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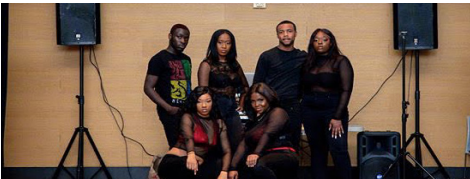
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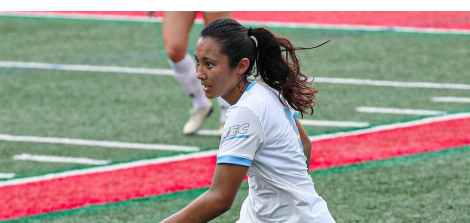
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## Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg

BY EMMA ROBINSON

NEWS EDITOR

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died Friday, Sept. 18 due to complications from metastatic pancreatic cancer. She was 87.

Ginsburg had defeated colon, liver and lung cancer during the course of her life, and was the oldest sitting member on the Supreme Court.

She was known for being a trailblazer for women in the workplace through law and politics. She attended Harvard and Columbia Law School, all while taking care of her child and husband, Martin Ginsburg, who was undergoing chemotherapy at the time.

Ginsburg directed the Women's Rights Project for the American Civil Liberties Union in 1972, where she advocated for the fair treatment of women.

She was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1980 and was later appointed to the Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton in 1993. At her confirmation hearing, she spoke at length about her support for women's rights and abortion rights.

Before being appointed as a justice, Ginsburg argued six landmark cases on gender equality in front of the Supreme Court, winning five of them in order to eliminate legal barriers that held women back in both the workplace and in civic life.

Some of Ginsburg's triumphs include helping women earn the right to sign a mortgage without a man present, the right to a bank account without a male co-signer, the right to be pregnant or have kids and work, the right to pension equal to male counterparts and the right for men to receive widowers social security benefits. The news -



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of her death was shocking to members of the campus community.

"It was crushing to lose someone who has blazed so many trails in the law and has inspired so many people, especially, but not limited to, women," Jeremy Buchman, a professor of political science and pre-law advisor, said. "And there was something ghoulish about seeing Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump rubbing their hands with glee about the prospect of filling her seat before she could even be buried."

Former President Barack Obama waited a month after Justice Antonin Scalia's passing before nominating Merrick Garland to be appointed to the Supreme Court.

Students were also deeply affected when RBG's name made-

headlines.

"When I came across the news I stopped what I was doing to reread the headline to make sure what I was reading was real," Hannah Winston, a sophomore musical theatre major, said. "My mother is a lawyer and has served as a judge. Women in law have always inspired me because it is such a testament of our raw power of fight and communication of our beliefs and morals to the world. My mother and I have always looked up to RBG as a role model because of her work with women's rights and civil rights, but also because she persevered through all of the adversities life threw at her."

Sophomore veterinary medicine major Sarah Henderson also considers Ginsburg to be a hero.

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# The Involvement Fair Goes Virtual

BY ZACH TABER

STAFF WRITER

With student's returning to campus and classes beginning, many have been excited for things to return to normal. However, with COVID-19 being a constant threat to student's safety, things haven't been able to go back to the way they once were just yet. Instead, students have adapted to a new normal. One event having to make the adjustment to this new normal is the involvement fair.

Promise hosts an annual involvement fair on campus, where students can learn about clubs and organizations, and clubs can recruit new members. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on campus, having an in-person involvement fair where crowds of students gather and socialize would not be possible this year. Instead of the typical format where clubs have their own tables and students are free to meander from organization to organization, this year the fair is being done virtually via Zoom.

Promise assigned each club its own time slot and Zoom meeting, and it was the student's responsibility to determine which club meetings they wanted to attend.

Without the typical in-person gathering that is customary with the involvement fair, some students have been worried about how this might affect other students' interest in the event.

"They want to actually be there and enjoy it," junior forensic science major Eric Nazario said. "Online activities will show a decline in student involvement I believe, because students don't want to be on their computer or phone for a fundraiser or movie night type of event."

Due to these new restrictions clubs have had to spend more time this year reaching out to students and advertising their event in order to get students to attend their Zoom meeting.

"Challenges with the online format [were] getting word out," sophomore business admin-

istration major Anna Serro, and president of the fashion merchandising club, said. "We have been posting on our Instagram about the event, and Promise also posted about the event, but normally students will wander through the fair and see what they are interested in."

Other clubs have been worried about how they will be able to hold any of their own events this year.

