

# The Charger Bulletin

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## University unveils new rainbow roads

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On Aug. 11, the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) announced the installment of rainbow cross-

walks outside of Maxcy Hall via Instagram.

According to the announcement, USGA President Sofia Martinez worked alongside facilities and the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion through-

out the summer on the project. The announcement said, "USGA has always strived to support students of all identities, and this is one step of many that we hope to take to better support the LGBT+ community." The post shows

USGA members posing proudly on top of the new design.

Martinez said that this idea originated while she and her roommate and Orientation Coordinator Grace Beaulac were walking to her car over the summer. Beaulac said that with the repaved roads, a rainbow flag could also be painted onto the roads, as seen in some spots of New Jersey and New Haven.

"I decided this was a project I would carry out- our students were away for the summer," Martinez said, "and I knew as their president, it was up to me to do the work and have the University not always put the work of DEI initiatives onto our students or RSOs."

Martinez had Beaulac's support throughout the entire process. Martinez said, "It was quite incredible to be working on this- for the best reasons." She also worked alongside Associate Vice President of Public Safety Ronald Quagliani, Dean of Students Ophelia Rowe-Allen, Director of

the Myatt Center for Diversity and Inclusion Carrie Robinson, Chief Facilities Officer Louis C. Annino Jr. and Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Lorenzo Boyd throughout the fast-paced planning.

"We met on Wednesday, Thursday it was brought to the facilities planning group, and Saturday it was painted!", Martinez said.

The post has received over 360 likes on Instagram. Martinez said that there has been an outpouring of positive support from the University of New Haven community. She said the crosswalk has also provided a new photo opportunity as students have been posing on it with friends and family.

"It was amazing to have a community that supports this," said Martinez. "To not be met with ignorance or unwillingness at any stage of this being done



Students walk across the newly installed Pride crosswalk outside of Maxcy Hall.

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## Football wins opener as Saturday game days return

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On Saturday, 658 days since the last time the New Haven Chargers football team stepped foot in Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium, nearly 3,000 fans packed the stands to watch their return. Under the simmering sun, the Chargers welcomed Franklin Pierce University for the first matchup of the 2021 season.

After a brisk, three-hour game, New Haven walked away with a 30-14 win.

It may not have been a marquee matchup on paper—the Ravens won one game and lost 63-0 against the Chargers in 2019—but it was an allusion to their endurance during the COVID-19 pandemic; there was no way to predict what was going to happen and how it would look.

There was an innate buzz in the air as students and local supporters packed into the stadium. A raw feeling of energy and excitement resonated between the sets of bleachers, all focusing back onto the players as they stepped onto the field. At that moment, it felt as if everything was normal again.

There was still football to be played, though.

The players' nerves were on

display from the first snap, with the Ravens taking a quick offside penalty. Building off the momentum, the Chargers offense came out firing on all cylinders. Led by a collective rushing effort, New Haven marched down the field with big runs from running

back Jake Conlan and quarterback Connor Degenhardt, a Holy Cross transfer, whose 26-yard rush punctuated the drive as he crossed the goal line for the first touchdown of 2021.

The defense followed the score with a three-and-out, forcing

the Ravens to punt on their first possession.

New Haven's next drive showed promise as 2019 Northeast-10 Rookie of the Year Shamar Logan exploded for a 23-yard rush. However, a third down pass from Degenhardt

was intercepted deep in Ravens' territory.

Franklin Pierce followed this up with their first complete drive of the day, relying on a strong running game to push the chains.

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Players of the University of New Haven football team shakes hands with players from Franklin Pierce University, after their first game day win.

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# Aaliyah's music is finally back

BY TIARA STARKS  
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Late R&B singer Aaliyah recently made headlines when an announcement was made public that her music would be re-released across multiple streaming services, including Apple Music, Spotify and Tidal. A deal made by the company that controls her catalog, Blackground Records brought it back and began releasing her music to fans globally. This marks the return of the singer's second album "One in a Million," which has been absent from the music market.

Aaliyah's foray into mainstream music began after being introduced to R. Kelly by her uncle, Barry Hankerson, the owner of Blackground Records. The two collaborated on an album, "Age Ain't Nothing but a Number," released in partnership with Jive Records in 1994 when Aaliyah was 15. That same year, Kelly and Aaliyah were alleged to have secretly wed, with her age forged on the marriage documents. An annulment followed, causing Hankerson and Aaliyah to dissolve contact with Kelly.

According to a recent article from Variety, the painstakingly long process of acquiring Aali-

yah's records since then stemmed from a dispute where all three of her albums were part of a deal with Blackground. "One in a Million" was distributed by Atlantic and her self-titled 2001 album by Virgin, now owned by Universal. Blackground has not released an album since 2013. Earlier this August, the label's brand became active on Instagram, showcasing the work of its artists such as Timbaland, Toni Braxton and Tank.

