

Alert Sent to Students After Incident in Campus Parking Lot

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A suspicious incident at the Newtown Campus was posted on the announcements page of My Bucks, and acts as a reminder of the importance of staying safe on and around campus.

The initial report is stated as follows and is viewable on the announcements page.

“Security is investigating a report that two males in a gold car asked a female student to get into their car & help them find parking. The female student declined but was shaken by the encounter which occurred in the S-2 parking lot at the Newtown Campus on Wednesday, February 6th in the late morning.”

“The males did not have physical contact with the female nor did they issue any threats. Anyone with information on this incident is requested to contact Security at 215-968-8911.” Newtown Township Police were notified of this incident.

After interviewing Dennis McCauley, Executive Director of Safety and Security, it was stated that to the best of his knowledge

that the incident has been resolved.

The two males were identified as students that were attending the college, and they were in need of assistance for parking.

“The thing to take away from this incident is that the young lady was absolutely correct in reporting this to campus security,” said McCauley.

McCauley also encouraged all students to “know and beware of your surroundings,” and “report anything that seems out of place or suspicious.” McCauley also encouraged students to sign up for the Bucks Text and E-mail Alerts by either texting Bucks to 79516 or signing up for the e-mail alert at Bucks.edu/e2.

McCauley further suggested that students add the number for security to their contacts for their cell phones, the number being 215-968-8911. Incidents like this and the previous threat made against the campus in September of 2018 serve as a reminder the need to practice safety and always be alert.

These types of incidents show how there are many outlets for students and staff to get the latest



Photo courtesy of Brendon Lauff

campus updates.

Students have a lot of information to access on the Security & Safety page of the Bucks website. Various resources include Health Alerts, Active Shooter Protocol, Daily Security Log, Evening Student Shuffle Service, Parking Permits, Campus Motor Vehicle Regulations, and Handicap Access. All of the resources are focused on making campus a safer place.

The security page also has other links/resources labeled as the Campus Alert System, a Shelter-In-Place Protocol, Emergency Closing Info, an Annual Campus

Crime Report, an Information Guide for Victims of Sexual Assault, Megan’s law, and other related pages.

This event shows students and staff to always report any suspicious activity seen on campus. Even if it’s a false alarm, it’s better to be safe than sorry.

Record Number of Wins for the Centurion

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Bucks’ student newspaper, the Centurion, has set a personal record, winning 15 Keystone Awards in the 2019 Pennsylvania News Media Association competition.

This record is the most wins since the Centurion’s 2010 start in the yearly competition. Eight of the 15 awards were first-place victories.

This year the Centurion has let its colors shine with this distinguished achievement. The Centurion placed top in a variety of categories, the most notable being the new “Video Story” category with the top three spots going to Julia Pacifico, Hal Conte and Macy Moors.

The Centurion also received first place in “General News” category with an article by Francis Klingenberg. Klingenberg, 19, is attending his second semester at Bucks and was surprised to discover he had won two awards.

Klingenberg’s spot news photo of the Pastor Aden incident, taken from a position above the crowd, won second place in the news photo category.

He said “I was shocked, I wasn’t expecting it,” adding, “It is

something to be proud of.”

Klingenberg described how he took the winning photo by observing the scene, then, “I jumped up on a bench in the middle of the crowd and reached up to press the rapid fire button on the phone’s camera,” he said.

The entire Centurion staff should be proud of its hard work and insightful articles in representing this college.

In all awards were credited to Klingenberg, Sarah Siock, Hal Conte, Connor Donaghy, Mathew Aquino, Shannon Harrar, John Fey, Keri Marable, Jennifer Abele, Gabby Houck, Julian Broskey, Jocelyn Pappas, Tyler Creighton, Julia Pacifico, Gabby Houck, Joe Roatche, and the Centurion staff.

Editor-in-chief of the Centurion, Sarah Siock, who won two awards, stated, “I think this shows how great the Journalism program here at Bucks is and all the hard work the students put in.”

The Centurion, competing in the community college division of the statewide contest, has won more than 100 awards since 2010.

The Centurion took home awards in “General News,” “On-going News Coverage,” “Public Service/Enterprise Package” and “Feature Story,” placing first



Award winners, Francis Klingenberg, Mathew Aquino, Sarah Siock, and Keri Marable, courtesy of Jared Roberts

place in all of them.

The Centurion also placed first for “Personality Profile,” “Feature Photo,” Website,” and “Video Story.”

The paper won honors for packages of stories about the #MeToo movement, the Parkland school shooting and resulting protests, and the 2018 midterms.

Journalism professor Tony Rogers, advisor to the Centurion, said, “This is due to the continuing hard work and dedication of the students who run the Centurion. Year after year they strive to make the Centurion one of the best college newspapers in Pennsylvania.”

