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Students Aim To ‘Rewrite The Narrative’ About DREAMers

By Joyce Kim

La Cattedra, Calif.

On September 5, 2017, a rainy Tuesday in Los Angeles, Marco Gonzalez Blancas and Salvador Chaverro Arellano, freshmen at Duke University, heard the news that DACA would be dismantled. The Trump Administration’s announcement that it would end the Deferred Action for Children (DACA) program left nearly 800,000 “DREAMers”—young people who were brought into the United States without legal immigration status—childlike in their reactions to losing up to two years of work authorization, faced with deportation and additional challenges to their legal status.

“Deportation is far from a sure thing, but it’s fair to say the news hit everyone hard,” said Arellano, a Duke student and DACA recipient. “I remember the date exactly. It was when a lot of us—freshmen, sophomore, junior, seniors—got together and said, we need something to be done. We need to fight.”

Arellano cited a 2014 announcement by the Obama Administration’s “My Brother’s Keeper” initiative that they would be releasing 85,000 DACA recipients from deportation and allowing them to remain and get work permits. The group, he said, worked to nullify those plans, and he, along with many other DREAMers, were determined to help students covered by the program, whom he described as “undocumented.”

“Because of this pandemic, this year’s program took place entirely online,” said Deanna Cazan, a communications manager at Define American, an immigrant rights advocacy organization. “Nearly 80,000 DACA recipients and their allies participated inDefine American’s ‘ Make It Easier For Immigrants To Apply’ initiative, which aimed to educate and support undocumented students, and they told Define American that there has been a lot more interest than ever before in the program.”

As Teens Flock To Online Activism, As Teens Flock To Online Activism, New Challenges For Mental Health

By Nhi Huynh and Emi Glass

Worcester, Mass. and Kettering, Ohio

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As the world faces the second year of the pandemic, it’s clear that online activism isn’t going away, at least not in the foreseeable future. Young people will continue to be politically active on social media, where they can connect with like-minded peers and build a balance between speaking out on important issues and taking care of their mental health. From social media when needed has been shown to help break from online responsibility induced stress. However, the negative effects of online activism on mental health are not necessarily at risk. Social media can be a beneficial tool for mental health. The future of online activism is uncertain. If you begin to feel stressed or overwhelmed by the news, taking a break from social media can be a beneficial tool. Social media can be a stress reliever. However, excessive use of social media can be linked to increased anxiety and depression.
By Regina Roberts
Philadelphia Inquirer

"Get off of him! It's George Floyd," shouted Kevin Lawrence, a former police officer, he saw Chauvin making life intolerable for Floyd. Lawrence, who is from Brownsville, Texas, says that the actual information is often secondary to eye-catching, bite-sized infographics, which contribute to the false perception of an activists’ actions. "Personality, it has become more difficult for cops: They might help," Lawrence describes. His city, Brownsville, is considered "non-reformable" because it never existed. What Lawrence describes.

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In Survey, Critical Race Theory Finds Few Fans

By Francesca Minthil and Jorge Espinosa

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ity charter schools argued they had been founded on a mission of inclu-
dence and didn’t require significant changes. Tra-
ditional public schools in Massachusetts and Maine had diversified their teaching staffs to run up to 2020. A school in Tennessee, meanwhile, responded, “I was not discouraged, and because it was the first time making virtual platform was not the time to pu

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This summer, the PSJ surveyed questions to

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“His-
By Layla Brooks

In the last four decades, New Jersey Republicans have won a significant advantage in the state, according to a report this year by WalletHub, property taxes in New Jersey are the highest in the country, with an effective real estate tax rate at 2.47 percent. (Property taxes are collected locally in New Jersey, so each county’s tax rate differs.) According to Ciattarelli’s campaign website, “New Jersey can and should be a place where our residents can afford to live and work for generations. As Governor, I will lower property taxes through comprehensive reform of our broken school funding law—a system where 84 percent of state aid goes to just 5 percent of the district is unsustainable.” This plan has raised statewide support because school funding among districts is not uniform. New Jersey has many small, district, some rich and some poor, with persistent tax capacity and funding disparities between them, according to a report on the New Jersey Policy Perspective, a nonpartisan think tank. Asked how Ciattarelli’s team plans to accomplish this goal without compromising the interests of at-risk students, Williams said, “a lot of what [Ciattarelli] is trying to do is rebuild the school funding formula because there is a lot of disparity between where people live, what they’re paying, and the cost for each student.”

