



The Raptor Call

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Raptor Calendar

October 2018

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EEACS Launches Pennies for Push-Ups

Tinesha Will, Senior Reporter

Executive Education Academy Charter School Foundation will be participating in a sponsorship known as Pennies for Push-Ups. Students all over the school can be seen doing push-ups to reach the goal of 2,500,000 push-ups. EEACS students will earn a copy of the book *Can't Hurt Me: Master Your Mind and Defy the Odds* and an inspiring visit from the author, David Goggins.

Pennies for Push-Ups was created by David Goggins, an American ultramarathon runner, ultra-distance cyclist, and retired United States Navy SEAL who also held a former world record for the most push-ups done in 24hrs. David Goggins is one of the most ambitious people in the athletics community, and as Mr. Lysek stated, "Every student needs to hear Goggin's story and see his motivational videos on Youtube."

While Goggins went through boot camp, he suffered a broken ankle three times which could have prevented him from finishing, but he refused to give up, taped his foot to his boot, and kept going. When David Goggins lost several of his friends in Afghanistan in a helicopter crash in 2005, he began running with hopes of raising money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. The foundation gives scholarships to kids whose parents have died during a special operation. In 2008, Goggins was named a "Hero of Running" by *Runner's World* magazine.

EEACSF is blessed to have corporate and private business sponsors to help indemnify the cost of 1,000 or more books. Each student in grades 9-12 will receive a book, and in the younger grades, the books will go to the students families. The cost of getting David Goggins to visit EEACS is paid by sponsors when our students reach the goal of 2,500,000 push-ups. So, in the words of Mr. Lysek, "put up or push-up!"



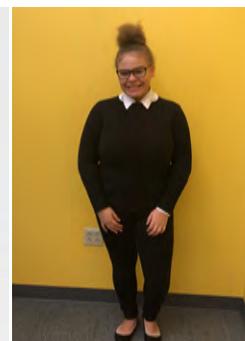
Two Senior Raptors Officially College-bound

Eli Almazan, Senior Reporter

Two EEACS students, Isaiah Rodriguez and Tinesha Will, have been accepted into college for the upcoming fall of 2019. Both students, who have been at Executive since it opened its doors, have also earned scholarships.

Isaiah Rodriguez will be attending Harrisburg university in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Along with admission, he has received a \$16,500 trustees' scholarship. When asking Isaiah how it feels to be accepted into college he stated, "excited, nervous and kind of scared".

Tinesha Will has been accepted to East Stroudsburg University, majoring in criminal justice. She will be completing her FAFSA, taking her ACT's, and applying for scholarships. When asked how it feels knowing she's been accepted to college, Tinesha stated, "It's both exciting and nerve wracking. It's exciting to know that I made something of myself. You hear a lot of people give excuses as to why they haven't gotten to where they wanted. Well, I came



from a broken home. Not much support, but I persevered through these four years of high school. It's also nerve wracking because college is a whole new ball game. It's more work, and less time to goof around."

Both students have worked very hard these past five years, and it's finally starting to pay off. EEACS is very proud to congratulate its first 2 officially college-bound seniors. We wish both of them the best of luck and a successful future for which Tinesha Will expects "greatness and nothing less."

Know of another college-bound Raptor you'd like congratulate? Email raptorcalleeacs@gmail.com

News

Species Invasion in Allentown

Henry Jimenez, Senior Editorials Editor

Getting space and relaxation is key to happiness. If something was bound to interrupt peace in your daily life, you might be upset. Our sense of peace can be disrupted by the littlest things, so what do you think about an invasive species attacking the place you call home? I'm talking, of course, about the Lantern Flies- something so small yet so disgusting that has visited us from Asia just to cause harm.

The invasion started slowly. When they first appeared back in 2014, there were already quarantine zones put in place to stop the bugs. Now four years later, nothing has been able to halt or slow their advancement to neighboring states.

The biggest problem with these bugs is that they love a certain tree called the "Tree of Heaven" which is common in the US. What these nasty critters do is try to suck the nutrients out of the trees until the tree dies. In the Lehigh Valley and Berks County, where the trees are most common, their food supply seems unlimited and there are simply no natural predators to take them down.

There also seems to be no way to slow to their reproduction which increases exponentially as the population of invaders grows. They lay eggs just about anywhere, and when they grow, they can cause billions of dollars in crop damage. The only way to stop them from becoming a natural insect to America is to destroy them, and residents are encouraged to kill them on sight by any means possible from crushing them to spraying them to catching them on sticky fly tape.

