to Eartheasy.

"I would be really interested in making my own cleaning products or using substitutions because they would be cheaper and I spend a lot on cleaning products every month," said Ava Aguilar, Lynn student.

With these alternatives, there is no need to rely on toxic chemicals to disinfect door handles and sinks. Students can use an alternative that is both cost effective and eco-friendly.

FROM REALITY TV TO PIZZAPRENEUR

Pizzapreneur Peter Izzo shares with iPulse how his pizza lifestyle is skyrocketing one slice at a time. After his participation on "The Bachelorette," he is set to open his third pizzeria location in South Florida.



By Marissa Stancin
Staff Writer

Born and raised in an Italian-American household in Long Island, New York, Izzo grew up with a passion for Italian cuisine. He attended college and double-majored in hospitality management and accounting, and had the chance to study abroad in Florence, Italy. While there, Izzo had the opportunity to work for a Michelin-rated chef.

"I am known for my famous saying, 'changing lives one slice at a time,' because I really consider not only my pizza but my brand a lifestyle brand," said Izzo, owner of Peter's Pizzeria. "I remember as a kid going to the local pizzeria where I would meet our friends at the same time every day. I'm not only a pizzapreneur but very much a family man and I am very proud to be in business and be partnered with my brother and have my family involved. Every time you step foot in our doors, you become a part of my family."

Izzo is not your average pizzapreneur. All of his products are imported from Italy, from San Marzano tomatoes to hand-stretched mozzarella.

"By the age of 21, I [opened] the pizzerias for the family I was working for, and it was within that time where I realized that it was much more than just food. My dream of owning my own restaurant gave me the opportunity to facilitate families' memories to be made, relationships to be established and anniversary's to be appreciated," said Izzo.

Izzo is grateful for his family's support and his brother's participation. He was working for an Italian restaurant on Long Island when his brother called him and told him that he needed to come down to Florida and check out this location that just became available. He took the risk, knowing the road ahead would be difficult, but he fell in love with the idea, wanting to build his own legacy and generational stability.

"Life's not all about money. Every day, I wake up and I choose to accept the responsibility to not only take care of my future family but also all of my employees and their families as well," said Izzo. "The love affair that I have with pizza makes me want to do this for free and seeing the smiles on my customers makes me want to continue to do this every day."

Izzo's newest location will open in Pompano Beach. There is already a Peter's Pizzeria location in Boca Raton on Palmetto Park Road.

"Pizza, it's there for you at night, it's there for you at lunch, it's there for you at 3 a.m. And even there for you at breakfast. Pizza is loyal, and Peter is loyal."



Above: Peter Izzo outside of his Boca Raton location. Photo/P. Izzo.

LONG LIVE ROCK AND ROLL

MEAGAN PAESE'S ROCK AND ROLL RADIO SHOW

Meagan Paese's longtime love for rock and roll inspired her to start her own radio show, "The History of Rock and Roll," that she has been producing at Lynn for the past 11 years.



By Taryn Super
Editor-in-Chief

Paese's passion for rock and roll surprisingly started after she watched the beloved Disney movie, "Lilo & Stitch," which had many Elvis Presley songs played throughout the movie. Ever since then, Paese's appreciation for rock and roll continued to grow with her getting into classic rock at 12 years old. Paese's love for oldies rock music eventually inspired her to start her own radio show at Lynn called "The History of Rock and Roll." On the History of Rock and Roll, Paese covers many different topics and elements of rock and roll such as the Beatles, 50s and 60s topics, Classic Rock, upcoming concerts, tributes to the rock and roll greats, anniversaries of big moments in rock and roll and more.

For Paese, producing her own radio show has not only allowed her to express her fondness for rock and roll, but also has allowed her to remind others of the greatness of the rock and roll genre.

"My goal of the show is to keep the memories of Rock and Roll alive and don't allow Rock and Roll to disappear," said Paese. "I want people to understand it and get people to learn more about rock and roll."