GOP’s Ciattarelli Touts Plan To Lower Property Taxes If Elected Governor

By Syma Haile and Huda Tombul

In a press conference on July 15, students from the Princeton Summer Journalism Program interviewed Stami Williams, the communications director for New Jersey GOP gubernatorial candidate, Jack Ciattarelli.

Originally from Stone Mountain, Georgia, Williams’s job consists of creating and maintaining Ciattarelli’s image on the campaign. The current governor of New Jersey, Democrat Phil Murphy, has a considerable advantage in New Jersey, where there are over a million more registered Democrats than Republicans. Despite this advantage, however, no Democrat has won a governor’s seat in the last four decades. To win, Ciattarelli must win over Democratic voters. Williams told the students at the Princeton Summer Journalism Program that in Ciattarelli’s previous years as an assemblyman, he ran in Democratic districts so that he could form a relationship with those voters. During the campaign, Williams said, Ciattarelli has visited communities where Republicans traditionally don’t go to. “He appeals to people by being honest about what issues are actually important,” she said.

In her role as communications director, Williams said, “I know full well just how imperative it is that we honor our sacred obligation to care for our veterans, both during and after their service to the people of the United States.”

Stami Williams

Ohio Democratic congressional candidate Greg Betts is expected to fare poorly in Tuesday’s election. While he is running in a safe district, Betts said he is looking to cut through the noise to get his message across.

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Retired Air Force Colonel Seeks To Upset GOP’s Grasp On Safe Seat In Ohio House Race

By Elina Sadehgin and Yvain Ferrell

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Social Media’s Unintended Effects

By Abhik Asanhae

In modern society, almost everyone has a social media account, in large part because people have FOMO, or “fear of missing out.” This fear causes people to keep mindlessly checking social media apps like Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, TikTok, and Facebook in order to stay informed about what their friends are doing. People also use these apps in order to interact with friends, family, and even strangers. But despite its important role in our lives on the 21st century, social media is detrimental to our lives overall. It negatively impacts health, personal relationships, and happiness. While many people say they enjoy social media, it tends to elicit many negative feelings that are harmful to mental health. A study conducted by the University of Pennsylvania psychologist Mislav G. Hummert shows that greater use of social media apps increases feelings of loneliness and depression. Conversely, “use less social media than you normally would lead to significant decreases in... Social media has its positives but, for the most part, it is full of deadlines, useless, time-wasting and harmful qualities.

From depression and loneliness. Although social media apps are intended to help people feel more connected with each other, they actually cause users to feel isolated and unhappy. Humans are social creatures who have a natural need for real-world, face-to-face interaction. While it is important to be happy, social media isn’t a replacement for that real connection. According to HelpGuide.org, a nonprofit mental health website, social interaction helps people with others to trigger the hormones that allure people and make you feel happy, healthier, and more positive. These hormones are triggered by seeing a screen or talking through the phone. It’s also important to realize that people tend to only post the best parts of their lives online. Everyone on social media wants to depict themselves as being attractive, rich, and happy. When other people see these photos, they often feel a sense of envy that they don’t have the dream life that they assume others are experiencing. Yet the very same people who try to portray themselves as having these enviable lives are “comfortable” with teaching the history of slavery, and 40 percent of teachers believe that slavery is if we accept the truth and reflect on our communities with the perpetuation of historical under the Civil War. Even though Texas did the right thing by removing its current curriculum, it’s a case of two steps forward, one step back. In July, the Texas Senate passed a bill to remove requirements that schools teach specific writing frameworks. According to Professor Jay, Susan B. Anthony, and Cesar Chavez.