Junior accounting major and president of the bowling club Mike Mele expressed his concerns about how virtual events might impact his club.

Involvement Fair Week Two		
Tue 9/22	Wed 9/23	Thu 9/24
<b>12:30pm:</b> Emerging Student Theatre Artists	<b>12:30pm:</b> Master of Social Work Graduate Association	<b>12:30pm:</b> Accounting Society
<b>1:00pm:</b> The Pioneer	<b>1:00pm:</b> Kappa Kappa Gamma	<b>1:00pm:</b> Brothers and Sisters in Christ
<b>1:30pm:</b> Vet Tech Club	<b>1:30pm:</b> Delta Sigma Theta Inc.	<b>1:30pm:</b> cNafME

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*The schedule for Involvement Fair events*

"It will definitely affect how many events are done, as some events can't happen due to the no in-person events rule," Mele said. "It will be especially difficult for our club because our whole routine is based on being together in person."

In spite of student's concerns, the involvement fair was able to have a successful start, with Zoom meetings beginning on Monday,

Sept. 14. "The school adapted the best way they could," Serro said. "I think this was a good way to see some interested students, and now we have some people to follow up with."

The Fashion Merchandising Club will be holding virtual events throughout the semester, along with many other organizations across campus.

Greek students have also adapted to the digital nature of Post this year, and they are looking forward to upcoming virtual meetings.

"I've been excited for Greek Recruitment for a while now, and can't wait to see the new members of each organization," Nazario said.

Clubs will continue to host virtual events that students can attend throughout the semester. Students can find out about upcoming events by following Promise's Instagram account @liupromise.



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# Events this Week

## Wednesday, Sept. 23

- Emerging Student’s Theatre Artists| 12:30 p.m.  
Students can join ESTA at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.
- Kappa Kappa Gamma | 1 p.m.  
Students can join Kappa Kappa Gamma at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet sisters and learn about the organization.
- Delta Sigma Tau | 1:30 p.m.  
Students can join Delta Sigma Tau at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet sisters and learn more about the organization.

## Thursday, Sept. 24

- Accounting Society | 12:30 p.m.  
Students can join the Accountning Society at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.
- Brothers and Sisters in Christ | 1 p.m.  
Students can join the Brothers and Sisters in Christ at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.

- cNafME | 1:30 p.m.  
Students can join cNafME at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.
- Riggs Lawn Movie Night| 8 p.m.  
Students can enjoy a socially distanced screening of “Selena” on the Riggs Lawn.

## Friday, Sept. 25

- NSSLHA | 12:30 p.m.  
Students can join the NSSLHA at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.
- Rainbow Alliance | 1 p.m.  
Students can join the Rainbow Alliance at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.
- Student Nurses’ Association | 1:30 p.m.  
Students can join the Student Nurses’ Association at their virtual club fair on Zoom. Students can meet members and learn more about the organization.

# Correction

In our Sept. 16 issue of the Pioneer, the story “Students Speak Out About Black Lives Matter” had a portion of a quote cut off. The full quote was supposed to read “It’s scary to see people who look like me, my older brother, my cousins, and my parents lose their lives unjustifiably. I believe Floyd’s death made so many people of all races think about how Black people are being discriminated against and what can be done about it.”

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# Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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"She was more than just a woman in congress," Henderson said. "She was an inspiring leader to many people across the country. She worked constantly for over two and a half decades to bring awareness to numerous equality and environmental issues that were overlooked by many of the men in congress. She was a symbol of hope to so many people, myself included."

Henderson further comments that Ginsburg has shed a light on the democracy that the United States has needed for so long.

"She taught me that I am more than just a girl, but I can be a leader in society. She's shown me and so many other girls that we are worthy of the positions we earn in our community. That we can fight for what we deserve," Henderson said.

While America mourns the death of a legendary feminist, both Henderson and Winston believe that the country can take away so much from Ginsburg's legacy.

"I hope to one day have a fraction of the

impact Ginsburg did in my lifetime," Winston said. "People must remember that we have the power to demand and advocate for change, and that no matter our beliefs we can be like [Ginsburg] and be a kind and decent human being to all."

Henderson hopes that this loss will encourage more people to advocate for what they believe in and participate in voting this election.

"Vote in order to take the steps necessary to become the place she envisioned and fought so hard to build," Henderson said.

Buchman further commented on the work Ginsburg did to make her so inspiring.

