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Dr. Georgia Lorenz, Seminole State College's third president, in red, leads a procession following her inauguration.

# Third President Inaugurated

## Dr. Lorenz: 'Afforded Chance to Be Part of Legacy'

By Dylan Clayton

Seminole State College inaugurated Dr. Georgia L. Lorenz as its third president during a ceremony held at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus March 22.

To begin the ceremony, Seminole State College faculty and staff processed south of the UP building and Student Center into the parking area set up for the inauguration. The ceremony included musical accompaniment by the Center for Fine and Performing Arts.

The event was called to order by Scott Howatt, chair of the college's District Board of Trustees.

"During her first months on campus, Dr. Lorenz has hit the ground running," Howatt said. He said Lorenz had listened to and learned from each person she has met.

"She has become a student of our College, our culture, our needs and our community," Howatt continued. "We know Dr. Lorenz will honor the Seminole State legacy and the work that has led us to where we are today. She is a highly educated and insightful leader, a strategic planner and a warm, honest individual who is committed to educating our community's students and helping them to discover their passion and reach their fullest potential."

Howatt then welcomed the estimated 300 in attendance.

A succession of speakers offered greeting to Lorenz and the audience, including Deborah Mead, vice-chair of the Faculty Senate; Shayan Khan, president of the Student Government Association for the Sanford/Lake Mary Campus; Jeffery Shimizu, former vice president of Academic Affairs at Santa Monica College, where Lorenz previously served in the same position; and Larry Campbell, former president of the Seminole State Alumni Association.

During the installation, Lorenz received the college's mace and chain of office. She then gave the inaugural address on the sunny and windy morning.

"As I embark on my tenure as the third president of Seminole State College, I am deeply touched," Lorenz said. "I have been afforded the chance to be part of a legacy. A legacy that began 53 years ago in a former citrus grove in Central Florida. A legacy that took us from a handful of portable classrooms in Sanford/Lake Mary to six sites across Seminole County; from 750 students to nearly 30,000; from offering tens of programs and degrees to more than 200. A legacy that began with a visionary – Dr. Earl Weldon, our first president. A legacy that continued with Dr. E. Ann McGee whose leadership helped make Seminole State the powerhouse it is today."

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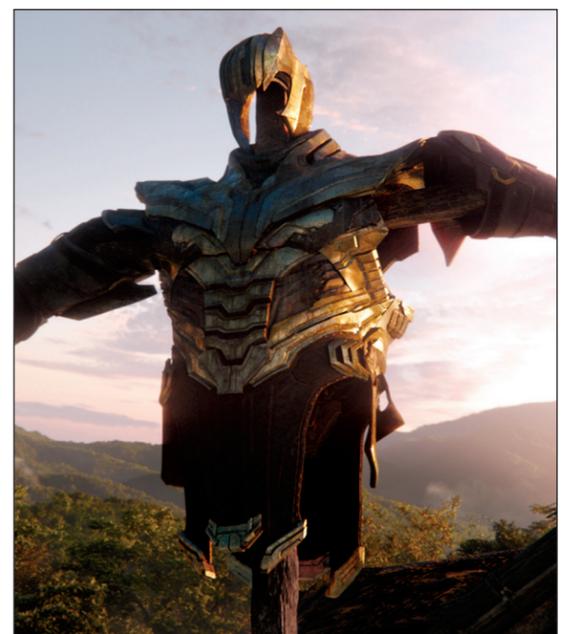
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# Judy Shepard Sad Her Story Is So Relevant

By Kaitlyn Hawley

Seminole State's final presenter for the 2018-2019 Speaker Series was award-winning LGBT+ activist, Judy Shepard, who spoke at the Sanford/Lake Mary concert hall April 27.

Matthew Shepard, Judy's son, was brutally murdered October 26, 1998, because of his sexual preference. After her son's death, Judy started speaking publicly and has since made her message clear: Shepard urges people to embrace diversity and to accept everyone.

In the last ten years, Shepard has won numerous awards for her courage and work toward aiding the LGBT+ community.

She met former President Barack Obama, speaking to him about the hate and viciousness that was projected toward her son. Soon after meeting Shepard, Obama signed for the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which grants more funding and resources for the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

Prior to giving her victims impact statement at the SSC event, Shepard said, "I am so sad that this story is so relevant."

The crime was committed over 20 years ago, and it's disheartening to see that people are still being victimized for who they love. This story is one that many, especially people from Orlando (where the Pulse nightclub massacre took place), can relate to.

"Things change quicker than we thought possible," she said. An unquestionable strength lies within Matthew's family, finding the light from a tragic story, and shining on communities worldwide.

Shepard, continuing her activism and drive for change, said, "I know Matt would be disappointed in me if I gave up, if we all gave up."

Shepard touched on the topic of coming out with two pieces of advice for the audience: Do it, but don't do it until you're ready. Shepard went on to say, "Shame and guilt would come across to people if you're not ready to admit it."