Gay marriage is a gateway to igniting change. We must understand how the pres make our voices heard. Whether it’s a step forward, it’s in the fight for a cause they all believe in. Social media also enables people to interact with friends, family, and even strangers. Learning about their knowledge of journalism, and also created life-long connections in a newfound, online family. Using digital platforms it had its inevi
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ity in reorganizing time zones, and helps students to leave with a newfound understanding of journalism. As a collective, we learned that journalism is more than just writing, but also a desire to listen and learn. No matter our prior experience with journalism, we all gained an understanding of the power of journalism as a gateway to igniting change. We were introduced to ideas like Critical Race Theory, that the intersection of food and culture. As a result, we moved a mile a minute, causing joy among students, staff, and guests. Whether it was hilarious remote interactions from students, the love and laughs were felt despite the distance. Between arranging Zoom calls outside of PSJP programming, or creating a petition for a deadline extension, we championed our empowerment from the program to make our voices heard and create unforgettable memories. On behalf of all PSJP students this summer, we thank the persistence of the staff and enthusiasm of our guest speakers. Every lecture and workshop encouraged us to view the world differently with new perspectives. Moving forward, we will use the knowledge we gained from PSJP to not only reimagining our content, but also to excel in all aspects of life. Miles apart, connected forever.
Blast Off, Bezos!

By Leslie Navarez
Brownsville, Texas

O n April 12, 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin became the first human to orbit Earth. Since then, many people have stood on launch pads, donned spacesuits, and traveled beyond our planet’s atmosphere. However, despite all the advancements made in space exploration, there are still a few key barriers that prevent humans from fully realizing their dreams of reaching the stars.

One of the most significant barriers is the high cost of space travel. NASA’s estimates suggest that a one-way trip to Mars would cost around $20 billion. This is a daunting figure, but it’s not the only challenge. There are also issues related to the physical and psychological effects of space travel, as well as the need to develop new technologies to sustain life in space for extended periods.

This is where private companies like Blue Origin, founded by Jeff Bezos, come into play. Bezos has invested billions in space exploration, and his company has already achieved several milestones, including landing a crew on the Moon.

In July 2021, Bezos went one step further by becoming the first private citizen to travel to space. This was no small feat, as becoming an astronaut requires extensive training and physical fitness. However, Bezos and his fellow astronauts were able to complete their journey, and they returned safely to Earth.

While this is a significant achievement, it’s important to consider the implications of private space travel. Will this lead to increased access to space for all people? Or will it only benefit those with the means to pay for such experiences? These questions will continue to be debated as space exploration continues to evolve.

As we look to the future, it’s clear that space travel will continue to be a topic of discussion and debate. It’s up to us to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to explore the final frontier and that the benefits of space exploration are shared by all.
Simmons Runs For Stamford Mayor

By Baby Cornish and Selena Medes
Frederick, Md.

As theForerun of Caroline
Simmons’s bid to be
becomeStamford’s first
female mayor, she
put her name forward
with an action, “says Emi
Tombul, a member of the
Stamford community.

Tombaull emphasized the need for
women’s voices in a male-dominated
police force. “We’re working with a
lot of different stakeholders to
begin to question whether
women are being abandoned or
left behind,” she said.

Simmons said, “is to continue
building on the progress
we’ve made as a community.

Simmons said, “we should
build or infrastructure in
Department of Energy and
“shovel-ready projects” as preterm birth.

pregnancy outcomes, such
as adverse health effects we
actually got our dog. It was
a big spike in animal sales,
and keeping up with the
awakening of the demand
for new pets who were
coming back to their
owners, she added.

As life slowly begins
returns to normalcy, Simmons
and her family are in the process of
helping a Junior League volunteer
with an organization in
their area in connecting
with families that required
additional support in
a time of need.

Caroline Simmons
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Infographics: Do They Have Info?

By Emily Riley and Mike Johnson
Staunton, Va.

Picture this: It’s a mid-summer
day and you’ve seen a
picture on Instagram because some
random stranger posted it. You
come across a post with
beautifully colored, eyecatch-
ing graphics that grab your
current moment of attention.

This is the trend of
infographics, students are left
questioning if they actually
matter, so are they in a
difference in the way students
and teachers communicate with
students from the Princeton
Summer Journal (PSJ),
students vocalize their opinion
on infographics and digital activism.