On The History of Rock and Roll, Paese brings on many remarkable guests who are influential within the Rock and Roll genre and discuss with them all things rock and roll. Some notable guest that have appeared on Paese's show are: Jim Peterik, the founder of the band "Survivor" and co-writer of the hit song, "Eye of the Tiger," Elliot Landy, a famous photographer who took iconic pictures at the 1969 Woodstock Festival, and Rod Argent, the keyboardist and main composer for the band "Zombies"

who called into the show from England. Paese's guests range from famous songwriters, famous musicians, and rock and roll historians allowing listeners to learn about the many different elements that make up rock and roll.

"All of the guest I have on the show are great," said Paese. "Some of my favorite guest would have to be: Bobby Hart who has written songs for The Monkees because he tells cool stories about writing for The Monkees, Joe Johnson who runs his own radio show called the Joe Johnson's Beatle Brunch and has been on my show many times to talk about the Beatles, and Chris Mac Donald who does tributes to Elvis and is a good friend of mine."

"The History of Rock and Roll" continues to grow more listeners every year due to the many guests Paese has had on the show along with the music she plays which is primarily rock and roll from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Paese's radio show currently has 8,000 listeners from all across the U.S. and within the UK. After producing the show for over a decade, Paese's knowledge on the rock and roll genre has grown significantly while her desire to leave a positive impact on her listeners has always remained consistent.

"While producing 'The History of Rock and Roll' I have learned more about Rock and Roll and the different artist within the rock and roll genre with many of the guest on the show helping me learn more," said Paese. "I just need to continue to be more positive and honest with my listeners. I want to bring my listeners happiness and for my show to have a positive impact on those who listen in."

Help Paese reach her goal of having 10,000 listeners by listening to "The History of Rock and Roll" by visiting Paese's website, <https://www.thehistoryofrockandroll.net>. and clicking on the Listen Live button which will take one to <https://streamingv2.shoutcast.com/lynnradio> to hear the show.

TORNADO FREQUENCY INCREASING DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

With the ongoing threat of climate change, there has been an increase of tornadoes in the United States.



By Max Lederer
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Climate change has increased temperatures, fueling the jet stream to produce stronger storms. This type of extreme weather is happening more than ever before, resulting in multiple tornado outbreaks in the past century, including the recent one in Kentucky with one tornado stretching over 200 miles and was ranked an EF-3 with winds up to 150 mph.

According to an article written by Brad Plumer, Winston Choi-Schagrin and Hiroko Tabuchi for The New York Times, "Scientists have seen...evidence that tornado behavior seems to be shifting: In recent years, tornadoes seem to be occurring in greater 'clusters,' and the region known as Tornado Alley in the Great Plains, where most tornadoes occur, appears to be shifting eastward."



Above: The increased amount of tornadoes in the U.S. could be due to climate change. Photo/B.Goddard via National Weather Service.



Above: A home in Louisville, Kentucky, destroyed by a tornado. Photo/WDRB.com.

This shift is evidenced by the numerous tornadoes that occurred during Hurricane Ida in 2021, with an outbreak of 35 confirmed tornadoes touching down from Mississippi to Massachusetts.

Tornados have six rankings under the Enhanced Fujita Scale. First is the EF-0 with winds 45-75 mph. Second is the EF-1 76-101 mph. Third is the EF-2 102-130 mph. Fourth is the EF-3 131-160 mph. Then fifth is the EF-4 161-200 mph. Lastly is the most devastating EF-5 200 miles per hour and over.

Tornados are becoming too common in Tornado Alley and elsewhere. Scientists and business leaders are calling for more policy changes to address climate change and believe that young people will be the ones to make a difference.

“Young people will need to be at the forefront of making technological and policy innovations necessary to combat climate change,” said Bill Gates, philanthropist and climate activist.

IS JACKSON STATE A SERIOUS DIVISION I CONTENDER?

NFL HALL OF FAMER AND JACKSON STATE HEAD COACH DEION SANDERS HAS TURNED THE UNIVERSITY INTO A POWERHOUSE

Ever since being hired to coach Jackson State in September 2020, Deion Sanders has helped turn the program into a hotspot for high school recruits by building a reputation for winning.



By JT Scott
Staff Writer

This past year, Jackson State had its best season, going 11-2 in regular season play and being invited to the Celebration Bowl. Despite losing 31-10 to South Carolina State, it marked the first bowl game appearance for the HBCU since 1971's Azalea Bowl victory over Alabama State.