She also urged members of the audience to, "Educate, educate, educate, bring understanding when you see hate and darkness, light when you see fear."

Reading her victim impact statement aloud, Judy described Matthew's murder often with tears flowing down her face. This kind of hate was unimaginable. Matthew was brutally attacked after being targeted at a bar. His attackers tied him to a fence, pistol whipped him, and left him for 18 hours until a passing cyclist saw him and alerted first responders.

The news came to Judy around 5 a.m. She and her husband were living in Saudi Arabia at the time, and the two took the first flight possible. Nineteen hours later, Shepard witnessed the results of a hate crime first hand.

"Such an act of brutality was incomprehensible," she said. Matthew passed away from his wounds six days later. He was 21 years old, and a student at the University of Wyoming.

As Matthew's story unraveled before the audience, Shepard pointed out, "The state of Wyoming has no hate crime laws ... well, Wyoming has one, it's for animals." This issue is not spoken about publicly enough, she said.

Over the weekend of April 6, 1999, the plea bargain for one of the defendants in Matthew's case was changed from not guilty to guilty. Court sessions were held in the Albany Courthouse, Wyoming. Shepard tells the audience,



Judy Shepard

"we are fighting an uphill battle."

Since Matthew's passing, Judy has made it her mission to seek justice for her son, and every other member of the LGBT+ community. Shepard has traveled across the country, sharing her story of love, heartbreak, and acceptance. She continues her work for the foundation she named after Matthew, because a mother's love is everlasting.

During a question-and-answer session before signing copies of her books for students and others, Judy answered a question from Seminole State student Alexandra Perez about the support she had received when Matthew's ashes were brought to the National Cathedral during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

She explained that the Smithsonian Museum of American History was creating a collection of LGBTQ+ artifacts because the generation of the 1940s and 1950s is passing, and the museum wanted items before that history was lost.

Shepard said she was calling people around the country to add to the collection, when she received a call and was asked if the museum could have some of Matthew's things.

She said she had over 10,000 letters and gifts from people, but not much from Matthew himself.

"We kept everything that came to us after Matt passed," she explained. "What we did not have was a lot of Matt's things because, hello, he was a 21-year-old college student, he had zip."

She said they could not decide what to do with Matthew's ashes because "we were so afraid that if we put them in a public place they might be vandalized."

So the idea of interring the ashes at the Cathedral arose. About 4,000 people attended the memorial for Matthew at the National Cathedral.

## Who Would Have Thought You Can Make a Smoothie with a Bike?

By Julia Ngoie

STEM club's president and teammates thought of a healthy and fun way to exercise and make smoothie bars.

"Why don't we make something healthy and people can do exercise," said the club's officer.

On March 12, the club hosted an event to display and give a taste of the smoothie made from the pedal-powered blender to students.

Motivating and assembling students to try it, Max Cadet, club's president and mechanical engineering student, was filling the blender diligently with fresh yellow bananas, cold square-shaped ice, protein shakes and fresh juice.

Sitting on the bike, students would start pedaling and having fun while making their smoothie.

"Seeing other people get on the bike and actually pedal ... that was exciting," said Macheal Richardson, STEM club's secretary and member of C.A.T. "Just to see the smiles on their faces was nice."

The atmosphere was filled with laughter and cheers.

Some students were looking and just walking away with an expressive



Photo by Julia Ngoie

Beverly Sanchez, Seminole State volunteer coordinator for Student Life, tries out the Smoothie Bike at a STEM club event in March.

face and wondering "What in the world would a blender do on a bike?"

The cyclist does not even need to pedal for a long time. It is only a matter of seconds and the smoothie is

ready. It is such a fun, healthy, interacting way of getting a smoothie.

Cadet said its benefits are exercising, getting a smoothie, and learning about new technology that contrib-

utes to energy saving.

Any bike, he said, would work to make a blender-bike, it took them one day to complete the work

Five bright minds, including Cadet, came together as one to make it happen, he said.

Of those who were involved in building the bike, Richardson said in an interview that she considered it an accomplishment because she is a student in Early Childhood Education, which has little to do with science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

"I thought it was going to be harder than it really was," Richardson said, expressing her gratefulness "Wow! Thanks for doing this."

The club holds its meetings Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The STEM club representatives said they will be hosting another event during which students will be given the opportunity to drive an electrical car in the parking lot. The date hasn't been provided yet.

"Technology is not over us," Cadet said. "That is not a waste ... because engines are everywhere, that is what our club is focused on to teach."

## NEWS BRIEFS by Alanis Quirindongo

### Step Into UCF April 19

Seminole State College is hosting a tour of University of Central Florida's Orlando campus on April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for Seminole State students planning to transfer to the UCF. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Participants will depart at 8 a.m. from the Sanford/Lake Mary campus at the Student Center, Room 173. To register, go to <https://seminolestate.joinhandshake.com> and navigate to the events page.