He added, “I’m particularly pleased that the Centurion dominated hard-news categories like general news and ongoing news coverage. Some college newspapers fill their pages with reviews and opinion pieces, which certainly have their place but don’t involve much original reporting. In the journalism program at Bucks, our focus is on substantive interviewing and reporting, and that’s reflected in these results.

Rogers added, “I’m also very happy that the Centurion swept the new “video story” category, which involves students making digital videos that are posted online. I think this shows how successful our Jour278 “Webcast News Production” course is, because it’s the students in that class who do the videos for the Centurion.”

The winners will attend an awards lunch on Wednesday, April 3, in Hershey.

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Grammy Award winning pianist Danilo Pérez is just one of the many acts coming to Bucks Live and performing at The Zlock Center at the Newtown campus.

The majority of the acts are free for students to watch.

Bucks Live holds over 60 events a year. With that many events, there’s something for everyone. Events range from Disney movie sing-alongs to rock concerts and everything in between.

Pete Chiovarou is the Director of Community Programming & College Events and director of Bucks Live. He says that Bucks

Grammy Award Winning Artist and Many Others Coming to Bucks Live



Danilo Perez, courtesy of Google Images

Live “aims to be a hub of culture, with a little bit of everything for everyone.”

Chiovarou is accompanied with help from Michael Harryman, who deals with Specialized Support, Community Programming & College Events at Bucks. Five Bucks students also help around the theater. Mr. Chiovarou says that they’d be happy to accept any applications if there is interest in helping!

The best part about Bucks Live, besides the amazing performers, is that almost every event is free for Bucks students. If the event is not free, it’s extremely inexpensive. Tickets for students are \$5. All events are open to the public,

general admission tickets range from \$10 to \$25.

Bucks Live also offers a VIP ticket for guests 21+. This ticket lets you relax in the lounge outside the theater and have a choice of two beers or two glasses of wine.

Something very unique that Bucks Live hosts is Cultural Streaming Series. This is where they hold a showing of a musical performance, a play, or a documentary, completely for free. These events are usually at 12:15 p.m., so it’s around when most students have a break. If you find yourself bored on your break, come stop by the Zlock Center and watch a short movie, you’ll

never know what you’ll learn!

Danilo Pérez’s Global Messengers are coming to Bucks on Mar 28 at 7:30 p.m. Pérez has won two Grammys in his career. The first was in 2005 and it was for Best Jazz Instrumental Album for the album Beyond the Sound Barrier by a quartet he is in called The Wayne Shorter Quartet.

The second Grammy he won was in 2018 for Best Jazz Instrumental Album (again) for the album Emano, also by the Wayne Shorter Quartet Pérez is part of. Pérez’s performance is free for students, so be sure to stop by to see talent at it’s finest.

Another very popular artist that is coming to the Zlock Center is

Larry Kirwan, front man of the well-known 80s band Black 47, and host of the Sirius XM radio show Celtic Crushing. He and another member of Black 47 will be at Bucks on Mar 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., for a pre- St Patrick’s Day celebration.

Bucks Live would love to hear your feedback and suggestions. “If any students have any recommendations, we would love to hear them! If you want someone to come and speak at campus, let us know and well do our best to get them!” Mr. Chiovarou says.

Come to Bucks Live if you are interested in seeing free live music from wonderful musicians!

Bucks Can Match You With the Right Scholarship

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Bucks County Community College hosted a Financial Aid information night for high school seniors and students here at Bucks that are transferring.

Money, money, money. That is all a student will see and hear when it is time to apply for college. Applying to college is a very stressful time and not something one would want to mess up.

Bucks County Community colleges gives away up to \$300,000 through scholarships each year. There about 135 privately sponsored scholarships alongside and the steps to receiving money is very simple.

First, one must have FAFSA, which is a Free Application for Federal Student Aid that gives aid options based on your financial status like grants, loans, and work-study programs. If a student is applying to a university in the state of Pennsylvania they then must have a PHEAA, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, a PA State Grant. What’s nice about a grant is that it is something one does not have to repay.

After both have been completed, it is time to get matched with scholarships through your high school, Bucks scholarships, or through other various websites like Fastweb and Scholly. These websites allow the student to get matched with hundreds of scholarships for free!

All Bucks scholarships have a deadline. The next one is April 1, 2019. Each

scholarship is different, some require essays, letters of recommendations, or works from the student.

To make it easier having multiple essays on deck is a nice touch so a student does not feel too overwhelmed.

High school students can go see their counselor and ask for scholarship packets, while college students can go to the Transfer Admissions office and seek help there.

There are scholarships for everything, one just has to look and it will show up. They can look on the website of the colleges he or she is applying to see if they have posted any scholarships that they are eligible for.

Jennifer Salisbury is the Director, Foundation and Alumni Relation. She oversees all the scholarships here at the college. She has seen many people get financial blessings: “It is so worth it to apply for scholarships. Applying and winning is equal to earning free money”, says Salisbury.