"Ruth Bader Ginsburg accomplished so much at a time when the legal profession was overtly hostile to women. In her litigating and institution-building on behalf of using law to achieve significant social reform, Ginsburg was to legal rights for women what Thurgood Marshall was to legal rights for Black [people]. She fought tirelessly against public policy rooted in sex-based stereotyping, even on occasions where that stereotyping might be viewed as favorable to women," he said. "In her view,

breaking down sexual stereotyping was important not only for women, but also for men. And her deep friendship with Justice Scalia showed how people with very different political commitments could still build meaningful connections. It's a lesson we're in dire need of relearning."

If students are interested in learning more about Ginsburg's accomplishments and life, there is a documentary titled "RBG" available on Hulu, Amazon Prime and other streaming platforms.



## Campus Events Go Virtual

BY ALYSSA SPAGNA

STAFF WRITER

All club and campus events have been moved online via Zoom this semester due to new restrictions put in place to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Senior nursing major Beth Hillman has enjoyed all of the online events she has attended so far.

"I have attended Bingo for Books, as well as club meetings for Circle K and BASIC virtually via Zoom," Hillman said. "I would definitely encourage students to attend virtual events. They are a great way to connect with other students, learn new things, gain new friends and have fun."

Hillman is very involved in campus life; she is a Resident Assistant, Sister of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and President of Circle K, but this semester has been different for her and the clubs she is involved with.

"I think some advantages of being online were being able to connect with students from anywhere, we didn't have to be in the same place, or on campus, or even in the same state," she said. "Some disadvantages are tech issues, so sometimes there are audio or video problems, but we worked through any issues and were still able to enjoy the experience."

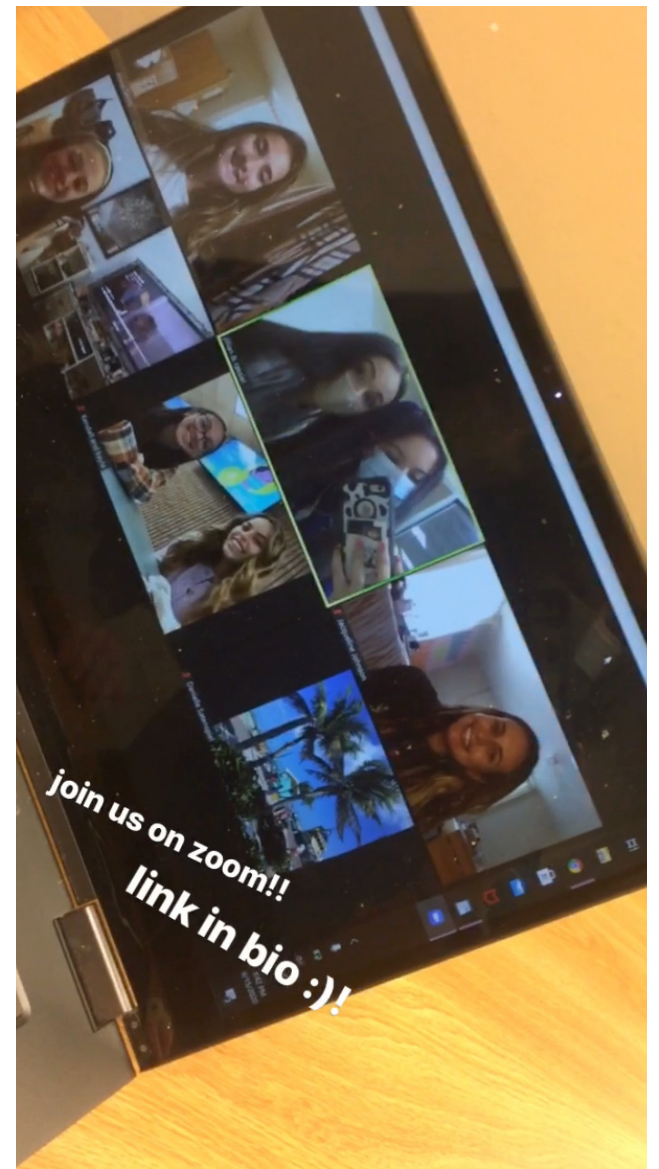
While there are technical difficulties that come along with virtual events, different organizations have still made it possible for students to feel as though they are just as involved as events that are in person.

"The events I attended were all very interactive," Hillman said. "Bingo for Books was great, we played bingo and trivia while having the possibility of winning gift cards. Also the club meetings I have attended so far have been interactive too. At BASIC we played pictionary online to start off the meeting and at Circle K we did an ice breaker to get to know other members."