### Raiders Pantry Can Fill Up

The Raiders Helping Raiders Pantry has been established to provide food and hygienic items for students in need. According to an article from Seminole State's newsroom, the college is now a Second Harvest Food Bank Partner Agency, allowing it access to their food distribution center and to pay a small cost to fill up the pantry.

### 4-day Workweek on May 5

Several departments at Seminole State are scheduled to begin four-day workweek schedules from May 5 through July 27, Mae Ashby, associate vice president of Human

Resources announced recently.

Affected employees resume regular five-day workweeks on July 28. During the four-day workweek period, the College will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27, and July 4, Independence Day.

### Adjunct Union Bargaining

The Seminole State College adjunct faculty union held its first negotiations with the college's administration on March 25, according to union representatives. More negotiations are set during the summer months. All the bargaining sessions will take place at the Sanford-Lake Mary Campus, Building C, Room 110 A/B. The first dates and times are: May 29, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; May 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; June 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; June 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; June 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and June 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at <http://bit.ly/SOLIDARITYFOREVER> or call 407-970-2555.

### Spring Graduation April 30

The Seminole State College spring commencement is scheduled for April 30 at 7 p.m. in the

Addition Financial Arena at the University of Central Florida. Chris Anders, Seminole County supervisor of elections, is expected to serve as keynote speaker. Faculty who have ordered graduation regalia can pick up orders at the campus bookstore April 22 to 29 with a photo ID.

### Cap Decorating April 22-24

The Seminole State College Alumni Association recently announced a graduation cap decorating event to take place from April 22 to 24 at three of the college campuses. Times are set for the Sanford/Lake Mary bookstore April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon; April 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Oviedo Student Center April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the Altamonte Springs Outside area on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Sex Assault Awareness

Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April raises awareness about sexual violence and ways to prevent it. Seminole State College has observed this national campaign with panel discussions, the Clothesline

Project at the SLM Student Center and resource tables at all four campuses, the college announced recently. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, this year's campaign theme, I Ask, "champions the message that asking for consent is a healthy, normal and necessary part of everyday interactions." President Dr. Georgia Lorenz and the Seminole State chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges invites faculty and staff to participate in Denim Day on April 24, which will serve as a campaign against misconceptions about sexual violence. The Association will raise funds to support Safe House of Seminole. Employees should check with supervisors about Denim Day.

### Flamenco del Sol to Perform

The Center for Fine and Performing Arts will host Flamenco del Sol at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus for the Spring Dance recital. There will be two performances from "Carmen," April 26 and 27 in Building G's auditorium. Tickets are available at [seminolestate.edu/arts/events/theatre](http://seminolestate.edu/arts/events/theatre).

# The Seminole Scribe

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# SGA Elections Finish with Record Voter Turnout

## Ciresi in Altamonte and Okeke at SLM Win Presidencies

By Grace Lamberty

The results are in for record-breaking Student Government Association voting in March. Glory Okeke will be the new president at Seminole/Lake Mary while Samantha Ciresi retained her position as president of the Altamonte Springs SGA.

Okeke and Ciresi won the only contested races in the SGA elections, which broke a record with 1,080 students casting ballots. Here are all the winners:

- Oviedo: Rachel Balleste, President; Martin Mazzeo, Vice President; and Victoria Melendez, Secretary/Treasurer.

- Altamonte Springs: President, Ciresi; Vice President, Darrell Vinson; and Maxwell Desir, Secretary/Treasurer.

- Sanford/Lake Mary: Okeke, President; Mary Galeano, Vice President; and Aleesha Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Before the polls closed March 21, the Sanford and Altamonte campuses waited patiently to see which SGA presidential candidates would take the chair.

Running for Sanford/Lake Mary SGA president were Kathleen McBride and Glory Okeke. Altamonte candidates were Samantha Ciresi and Marjorie Occenat. Each candidate brought her own ideas to the table, but all goals had one theme: tailoring to the students' needs.

Looking at the Sanford/Lake Mary campus, Kathleen "Kate" McBride is wrapping up her degree in legal studies and finance. McBride said she wanted to create a safe environment on campus.

"First I think I would like to establish an open-door policy with students so that they can feel free to come to me," McBride said. She said it would help her understand problems that others have.

McBride said she plans to take in the feedback she gets from Seminole State students and act on their needs. She said she wants to establish a more personal connection between students and



Photo by Trevor J. Ward

Students and staff work an election day site March 21 at the Public Safety Building on the Sanford/Lake Mary campus.

faculty.

She said teachers have probably heard that before, but that she feels there are valid reasons to do this.

"I want to make it more fun to be at school," McBride said. She added that she hopes to make college a place students are excited to attend, instead of just a place to take classes and leave.

Running against her is Okeke, a second-year college student studying pre-nursing. Okeke plans to take a different approach for students. She is more resource driven, she said. Her main focus is students and clubs.

For the students, she plans to promote Handshake. Handshake is a college resource to help students find jobs and internships tailored to their major. She also plans to help clubs get funding.