Instead of worrying about how to pay for college, start now and get rewarded later!

The College’s website (<http://www.bucks.edu/payment/aid/>) has all the right information to help first time students, and transfer students too. You can call (215) 968-8200 or send an e-mail to finaid@bucks.edu for more information. The office is located at the Links Pavilion, open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The resources and tools to finding money is everywhere. Look and apply now before it is too late.

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News

Bucks Students Weigh in on the State of the Union Address



President Trump at last year’s State of the Union Address, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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Amid recovery from the longest government shutdown in history, on Tuesday Feb. 5, President Donald J. Trump delivered the annual State of the Union Address in the House of Congress.

His words sparked differing opinions across the nation, and perhaps even across the globe, having only been allowed to speak due to his agreement to end the shutdown.

The president started his speech by expressing hope for the political parties to unite. This begat a mixture of responses. The College Republicans Club Present Zack Shoester said “I think ... it’s a good thing to hope for ... wishing, in a way asking, the Democrats to work with him ... regarding the wall that’s causing the shutdown. I think we all hope for that, it’s just whether it will actually happen.”

Bucks College Democrats President Shanzeh Khan was a little more skeptical. “I’m not sure. It just seems like he’s trying to make it look like the Democrats are kind of like being hard to deal with but ... I think otherwise.”

Political Science professor John Petito stated, “Trump is the biggest divider in the country right now, so if he can get behind that ... that would be a good example. Hopefully everyone can come together.”

The next major statement the president made, was in regard to the economy, and all of the major

improvements he has made during his presidency.

Petito was asked if the president had truly helped the economy and he said, “Maybe, certainly the stock market charts since 2008 it’s been on an upward trajectory. Part of that occurred under his watch, so I’m happy to give him credit for having the stock market go up under his watch. Unlike him I’m willing to give Barack Obama credit for having brought us up basically from ground zero, to where Donald Trump inherited it.”

Another thing the president commented on and, made sure to vehemently condemn was the partisan investigation of him and the Russians. Having called the investigations “ridiculous” both Shoester and Kahn were asked if they agreed with the statement.

Shoester said, “I do ... I think it stopped being an investigation into a crime and they’re more looking for the committing of crime. They’re looking for anything they can cling onto. It’s been two years, and no one has been actually sentenced. You know there’s been indictments there’s been arrests made but no actual sentences. I think it is getting a little ludicrous at this point.”

Khan’s opinion differed slightly, “I really don’t know what to say about that. I mean that’s kind of crazy. I do see that Trump has made Russia a strong ally. I think both parties have their fair share of trying to rig the system so to speak. For example, with the DNC, everyone thought it was

gonna be Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton just kind of popped out. It was like the chosen one for the DNC.”

Eventually the president revisited his famous campaign to build the wall. He cited the Texan border city of El Paso, stating the crime rate took a major dive due to the presence of a border wall there. When asked about whether or not they though the border wall would work, all three gave the same answer, “no.”

“Absolutely not.” said Shoester. “Studies show that only a quarter of illegal immigrants come over actually by crossing the border on land. You know the rest are either boated in or flown in a tunnel under it so ... it wouldn’t really do too much, so we gotta remember that the cartels fund all this, and they’re resourceful, they’ll find a way around Trump’s wall...”

Addressing a very recent debacle that placed much of the nation under a state of fear, the president stated, “If I had not been elected president of the United States, we would right now, in my opinion, be in a major war with North Korea.” The question as to whether or not he indeed fixed the situation in North Korea became apparent, therefore.

To this question Shoester answered, “I think ... time will have to tell if Trump really had a huge hand in the North Korean and South Korean conflict. We are still waiting to see if peace talks ... follow through and we can actually ... end that conflict. I think give it 20, 25 years we’ll

actually know Trump’s impact, depending on how historians talk about it. But right now it’s still very much ... politicized on both ends, that we can’t really believe either side”.

Khan voiced a similar opinion, saying, “Yes and no. I think he kind of just put a band aid on the whole situation. I think there was a different way he could have gone about this, but I feel like that could be a country that I don’t think we can trust because they have a lot of nuclear weapons and the could fire at any time.”

The president addressed the rise of socialism and its effect on politics. He claimed for it to be a growing “problem” and rebuked its ideals.

“We are born free and we will stay free.” he said.

When asked if socialism was a growing problem, Petito said, “No I don’t think it’s a problem. I think we’re already a semi-socialist state. That’s what social security is, that’s what unemployment insurance is, that’s what Medicare is, that’s what Medicaid is.”

After the president closed his speech, another one began. The Democratic response was delivered by Democratic nominee for the Governor of Georgia, Stacey Abrams. She spoke for the Democratic party, voicing a speech from an entirely different viewpoint.