Hillman says that these virtual events are a fantastic way for students to get out of their comfort zones and that students are now able to venture into things they wouldn't have before. Being online can be helpful to students who are not comfortable engaging with large groups in person.

"It's a great free way to connect with other students, pass some time, maybe even learn something new, all while having fun," she said.

Hillman also recommended that her peers check social media and the new Experience Shark Nation event platform to learn about upcoming events and club meetings.



JILLIAN MEHTA

The Fashion Club's Involvement Fair meeting



# Student Body Boutique Reopens



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BY CHRISTOPHER SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Body Boutique reopened on Monday, Sept. 21 after being closed since March. Members of the boutique have been cleaning, restocking and moving furniture in the store to prepare for shoppers. The Student Body Boutique is a student-run store in Hillwood Commons featuring clothing options for college students. The boutique is handpicked by students who work at the boutique from fashion trading shows such

as “Coterie” in New York City. The boutique lets students expose themselves to the latest fashion trends of New York City and beyond. Junior fashion merchandising major Hema Chimpidi, a member of the boutique’s executive board and co-vice president of operations, explained members of the boutique try to find trendy and exciting clothes that students want to buy. “When we go in we try to find affordable in style clothes that college girls would want to spend money on,” Chimpidi said. From Sept. 21 through Oct. 5 the boutique is offering an extra 20 percent off their sale section in celebration of the semester starting. In addition to the opening sales, the boutique is looking to get students more involved in their process this semester. “This year we want to get the students more involved in the store in terms of what they want to see,” Chimpidi said. “We want to hear from them what they would buy and how much they would spend.” Freshman fashion major Anna Johnson, the store manager, is excited for what the future holds. “Although because of Covid, the Student Body Boutique is limited in what events and activities it can put on, I’m really looking forward to this upcoming semester,” Johnson said. “We have a really hardworking and creative Eboard and an amazing group of employees. I have no

doubt in my mind that we have what it takes to bring the Student Body Boutique to the next level, and incorporate a lot of new and exciting merchandise into the store this semester.” The Student Body Boutique members look forward to seeing students back in their store to see the changes made from last year.



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THE STUDENT BODY BOTIQUE

# Promise Hosts Identity Mixers

BY SAM UEBEL  
STAFF WRITER

Promise has started the school year with a new program called “September Identity Mixers.” Mixers were hosted from Sept. 9 through Sept. 22 on Zoom during common hour. Students were encouraged to join the Zoom link, and meet other students who they shared an identity with. Mixers had been specified for Asian, Black, Jewish, Latinx, LGBTQ+, Muslim and Middle Eastern, and Multi-cultural identifying individuals. During each mixer, students were guided by Promise coach Anthony White to introduce themselves, and were then informed of upcoming Promise events related to how they identified. After greeting the students and allowing everyone who wanted to join the Zoom conference into the call, White excused himself to give the students room to talk. Students who joined the events were given the opportunity to meet new people who they may otherwise never have met on campus. “I’m a commuter,” undecided freshman Taryn Zdenek said. “I was just looking to connect with people who I have something in common with.” Zdenek went on to add that she ended up making a group chat with the stu-

dents from the Zoom call and is hopeful about gaining some great friends from this opportunity. Sophomore business administration major Rylie Allen also welcomed the event as a chance to get to know other students she could relate to. “I’m living on campus in Riggs hall and I was walking in the hallway and saw a sign with all of the identity mixers,” Allen said. “[I] thought to myself I might have to try [attending one].” While many students were excited about the event, not everyone felt included. Users on Instagram questioned why there was not a mixer for Catholic/Christian faiths and various European identities. The Promise Instagram page directed those who were concerned about Catholic/Christian identity to the Newman Club, but no comment was made about European identities. Zdenek and Allen both expressed interest in participating in more events like these in the future. “Without a doubt [I would] do it again,” Allen said.

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# The Runway Club Returns to Campus

BY LILA NOLAN

STAFF WRITER

After taking a year long hiatus, The Runway is back and ready to restore their positive role on campus celebrating students of all demographics on the club's 10 year anniversary.

The Runway meets virtually every Monday and Wednesday from 8-10 p.m. Due to this semester's COVID-19 regulations, the club has been unable to meet in person.

The Runway prides themselves on being a multicultural club and one of LIU's only clubs with predominantly Black members. They are a major outlet of support for Black designers, DJs, models, photographers, brands, and creatives.