Photos (209x695 to 297x830)

By Amber Clay
College Park, Ga.

For years, college athletes
have been denied opportunities
to make money from their
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**Quiet Place** Surpasses Expectations

By Eugene Chae

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Since the end of the company’s Golden Era, during the late ’70s and early ’80s, the world has seen a dramatic decline in the number of independent films being made. The 2019 hit “A Quiet Place” was just one of many examples of this trend. In fact, it has been argued that the only independent film to make it to the top of the box office in 2019 was “The Quiet Place.”

The movie, which takes place in a small town, stars Krasinski and his father, who were both killed off in the first film. The second film, “A Quiet Place Part II,” was released in March 2020 and grossed over $1 billion worldwide, making it one of the highest-grossing films of all time. The film was directed by John Krasinski, who also stars in the film, and it was produced by Blumhouse Productions.

**A Quiet Place Part II**

The film is set in the year 2034, and it follows the story of a family of four who are on the run from a group of creatures known as Whitespikes. The father, John, is a former marine who is now leading the group of survivors known as the Whitespikes. The mother, Evelyn, is a former nurse who is now leading a group of survivors known as the Whitespikes. The children, Regan and Marcus, are the only ones who are still alive.

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**A Quiet Place**

The film is set in the year 2034, and it follows the story of a family of four who are on the run from a group of creatures known as Whitespikes. The father, John, is a former marine who is now leading the group of survivors known as the Whitespikes. The mother, Evelyn, is a former nurse who is now leading a group of survivors known as the Whitespikes. The children, Regan and Marcus, are the only ones who are still alive.

The film is a combination of horror and thriller, with a strong focus on character development and storytelling. The film was critically acclaimed, with many reviewers praising the performances of the actors and the direction of John Krasinski.

**Conclusion**

“A Quiet Place Part II” is a successful follow-up to the first film, and it continues to build on the themes of family, survival, and the human condition. The film is a testament to the power of storytelling and the ability of films to unite people around shared experiences. It is also a reminder of the importance of empathy and the power of connection.

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Feminist Theory In Disney’s ‘Cruella’

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MUSICAL-STORE DISNEY films have become more progressive. Disney’s newest films—“Luca” (2021), “Cruella” (2021), and “Black Widow” (2021)—all in some way make reference to the inequalities faced by women in leadership positions, whether it be in a friendly competition or in a role in the most elite government organizations. What is most interesting is the unusual yet traditional direction in which filmmaker Craig Gillespie decided to take his film “Cruella.”

Many viewers are divided on “Cruella.” The film, derived from the classic Disney film “101 Dalmatians,” contains significant departures from the original story. Despite this, many have praised the film’s live-action cast and support for Gillespie’s masterpiece by portraying both the protagonist and antagonist of her story in an independent and self-reliant women. While older crime films like “Mildred Pierce” (1945) and “Bonnie and Clyde” (1967) follow a female lead through a three-act cinematic structure, Gillespie decided to use flashbacks to break away from the traditional structure. In doing so, we are able to understand the origin story of our main characters and how they got to be the person we are seeing on screen. Understandably, however, Gillespie noticed that their experience with the platform changed when they became a creator. They spent more time directing their projects, as well as producing some of the most successful TikTok videos. In fact, most films in this genre, when an evil female character is involved, they usually face a significant event that leads to their downfall while their male counterparts, in some cases, get away. Female villains are not often successful in their evil doings. Instead of relying on Cruella’s image to completely destroy, Gillespie decides to change the narrative and allow Cruella to have a setback that she will build off of to become a better criminal.

Not only that, but the Black Widow theory was a step in the right direction. The character of Black Widow is complex and exciting, and this movie really summarized her perfectly.

Marvel movies, “Black Widow” emphasizes family and adventure and efforts to defeat the evil of the world. Natasha Romanoff (the Black Widow) and her little sister Yelena play the in the backyard, and it moves to a famous dinner with her mom and dad. Then the dad says it is time—but for what? We then see a scene where the family is escaping from cops and getting into an airstream which lands in Cuba. Soon, their family life is over, and the two sisters are separated. Like all the other...