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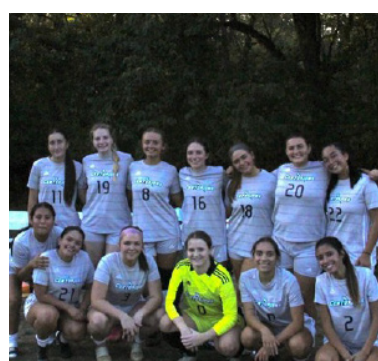
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## ICE Safety Guidelines for Bucks Students and Faculty

**Kassandra Castillo**

*Editor In Chief*

Bucks faculty and students received an email early last week in regards to the current ICE situation taking place nationwide. Bucks Community College Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Samuel P. Coleman IV urged students and teachers alike to contact on campus Security & Safety if they suspect not only ICE agents on campus, but also impersonations of ICE patrol or of any other similar agencies.

This comes after the recent change in immigration President Trump implemented since taking office back in January. The Trump administration announced they would allow federal immigration agencies raids and arrests in churches, hospitals, and schools. These shelter places, also known as Protected Areas, was a policy that had been in place since the Obama administration back in 2011.

The email sent by Vice President Coleman urges anyone on campus who comes into contact with an ICE agent to contact security, to not share any information with the officers, and to tell them to wait in an outside area until the on-campus security officer arrives.

Although the email mentions the campus has not experienced any immigration or ICE situations of any sort, it does reveal that other colleges have.

In early February a Temple University student was charged with an alleged impersonation of an ICE officer on the Temple University North Philly campus. He was seen walking around campus, trying to enter buildings, and even going off campus to a local Insomnia cookie – all while being recorded by a fellow student and friend of his.

Temple University made



Photo Courtesy of ice.gov of raid outside Northampton County Prison in Easton, PA

an official statement stating “any student found responsible for this conduct will be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Conduct Code, up to and including expulsion.”

It is unknown what would happen to a Bucks student who attempts to impersonate a federal agent, but the email does ensure that Security & Safety officers are trained and know how to verify credentials and warrants while also knowing how to manage such situations.

The Department of Homeland Security made an official statement recently dismantling the decade long guidance for immigrants saying, “This action empowers the brave men and woman in CBP (Custom Border Patrol) and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to enforce our immigration laws and catch criminal aliens – including murderers and rapists – who have illegally come into

our country. Criminals will no longer be able to hide in America’s schools and churches to avoid arrests.”

These protected areas, also known as “sensitive locations” were restricted from any form of enforcement actions, unless for a very specific circumstance where prior approval is obtained.

Schools around the country have seen an influx in absenteeism from students as fear has taken over households. According to The Migration Policy Institute, an estimated 733,000 school children are undocumented or come from undocumented parents. Many of these parents fear what could happen to their children if these harsh Immigration laws continue.

Just last week, an 11-year-old girl named Jocelynn Rojo Carranza took her own life at her home in Gainesville, Texas after weeks of relentless bullying. The young girl’s mother says her daughter began to receive insults from her former classmates stating her and her family were going to be taken away by ICE for being “illegal immigrants”. Marbella Carranza, the girl’s mother claimed she had no idea her daughter was being bullied at school. She was only made aware of the situation after the incident took place when she went to the school looking for answers.

An article from CNN stated that at her funeral service, the church deacon Gelasio Garcia stated, “she

didn’t know how to understand the things that happen in the world”.

Most children do not understand the extent of the situation going on around with these new laws which is why schools around the country have been sending out emails similar to the one emailed to Bucks County Community College students and faculty last week.

Emails like the one sent to the Bucks County Community College community have been sent to schools all around Pennsylvania, especially Philadelphia due to the city’s Federal Detention Center becoming a facility for ICE detainees.

On average about 973 people have been detained by ICE every day since Trump took office. Although the Trump Administration insists they are focusing on violent criminals, many should take caution as anyone could be caught in the cross fire.

This could be a heavy topic to discuss for many students, so if anyone feels like they need to talk to someone about this, do not hesitate to contact the Bucks Counseling Service Center. Services are free, confidential, and available at all campuses for currently enrolled Bucks students

If you believe you see an ICE agent on campus, or any sort of impersonation going on, please contact campus Security and Safety at 215-968-8911.