Now, with her music back on the digital scene, her number one album "One in a Million" cinched the number 10 spot on the Billboard Top 100 for the first time, selling 26 thousand album-equivalent units. The singer joined the list alongside contemporary artists such as Olivia Rodrigo, Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish. Her resurgence into modern music listening has been solidified by a bevy of mentions on Twitter and other forms of virtual rejoicing after her loyal fans became aware of the news.

According to Hot New HipHop, the soundtrack to the film starring actor Jet Li and herself, "Romeo Must Die," is set to be released on Sept. 3, her acclaimed self-titled album set to debut on Sep. 10, and the posthumous releases "I Care 4 U" and "Ultimate Aaliyah" will be available to stream on October 8th.



Aaliyah performing live in 2001 on Jay Leno's Tonight Show.  
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# On repeat playlist

BY KAYLA MUTCHLER  
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I have a horrible habit of hyper-fixating on just about anything, especially music. So, here's a playlist dedicated to songs that I cannot stop listening to.

## 1. My Head and My Heart by Ava Max

This Ava Max song samples 2000's "Around the World" by the German group, ATC. Max once said that she wants to bring back Dance-Pop, and this song does just that. Since its 2020 release, I've played it just about every day.

## 2. Troubled Paradise by Slayyyter

Though a lesser-known artist, compared to the pop icons of today, Slayyyter still has some great songs – and this one is my favorite. If you're looking for some great Instagram captions, make sure to read through these lyrics, because there's plenty.

## 3. Future Starts Now by Kim Petras

This pop banger is the newest song on this list. On the same day of its release, Aug. 27, this rising pop star announced her signing to Republic Records. If she blows up, I just want to say here that I knew her first.

## 4. Judas by Lady Gaga

This is my favorite song of all time. The way Gaga combined religious imagery with a leather, biker gang aesthetic in the music video will forever be one of her most iconic creations.

## 5. You Right by Doja Cat and The Weeknd

The laid-back beat combined with Doja Cat and The Weeknd's entrancing vocals make for a tune you'll want to belt. Only then will you realize what they're actually singing about—cheating on their significant others.

## 6. Rose-Colored Boy by Paramore

Released in 2017 from their most recent album, "After Laughter," this song is still just as great as it was four years ago. I just wish I had discovered it back then. And now, much like the rest of their fanbase, I'm demanding they release another album.

## 7. Whip It by Nicki Minaj

This is another song that I did not know when it first came out, back when Minaj performed both pop and rap. I just love the must-dance-to rhythm.

## 8. Venice B\*tch by Lana Del Rey

One of my favorite songs of Del Rey's, I recently started listening to it again; and now, I can't stop. Yes, I do sit through all nine minutes of it – and I love every second.

# "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" hits theaters

BY TIARA STARKS  
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On Sept. 3, "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," the first Marvel film to star an Asian lead character was released theatrically across the country.

The film stars Simu Liu, a previously unknown Canadian actor and stuntman who received local acclaim as one of the stars of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) sitcom "Kim's Convenience." Liu auditioned in 2019 with Marvel Studios president Kevin Fiege, who teased the movie at the San Diego Comic-Con alongside Liu that same year. Fans speculated that him accepting the offer to star in the film had played a part in the cancellation of the beloved show. Liu responded to the public's outcry by saying that there were internal creative differences between the showrunner, writing staff and actors, causing the show to end.

The film is centered around a martial-arts master Shang-Chi who is trained by his father, a crime lord and sorcerer named Fu Manchu. Shang Chi has to confront his father and other

parts of his life when he's drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization.

Prior to its official release, the movie had sparked conversations surrounding people of color portraying superheroes. A 2018, a The Hollywood Reporter article had compared the film to another one of Marvel's most notable releases, "Black Panther," which had a majority Black cast. The film is expected to offer a perspective on Asian identity in a time where Hollywood is realizing the importance of diversity and its audience-driven desire for stories from different cultures. Liu has since used his social media, most notably on his Instagram and Twitter, to share his excitement for the role as well as other marketing materials made for the film's promotion. During this time, Disney CEO Bob Chapek made a statement that lacked nuance when describing the distribution strategy for the big-budget film.

According to Chapek, it should be arriving on the streaming service Disney+ on Oct. 18, 45 days after the theatrical release. There hasn't been an official announcement as it is also possible Disney

will charge an additional fee to watch it when it does arrive. This might be attributed to the rise in vaccinations, which has impacted the distribution of movies theatrically and digitally. Though the

movie was originally scheduled for release in February of this year, it's current release date came at the perfect time.

Despite the hero's newfound recognition, Shang-Chi has been

subjected to a trope-defined history. This new film will offer a reinvention of Shang-Chi's storyline and introduce Marvel fans new and old to the next phase of historical heroism in Hollywood.