"A lot of clubs are not able to host events or they're not sure what to put in their budget, how much to ask for ...," she said. "Especially as a new club, it can be a little bit intimidating."

She also wants to have each club meet at least once with college President Georgia Lorenz.

Currently, Okeke is the SLM Student Services chair. With the presidential title, she said she hopes to help student activities and resources become more accessible.

At the Altamonte Springs campus, Samantha

Ciresi is a sophomore majoring in legal studies. She is currently Altamonte's president and was running for her second term.

Ciresi said she plans to implement a new project relating to our Lynx bus system. As of now, this system is free for students, but Samantha hopes to take it a step further.

She said she has worked with Vice President of Student Development Jan Lloyd-Lesley and Altamonte Springs campus Dean Lynn Garrett to establish a Lynx bus route between the campuses with no stops.

Student events are also a priority for Ciresi. She said she hopes to increase the budgeting for college events, being sure to take in feedback of what the students want. This can range from giveaways to food choices.

Running against Ciresi was Occenat. She studies journalism and reports for The Seminole Scribe. She said she wanted to assure students that they will have an easy transition between semesters, requiring students to participate on the "Rate My Professor" website.

Another major issue Occenat focused on is the food service at the school.

"Since we can't change the food vendor, we can probably change the food service," she said. "So that way more students [can] come, which will provide more funding for the cafeteria."

## Students Should Always Be Prepared for Enroll and Go Each Semester

By Trevor J. Ward

Students arrived at campus early March 18 to find fresh advertisements for one of Seminole State's programs: Enroll and Go for summer 2019. This program is one that students may want to take advantage of in the future.

The college's Enroll and Go program launched March 18 through March 22 to give students the opportunity to win prizes for enrolling in their classes for the next semester early. The prize for winning this contest was attraction tickets, according to Seminole State's website.

Enroll and Go has been an active

program that the Admissions Office has been running since 2017.

The program offers students prizes that they can win. The prizes change with every semester.

Some of the semesters previous prizes has been Seminole State gear, gift cards, vouchers for textbooks, and even buy one get one free classes. Pigmon couldn't say what the Fall 2019 semester's prizes would be, but students may want to be ready to register early when Enroll and Go starts again.

"Enroll and Go is basically the school promoting registration for current students," Pigmon said. When asked if this meant registra-

tion was down, Pigmon replied, "We didn't see a drop but we wanted to see an increase."

Alma Madrigal, a business major freshman, thought the program is "a great way to encourage students to enroll" while another student thought it was a good idea. When asked if this would convince them to enroll early next semester for the chance to win great prizes, both answered yes eagerly.

Enroll and Go is available for all current degree-seeking students who enroll in the designated dates and register for at least six credit hours of the semester the program goes for (this one being summer

2019).

After enrolling students must complete the enter-to-win contest form found here <https://www.seminolestate.edu/enroll-go> to be entered into the contest. Students must pay for their class fees before the Enroll and Go winners will be selected as those who haven't paid in time will be dropped from the contest.

Several hundred students applied for the contest and the winners are expected to be announced in mid-April after all students who applied have paid their fees. The winners will be announced on the Seminole State website.

# How Will Endgame Answer the Important Questions?

By Trevor J. Ward

Warning for readers who have not seen “Avengers: Infinity Wars”: this article will contain spoilers.

Sitting in the crowded theater, Brandon Norravong watched in horror as Thanos finally grabbed the Mind Stone from Vision’s forehead. The last hope was riding on Thor as he plunged his axe into Thanos’s chest, but this was quickly diminished as Thanos utters, “You should have gone for the head,” before snapping his fingers. Silence fills the room as one by one fans begin watching their favorite heroes along with half the Marvel universe crumble to dust before their mist-filled eyes.

“I was glad I was alone,” said Norravong, a sophomore majoring in creative writing, recalling the moment. He remembers thinking, “This is actually happening?” He said he was surprised to see the credits roll up announcing the end of the movie.

Norravong’s reaction was a sentiment shared by most fans.

Endgame directors and brothers Joe and Anthony Russo have been known for their surprises and for doing things the fans thought they would never do. With half of the population of the Marvel world gone, the ultimate question is if they are actually dead or alive.

Kimberly Feliciano, also sophomore majoring in accounting, has a theory.

The people who crumbled to dust didn’t die, she said, they instead went to some other dimension, maybe somewhere we hadn’t seen before.

With the introduction of the quantum realm in Antman and the Wasp, this leads fans to wonder how it may play into Endgame as well.

Antman, as fans will know after watching the end credits of “Antman and the Wasp,” is currently trapped in the quantum realm, but is clearly seen in the latest trailers for Endgame free and helping the team in the fight against Thanos.

This may, however, tie into another theory presented by Norravong.