One of the final perhaps most controversial statements in the speech was about the republican tax changes. According to Abrams said changes “rigged the system” for working Americans. In terms of those interviewed, there was

major division.

Petito said, “I think it was a giveaway to the rich, to the wealthiest people on the globe. Trump promised during his campaign he was going to reign in what’s known as carried interest for ... hedge fund managers. The richest people on the globe, pay some of the lowest taxes. We don’t tax the wealth in this country, and I think it’s a tragedy.”

On the other hand, Shoester stated, “It’s workin’ out great for me and my family and we’re a ... middle class family. So, I don’t think it’s rigging the system at all. I think everybody got a little something, and if we continued to let Donald Trump do what he wants as far as tax goes, I think we’ll all get a little more.”

The final question overall arises, therefore. Is the state of our union strong? To that the answer from Khan and Petito was no. “I think it’s about to fall, break apart.” said Petito.

Shoester however, ended up saying the contrary, “I think things have calmed down, we’re doing pretty good.”

Overall, the State of the Union brought about a mixture of agreement and dissent among those who viewed it. This could be said about any presidential speech. However, the effects are especially profound given the controversies surrounding the current president, and so this State of the Union will be one that will be remembered, whether or not the state of the union is strong.



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Black History Month

Students Discuss Celebrated Icons of Black History

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Every February, Black History Month is celebrated, so students at Bucks took the time to recognize African American historical figures from Rosa Parks to Barack Obama, and describe the impact that these people had on them.

To begin, Rosa Parks was recognized by Hannah Lindley, 20, nursing major.

Lindley told me, “Rosa Parks is one of the black figures who I look up to. Parks is an exceptional figure who taught me how to stand up for myself and for others. I also was interested in her perseverance with getting justice for black people. She taught me how to have courage, be confident and persevere through difficult situations.”

Rosa Parks was also recognized for her bravery from another student.

Midori Robinson, 26, Criminal Justice major, looks up to Rosa Parks. Midori mentioned, “Her courage and need to do the right

thing shows not only women, but all kinds of people that are treated unfairly to take a stand for yourself and fight for what you deserve.”

Martin Luther King Jr. was, of course, another favorite activist among students.

Vivian Nguyen, 23, psychology major, expressed her feelings for Martin Luther King Jr. and how he impacted America. Nguyen believes, “Without him, we would be stuck in a world where people of color would be segregated and looked down upon. Because of his actions we now have actors that are African American, Asian, Indian, etc. He fought for equality.”

Another student who also recognizes Martin Luther King Jr. is Taylor Remsing, 21, early education major. Remsing states, “The I Had A Dream speech really inspired me, and he gave light to millions of people.”

Other figures like Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou were recognized for their writing abilities, and how they impacted a student’s interest in poetry.

A student who recognized



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Angelou and Hughes is Amber Liczbinski, 26, a Culinary Arts major. Liczbinski revealed how Angelou and Hughes had a large impact on her childhood.

Liczbinski confessed to me, “Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou had a fairly large impact on me and my childhood. They are the reason I took an interest in poetry when I was young. The poem, “Dreams” by Hughes still sticks with me today. I will always give them credit for my love of poetry.”

One student is very proud to stand behind her beliefs of Frederick Douglass. Jacqueline Chapman, 50, social work major, was very enthusiastic to express her opinion on how Frederick Douglass impacted her. Chapman

conveyed, “Frederick Douglass helped me to see that I should never underestimate myself or give up. In spite of being born a slave and having to live under the conditions and harsh treatment of slave masters, Douglass never accepted being what he was marked to be!”

Chapman also said, “Once he learned to read, his drive to be free became the fuel for him to do something about his condition. However, at one point, he almost gave up!” Chapman was very impacted by Douglass’ will to never give up, and she follows that as a life motto to, “Never Give Up!”

Most students recognized one African American for having an impact on them, but one student honored all African Americans for

Black History Month.

Shawnni Rayme, 20, Nursing major, described Black History Month as a celebration for all African Americans.

Shawnni said, “No One African American person has impacted me because the truth is, they all have. A lot of the freedom I have today is because of their sacrifices. And till this very day we have black excellence among us.”

Black History Month is different for all students. Some recognize one or two figures, while others recognize all. Regardless, Black History Month is a great time for students at Bucks to show their beliefs and opinions on who had a significant impact on them.

This is the History Of Black History Month

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In the month of February each year, African-American history is celebrated in the U.S. in an effort to observe the history of African Americans.

The ASALH.org states that Black History Month actually began as Black History Week in 1926 as a result of its founder, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, forming what would become the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, (ASALH).

Dr. Woodson is cited stating, “We are going back to that beautiful history and it is going to inspire us to greater achievements.” This passion for the history of his people would also drive Woodson to promote that the observance of black history should never be restricted by a measurement of time, and suggested that schools use Black History Week to demonstrate what students learned all year.