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# Fans Flock to the Eagles Parade

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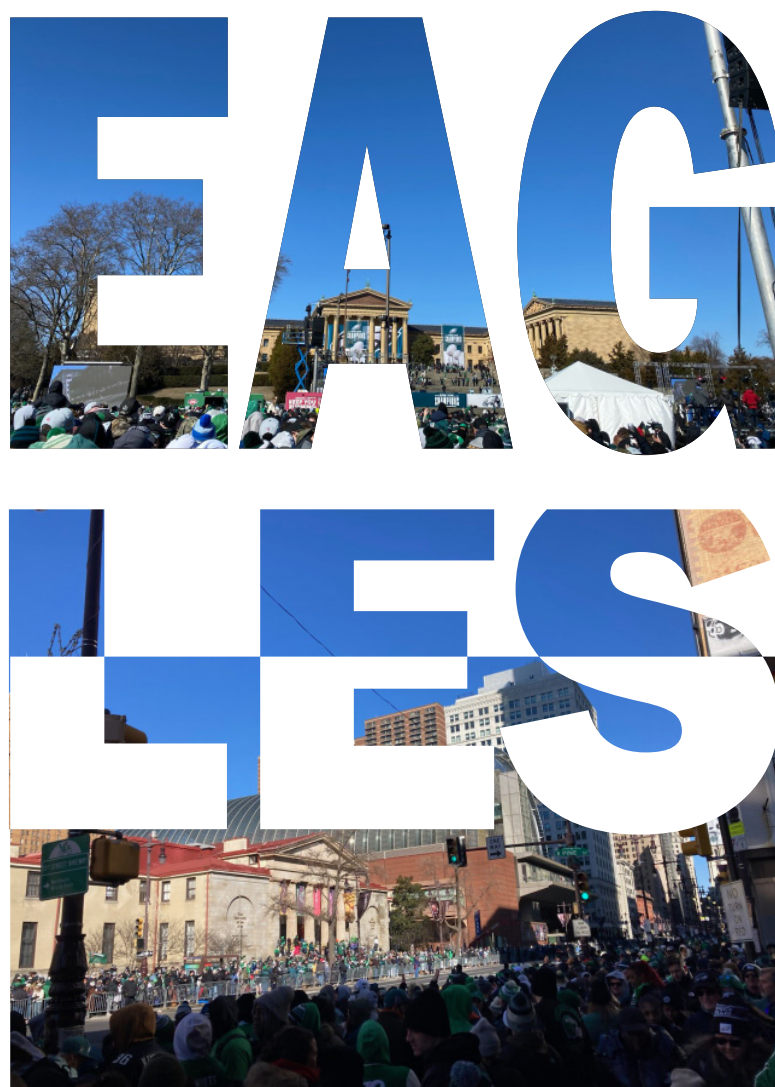
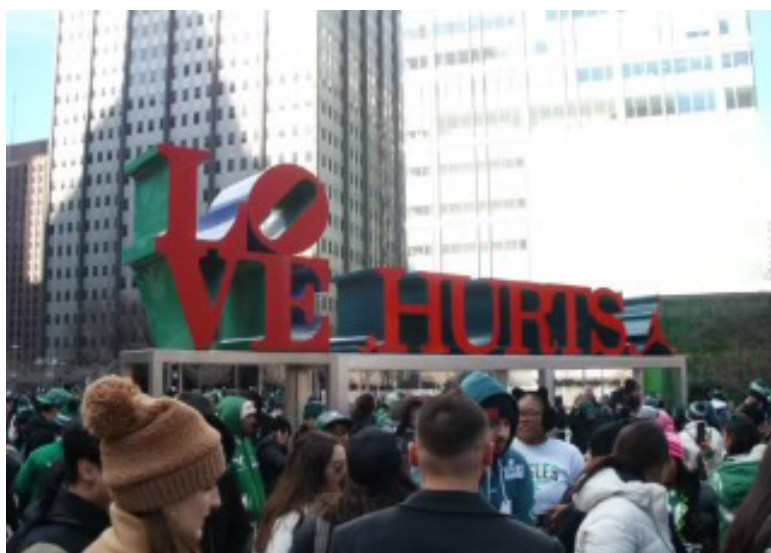
### Milo Condran Centurion Staff

A sea of green covered the streets of South Philadelphia and Center City Friday as an estimated \$1 million Eagles fans cheered on the Super Bowl 59 champions. The Eagles were all smiles as team buses traveled northbound on Broad Street enroute to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Boisterous fans busted out Eagles chants and sang the Birds fight song as their heroes tossed green beads to fans along the parade route. Emotion ran high at all points of the parade.

Colin Haury, 19, of Wilmington, wasn't a football fan when the Eagles beat the Patriots in Minneapolis in 2018. However, Haury, is a diehard now. "It seems like forever since we last won a Super Bowl," Haury said. "But last time I didn't know much about football but this is incredible. E-A-G-L-E-S, Eagles!"

Bobby Minelli, 54, of South Philadelphia, has a different perspective. Minelli spent much of his life waiting for his beloved Birds to win it all and he attended his second parade within a decade.



"This means the world to me," Minelli said. "I go to as many games as possible and it's just unreal to have another parade so soon. We waited so long to win a Super Bowl and now just seven-years later we won another one. It's unreal."