According to him, those who crumbled to dust didn’t die, but instead were transported to inside the Soul Stone. The Soul World, which is seen in comics to usually tie in with the Soul Stone, is a pocket dimension that is known to possess captured souls. It is possibly seen briefly in “Avengers: Infinity War” when Thanos claims all Infinity Stones and ultimately snaps his fingers.

While the movie doesn’t explicitly say if the scene with child Gamora asking Thanos, “Did you do it?” is actually a glimpse into the Soul World or rather some sort of vision, it does seem



Marvel Studios’ AVENGERS: ENDGAME..Thor (Chris Hemsworth)..Photo: Film Frame..©Marvel Studios 2019

likely that this may be the answer to where the victims were sent.

Does this mean that the remaining heroes need only to break the Soul Stone to release everyone? Or perhaps the Soul Stone isn’t the stone we should be worrying about. After all, if the heroes did indeed die in the snap, then breaking the Soul Stone may do nothing to aid in bringing them back.

Anthony Derington, QEP’s reading center liaison and sophomore at Seminole State, said he feels like they’re completely wiped (Everyone who died in the snap). Derington has spent time in the past reading much of the Marvel comics and shared that in the comics the Infinity stones are in a sense the source code of the universe. If a stone were to break, it would completely destroy that aspect of the universe in the comics according to Derington.

The movies itself though didn’t reveal if that rule applies when Wanda attempted to shatter the Mind Stone to prevent Thanos from getting it. It could be that not enough time had passed before the effects of shattering the Mind Stone started to implement before Thanos reversed time and repaired the stone.

With most of the Guardians of the Galaxy dead, except for Rocket and Nebula, fans were devastated and weren’t sure if they would see a third movie to continue their story. Derington said, however, that Nebula may be the key to restoring the victims of the snap.

“The general hope is that Nebula ends up getting revenge like she did in the book and getting hold of the gauntlet and rewinding time with the

time stone,” Derington said. Nebula is seen at the end of Guardian’s of the Galaxy Vol 2 headed off in an attempt to kill her father, Thanos, for the suffering he had her endure while growing up. If she were to succeed in her mission, it could possibly revive everyone and make for a satisfying ending to Thanos’s story according to Derington.

Feliciano, Derington and Norravong all agree on one thing though, that the heroes will return in the next movie.

With new Marvel movies soon to be released or in production featuring many of the heroes, such as Spiderman, thought to have died, it provides a compelling argument that they aren’t gone for good.

“I still think he’s going to come back because I mean ... he’s Spiderman,” Feliciano said. Spiderman’s new movie, “Far from Home,” is to be released July 5, so it’s more than likely that her statement is true.

Overall, though the most repeated thought was that time travel will probably have a large part to play in the movie. The cast listed for Marvel Endgame features several people who have already died even before the snap, including Loki, Gamora and even The Ancient One who died in Doctor Strange many years before Infinity War even began.

Fans will get the answers to these questions and more in “Avengers: Endgame” in theaters April 26. If the victims of the snap are not rescued in Endgame, then, in the words of Tony Stark: “If we can’t protect the Earth, then you can be damn well sure we’ll Avenge it.”

## ‘Us’ Takes Viewers Where Everything Is Not What It Seems

By Thomas Perkins

Jordan Peele is said to be changing the face of horror with his newest self-written and self-directed motion picture, “Us”, which premiered in theaters March 22.

This highly anticipated movie is a second extolled Peele masterpiece, much like his first Oscar-nominated film, “Get Out,” from 2017.

“Us” takes the viewer on a whole new psychological rollercoaster ride that will leave an unsettling tingle in your brain rather than your spine.

The new movie is Peele’s second credited horror film, where viewers soon realize everything is not what it

seems.

The central character is Adelaide Wilson, (Oscar-winner Lupita Nyong’o). She fights her mysterious past that becomes a problem for her and her family’s present.

The Wilson family is forced to face an eerie, doppelganger family known as “The Tethered,” whose motivation is not quite clear. Similar to Peele’s first film, “Us” is full of underlying themes and complex messages.

Unlike “Get Out,” which exemplifies mostly racial and institutional problems within our society, “Us” portrays what it is we truly fear as humans; the truth about ourselves.

“It is instead about something that I

feel has become an undeniable truth,” Peele said in an interview with *The Hollywood Reporter*. “That is the simple fact that we are our own worst enemies.”

The solo acting performances really struck gold in this film. One in particular was Nyong’o, who switched from the role of the protective and enduring mother to mastering the assertive, almost mind-paralyzing role of “Red.”

The remaining family roles performed by Winston Duke (the father), Shahadi Wright Joseph (the daughter) and Evan Alex (the son) were all exceptional when it came to balancing such opposite personalities. The acting in this movie contains so much depth

and truly provoked a hidden darkness.

As of April 7, “Us” had taken in more than \$157 million in ticket sales.

Though it may be criticized as a strange approach, Peele conveys unclear messages that are meant for audience members to create their own meanings. Most films have a clear-cut message but again, Peele is revolutionizing a style of his own. He does not blatantly tell filmgoers what exactly is going on like “Get Out,” but this screenplay is perfect for the imagination.