Dr. Priscilla Rice, dean of Kinesiology and Sports Studies at Bucks, shares Dr. Woodson’s insights as she stated, “The month benefits the community because it celebrates the contributions that African Americans have made to this country, which many seem unaware of.”

Dr. Rice continued these insights by suggesting that black history and other strategies, such as inclusiveness and diversity trainings, should be a daily part of school. This concept would extend the celebration in February to all year long like other cultures. It also helps identify people’s ignorance towards other cultures in an effort to build and improve understanding between each other.

Black History Month can act as a great opportunity for uninformed people to grow away from habits or behaviors that are rooted in ignorance. Learning to appreciate the month while understanding that the activism

that fuels it never stops is important.

Dr. Rice expanded on this by stating how African Americans celebrate Black History Month everyday as their children need to be taught their history when it is often overlooked and ignored. African American youth need to be able to see and know about their historical role models and leaders in different fields of education the same way other races can.

The month can also show to be a useful way to address issues African American communities still face today. History Professor at Bucks, John Petito, cited systemic racism as a main issue seen in examples, such as African Americans with an MBA being paid less than their white counterparts of equal qualifications.

The Chicago Tribune exemplifies this as it states, “By 2015, MBAs who were underrepresented minorities-meaning black, Hispanic, or American Indian-earned \$150,000, while white and Asian MBAs made \$172,000.”

Other directly life-threatening issues such as police brutality are prevalent today. This abuse of power creates a situation where an individual’s race can dictate the life they are able to live.

Dr. Rice stated, “African American Youth have to be taught to survive in the world they live in.” For example, a white child can often be absorbed in their own thoughts while doing something as harmless as taking a walk while an African American child cannot do the same, as they must be aware that the people meant to protect them may be guided by a state of mind that will only harm them.

Black History Month can help lead individuals of all races to understand the split perceptions on the reality of living as an African American person in the U.S. in both the past and present.

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News

Should Neshaminy High School Change Name of Mascot?

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A series of hearings between the Neshaminy School District and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) began on Monday, Jan. 4 after controversy arose over the use of the high school’s mascot name, the “Neshaminy Redskins.”

The name was used to describe the woodland Lenape Indians that previously inhabited the land in the Neshaminy valley.

Numerous members of the PHRC argued that the word is offensive and a racial slur to many indigenous people, while the district makes the case that students and staff do not use the word disrespectfully.

At the meeting, which was held at Bucks County Community College, people were able to make their arguments concerning the name. Speakers included retired U.S. Coast Guard Commander Andre Billeaudeaux, who spent time with Native American tribes, as well as Donna Boyle, a parent

of students who attend Neshaminy High School who is also part Choctaw and Cherokee.

According to the Levittown Now website, the attorney who represented the School district, Craig Ginsberg, said the district does not support discrimination and that this issue was not a problem until some students voiced some concerns. He also raised the point that a physical mascot has not been used by the high school since the 1980s.

However, the controversy over the name has been simmering for several years.

In 2014, there were disagreements between students on the school newspaper, The Playwickian, and the school’s administration regarding the use of the name “Redskins” in the paper. Students who edited and wrote stories for the paper decided that the word should not be used and an issue was printed and released with the word shown as “R-----“.

The administration under the direction of principal Dr. Robert McGee quickly confiscated copies of that issue of the Playwickian.

Timothy Cho, Web Editor of the Playwickian at the time of this incident, said that the paper submitted the issue to be reviewed by administration where they saw no problem with it: “It was only after the paper was published that the issue arose,” he said.

Cho also said the decision to not use the Redskins name came after members of the paper took a vote as to whether or not they should treat it as a racial slur, following Boyle’s request to the school district to have the name removed.

The Playwickian staff faced a lot of backlash on their decision from both students and school administrators and had to seek council from the Student Press Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Some students and community members still oppose the name change and question whether or not the word is meant to be disrespectful.

In November 2013, McGee told The Associated Press he felt the editors’ motives in refusing to use the name were “valiant” but that



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he saw the situation as “a First Amendment issue running into another First Amendment issue.”

Current students have a variety of views on the issue.

“I have heard indigenous people say that they really don’t care about the word and don’t find it offensive,” says current Neshaminy senior Hazel Hoelper. “I feel like the school would spend so much time and money trying to change the name where that money could go towards better educational things for the school.”

Liam Scull, who is also a Neshaminy student, thinks that it is up to the students to understand right from wrong.

“I don’t necessarily think the name is racist or offensive. I do agree that people wearing head-dresses and face paint shouldn’t be doing that because that is disrespectful and appropriating. They should know where to draw the line between pride for their high school and being blatantly inconsiderate,” Scull said.

The hearings have so far produced no official resolution of the issue. According to Levittown Now.com, either the school district or the PHRC can appeal this case to the state court if they don’t receive their desired outcome.