Minelli was wise enough to catch the festivities from Broad and Morris streets, which is blocks from his house. Only locals and savvy fans know that the start of the parade route is much less populated than City Hall. Trent Halsey, 23, of Willow Grove was wise enough to hang out just off of Morris street and was rewarded with a high five from massive left tackle Jordan Mailata.

"I'll never forget this moment," Halsey said. "One of my favorite players came over and celebrated with me. It's just awesome."

Chris Wilson, 29, of Norristown, was on the edge of losing his voice at City Hall since he was screaming at his favorite players as they passed. Wilson, clad in a Jalen Carter jersey, was ecstatic. "You wear the green and you die for this team," Wilson said. "This is my favorite team in sports and I'll never forget how they

destroyed Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs."

The Eagles beat the Kansas City Chiefs 40-22 in New Orleans but the score doesn't indicate how Philadelphia dominated the favored team that was going for a three-peat. The Eagles led 34-0 and it was obvious that a huge celebration in Philadelphia was on the horizon.

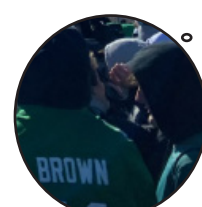
"We can't do without the fans," Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts said from the Philadelphia Museum of Art. "We can't do without the fans. We all appreciate you. We love you."

It was the first time Hurts visited the museum by design. Hurts is well aware that the steps were featured in the iconic film *Rocky* since Sylvester Stallone, who played fictional Philly fighter Rocky Balboa ran up the stairs while preparing for a heavyweight title fight. "I told myself that when I got drafted that I wouldn't come to the Rocky steps until I won the championship and now here we are," Hurts said.

It's appropriate since the Eagles were Super Bowl underdogs and Rocky wasn't the favorite during his title fight.

But the Eagles are the odds-on favorite to repeat next season. Perhaps there will be back-to-back parades in the City of Brotherly Love. "That would be awesome," Nicky Falsano, 28, of Fairmount said.

"Let's meet back here again next year. Same time, same place. Go Birds!"





# Around Bucks

## B.U.C.K.S. Mentoring

**Julianna Zuccarello**  
*Centurion Staff*

Are you looking for a mentor? The B.U.C.K.S. mentoring program helps students connect with members of the community and is a great opportunity to learn more when navigating college. The goal of the program is to “give students a sense of community and representation,” Marcelous Jones explains. The program supports underserved students that might need some extra assistance whether it is help towards college, or planning for the future.

The mentors that are provided are a part of the Bucks County area and genuinely want to help students. The B.U.C.K.S. Mentoring program begins spring semester 2025. If you are wondering

how you can get involved or if there is a specific day you must apply to the program, just know that “the program is ongoing” Marcelous highlights. You can join the program whenever, and you can contact Marcelous Jones who is a part of the Business, Innovation, and Legal Studies Department to get involved.

The benefits of using the bucks’ mentoring program is that you have the ability to reach out to someone and have them guide you as you navigate college and your future goals. Not only do you learn from a mentor, but it also helps the mentor get to learn more as well. The program costs no money, time is the only commitment.

The program is open to all students but specifically

helps underserved students in minority groups. Students interested in the program can talk to a mentor for an hour or two every two weeks. The program doesn’t just focus on gaining college help, it focuses on topics outside of school as well.

Marcelous also describes that “It supplements learning and puts it into practice being able to use the resources provided.” It helps students learn more about ways they can apply those resources towards their future as well. The program also offers a place where students that have questions about certain topics regarding school or the workforce, can reach out to a mentor and get answers.

Marcelous also highlights the importance of the mentoring program for



Photo courtesy of Gavin Galante

the students is that it helps, “connect them with mentors through commonality.” The mentors are prominent figures in Bucks County, that want to help the students succeed by answering questions regarding college and beyond. Most of the mentors are provided based on similar interests so they can provide pertinent advice.

In addition to the excellent support the program provides students, it also

gives them networking opportunities. Students also stay motivated by having someone to talk to. Overall, the B.U.C.K.S. Mentoring program is a great way to get involved with the community and learn more from others.

If you are interested in joining, you can contact Marcelous Jones at marcelous.jones@bucks.edu

## Scholarship Day is Approaching Fast

**Emelia Yotko**  
*Centurion Staff*

There is more than \$350,000 in scholarship money available to Bucks’ students and applications are due on April 1. Luckily there are Scholarship Days coming up and will be at all three of our campuses. The Lower Bucks Campus will have their Scholarship Day

on Tuesday Feb. 18. The Upper Bucks Campus will host there’s on Wednesday Feb. 19, and the Newtown campus on Tuesday Feb. 25 and Wednesday Feb. 26. These events run between 9:30am -1pm.