The film uses suspense to its greatest advantage and can still be very chilling, but movie-goers won’t need an extra pair of pants.



Photo courtesy of Seminole State College Volunteers

Mary Galeano and Andrei Billaut greet and serve each family with coffee, hot chocolate, and tea at Give Kids the World.

## SSC Volunteers Serve Up Dreams for Kids

By Veronique Irizarry

The nonprofit, 84-acre Give Kids the World Village began changing lives in 1989, opening its doors to children who have life-threatening illnesses and their families to help everyone forget the worries of this world and spark a child's joy and imagination with countless rides, games, and activities.

This semester, volunteers from Seminole State College have ventured out to the facility to do what they can to make the children's dreams come true.

Give Kids the World offers a week of free stay for children who are critically ill, they provide an all-inclusive stay at the location paired with free passes to Disney World, Universal Studios, and Sea World.

The purpose stems from a little girl named Amy who had leukemia and dreamed of visiting the commonly loved Orlando theme parks. People tried to fulfill her wish as well as provide a complimentary stay the process. But the process took too much time, and Amy had passed before her wish was fulfilled.

Although her dream didn't become her reality it sparked a fire in Henri Landwirth, who made a vow that no child in need would be failed, and that time wouldn't interrupt the story of a child's dream.

Since 1986, this provided a mission that Give Kids the World will continue to fulfill. The SSC volunteers served on a Saturday in March.

"With all service events my motivation is exploring new nonprofit organizations and noticing how we can make a change while getting out of our comfort zone," said Beverly Sanchez, coordinator of Community Engagement for Student Life at Seminole State.

Ten student volunteers went to the service event on with free transportation from Seminole State College. This is the second time the school has gone to Give Kids the World during the Spring semester. They will be heading out to the location for another event in April. The students volunteered from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. working the kitchen.

"My experience at GKTW was wonderful, I love being around kids I always have," said Kayla Singleton, a Seminole State volunteer. "I enjoyed walking around with the kids and talking with them and hearing about their time there. One lit-



Photo courtesy of Seminole State College Volunteers  
Rim Rami, left, and SSC volunteer coordinator Beverly Sanchez greeted families as they came in and offered assistance in carrying trays for the children.

tle girl told me she had just got a visit from Santa before breakfast and brought her a baby doll with her very own bottle."

The volunteers cleaned Nancy's Breakfast café for families, greeted the guests, helped carry trays for children as well as serve drinks to the families in an attempt to make everyone's stay feel comfortable and welcomed.

"Before I attended this event for my first time, I was clueless about the purpose of Give Kids the World," said Kia Singleton, another volunteer.

After her first visit, she said she had a better understanding of its purpose.

"Volunteering here was an eye opener to make me appreciate the time that I have here in this world because tomorrow is not promised to you," Singleton said. "The children continue to push through their barriers and make every day the best of their lives. This made me understand that I should not let little things deter my happiness and that I should live life to the fullest."

Others who would like to volunteer through Seminole State can do so by going to Raider Connect to view all upcoming events. There are also many opportunities to volunteer on one's own time as well and can do so through <https://www.gktw.org/>.

# The Writer's Nook



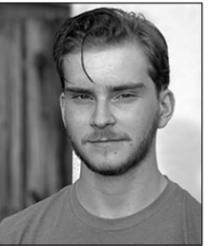
## Foreword

The person who I want to be in life culminated in this exact moment. Our society needs more love, and I've been through enough suffering to understand that I don't want anyone to feel that way, that pain. So, a thought came to me, why don't we smile more? Everyone just looks away; we walk around as if no one else is there. So I decided to start smiling at people when I pass them. The very first person I did this to, I had to write about.

## We Never Exchanged Names

By Christian Appenzeller

A gloomy sky falls upon me. As I walk, a smile of mine is ignored. Ear buds in, head down and one thing is true; glass in her eyes. I continued to walk, yet something urged me to talk to her. "Hey! Ma'am!" I exclaimed, "Excuse me!"



Perhaps she heard me, perhaps not but that didn't stop me. I ran to her catching up to her gloom. Two hands upon her shoulders, "Hey... hey, are you okay?" I said, "No... no please, don't" she looks away with pure pain on her face. "Hey, it's okay, you're okay." I push, "You are okay."

She breaks, tears fall upon her face, I grasp her tightly and she grasps me tighter. "You're okay, it's okay," I repeated over and over. She sobs, I keep assuring her. I don't know her; I've never seen her before. Total strangers in one beautiful embrace. "Let go when you're ready." I say to the sobbing stranger, she wasn't ready for quite a while.

She slows to a shallow breath, I look into those glass-filled eyes and know she doesn't want to talk about it. "It's okay, you can get through this." I told her a myriad of different things in an attempt to help her, whether I did or not doesn't matter; trying to help is what does.

"Thank you." She cries a little more, "I appreciate you."