Each year they host a spring fashion show that utilizes and showcases these talents to the campus community. Although The Runway makes a creative point in promoting Black creatives with their platform, they welcome members and outlets of all demographics.

The Runway prides itself on being a safe space for students to expand their creative niches, showcase both their internal and external beauty and promote self confidence, said Tevani Hibbert, a senior computer science major and club president. "We're here to promote confidence, self love and individualism to all students at the LIU Post campus," she said.

Hibbert views The Runway as an integral part of the campus's culture. "The Runway-



The Editorial Board of The Runway

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being back is more than just a club being available. It's a part of the LIU culture that we wanted to bring back and make even better," she said.

The Runway takes active measures towards fostering and enriching the university's environment for all students, according to Hibbert. They do so by actively participating in fashion, modeling, photography, and confidence centered functions used to enlighten and celebrate the students.

As The Runway moves ahead this semester, a major focus of theirs is reaching new and eager students with their ambitious messages of positivity. Currently, between the remote and on campus students The Runway

has 21 active student members.

At this time, three of the eboard positions are filled by Madison DeBose, a junior business administration major, as vice president and Kwan Burke, a junior business administration major, as the fashion coordinator, but Hibbert said that they are looking for dedicated students of interest to fulfill the remaining leadership positions.

The Runway club encourages all who are intrigued by their return and message of self love, confidence and creativity to follow them on Instagram at @liu\_therunway. Students with questions are suggested to direct message the account to get in touch with active club members.

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# What did Students Watch During Quarantine?



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BY HAILEY DUCHNOWSKI

STAFF WRITER

Covid-19 has led to many people being stuck in the house quarantining, playing games, doing at home workouts, online school and a list of other creative activities. Many students have turned to binge watching Netflix and Hulu as a way to pass time during this pandemic.

A survey conducted by The Pioneer was sent out to 46 random students to find the top three shows students watched these past months and student's overall favorites. The survey found that at the beginning of quarantine that the most popular show student watched, as well as it being peoples overall favorite was "Outer Banks." The show follows a group of teenage kids with two separate groups, the rich and the working class on their many adventures looking for hidden gold.

Students enjoyed "Outer Banks" due to unique plot points featured within the show.

"I loved Outer Banks because of the diversity of trials and tribulations that the characters are put through," Jessica Day, a sophomore psychology major, said. "The overall adventurous plot was also very captivating and kept me drawn in for the entirety of the show."

The second most popular show was "Tiger King." The documentary centers around

Joseph Allen Schreiber, better known as "Joe Exotic" who owns an exotic animal park promoting many lions and tigers. The mystery and suspense of the documentary is what drew Sydney Marzano, a junior marketing major, to watch and enjoy it.

"What I liked about Tiger King is the cliff-hanger it left all of its viewers questioning on what happened to Carol Baskins' husband," Sydney said. "Whether the producers did this purposefully to get its viewers more invested or they too truly don't know the real story behind it."

The third most popular show was "Dead To Me" a Netflix series that revolves around a hit and run. Maddy Schaefer, a junior adolescence education major, enjoyed the show because of the complex plot. "Dead To Me was a show that not only made your heart race, but also over-think everything going on," she said.

The other favorites were older TV shows that students rewatched, such as "New Girl" and "Grey's Anatomy."

Bianca Santucci, a graduate student studying exercise science, enjoyed rewatching "New Girl" with the extra time she had in quarantine.

"New Girl is such a feel good TV show that makes you want to keep watching over and over again," Santucci said.

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# Freshman Showcase Cancelled



2019 Freshmen Showcase

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STAFF WRITER

Every semester Post Theatre Company (PTC) is home to many different shows. This past spring semester PTC was set to perform a total of seven shows. However, many of these shows were abruptly changed due to the ongoing pandemic. Classes, including rehearsals and some shows, were moved to a remote format. During this time there were five shows either already in production or just about to start their process. Of those five shows, two were rehearsed and performed via Zoom last semester, one is being filmed separately by the actors, and two were originally set to be performed this fall but have since been cancelled.

"I was a part of an improv show last semester which was moved to Zoom. It was a big change but I was really happy to have had a performance. Although we weren't able to see two of the shows last season, it was nice to see the cast and crew of both shows congratulated and honored at PTC's first department meeting this year." Hannah Hrbek, a junior musical theatre major, said.