We all have a responsibility to help stop the invasion. On your next walk to school or around the neighborhood, keep your eyes peeled for Lantern Flies. Something must be done, or else America won't be the only ones known to invade a country and succeed.



Raptors Take the Field

Nicole Polanco, Senior Design Editor



While EEACS students and families anxiously look forward to the completion of our gym, many Raptor athletes don't wait to participate in interscholastic sports. From soccer to rugby, our students can be spotted on fields and courts all over the Lehigh Valley.

One of these athletes is Alejandro Valderrama, a junior who plays football for Dieruff High School. He has been playing football for six years, and when asked why he plays the sport, other than loving it, he said, "I was told I had talent, so I just went for it." This year was his first year playing for Dieruff.

Alejandro says that it's been rough for him to join this team since he came from a winning team in Catasauqua. So far this season, Dieruff has won three games, but his eye is on the big Allen vs. Dieruff game. When asked what his predictions for the game are, he said "I believe it's going to be a pretty close game. Maybe 20-30," pointing out that the team with the highest score will be Dieruff.

Quadir Broughton, an EEACS junior and Allen quarterback, also predicts a close game, but with Allen as the victor.

We encourage everyone to come out and watch the game on Saturday, October, 27th at J.Birney Crum stadium, and of course, to support our Raptor athletes in the field. Best of luck to Dieruff's #33, Alejandro Valderrama, and Allen's #4, Quadir Broughton.

RAPTOR SIGHTING

Junior, Jayson Vazquez and Senior, Emily Lengle at Dieruff's Senior Soccer Night



News

HOCO! Save the Date!

Victoria Torruella, Senior Repot

Executive Education Academy's fourth annual homecoming will be taking place in the auditorium on November 16, 2018. High school students voted on 4 theme choices, and the results are in!

The theme of this year's dance will be... "A Night in the Orient." Think enchanting Asian decor in colors of black, golds, and reds. Tickets will run you \$10 for EEACS students and \$15 for outside guests. There will be no food provided this year, but we have an awesome new DJ courtesy of Mr. Wiltshire instead of the previous child DJ.

In order to attend, student status must be neutral status and above. So if you're on concern, you better step it up! The dress code for "A Night in the Orient" is "dress to impress," so ladies, buy those beautiful dresses, and guys buy those fancy tuxedos and go all out! See you there!



Next Stop... Alvernia University?

Raptor Call Editor-in-Chief, Shaniza Rivera, visits local colleges and universities and rates them on everything from academics to campus security to food quality. Her brutally honest reviews reflect her personal opinion and not the opinion of Executive Education Academy Charter School or staff.

Have you started thinking about life after high school? When deciding on what you want to do with your life, for most people, college crosses your mind. Well, Alvernia University is an inexpensive way to pursue your dreams. Elliahs Almazan, Nayeliz Collazo, and I went on a college visit to check it out, so let's get into it.

Since the university isn't a big one, the student-faculty ratio is 13:1. As we were walking and peeked into classrooms, I took notice that the class sizes were small, so you're definitely getting one-on-one interaction with the professors.

Food is my favorite thing to talk about. The cafeteria is definitely big with a buffet-style set up. You can get chicken tenders in one line, burgers in the next, and pasta in another. The food wasn't bad, but it wasn't great either. They do have other places on the campus you can get food at. They're the "hangout spots" where all the cool kids are. Speaking of the student body, some kids like me might feel uncomfortable in a predominantly white school, but judging from the cafeteria, Alvernia is very diverse, which is a big plus.

The Reading, PA campus isn't far, and you can get there in about an hour. The neighborhood around it is only slightly ghetto. If you don't want to commute, they have dorms you can stay in. I saw the inside of the freshman dorms which were not ugly, but I personally wouldn't stay there because the community bathrooms are shared by the entire floor. They looked clean, and we were told that they clean them every morning which makes it tolerable for most students, but I still think it's gross. The other dorms, which I didn't get to tour, looked really pretty on the outside. They have things called pods which are apartment-style where you share the entire apartment with 12 people, and you have one giant kitchen and living room. This is more my speed.

This was just the first stop on our college tour itinerary. If you like what you read about this college, visit their website at www.alvernia.edu.



Residence Halls: ☆☆☆☆

Campus: ☆☆☆☆

Academic: ☆☆☆☆☆ (especially for nursing)

Food: ☆☆☆

Safety: ☆☆☆☆☆

Cost: ☆☆☆☆

Editorials

New Immigration Law Affects EEACS Students

Fernando Gatón, Senior Reporter

The Department of Homeland Security is terminating Temporary Protected Status (TPS), which allows nearly 400,000 immigrants to legally remain in the US, on January 5th, 2020. Several Executive Education Academy students are being affected by this new law.