"Go treat yourself, take some deep breaths." I say with a smile as I wipe a tear off her cheek.

She smiles back, "I appreciate you" with that smile growing. "You have a better day, okay?"

"I'll try," she said. "You will," I said.

Two souls were simply walking past; everyone needs to be shown love. No matter how unexpected. We never exchanged names.

# Topgolf Planning New Location in Seminole County

By Jose Munoz

ORLANDO—Topgolf, which brings a bowling alley style attraction to an indoor golf driving range, plans to open a complex in Lake Mary.

Spokesperson Brittany Selvik compared the experience to an archery range where players drive golf balls at targets.

“Topgolf was meant for everyone from little kids to casual golfers who bring their own clubs,” Selvik said. “Topgolf brings out the competitive nature in everyone.”

The original Central Florida Topgolf opened in 2017 on International Drive. It features two floors of hitting bays that accommodate up to six people per group. There is a bar in the facility, and groups can order food and drinks as they hit golf balls.

Each player takes turns hitting three shots at multiple targets that vary in distance. The closest target is 10 points, then it varies up to 85. If a player hits the far back net, about 250 yards away, that’s 100 points.

The facility includes nine different games. The cost varies according to time of day. At the Orlando location, the price of renting a bay is \$25 from 9 a.m. to noon; \$35 from noon to 5 p.m.; and \$45 after 5. Topgolf closes at 2 a.m. If play-



Photo by Jose Munoz

A golfer take a swing at the back net at the Topgolf indoor driving range in Orlando.

ers bring their own clubs, the price drops \$5.

Players don’t have to be great golfers to enjoy Topgolf, but some notable people have played at the Orlando location.

“Just a couple of days ago PGA pro Rory McIlroy came in to check us out since there is a PGA tour event (Arnold Palmer Invitational) going on this week,” Selvik said, “and Patrick Mahomes, quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs, came in during the Pro Bowl weekend, so it was definitely really cool as well as getting to play golf here for free.”

Topgolf is a unique way to go to the driving range. Selvik said it takes the standard driving range and makes it more accessible.

Driving golf balls is not the only activity at Topgolf. Selvik said people can watch big games on 4K screens or even play pool late at night.

“There are plenty of options to chose from here at Topgolf to come check out,” she said.

The driving range attracts the most people, she said.

“The driving bay with our top tracer technology is a really neat thing that comes with our experience,” she said. “Basically it tracks the golf ball mid-flight and the direction, and the different targets provide for different scores.”

At topgolf.com, players can register as a member, reserve a bay and download the Topgolf app. People can also go online to plan a party for their company, small and large groups, kids, tournaments and fundraisers.

## UCF Nearly Upsets Duke in Best Tourney Showing

By Sean Green

The University of Central Florida men’s basketball team returned to the NCAA Tournament and March Madness for the first time since 2005 as a 9-seed, the highest seeding of any of their tournament appearances to date.

The Knights notched their first ever tournament win with a 73-58 victory over the VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University) Rams.

Their second-round opponent would be Duke, the top-ranked team in the tournament. The Blue Devils boast three of the top freshmen in the country with Zion Williamson, R.J. Barrett and Cam Reddish, as well as the all-time winningest coach in NCAA history, Mike Krzyzewski.

A victory over Duke is a tall order for any team in the country, but UCF proved to be up to the task, nearly eliminating the Blue Devils in the final seconds.

To start off the game, UCF kept it close. It wasn’t until 2 minutes left in the first half that Duke pulled away to a 44-36 lead at the break.

The Knights came out on fire in the second half. Aubrey Dawkins shot 6 of 10 from the field on his way to 32 points for the game to match Duke’s Williamson. UCF shot 50 percent from deep and 75 percent from the charity stripe, setting up what would be a dramatic and controversial finish.

With 27 seconds left, UCF held a 76-73 lead over the Blue Devils.

Duke Forward Javin DeLaurier collected an offensive rebound after a missed Zion three-point attempt and immediately passed the ball back to him. Williamson drove to the hoop, shrugging off B.J. Taylor, and scored after being fouled by UCF big man Tacko Fall. The 7-foot, 6-inch Fall fouled him out of the game. Williamson missed the free throw, but R.J. Barrett grabbed the rebound and scored to give Duke a 77-76 lead.

With 8.1 seconds remaining, Taylor advanced the ball to the right corner and narrowly missed the game winner. Dawkins also missed a put-back as time expired.

“They played great,” said Duke’s Coach K in media interviews after the game. “Johnny [Dawkins], Aubrey [Dawkins]—holy mackerel. They were deserving of winning.”

UCF Coach Johnny Dawkins is part of the reason Duke is where it is today. He was the first big-time recruit as a player that went to Duke with Coach K there. He would then coach as an assistant there from 1998-2008.

The love between the two coaches is undeniable.

“I’m going to start crying,” Coach K said in the postgame press conference. “I love Johnny Dawkins, the moments, the times we’ve spent together building the program.”