Don’t hesitate to stop by, ask questions, and even get help setting up an account with “Scholarship Universe”. The platform is de-

signed to be a one stop shop for all scholarship needs.

The goal is to make applying for scholarships “accessible and not intimidating” said Julianne Theodoropoulos, our scholarship coordinator. These scholarships are just one of the initiatives Bucks has taken to help support their students.

These funds are available to current and even upcom-

ing Bucks students. When applying to the Bucks college, specific scholarships money will be applicable for your upcoming semester. Unfortunately, these “in-house” grants are only available for covering the cost of courses at Bucks’. Scholarship Universe doesn’t have Bucks’ specific grants, but there is a plethora of awards available to all students. So, even if this is your last semester attending Bucks, Scholarship Universe is still a great place to access all things scholarship related.

During our spring 2021 semester, was when Scholarship Universe was incorporated into our program. “We want to demystify the process of applying,” said Theodoropoulos. The program matches scholarships that the applicant qualifies for. All one has to do is submit the necessary requirements, which may include a writing piece or a letter of recommendation.

There are more than 130 different scholarship funds. Which have been donated by involved community members, alumni’s families, and even the Tyler family; the family whose land the Newtown campus sits upon. These donors understand the financial struggles that come along with being a student, and they want to help you succeed.

“Don’t be intimidated and don’t second guess

yourself,” said Theodoropoulos. Even if you don’t see yourself as being “worthy” enough for a scholarship, you never know until you try. You could be missing out on anywhere from \$600-\$3000 in grants.

These are more than just funds, when Theodoropoulos joined the program, she worked to connect with donors and their families to bring these scholarships to life through telling their stories. By doing so she’s made it possible to feel more connected to your scholarship and inspired for all the future holds. She said, “all we have is our story”. Which is why it’s so impactful to be able to read these donor’s stories.

There will also be Scholarship Days held through zoom on the following days: Monday March 3 at 10 am; Tuesday March 11 at 1 pm; Wednesday March 19 at 3 pm; Wednesday March 26 at 1 pm; Thursday March 27 at 10 am. Please stop by with any questions you may have, and please don’t be hesitant to apply, anything is possible you just have to try.



Virtual Transfer Information Session (5-6 p.m.):

**March 26** Provides an overview of the process and timeline for transfer students.

On-campus Transfer Friday (11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.):

**April 11** Learn about the transfer admission process, programs of study, credit evaluation, financial aid, campus housing, dining, student life, and more. Includes a campus tour.

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## Around Bucks

# Board and Card Game Club Welcomes Newcomers

**Alexander Bersenev**

*Centurion Staff*

The new Board and Card Game club at Bucks invites and welcomes any newcomers who are interested in playing board or card games that could require several people and space for setup.

The club's primary objective is to create an open environment for other people to spend time and enjoy activities — such as board games or card games. Their club is orientated mostly online and in a specific social app meant for communities and groups of people to be in.

They utilize an app called Discord to stay connected

with one another for such purposes. Members are able to freely send responses or suggestions whenever and wherever.

With the app, anyone can simply suggest a card game through an online game and those who wish to play can join. Additionally, a person can also propose a specific time and place to play the said board game or card game for the other members to participate

However, the server does have its rules, such as the first rule being that you are to be civil, welcoming, and respectful towards other peers who joined the club. Their second rule is that any examples like NSFW,

discrimination, or trans/homophobia of any kind, are not permitted on the server and club; though content that may be suggestive or potentially disturbing is permissible, if requested to take it down, you should comply. The rules continue with a few more which members are expected to follow. The club offers a wide variety of game choices, and the list still grows with many more suggestions and requests that members can make. They can set any events for themselves or with others. They can even have in-real-life meetups to either spend time with one another or to play a selection of board/card games.

Currently the club has around 20 members, with club creator - who goes by IceeCream, hoping to find more. "I would like to have around 30-35 fairly active members but I know how life gets." When asked about hosting anything specific coming up, they responded with, "I'm planning on hosting different tournaments such as pokemon TCG, magic, Root, and other games."

With how often the club meets, as IceeCream — the creator of the club — said, "depends on the person... We do a free style kinda thing where people will ask if anyone wants to come on campus on a certain day or

days and play."

When asked what their members enjoy the most about their club, IceeCream replied, "I'm honestly not sure since the club is super new. But I personally hope that it can become a way for people to not only meet new people and friends but also give love to underappreciated games that very little people know about."

IceeCream ended the interview with, "Since the club was made only a month ago I don't have any memorable experiences yet but I'm sure I will soon!"

If you would like to be a part of the Board and Card Game club, check them out on the Bucks+ Suitable app.

## ParaCon is Back at Bucks!

**Griffin Doyle**

*Centurion Staff*

Eric Mintel spent 32 years making a living being a jazz musician. Now, he is in the pursuit of knowledge of the supernatural, paranormal, and the further unknown.