One brave student, who wishes to remain anonymous, told her story. The EEACS senior explained that her father's TPS was being canceled, and they were running out of options. "We were either leaving to Florida or my home country," said the high school student. Going to Florida was not a bad option, but then her father would still be considered an illegal immigrant.

When asked why her family is scared of deportation she said, "My country is not safe, and my siblings barely know Spanish." Her family was very scared to go back to their country due to the danger that they would have to face. After her father's TPS was terminated, his working papers were also canceled. As a result, the student searched for 2 jobs "to help the family out." Staying in America is only part of the worry. Without a job, many immigrants are struggling to make ends meet.

In order for her father and others like him to keep their legal status in the United States, they have 3 options: marry a US citizen, obtain a workers visa, or obtain a student visa. A temporary worker's visa would be the first available option for many, but this can take up to 8 months, and can be denied after the long wait time. According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, The United States District court is enforcing the decision to terminate the TPS for Haiti, Sudan, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras. The Secretary of Homeland Security agreed to a two-year extension giving them time to obtain a legal status another way, but for many families, the fear of deportation is pressing.

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Marijuana for the People?

Isaiah Rodriguez, Senior News Editor

History is in the making in Canada. On October 17th, they became the second country in the world to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. Proponents believe the legalization of the drug will yield economic benefits and reduce crime rates.

In June of 2018, the Canadian Senate passed Bill C 45 which allows for recreational consumption and legal sale of marijuana for the public. Officials say taxing marijuana will be profitable for Canada's government and will also help the country grow its infrastructure by providing better wages in their workforce. The crime rates will drop due to the fact that marijuana will no longer be illegal, and people will not have to sell it behind closed doors. Allowing this drug to be sold could increase the country's morale as well as its profits. This puts into question when the U.S will legalize marijuana and how it could help us.

Legalizing marijuana in America would have similar benefits, could provide a way for us to get out of debt, and could reduce the incrimination of people from urban societies. In the current climate of high racial, political, and class tension, this would be a welcome relief.

I asked the EEACS community to weigh in on the issue.

While several staff members took Canada's approach in saying "It can help the economy," and "it should be legalized," one concerned staff warned, "it is a gateway drug," and "it can lead to substance abuse." They wondered if the economic benefits outweighed the risk of damage to young people and adults who don't know how to regulate consumption. One student explained, "even though it is safer than alcohol, it can have similar effects," while another stated, "it can help with our economy, but only if it's done right."

Should marijuana be legalized in Pennsylvania? How do you feel this would impact our school? Do you feel that our high school students are prepared to act responsibly? We want to hear from you! Voice your thoughts and opinions in writing (with or without your name) and submit to the editorials file in Mrs. Wendel's classroom.

Features

Love being Afraid?

Xavier Resto, Senior Features Editor

Fear controls you. You might not even realize it, but it does happen. From common fears like fear of failure or fear of rejection to rare ones like fear of holes or the Pope, fear plays a crucial role in our lives whether we like it or not. So why, especially around Halloween, do people enjoy this feeling so much?

Most people love the feeling of watching a scary movie, going to a haunted house, or anything (non-life-threatening) that will scare them. Science tells us that when we experience fear, dopamine is released in our brains, and this chemical makes us feel good. This is the same chemical that gets released in situations like getting an A on a test, winning first place, or eating a giant candy bar. But there is one hitch: to get this positive feeling out of being afraid, you need to know you are safe. There's a difference between being scared for your life and being scared in a haunted house because in a haunted house, you know you're safe.

Fear can also bring us closer to other people. When 2 people experience something scary together and that dopamine is released, it combines with a lot of other chemicals that make the experience stick, so it's hard to forget. So if you want to get closer with a special someone or create an unforgettable bond with a group of friends, taking them out for a good (non-life-threatening) scare is the way to go.

For a great list of area haunts and unforgettable spooky date ideas, check out the 2018 Ghost Guide from The Morning Call. For maximum dopamine highs, we recommend the "3 Ghost" Attractions List.



Lunch Time Polls

Which staff or student at EEACS is most likely to be a body snatching alien?

“Lito because he’s built like an alien.” - Jus

“Waldron because everyone trusts him, he’s funny, and he ate a bug.” - Shy-Diek

“Shatzki because he’s like 1,000 years old.” - Jovanni

“Ayanna Jackson because she can make “clones,” and she’s too positive.” - Enrique



What’s the scariest thing that’s ever happened to you?