As for the rest of the tournament, the University of Virginia would eventually win its first National Championship over Texas Tech, 85-77.

## Can Lightning Save Florida Sports?

By Josh Kapke

The Tampa Bay Lightning secured the best overall record in the National Hockey League with a win over the Washington Capitals in Amalie Arena, the home of the Bolts in Tampa.

But after three games into the playoffs, the Lightning have their backs against the wall after losing the first three games to the St. Louis Blues.

Local NHL fans are interested about the possibility of the Lightning winning the Stanley Cup for the first time since 2004.

“The Lightning have had a real solid team for the past decade or so, they’ve already clinched the best record in the league, (Steven) Stamkos and (Nikita) Kucherov are always great, but they choke in the playoffs,” said Richard Coppenhaver, a Seminole State College student and avid NHL fan.

Daniel Woodruff, a University of Florida student and Lightning fan, said before the end of the season, “This season has been the greatest of my life as a Lightning fan. All the ups and downs I’ve seen will all be worth it for our one shining moment. Breaking the record will be great, but I won’t be satisfied till we are hoisting the Stanley Cup.”

During the season, the team beat the Arizona Coyotes and the Caps again this time in the Verizon Center to improve to 59-14-4 on the season. The Lightning chased the all-time wins record at 62, needing four wins in the final five games of the regular season to achieve this historical feat. The team ended up tying the record with 62 wins.

Lightning right wing Kucherov has had nothing short of an MVP season and should be the frontrunner

to win the award (also known as the Hart trophy).

Lightning center and team captain Stamkos continues to build a hall of fame resumé as a seasoned veteran who’s been in the NHL for 13 seasons, all with the Bolts. The most notable achievement missing? A Stanley Cup.

The Lightning have been a juggernaut, making the playoffs in each of the last six seasons including an appearance in the Stanley Cup final in 2014-15. They continue to grow and mature under Head Coach Jon Cooper as the current best team in hockey record-wise.

Meanwhile in the other major professional sports, the state of Florida doesn’t have much to boast.

The Miami Dolphins, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Jacksonville Jaguars of the NFL, finished with sub-.500 records this past season, though they are currently rebuilding. In the NBA, the Orlando Magic and Miami Heat had sub-.500 records as well, although they are both fighting for a playoff spot. The Magic made the playoffs with a flurry of late season wins.

Florida also has two Major League Baseball teams: the Miami Marlins, who finished dead last in the National league, and the Tampa Bay Rays, who although winning 90 games, missed the postseason behind the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

The NHL also has another Florida team in addition to the Lightning, the Florida Panthers, who were eliminated from playoff contention.

The Lightning have become the beacon of hope for Florida sports as no other club can seemingly get it right.

## PRESIDENT *From Page 1*

Lorenz succeeds Dr. McGee, president of 22 years, who attended the inauguration. The college's first president was Dr. Earl S. Weldon, whose widow, Gerry Weldon, was present for the March 22 event. Lorenz said she hopes to build on McGee's groundwork.

Under McGee's leadership, Seminole State College expanded to four campuses and increased the amount of degrees and programs to more than 200, including seven bachelor's degrees.

McGee will be staying with the college in the capacity of president emeritus, where she is "of counsel" to the new president and provides fundraising assistance to the college, according to the SSC website.

To celebrate the transition of power, the college coordinated several activities and events at each of its campuses. Among these is the "stockpile" of the Raiders Helping Raiders Pantry.

The pantry, in partnership with Florida United Way and Second Harvest Food Bank, supplies students in need with food and hygiene products. Students can request assistance through the academic advising and counseling department.

In her March 26 President's Update email to the SSC community, Lorenz thanked the Inauguration Committee all the individuals and departments that had a hand in putting the inauguration together.

"I truly cannot say enough about how wonderful it was," Lorenz wrote. "I have received so many comments and emails in the past few days



Photo courtesy of Seminole State College  
Dr. Georgia Lorenz, center, succeeds Dr. E. Ann McGee, left, as the president of Seminole State College. The college's first president, the late Dr. Earl S. Weldon, was represented by his wife, Gerry Weldon, right, at Lorenz's inauguration.

from community members complimenting the College on doing such a great job. Everyone was impressed."

She also thanked those who attended the inauguration.

"Your presence at the ceremony and your support means the world to me," Lorenz wrote. "I feel so honored by the hard work and care that went into the ceremony, and I am humbled by being honored in such an incredible way.

"Most of all I am honored to be the President

of Seminole State College and to have the opportunity to work alongside each of you to promote our students' success and achievement."

In honor of Lorenz's Inauguration, the faculty, staff and students of Seminole State have held a series of events and volunteer projects, such as:

- Stockpile the Raiders Helping Raiders Pantry
- Student Emergency Assistance Fundraising Drive
- The Best in Show Alumni Artists
- Cards for Seniors Citizens
- Packing Party with Love Missions (fighting human trafficking)



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