On Friday, March 8, 2025, from 12-7:00 PM, Bucks County Community College is holding the second annual ParaCon in the Zlock Performing Arts Center at the Newtown Campus, hosted by Eric Mintel and Dominic Satelle, with numerous other fantastic guests, including Dave Schrader, who can be seen on the paranormal T.V. series "The Holzer Files," and "Ghosts of Devil's Perch."

Before hosting ParaCon, Eric Mintel made his living as a jazz musician for 32 years, and was quite successful while doing so.

Along with playing at the famed Kennedy Center in Philadelphia, Mintel and his quartet have performed at the White House for both George Clinton and Barack Obama, as well as the United Nations.

"I have been interested in

the paranormal ever since I was a kid. It wasn't until recently that I had the opportunity to share my interests with others," said Mintel.

In 2016, the Eric Mintel Show began. The YouTube channel would follow Eric and many other guests into a historically "active" property or establishment around the greater Bucks County Area.

He also sits down with many different people of very different backgrounds and has discussions in a semi-podcast format on his channel.

Mintel does not make "exaggerated T.V. ghost stories," he stated, but bases his content in reality instead of pushing for entertainment. What you see happen or not happen is what he and his guests saw.

"I don't only focus on the paranormal aspect of this whole thing. I find the historical portion is the most interesting because that is the stuff that gives a lot of our discoveries a valid reference point."

"To be honest with you, I'm pretty grateful that we are in a time now where

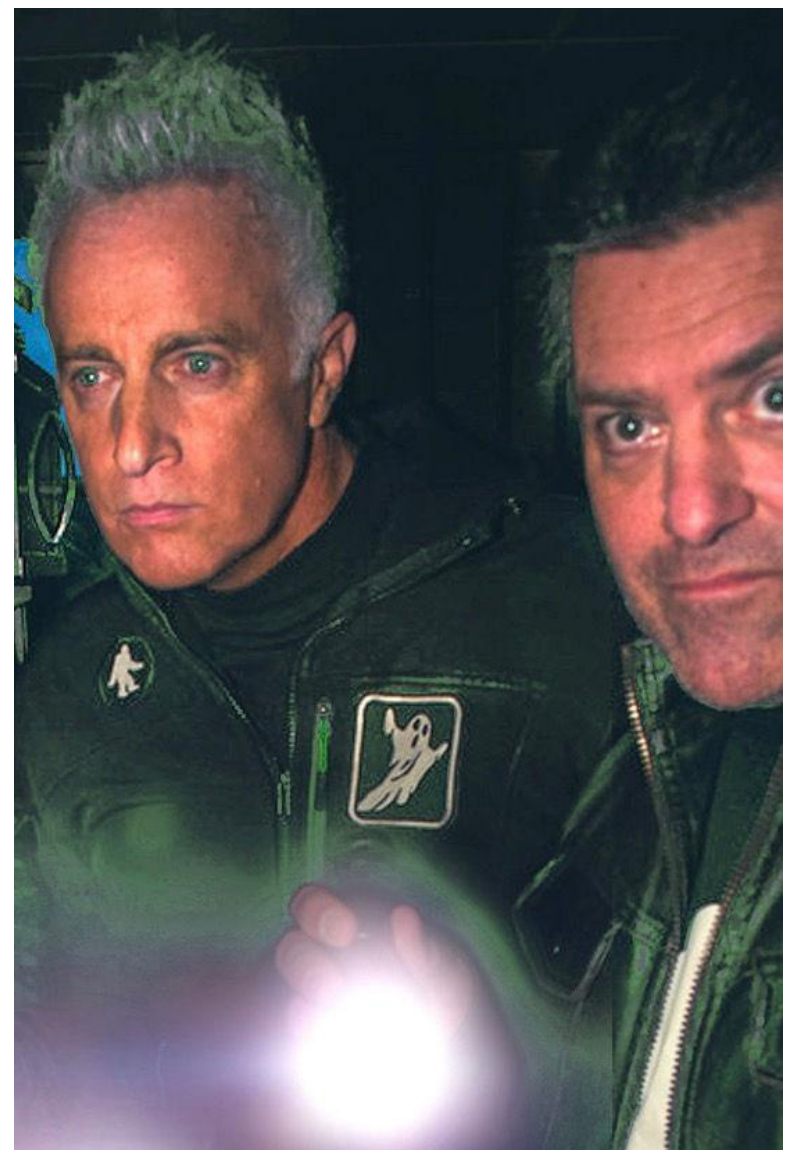
people can be honest with their experiences with the paranormal without being labeled, quite frankly, as crazy," says Mintel.