“Getting beat by my mom.” - Chico

“I went to the baseball field at night and we ran through it, but then the field got raided by police because someone was selling drugs.” - Anonymous

“Ayanna Croxton almost killed me because the car brakes didn’t work on the highway.” - Shaniza

What is your worst nightmare?

“Someone painted over all my murals.” - Ms. Mayberry

“School shooting.” - Alejandro & Arquimides

“Getting taken over by venom and dying.” - Justin A.



Features

Battle of the Valedictorians!

Amber Pop, Senior Reporter

Executive Education Academy Charter School is having their first graduating class walk across the stage at the Iron Pigs Stadium in June 2019, and Career Advisor, Shana Weiss, will have to choose between seniors Jennifer Garcia and Fernando Gatón to determine who will have the honor of being the first valedictorian in Raptor history.

“A valedictorian is a student who has good grades, is a role model peer, and is a leader in the community” stated Weiss. Valedictorians have a GPA of 4.0, and usually are ranked number one in their class.

Weiss was interviewed on who she thinks the valedictorian will be and why. “I believe that it will be Jennifer Garcia due to the fact that she is ranked number one right now. She has the highest GPA and has more community service hours than her opponent, Fernando Gatón,” she said. “If they are tied, they will have to base it on community service hours, SAT scores, and Keystone scores.”

According to both candidates, they will be consistent with their school work in order to maintain their 4.0 GPAs. “I will dedicate more time and work extra hard so my grades are where they are supposed to be,” says Jennifer Garcia. Fernando Gatón also plans to “keep studying for my tests and quizzes to make sure I have high grades.”



When both seniors were asked what they may wish upon their opponent, Fernando announced, “I wish her nothing but the best and good luck.” Jennifer added, “We both worked really hard for this and to be where we are today deserves recognition. Let the best candidate win!”

The race to be the valedictorian at Executive Education Academy Charter School is bringing a whole lot of excitement to the senior class of 2019. This battle is just beginning, and we’ll have to wait till June to find out which Raptor will take the crown. Will it be Jennifer Garcia? Or will it be Fernando Gatón? Stay tuned for this year’s graduation at the Iron Pigs stadium.

Should you take the SAT ?

With graduation on the horizon for EEACS high school students, thinking about the future can be overwhelming. We all want to be successful and happy, but many students don't yet have a clear idea of what that looks like for them. Years ago, taking the SAT wasn't an option; if you wanted to go to college, it was mandatory. Today, however, taking the SAT isn't the best option for everyone, so here are some pros and cons to help you decide.

Pros

- a good SAT score can offset a low GPA and make you more attractive to colleges
- free test prep resources can help you achieve a high score if you put in the work
- good SAT scores can get you scholarships
- many students who take the SAT qualify for fee waivers for college applications, which saves you a lot of money
- some universities still require SAT scores, and you don't want to limit yourself.
- many students get vouchers to take the SAT for FREE.

Cons

- SATs are very difficult for students who struggle with standardized testing
- colleges and universities are beginning to focus more heavily on GPAs as an indicator of success
- SAT test prep takes a lot of time and hard work
- many colleges, like community colleges, do not require the SAT
- the ACT is faster paced and allows a calculator on all questions.

Resources

- Mrs. Weiss is our authority on college and career prep. Set up an appointment to discuss your options.
- www.collegeboard.org is where you go to research SAT information, dates, and registration. It also gives tons of information about preparing for and applying to college and about financial aid once you are accepted.
- *the deadline to register for the December SAT is November 2nd!**

Features

Fall for Soft Glam

Jennifer Garcia, Senior Beauty Editor

Want to be on trend this year? Need to know what palette you should be using this fall?

Tackle this season with the best looks from Anastasia Beverly Hills Soft Glam palette, filled with rich browns, sparkling coppers, and magentas for a pop of color. The combination of looks you can create are endless; it just takes creativity. Not only can you use it for an everyday look, but also for a night out.

We put the palette to the test and scheduled a mini makeover at Sephora. Not only does the Anastasia palette have all your transitions shades and lid shimmers, but it paired beautifully with a light wing and soft eyebrows. We played around with different shades to create a perfect blend, and the colors really worked effortlessly together to create drama on the eyes.

With so many options to choose from, what look will you create? Soft Glam palette can be purchased at Sephora in stores and online for \$42.00.

We think it's worth it, but for a cheaper alternative with similar quality and the same color scheme, check out the Arabesque Palette by Bad Habit which retails for \$16.00 on their website at badhabitbeauty.com.



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Ball on a Budget!