Every spring it is PTC tradition to welcome their incoming freshmen in their very own show entitled "First Year Showcase" or more commonly known as "Freshman Showcase" along with a special opening night toast. Freshman Showcase is used as a way to allow the freshman theatre class to put the methods and training that they have learned during their classes into a performance. This show is comprised of the freshmen class performing in various 10-minute plays. With the constant growth of the theatre departments freshman class, the freshmen are split into two casts for this show. Each showcase is different and unique to the director's vision.

"[Freshmen Showcase], to me, has always been so special because it bonds the first year class in a way that nothing else does. It is an opportunity for them to take the tools that they are learning in the classroom and apply it to a full process, making them then ready to step into future processes," Lauren Reinhard, a professor in the theatre department and director of one of the Freshman Showcases, said. "More than just the preparation though it allows them to bond together and create something that will introduce them to the company that will be their family for the rest of their time at LIU Post."

Since the online spring semester, theatre students have been rehearsing for this show that was set to be performed within the first two weeks of returning to campus during the fall 2020 semester.

"Rehearsals were moved online about a week into online classes," Alexis Cid, a sophomore musical theatre major, said. "There were a lot of challenges including internet stability, Zoom not working and at home life interfering with my school schedule."

Cid said that while she hoped that there would be a way to perform the show when students returned to campus, she would not have felt comfortable doing an in-person performance with the current state of the world.

"When it became clear over the summer that in person shows would not be able happen, we still had the idea that we would rehearse for one week then move the performance to a virtual Zoom format. However, when we got closer to the date to start rehearsal it became clear that there was much more work to be done than one week would allow us, as we hadn't been solving or even thinking about all the considerations that would have to be made for a show that was always intended to be live to now be

virtual," Reinhard said. "On top of that, many of the students were also preparing to go into other production lab processes that were beginning for the new season. Overall, when talking to the faculty and casts it was determined that the students learned a lot from the rehearsal process but not with everything else going on at the beginning of the year the best thing for them was for us to cancel the performance."

A week before classes started, the cast and crew voted to cancel the freshman showcase. While this was a tough decision students felt it was the right thing to do given the circumstances.

"The only real reason that I would have liked to have had the show was simply for closure. So I could say I had a freshman showcase. It does sting that we put all this work in at the end of the year, and now it's not being put on, but honestly, to me, it's not the end of the world that it didn't happen," Cid said. "I'm ready to move on and continue growing throughout my time here, and I am still thankful to both directors and assistant directors, our production lab advisor, and our tech crew for being so patient and being great leaders throughout the whole process, in-person and online."

Despite the restrictions, PTC still plans to continue performing throughout the semester.

"For now, all the company's performances will be broadcast online for audiences to view. What Spring will look like, we have no idea at this point. We're just going to stay flexible and wait to see what happens and do what feels both the safest and most beneficial for the students," said Reinhard.

Information about this semester's shows will be available via the Post Theatre Company's Instagram account, @liuposttheatrecompany, as the semester progresses.



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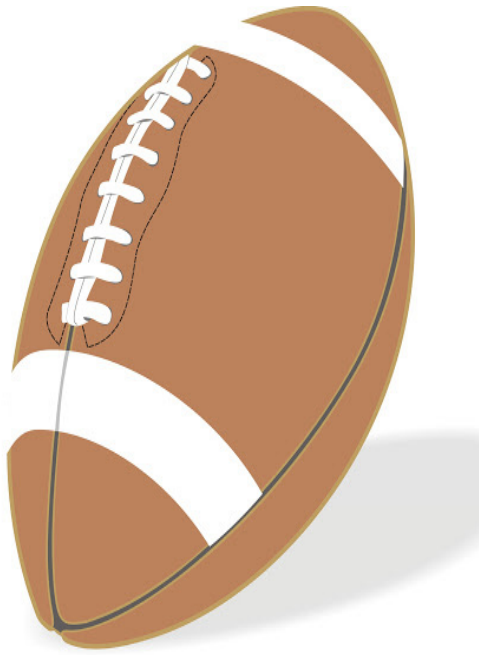
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# NFL Season Returns with New Safety Protocols



BY CONNOR LAMBERT

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The reigning Super Bowl champions, the Kansas City Chiefs, kicked off the NFL's most unprecedented season yet against the Houston Texans on Thursday, Sept. 10. Fans eagerly

watched the teams take the field, bringing back a sense of normalcy. The NFL is attempting to have a full season with expanded playoffs. However, to make that happen, they have had to change the standard protocols of a season.