He continued, "But don't get me wrong, I go into all of my investigations on the skeptical side, wanting to be proved wrong. Even though I'm working with the paranormal, at the end of the day, I'm just looking for answers like everyone else."

"It felt like people around here were screaming for an event like this, but last year completely blew me away. People were dressing up, coming in matching costumes and group costumes. Every vendor and food truck completely sold out last year," Mintel stated.

Everything will be structured in almost the same way it was last year. However, this year, there will be close to 35 different authors, psychic mediums, and merchandise vendors, along with many food trucks with a variety of great grub.

"I love it, believe in it, and I pour one thousand percent into this event, from the vendors and food trucks, to the staff, and to our amazing



*Eric Mintel (left) and Dominic Satelle (right), photo courtesy of Eric Mintel*

guests," said Mintel. And I am not surprised nor do I doubt that statement.

Eric Mintel was a great interviewee who has a clear passion for not only his careers, but about life. His personality exuded with energy and passion, while

also being patient enough to answer any questions, as he enjoys the curiosity of others.

Tickets cost \$45 and can be purchased online at [www.ericmintelinvestigates.org](http://www.ericmintelinvestigates.org)

## My Disney College Program Experience

**Samantha Davidson**

*Centurion Staff*

Perhaps one of the the most fulfilling experiences I have had thus far in my (albeit short) life is the opportunity to participate in the

*Photo courtesy of Samantha Davidson*



Disney College Program. From June 5, 2023 – Jan. 4, 2024, I spent my days immersed in magic- both in my capacity as a cast member, and with the people I feel lucky to call my friends. It's because of my incredible

experience that I will be completing another Disney College Program this summer, and that I would encourage any interested Bucks students to apply.

The Disney College Program, is a work opportunity available to students throughout the United States. Potential applicants must be 18+, and have taken college credits in order to apply. The application was a multi step process. I first had to complete an online questionnaire where I detailed past work experience. From there, I was instructed to complete a web-based interview- essentially, an online personality test. The final step of the interview process is the dreaded phone interview. At a pre-determined time, a disney

recruiter calls, and spends roughly 20 minutes going over what role you might be best suited for.

From here, the process is streamlined. If memory serves, I found out that I was accepted about a month after my phone interview. Roughly one month before move in day, you find out what role you were assigned. And while I had spent a decade of my life watching YouTube vlogs of Disney College Program participants, nothing could have prepared me to actually take on the role.

Within the online forums where Disney College Program groups post content, it is a widely known fact that there exists a hierarchy of role assignments. In the middle of the pyramid,

roles like lifeguarding, merchandise, photo pass, and character attendant fight for dominance. On the top of the pyramid live infamous, glorious roles such as attractions, and character performer. Firmly on the bottom of the pyramid, according to the general consensus, is quick service food and beverage.

My Role, Epcot festivals, is a variant of the quick service food and beverage role. After receiving my role, I spent the next few days researching, wondering what could have gone so wrong in my interview to be assigned Epcot Festivals. In my research, I learned that festivals cast members typically work long hours outside,

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# Sports

## The Four Nations Face-Off: The Future of the NHL

Grace Hill

Centurion Staff

In the United States, ice hockey is not a sport that draws the eyes of many individuals. The Four Nations Face-Off just changed that.

Replacing the NHL's usual All-Star game, the Four Nations Face-Off brought best-on-best hockey back. Since 2014, NHL players have not been allowed to play in the Olympics, and this competitive, emotionally charged aspect of the best athletes in the world playing for their country was dearly missed. Canada, the United States, Sweden, and Finland all rostered their best NHL players to compete in this tournament, and they did not disappoint.

Canada and the United States, most notably, did not have much love to go around, as three fights broke

out in the first nine seconds of their head-to-head game in the Round Robin. The United States defeated Canada by a score of 3-1, with Tampa Bay Lightning player Jake Guentzel leading the charge with two goals. When the Round Robin portion of the tournament ended, both the U.S. and Canada had advanced to the championship game, creating an incredible amount of anticipation to see how the game would unfold the second time around.

The last time the men's U.S. and Canada teams had faced off in a championship game, Sidney Crosby scored an overtime goal to win gold for Canada in the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Canada continued their reign of terror over the United States in international hockey tournaments in that same fashion with

a 3-2 overtime win. With less physicality involved than the first game, the championship displayed an incredible amount of skill amongst both teams. Jacob Slavin, in particular, stood out for the United States, as he provided a handful of impressive defensive plays that allowed his team to keep the game tied during regulation.

On the other side, goalie Jordan Binnington provided multiple saves to keep the Canadians alive during overtime, robbing Team USA's captain Auston Matthews the chance to score the game-winning goal multiple times. Despite the incredible effort that the United States gave, Canada sealed the win with a goal from Connor McDavid, captain of the Edmonton Oilers.