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Arts & Entertainment

What Did Students Think Of This Year’s Grammys?

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The biggest night in music, The Grammys. It brought together the most accomplished musicians in the world for a night of performances, awards, and celebrations and Bucks students were very pleased with the award show.

Some big winners of the night included Kacey Musgraves, Childish Gambino, Lady Gaga, Cardi B, St. Vincent, Ariana Grande, and many more.

Musgraves took home four Grammys for Best Country Solo Performance for “Butterflies,” Best Country Song for “Space Cowboy,” Best Country Album for “Golden Hour”, and the biggest honor of the night, Album of the Year.

Childish Gambino also won big with “This is America” earning Best Music Video, Best Rap Performance, Best Song, and Best Record, becoming the first rap artist in history to ever win Best Song and Best Record at the Grammys.

Bucks student, Sarah Yassin, a 20-year-old business major from Warminster, expressed her admiration for Childish Gambino saying, “I am a huge fan of him. I think he’s a genius. He’s so talented, you know?”

Bucks student Jose Castillo, a 20-year-old business administration major from Bensalem, also expressed his love for “This is America” saying, “I liked the



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video and song overall. Both of them together create a really great message.”

Alicia Keys, one of the biggest stars in music, hosted this year’s Grammys.

To start the night off, Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez, Jada Pinkett Smith, and Michelle Obama joined Alicia Keys on stage with an inspirational speech about the power of music and the power of women in music.

When asked about her thoughts on Alicia Keys as a host, Sarah Weinberg, an 18-year-old Bucks

student from Yardley said, “She’s fantastic. I love her. She’s so talented, but also so empowering in general.”

In fact, the night was filled with performances and wins by female artists.

To open the show, nominee Camila Cabello performed her hit single “Havana” along with guests Ricky Martin, J Balvin, Young Thug, and, Cuban-American jazz trumpeter, Arturo Sandoval.

When asked about her favorite Grammy moment, Weinberg responded, “Camila was amaz-

ing, I love her. She opened the show. That was my favorite part definitely.”

Some other performers of the night included Janelle Monáe, H.E.R., Kacey Musgraves, Travis Scott, Cardi B, Lady Gaga, host Alicia Keys, and many more.

Among these performances was a classy tribute to Dolly Parton, the Grammys Person of the Year, that featured Katy Perry, Kacey Musgraves, Little Big Town, Marren Morris, Miley Cyrus, and Dolly Parton herself.

The women joined forces to

perform some of Dolly’s greatest hits, and the performance sure was a hit with the audience.

What’s an award show without a little controversy? Drake mixed things up during his acceptance speech for Best Rap Song when he said, “Look, if there’s people who have regular jobs who are coming out in the rain, in the snow, spending their hard earned money to buy tickets to come to your shows, you don’t need this right here. I promise you, you already won.” Many praised Drakes speech, while others accused him of being ungrateful for the award.

Another big controversy surrounding the Grammys this year was Mac Miller’s nomination for Best Rap Album. The late rapper was nominated for his album “Swimming”, but lost to Cardi B’s “Invasion of Privacy.”

The controversy was not that he lost, it was more so surrounding the fact that the Grammys invited Miller’s parents out, knowing that he was to lose the award.

Ariana Grande, who won Best

Pop Vocal Album and was very close to Miller when he was alive, blasted the Grammys on social media for being inconsiderate to Miller and his family.

Despite the controversies, the 61 annual Grammy Awards was a great night filled with music and performances from today’s top artists as well as legends from the past. Now here’s to a new year full of even better music!

A Review Of Gary Clark Junior’s New Album

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Gary Clark Jr. is known as one of the best guitar players of our time, yet his studio albums have disappointed fans for some time. He has finally found the formula to a better studio sound, adding in elements from so many of his influences, and making a new unique and thrilling sound that has lacked in his studio sessions.

The first single from the track “This Land” which is the title of the album comes in with a catchy chorus “this land is mine” with hints of a hip-hop verse with his controversial lyrics directed toward Trump supporters and the norm of speaking your mind in his lyrics.

Growing up in the southern environment you can hear his frustration with some of the norms around him and the passion he puts into this album. As you move along the album, Clark gets more and more diverse, a trend we are seeing throughout the music world, with so many new sounds and influences even leading to subgenres of music leaving something for practically everyone.

Genres can limit artists and it is refreshing to see someone in a

traditional style branch out and take in even more diverse thinking to stretch his sound into what he wants it to be.

From the blues inspired “Feed The Babies” to the more classic alternative sound of “I Walk Alone” this is clearly Gary’s best shot at finding his own sound. His previous albums seemed to lack this creativity and depth that Mr. Clark has now found himself creating.

Gary’s true fans will still be pleased with his genuine guitar sound found on “Pearl Cadillac” that transcends some of his previous work.