With the looming threat of COVID-19, the NFL has had to put in place many new rules and regulations for the 2020 season. The NFL has implemented new protocols such as daily testing, socially distant team meetings, Zoom conferences, and mostly empty or spread out stadiums.

Another rule is that all personnel on the sidelines must wear a facemask at all times, even the officials. The NFL is taking this rule seriously, as they warned coaches to wear masks properly during games or face discipline. Troy Vincent, NFL executive vice president of football operations, shared a memo acknowledging league and government regulations are of utmost importance. "We must remain vigilant and disciplined in following the processes and protocols put in place by not only the league, union, and clubs, but also by state and local governments," Vincent said. This comes after various NFL head coaches such as Rams' Sean McVay, Saints' Sean Payton, and Raiders' Jon Gruden, were seen on camera wearing their face masks, not covering their nose and mouth.

After the NFL announced the latest test

results from Sunday, Sept. 6 through Saturday, Sept. 12 had only seven confirmed positive cases, there is more optimism than before. Cleveland Browns' running back Nick Chubb made it clear he was not very optimistic before the start of the season during a recent zoom session. "Because of all the uncertainty going on before the season, I did not know if we were going to have a season," Chubb said.

Despite the case count in the NFL being relatively low, the concern of COVID-19 spreading still exists. The Kansas City Chiefs had one fan test positive for COVID-19 after attending their opening game, the Kansas City Health Department announced. The ten people who had close contact with the individual were notified and told to quarantine.

Situations like this have led to some fans being skeptical about the season's outlook.

"Even though I'm excited football is back with everything going on, I wouldn't be surprised if the league is postponing games sooner rather than later," Jason Glickman, a senior broadcasting major, said.

Glickman is uncertain about what the future holds for the season. "Football season and fantasy football is something I look forward to every year but with how the MLB had so many outbreaks I don't know how the NFL will do any better," he said.

## Senior Soccer Athlete Talk About Future

BY ANDREW SCARPACI

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Senior psychology major and member of the women's soccer team Tiana Ono is excited about life after college.

Ono is currently in her third semester at Post, which is the third university Ono has attended. She started playing collegiate soccer in Nevada but chose to finish her associates at a Junior College in Washington after not getting a scholarship following her first year. She was recruited to play at Post soon afterward.

Ono would love to live in New York City after graduating. "I went to NYC for the first time on my visit to LIU and immediately fell in love with the atmosphere," she said. "It enticed me to commit on the spot."

Ono says this will be her last year at Post, and her last year playing soccer whether or not she gets a redshirt year. After playing soccer for nearly 17 years, she feels it's time to move on from the sport following this season.

Currently, Ono and her team can only have no contact practices. Due to this, she says it has been mostly just running and conditioning up to this point but is ultimately very excited to be back on campus and going back to the day to day life she is used to.

Ono is unsure of the status of her season,

since all competition is canceled until at least winter. While it is likely that sports will be back in the near future, Ono feels it may be difficult to get all the teams playing at the same time.

"Spring athletes should get priority even if that means my sport gets canceled since all winter and spring championships got canceled last year," she said.

While Ono was not able to play soccer because of restrictions put in place due to COVID-19, she was still able to enjoy her summer by reading and going to the beach. She also said that she enjoyed picking up surfing again, something she has not done in a while.

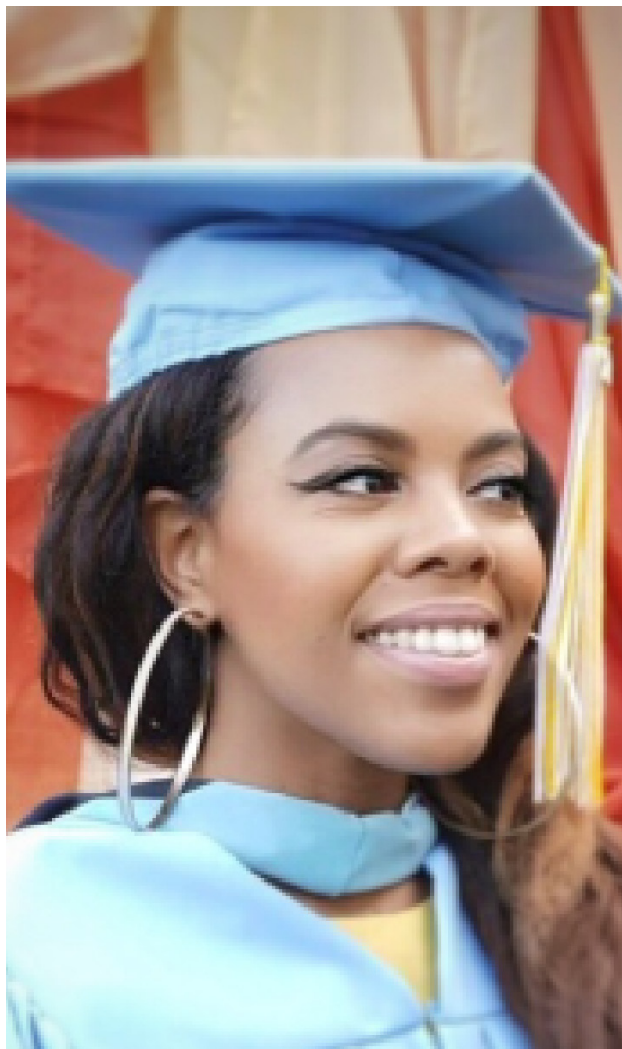
While she doesn't exactly know what she wants to do with her career, Ono sees herself pursuing a career in marketing. "Marketing is a successful balance between psych and communications because you have to understand the mindset of what people want, and how to present it to them properly," she said.