Though the result was a disappointment to many Americans watching at



Photo courtesy of unsplash

home, the tournament could not have gone better when it comes to marketing the game. In a country where hockey lies in the shadows of football and basketball, the tournament drew in millions of viewers around the country with a newfound interest in the sport. "I was watching the game at a restaurant and it was amazing to see the two teams going at it. USA wasn't going to get pushed around" said 19 year old Bucks student Zac Crain.

The NHL desperately needed to advertise the ex-

citing, physical nature of ice hockey, and letting the most skilled players in the world play for their country for the first time in 11 years provided that. The league's best player in Connor McDavid scoring the game-winning goal under the dramatic pressure of overtime is probably the best display of what this era of hockey holds. If so, many eyes were on and invested in an in-season tournament, it bodes well for the NHL's future success and relevance. One of the best eras of hockey is just getting started.

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or within un-airconditioned booths. As a northern girl who burns easily, this was damning information.

And while I won't say that my role was all smooth sailing, I will say that I consider it to be one of my biggest blessings. Because of the seasonal nature of the festivals, I had the experience of switching roles between festivals. Aside

from Epcot Festivals, I had the opportunity to work at Cosmic Rays, (Magic Kingdom) and Flame Tree Barbecue. (Animal Kingdom). Because of the long shifts I was so scared of, I made more money than the typical cast member- major benefit to a girl who loves to shop.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention my best friends- the people who

loved and supported me throughout the seven months I spent away from home. Jio, the girl who I met in line on our very first day. Cory, the boy who judged me while I screamed bloody murder as we learned how to clean a fryer together- but then offered me a fry at lunch.

Together, we formed a formidable unit- working together, spending the

holidays together, and my favorite memory- seeing the Midwest princess herself, Chappell Roan together.

And while I can't promise the same experience I had; I can promise that the Disney College Program is a program all Bucks students should consider. Like myself, many of the Bucks students have never lived away from home before- and some might continue to

commute after their time at Bucks. The DCP provides the chance for a change in environment, a chance for newfound independence and self assurance. It provides the invaluable life lessons that come along with living with roommates, and with paying rent. If you find yourself searching for clarity, fun, or even work experience, sunny Orlando may be just the place for you.



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## Sports

# Men's Soccer Team Finishes for the Season

Ava Fife

Centurion Staff

Buck's Men's Soccer team ended their season with a 5-9-1 record as they traveled and faced teams on our home field.

Key players to acknowledge on the team are: Levi Morris (forward, 9 goals, 2nd team All-USCAA, 1st team All-Conference), Leo Chanez (Defender), Carlos Hernandez (Forward/Defender, 4 goals), Gavin Eckenrode (Defender), Aiden Perry (Midfielder, 4 goals). They all showed extreme eagerness on the field as they supported their team through the season.

The Men's season did face challenges to overcome, after speaking with Head Coach Justin Burroughs he expressed the availability

of players was the main component that caused the team to struggle. Coach Burroughs stated, "We had multiple injuries to starters which was unfortunate, that led to the team being inconsistent how the team overcame it: Other players stepped up and contributed. Some players played out of position as well." says Burroughs. The flexibility and willingness of other players helped keep the positive coaching and stamina of the season going strong.

Coach Burroughs also spoke on the importance of improvement and what he noticed from a coach's perspective. "Our understanding of the game and our speed of play. Even with us down players, we still played well and were unfortunate not to win a few close

games. We were unlucky not to get a chance to play one team that would have put us in the conference championship but they could not make the contest." Working as a team allows for players to learn more about the game and one another, and how to hit the field harder next time.

Lastly, Coach Burroughs was asked to share a memory that was his favorite throughout the entire season. He states, "A few, there was the Virginia overnight trip that was great for morale. Avenging our losses earlier in the season to Williamson and Patrick Henry. Lastly, our men's and women's team get together to do community service to feed families and serve hot chocolate, tea, give presents, etc... during the holiday



Photo courtesy of Emlyn Robles, @emlynshoots on Instagram

season." This team created bonds that grow on and off the field.

Good luck to the Bucks County Community College also known as the Centurion

Men's Soccer team season as they take the off season to prepare to return back on the field in the upcoming fall season.

# Women's Soccer Coach Whitmore "could not have asked for more"

Ava Fife

Centurion Staff

The Bucks Women's Soccer team ended the season with a final record of 2-2. The team faced many challenges early on in the season. Assistant Coach Tee Whitmore expresses, "Our final record of 2 wins and 2 losses doesn't fully capture the essence of what we achieved. Due to many girls' programs lacking the necessary personnel to compete, we ended up playing as a club team with a limited

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number of games." This caused feelings of disappointment for coaches and players.

This issue did not stop the women's team, it only brought them closer and was a valuable experience for players to get to know one another and practice on perfecting the game of soccer. Whitmore states, "We focused on bonding and working diligently every day to improve both individually and as a unit."