The team won nine straight games to start the year and remained undefeated for 84 days. In those wins, the team held a combined average margin of victory of nearly 19 points.

The team is led at quarterback by Deion's son, Shedeur Sanders, who had a tremendous 2021 season with over 3,000 passing yards, 66% completion, 30 touchdowns and only 8 interceptions. Sanders was also named FCS Top Freshman of the Year in 2021.

The son of the Hall of Famer signed a deal with Gatorade, becoming the first HBCU student-athlete to join the Gatorade roster. Sanders is expected to make around \$600,000 from this deal because of his social media presence and his amazing play on the field.

“I'm honored to be a part of the Gatorade family. First and foremost, I'm blessed. It's a great opportunity. As a kid, I was drinking Gatorade regularly. So now that we have the opportunity to partner with the team and be a part of Gatorade, I'm very blessed,” said Sanders via Instagram.

On top of having the best season in school history and multiple players signing deals and

contracts, the biggest news for Jackson State came from a high school recruit.

On National Signing Day, the No. 1 high school recruit—Travis Hunter—flipped his commitment from Florida State University to Jackson State. This made history as Hunter was the first No. 1 recruit ever to commit to an HBCU.

This announcement sparked a change amongst the top recruits in the nation and more players started considering attending HBCUs.

With a possible shift in college football power rankings, iPulse asked Lynn University students their opinions of Jackson State.

“I was shocked when Travis Hunter switched his commitment,” said Pierre Stroh, freshman. “I wanted him to go to FSU so it kinda sucks.”

Other college football fans like Nick Zimmerman are happy to see Jackson State get recognition.

“I like that Jackson State is now a powerhouse,” said Nick Zimmerman, sophomore. “I really like what Deion is doing with the program and he's given a lot of opportunities to kids.”

Coach Sanders has big hopes for Jackson State in the future and plans on getting more top recruits to commit to the program. His main goal is getting every player on his team to the next level of football, whether it be the NFL, arena football or the XFL.



Above: Coach Deion Sanders in action at Jackson State. Photo/Sportingnews.com.

FASHION WEEK SHIFTS FOCUS TO UKRAINE

THE INDUSTRY'S REACTION TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE

The fashion industry showed its support of Ukraine through the designs displayed at this year's Paris Fashion Week.



By Isabella Cruz-Hill
Staff Writer

The war in Ukraine has garnered global attention, and Ukraine has gained worldwide support, including support from the fashion industry.

"The war in Ukraine is heartbreaking," said Fernando Zaldivar, senior. "I cannot believe that such an atrocity is occurring, but I am glad to see attention brought to the topic."

The fashion industry often raises awareness on pressing topics like the war between Russia and Ukraine, in it does so in various, non-traditional ways. For example, during Paris Fashion Week, many brands chose to either wear Ukraine's colors or vocalize their support.

"I don't think people realize how influential the fashion industry truly is," said Laura Garrido, senior. "The industry has so much publicity and can draw attention to important topics."

According to CNN, the president of Paris Fashion Week, Ralph Toledano, issued a statement urging all fashion week attendees to "experience the shows of the coming days with solemnity, and in reflection of these dark hours." In publicizing this statement, Toledano set the tone for this year's event.

Major directors of luxury houses like Balenciaga went as far as almost canceling the show. Ultimately, most designers decided to continue and use fashion week as an advantage to draw attention to the war.

During fashion week, Ukraine's flag was draped on seats along runways, and the director of Balenciaga recited a poem dedicated to Ukraine. The attendees of fashion week also showed their support in by wearing Ukraine's national colors or holding their flag.



Above: Louis Vuitton model wearing Ukraine's national colors. Photo/CNN.



Above: Attendees of Paris Fashion Week holding Ukraine's flag. Photo/Vogue.

"I understand why some brands would want to cancel their shows," said Daniela Aparicio, senior. "But I think it was important for the show to go on. Fashion week is a major event with an audience of millions, and I think that they brought the focus back to Ukraine flawlessly."