Clark has outdone himself here, and made the studio album his fans have been waiting for, its amazing to see how artists develop into their own like Mr. Clark has. “This Land is available on all streaming platforms and in stores now!



Gary Clark Jr, photo courtesy of google images

Student Life

Veterans Club Welcoming New Members



From left to right: Krystal Harbaugh, Rickey Stuckey, Will Brennan, Evan Darrock, and Ross Alexander Whitley, courtesy of Jon Corley

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The Veterans club is gearing up for the spring semester and is calling all currently enrolled Bucks students who served in the U.S. military to join its ranks and be among fellow soldiers.

The clubs new President, Ricky Stuckey, 29, a Paralegal Studies major, plans to give Veterans a place to go and find people to connect with and who share similar paths and experiences.

Matt Cipriano, the adviser for the club, contacted Stuckey about the club and offered him the position of president in the beginning of the semester, which he accepted.

Stuckey, who served in the Army as a Sargent in the 160 special ops, learned that you come to depend on your fellow

soldiers and see them as family as everyone becomes your brother and sister.

He also learned that anyone who wore the same uniform had similar goals and reasons for being in the army, despite being diverse in regards to their backgrounds. Stuckey saw the value of soldiers working together and how it benefits everyone involved, something he wants to bring to the club as a means to recreate that experience.

The clubs secretary, Ross Alexander Whitley, 29, a communications major, has similar plans for the future of the club as he also wants to bring all of the veterans in the college together in order to help each other out.

There are also plans about events in regards to gatherings in order to get everyone to meet one another individually, though the specifics are still being discussed as of now.

Whitley, who served as a Staff Sargent in the Air Force, stated “While there are no current actives planned, the club strives to give the veterans involved a way to continue serving the community in their own way.”

The club also provides support, resources, and programs for returning military men and women and their family members.

The clubs vice president Krystal Harbaugh, 29, a nursing major, has suggested in finding a way in order to get the potential club members these resources as a way to make them feel included as other goal for the club is to offer a friendly and supportive environment for members.

Harbaugh, who served in the Air Force reserves as a Senior Airmen, stated that the plan was to “bring resources here to the veterans club instead of them having to seek it out for themselves.”

Even as their methods seem different, they all share the same goal to bring veterans together and give them a place to feel welcomed involved, just as Stuckey explained that even among a diverse crowd

While the meeting hours are still being discussed, the club will be held in the Stars and Strips lounge in room 112-4 near the student life office in the Rollins Students center.

For more information about the club, you can contact Matt, Ricky, and/or Krystal at matt.cipriano@bucks.edu, stuckeyr77308@live.bucks.edu, and Harbaught@live.bucks.edu.

Stuckey stated that the club is eager for new members when he said “If you’re a veteran reading this article, please consider joining as we’re all still a family.”

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Politics

What Do Students Think Of Bernie Sanders for a 2020 Election Candidate?

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Vermont Senator and Democratic runner up in the primary election of 2016, Bernie Sanders, announced on Feb. 19 that he will be running in the 2020 presidential election.

He joins an already crowded list of Democratic hopefuls lined up to oppose President Trump. The list

includes Senators Corey Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Kamela Harris, Kristin Gillibrand, Amy Klubochoer and Representative Tulsi Gabbard. A potential leading candidate is former Vice President, Joe Biden, but he has not announced his decision yet.

Sanders is an Independent in the Senate but side with Democrats on many key issues. The Democratic National Party is asking each candidate to document their intention

to run on the Democratic ticket to confirm intentions well in advance.

As it is still early in the campaign there are newly elected, younger and seen as in tune with younger generation Democrats like Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez and Pete Guttigui, the first openly gay candidate for president and mayor of South Bend, Indiana. Some feel Sanders, who is 77 and Trump are just too old for presidency. It's

time for new blood not just in the White House but in all of Washington.

This year's midterm election results show this change to be true with new members of Congress that included 42 women total.

"Sanders would be a great president in my opinion," states Bucks sophomore, Nicole Naylor, of Levittown. "He constantly fights for the lives of African Americans and is just an overall good candidate."

Sanders brought up promises of free college tuition, health care for all, and raising minimum wage. Many of these were seen as radical left ideas but are now almost mainstream for many voters.

In campaign video Sanders described his desire for higher wages when he said, "nobody in America who works 40 hours a week should be living in poverty."

"I think free tuition would be indifferent because that would cause higher taxes," said freshman Amber Linder of Bensalem

The majority of his support comes from small donors and lib-

eral voters. Just one day after announcing his run he already raised \$6 million for his campaign.

"Coming into this election I feel the Democrats have an advantage. People are upset and want a change and this party can bring that," said Naylor.

Three years ago Sanders was accused of not treating women in his campaign right. He has since apologized and sated he did not think he did anything wrong. However, he formally apologized to the women who alleged they were mistreated. The momentum of the #Metoo movement over the past few years has brought these types of allegations out in large numbers across the board.