Shy-Diek W.F., Senior Reporter

If you want to look great but don't have the funds to buy expensive clothes, going to your local thrift shop is a great option. Clothes are organized by size and color, and you can find a wide array of options including casual wear, business suits, dresses for dances, jackets and coats, and even Halloween costumes. Though the amount of clothes can be overwhelming, if you have a keen eye, you can score a \$126 Ralph Lauren shirt for \$2 like I did, or perhaps a new-with-tags Zara jacket like senior, Jennifer Garcia.

If you're new to the thrift shopping experience, here are a few tips that will help you get better finds:

Go on sale days! Most shops have them, and many (like Wednesdays at the Salvation Army in Whitehall) are half off everything.

Head to the designer label rack first. Most shops keep it near the registers somewhere.

Have patience and an open mind because there are a ton of clothes and the best things are hard to find.

Go with friends. Since the clothes are cheap and often vintage, you may find yourself buying things that look good in the moment but awful when you get home.

Bring cash. Many shops have cash-only lines that will save you wait time.

Get thrift shop recommendations from more experienced shoppers. Here are a few places to try:

American Family Services Inc. at 1025 MacArthur Rd. Whitehall

The Salvation Army at 1195 Mickley Rd. Whitehall

F5 Variety Store at 1401 Union Blvd. Allentown

Thrift shops are one of the most underrated places for cheap, good looking clothes, plus, the money you spend always goes to a worthy cause.



Entertainment

Think the Lehigh Valley is dead? Think again.



Janeliz Velazquez, Senior Reporter

Here are some local hair-raising spots to get those dopamine receptors moving...

The King George Inn on Hamilton Boulevard in Allentown was built in 1756. The “trickster ghost” believed to be the male who hung himself in the main stairwell still roams around playing tricks on kitchen staff, moving things around, and slamming doors. There are also reports in the area of an ancient cistern, terrifying baby cries, footsteps being heard, and doors opening by themselves. The reopening of the King George Inn has been delayed due to unknown circumstances.

The Sun Inn and Hotel Bethlehem on Main Street, Bethlehem: There’s said to be shadows walking around, a little girl seen in windows and reports of a dark spirit in the boiler room. The most haunted room is #932 in Hotel Bethlehem, and guests report seeing a completely different room for a few seconds, a man walking around, flashes, or shadows passing in front of the mirror. At \$199 per night, I’m not sure which is scarier, the ghosts or the price tag

Constitution Drive in Allentown: For nearly a century there have been major rumors of albinos attacking people. This story originated as a cover for moonshiners in the prohibition era to scare people and protect their secret. Still, daring travellers of the road report red eyes appearing in the dark and a whistle noise that seems to be coming from everywhere.

Easton Area Public Library on Church Street in Easton was once a cemetery. Most graves were moved by family, but eleven to twenty were unclaimed, so they weren't moved just built over. There are reports of slamming doors, books flying across the room, filing cabinets being violently open, and people feeling cold hands touch them. There's also a dirt area in the back that continues to sink despite the fact that it's already been fixed a few times.

Whether you’re looking for a good scare or interested in debunking some local lores, these are just a few places to explore this fall in the Lehigh Valley.

Know of any great haunts? Been to one of these spots and have a story of your own to share? Write us at raptorcalleeacs@gmail.com or submit to Mrs. Wendel.

Halloween 2018 Hits Theatres!

Joseph Rosa, Senior Entertainment Editor

It's pretty much tradition to watch a scary movie on Halloween. You usually watch them at the movies with a couple of friends or your girlfriend. Unfortunately, nowadays the scary movies that come out are either lackluster or just garbage. This fall, however, there's one movie everyone has their eye on that could change all of that... Halloween. The original has been giving people nightmares since 1978, and It's making a return this month.

I sat down and watched the first movie to relive the horror, and I must say, for it being an old movie, the acting wasn't terrible. In fact, some of the scenes were terrifying, especially to the original audiences who had never before seen such a violent slasher film.

I strongly recommend watching the first Halloween before Halloween 2018 hits theatres because they bought back the main protagonist, Laurie Strode, a.k.a. Michael’s sister, who is played by the original actress, Jamie Lee Curtis. In the upcoming movie, it is 40 years later and Laurie prepares to hunt Michael Myers down and finish him once and for all.

The new movie hit theatres on Friday October 19th, and our EEACS Film Studies class will be screening it this Friday the 26th at the Tilghman 8 Theatre in Allentown. I expect it to be a great conclusion to John Carpenter’s masterpiece, Halloween. And if you haven't yet seen the other seven, they’re good movies to just lay in bed all day and eat popcorn to.