COURTESY OF TIANA ONO



## The World Will See Us



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**BY AMBER DAVIS**

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**Editor's Note:** *The Personal Essays section of the paper is one that invites students to share their personal experiences and thoughts about subjects they are passionate about. The author is not affiliated with The Pioneer, but has given us permission to publish their work.*

I just want to dance, like my African ancestors, do a little two-step, a shimmy of my shoulder with my loved ones to celebrate. Oh, how I miss the base on my back, feeling the vibes through my feet. The last “normal” celebration was for my best friend’s birthday, the Sunday before the closings of all NYC bars, restaurants, and public schools, yes, life as we knew it. I’m talking about no mask on, seating inside of a packed restaurant and partying on a dance floor with over 50 people. We should have known things were going to eventually get real.

“Sorry, we have to cancel your reservation due to New York State regulations, but we hope to be open in a few weeks.” Ring after ring, some places not even answering, “Sorry, we aren’t taking any reservations at this time.” After so many rejections, a sweet voice finally says, “Hi, yes, we will be open for brunch, how many people will you be coming with?” Miss Lily’s, a restaurant that wasn’t scared of what

was to come. But should I have been scared? Who would have known waiting for that reservation would turn into months of waiting? I had no idea what we would be waiting for.

I’ve been waiting to celebrate; the next celebration should have been for me. It should have been outdoor concerts and festivals, vacations, The Polo Classics, Essence Fest, the whole shebang. But now our celebrations consist of Zoom meetings, six feet apart, social distancing, outdoor gatherings, decorated cars for the new era of drive-bys, and to-go windows for drinks in the weirdest places.

Our celebrations have been taken away from us once again in history, like when we were ripped away from our villages in Africa and forced to succumb to what I know now as my native land. I refuse to let this happen again, I will not be scared, I refuse to let my light be dimmed. The world will see me! The world will see us! See me as I celebrate and excel as a smart, educated black businesswoman in America, who deserves to celebrate completing her Masters of Business Administration during a global pandemic. But it’s hard to celebrate, it’s hard to smile when you are trying to survive two global pandemics: COVID-19 and racism.

I don’t know when the next time I’ll be walking through a crowd of fine men and women on the dance floor, swaying my hips to the rhythm of the beat, while breathing in thick air that saturates the room. With men trying to touch my lower back, to excuse themselves as they pass, just because we are that close. The same men that may not make it home if they have that one interaction with that one cop, just because they wanted to dance. I don’t know-

when I’ll be able to dance, when can I embrace the dance floor again with my six-inch heels?

Because now all I can embrace are the images of people dying from COVID, the images of black people dying at the hands of police, images of all walks of life flooding the streets to stand on the right side of history.

Now, all my ears can embrace are the chants in the streets, “Black Lives Matter,” “No justice, no peace.” Day after day, minute after minute.

Celebrations have been replaced with victories of the American people, holding people accountable for their inhumane actions. Holding people to their word, to their actions and decisions, because after all, your word is bond. No more saying one thing in the light and another in the dark, the light is shining on all of us, God is saying to us, no more hiding.

We have all been hiding for the past three months, a stay-at-home order we were all succumbed to by our native land. A stay-at-home order that has made us hide from one another, to only realize we can no longer hide from the injustices that keep occurring to us all.



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