According to The Economic Times, France's fashion federation canceled Russian designer Valentin Yudashkin's show, which was supposed to conclude fashion week. Yudashkin had helped design the latest Russian army uniforms, and the directors of Paris Fashion Week wanted to show no support towards him or Russia.

The fashion industry was able to turn Paris Fashion Week into an event filled with support and solidarity for Ukraine.

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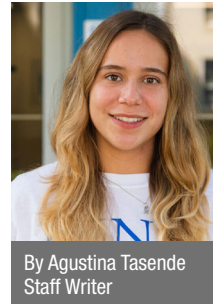
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ENTREPRENEUR FIGHTS INEQUALITY BY CREATING AFRX

Eva Trappio-Delgado is the CEO and founder of afrX, which launched in February.



By Agustina Tasende
Staff Writer

“The afrX’s mission is to provide a more equitable, accessible and inclusive platform to address topics the education system fails to offer,” said Trappio-Delgado.

The startup tackles the injustices low-income minority children face. Hence, its name is a mix of the two minorities, African/black (afro) and Latinx communities.

afrX provides a platform to educate individuals via courses in history, culture, sexuality, mental health, parenting, finance, taxes and more. The platform provides information aimed at educating children in all these essential topics.

“I quickly realized the issue here in the States is education. The lack of core life skills and information is missing in our education systems. So with that, I knew my goal was to make sure every child—no matter their race, ethnicity and/or socioeconomic status—received an equitable and well-rounded education,” said Delgado.

Not only do they provide essential courses for individuals, they also “apply a percentage of profits towards giving back to low-income African American/black and Latinx countries,” said Trappio-Delgado.

The startup also plans to provide high-speed WiFi and free membership to afrX for children.

Its recent launch was a success on campus.

“The amount of support from my friends, preceptors and even strangers was overwhelming,” said Trappio-Delgado.

Those who want to support afrX can do so by purchasing their empowering bracelets, which contain inspirational quotations. “All of the proceeds...go to creating more

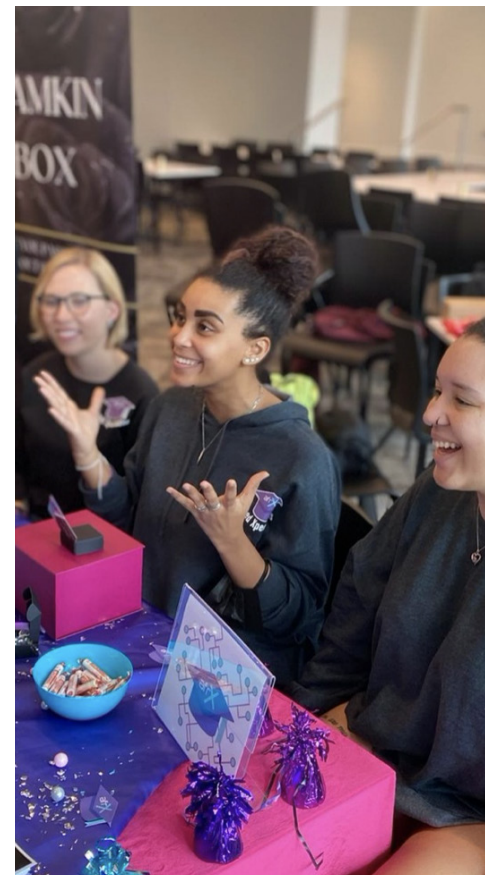
afrXmation bracelets and filing to become an LLC,” said Trappio-Delgado.

According to Steff Gass, executive director at Data Analytics and Research, “People should be interested in this because there are so many people worldwide that do not have the resources they need to get the lesson they should be getting.”

Currently, afrX has six hardworking team members, all of whom are passionate about the mission.

“I am so thankful for every single person on the team, and their support has helped me stay motivated,” said Trappio-Delgado.

afrX recently launched a new set of bracelets that state, “I AM MEANT TO BE HERE.” They sell for only \$5. The purchase also includes an afrX sticker and thank you card. To learn more and support the startup, please visit afrx.org.



Above: CEO Eva Trappio-Delgado during the afrX launch. Photo/A. Parra.