"Has some really good ideas that think would help our country out a lot. Nothing is free though, the Medicare for all and free college tuition would still have to be paid for somehow," said sophomore Greta Chavey of Levittown.

No matter your opinion on Sanders it is clear that the he is going to be one of many controversial candidates.



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Bucks News

Hicks Exhibit Explores Citizenship



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Hicks Arts Center here on campus is featuring an art installment titled, “And This Is How You Are A Citizen...”and is displaying works of art from three artists until March 12. Artists Catherine Pancake, Michelle Angela Ortiz, and Imani Roach all have different pieces of artwork/sculptures displayed addressing topics such as black female empowerment, activism, and mothers and children being detained.

Catherine Pancake has three different works displayed at the gallery. The first work is a “video art piece” that shows the journey of two women activists trying to

stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline from going through people’s properties in West Virginia and Virginia.

The second work is a painting of Birch Ply, the industrial wood that’s heavily used in the industry. The painting is surrounded by a white circle that Pancake describes as “The circumference of the Mountain Valley Pipeline that is 42 inches in diameter.”

Pancakes third piece is a small sculpture of deconstructed handheld video cameras. Pancake attributes this piece to “citizen videography, different types of activism that occurred using handheld, citizen video cameras.”

Michelle Angela Ortiz found her inspiration for her paintings from a projection/animation that was being displayed on the

gates of Philadelphia City Hall. Her piece is titled Seguimos Caminando which translates to “We Keep Walking”. It focuses on the journey of two mothers and her children as they are being held at the Berks County Family Detention Center.

Ortiz’s artwork focuses on issues that are ongoing in the Berks County Family Detention Center which currently houses 30 detained families. The gallery also features the original paintings and drawings that were used and incorporated at City Hall in their animations.

Within the gallery, you are able to hear a voice speaking, the same voice that was used at City Hall for their animation. The voice is of one of the mothers that Ortiz features in her paintings.

Imani Roach’s pieces in the show are titled “Good To Me As I Am To You”. Roach named her pieces after an Aretha Franklin song with the same title. “The works focus on black female vocalists in the United States and the contributions they’ve made to our society” said Roach.

Roach has one piece that features small, crystal-like sculptures. Her other works of art are stitched denim to show young girls, accentuated feature, and in her words “what black and white women do and how that feeds in to our larger society.”

These pieces will be displayed at the Hicks Art Center Gallery up until March 12. The Hicks Arts Center Gallery is open Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 pm., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Student Life

Get Trained: Bucks Locomotive Club

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On Feb. 16, a program under Prof. Thomas A. Philip started at the Lower Bucks campus for anyone interested in locomotive engineering.

Now maintaining a partnership with NJ Transit, The Locomotive Engineer and Conductor Training Class offers education on a vast number of aspects across the locomotive industry. According to Donna Kirm Director of Continuing Education & Community Programs, this is in order to help students land a job in the industry, by preparing them for more specific education in the field. Jobs in the field include engineer, conductor, dispatcher, track worker, signal maintainer, and ticket agent. Said jobs typically last for a career of about

thirty years.

Students eligible will require nothing more than a high school diploma. The class is non-credit, and includes a large variety of students, ranging from 18 to 65 years of age. The primary reasons for student enrolment in the class is wanting to switch careers or bypass college by pursuing the locomotive industry. Kirm stated. “However, that it could be for anybody, as even those who would otherwise prefer to skip college could find meaning in its classes.”

The majority, however, remain with one of two repeated reasons, new careers, or bypassing college, that brings about people from all over. One of the only other reasons was from those who worried about the end of their career. “Some of them want to start over and some of them were

concerned about the retirement, obviously some of them are going to be there for thirty years.” said Kirm.

These few reasons however come from many different people, whether 18 or 65 years old. Donna said. “I once had a football referee, and an air traffic controller in her class.” In spite of this, she said. “An associate’s degree is probably still helpful due to all the math, comprehension, and miscellaneous skills required for the job. “

The course has been offered since 2008, and this year has the added benefit of partnering with NJ Transit. They will send employees into class in order to give information on the subject from a point of view riddled with real experience from the field. It now maintains popularity due to the increasing job slots opening in the locomotive industry.

Those who registered at the information meeting on Feb. 2 also receive a 10 percent discount for the class. Since the class will be conducted with the support of New Jersey transit, representatives of the company have visited already their info meetings, bringing information about their company.

At least 23 interested individuals have shown up to the last meeting. They were able to benefit first hand from this new development, enriched by representatives from NJ transit. Overall the class acts as a debriefing of the locomotives field, one that will offer important knowledge to anyone looking into pursuing the industry. Kirm stated. “There’s a lot of opportunity in the transportation industry and this course gives students the opportunity to learn about it and to give them a heads up if they want to get into that industry.”

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