When Whitmore was asked about key players

during this season she states, "Two standout players this season deserve special mention: Emily Gilmore and Jennaviere Logue. Both were in their second season with the team and played pivotal roles. Emily, who had played as an outfield player last year, returned significantly improved and, although we utilized her mainly as a goalkeeper this season, she excelled in the role. Her performance surpassed all expectations. Jenna, known for her physicality and sense of urgency on the field, had worked tirelessly on her technical skills during the offseason. Her growth was evident as she returned even sharper and more refined than last season."

Other mentions Whitmore included in her statement are: "Grace Neidert, Martina Fedor, and Hailey Black infused the team with vision and technical ability, as did second-year players Kiara Isabella and Zoey Ellis. Emlyn Robles added pace and an eagerness to learn, while Ava Fife and Morgan

Scott brought a tremendous amount of heart and alacrity to our squad."

These women did not only have a drive to improve as a team, they all brought their own qualities and characteristics that were able to shine through this sport.

The women strived to make improvements in practice and during games. Whitmore shared an improvement she noticed stating, "Communication on the field. As the season progressed, our ability to work together in real-time became one of our greatest strengths, leading to some beautifully executed goals."

Whitmore added "One of my personal highlights from the season was our trip to Central Penn, which I had the privilege of coaching solo. With only one sub available, the odds were stacked against us, but the team played with immense determination and heart. While we lost 0-2 (largely due to fatigue), I could not have asked for more from the girls. Their effort was outstanding, and although

we were unfortunate in the result, I am proud of their performance. The progress we made was tangible, especially when comparing this game to last season's 0-4 loss at Central Penn, where we had four substitutes on the bench. It was clear that we had taken significant strides forward."

The team's determination and goal to perform their best each game does not go unnoticed.

Although this season for the women's team presented some challenges, it was also filled with growth, resilience, and determination. Their hard work will lead to future achievements as the team works in the off season to prepare for the upcoming fall season.

Whitmore also would like to welcome returning players back while also stating, "I encourage girls/women to come and join our team & I wish our players that moved on all the best in the rest of their collegiate careers!"

Good luck to our Women's Soccer team. Go Centurions!

# Is an Asteroid Collision Possible in 2032?

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Global planetary defense procedures were put into effect after a 100 meter-wide asteroid was observed with a telescope and has a 1.3% chance of smashing into Earth's surface causing deadly and irreversible damage on December 22, 2032.

An automated telescope in Chile spotted what is now called "Asteroid 2024 YR4" and has reached the top of many impact risk lists throughout the United States of America and all throughout Europe.

This asteroid is currently 27 million miles away and will come close to about 66,000 on the December 22, 2032 date.

According to the Guardian, an asteroid of this size would not cause a mass extinction like it did with the dinosaurs about 60 million years ago. That asteroid was anywhere between 10 to 15 kilometers wide. Since this one is only 100 meters wide,

it has the potential to cause damage on a city scale taking countless lives. Scientists also say that such an impact would cause an airburst within our atmosphere.

Since the sighting of Asteroid 2024 YR4, two UN-endorsed asteroid response groups have been activated, as well as the International Asteroid Warning Network has made a response and is going to

make further action into the Asteroids flight patterns and uncertainties in its orbit.

The Space Mission Planning Advisory Group has been alerted and could plan to intercept the asteroid with an aircraft.

According to Space.com, space companies say that this asteroid is not cause for immediate concern and some characteristics of this asteroid are still unknown, there could still be factors that could cause greater damage. Astronomers will have a shot at finding these characteristics in 2028 when the asteroid is within the ballpark of 5 million miles.

This asteroid is likely around the same size as the 1908 Tunguska rock, which according to NASA, is

currently the largest recorded asteroid strike event in human history. Even though there are no confirmed fatalities it is said to have knocked over 80 million trees and caused a forest fire that burned many reindeer's, a major source for local tribes. The impact was said to have been recorded by seismographs all the way in Europe.

When asking the professor of the astronomy course at Bucks, Michael Babij, he said "Overall, there's no reason to worry right now. The current probability of an impact is slightly over 1%. This is extremely low, although I'm sure people would rather it be at 0% just to be safe. At this point, there's nothing that we

really need to do right now except continue to gather data about the asteroid's size, composition, and orbital path. This orbital path data will help astronomers "fine tune" the probability calculations and the size and composition data can give us a sense of potential impact damage." He also said that "If there was a known object with a probability to strike the Earth, the plans to avoid collision tend to fall into one of two categories: deflect it or blow it up."

It seems that many scientists, and astronomers are not worried about this right now and Asteroid YR4 will remain on the list of potential risk until it comes a bit closer to analyze in 2028.