Khang Giate's Marvel Studio inspired artwork as posted to Shang Chi's official Instagram on Sept. 2.  
Photo courtesy of @shangchi on Instagram

## New performance center is coming to North Campus

BY JOSEPH KLAUS  
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Yellow hard hats and construction equipment are back at the university, this time making their way up to North Campus to begin work on the university's newest project.

With the start of the Chargers' fall seasons, so, too, begins the construction of the 30,000-square-foot Peterson Performance Center (PPC). Construction began in early August and is projected to complete in the fall of 2022.

The goal is for athletics to move into the building fully next fall; however, the move could be done earlier in steps, depending on the state of construction. Strength and conditioning along with sports medicine are projected to be the first into the building, prior to the arrival of fall athletes next year.

The center will house a 7,000-square-foot sports performance center with a complete weight room that includes 20 Olympic weight lifting racks and a 60-yard turf field. The PPC will also house a 1,500-square-foot sports medicine center, a 2,500-square-foot football locker

room, along with additional meeting rooms, film rooms and free spaces for athletes to use when they are in the building.

Two years ago, the university announced the addition of Athletic Director Sheahon Zenger whose goal was to bring New Haven athletics to the Division I level—the addition of the PPC is a step towards that goal.

Associate Director of Athletics/Strategic Communications Dan Reude said that upgrades to current athletic facilities could be down the road after completion of the PPC. "Ideally, we could begin some upgrades to Charger Gym," said Reude, "primarily with the locker room spaces to provide better facilities for our athletes."

As the athletics department continues to grow and expand, the idea of placing the athletes first continues to be a priority.

Reude also said that more buildings are "still just discussions," but the PPC will not be their final project.

With Zenger's goal of the Chargers in Division I, Charger Athletics will continue to grow and expand, and yellow construction hats and heavy machinery will continue to be seen on the campus.

## College sports go beyond the NCAA

BY LINDSAY GIOVANNONE  
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Playing any sport at the collegiate level is an immense accomplishment. Sports culture permeates college campuses as universities and colleges tout their athletic success to attract prospective student athletes. In turn, these athletes will enhance different programs and bring the school to the forefront of any conference or championship.

However, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)—the largest governing body of college sports—has been coming under fire for the exploitation of athletes by its monopolization of their time; students reported being unable to attend classes due to practice or other athletic obligations. Despite this, schools are the ones who have the final say in dictating their student-athletes' welfare. So, the question is: can the NCAA be blamed for every issue arising from the collegiate sport environment? The answer is no.

For senior hospitality and tourism management major Ava Fitzmaurice, playing Division II softball has been a largely positive experience. Fitzmaurice has pitched for the University

of New Haven since her freshman year, achieving numerous accolades including being named a two-time All American.

Fitzmaurice made it apparent that university sports culture is not based on the NCAA's rigid governing body. Not once did she reference the NCAA's involvement in academics and athletics; however, she said that playing softball "made [her transition to college] so much smoother" and that "the athletic department is so welcoming."

She also said that "Coaches want the best for you [and] all of the professors at [the university] are very understanding and they make sure I never drop behind... There are so many people around to make sure we can still be successful in the classroom."

Arguably, by placing blame strictly on the NCAA, individual schools are forgotten when considering their successes and failures in protecting student athlete welfare. In July 2021, the Supreme Court ruled that athletes

should be permitted to receive educational benefits through the NCAA, such as technology and study abroad experiences. Even more recently, the NCAA policy changed so that athletes are able to profit off their Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) — including athletes at the University of New Haven.

Fitzmaurice calls this a positive impact in the world of college sports.

"Athletes work extremely hard," Fitzmaurice said, "there is little harm to the university when athletes accept personal endorsements."

Schools are the institutions that should be held largely responsible for not advocating for their players and not promoting a supportive environment. Some schools have operationalized the vague NCAA rules to exploit athletes, while others have set the standard for programs that enhance the college experience for individuals passionate about their sports, such as Fitzmaurice.



DellaCamera Field at North Campus.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon

## In the Olympics, women can't just lose

BY LINDSAY GIOVANNONE  
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### Perspective

The first modern Olympic Games was held on April 6, 1896, with a thousand years since the last Olympiad on the Peloponnese Peninsula in the fourth century A.D. Only four years later, women began competing in the modern Olympic Games; in 1900, out of 997 athletes, 22 women competed in tennis, sailing, croquet, equestrianism and golf.

In the most recent summer Olympics, over 5400 women competed, or 49% of total Olympians. Despite over a century of women's participation in the Olympics, only recently have many sports been added that their male counterparts had

been competing in for decades. Women's ski jumping was added in 2014, while men's has been included since 1924. Title IX can be credited for growth in women's athletics as this federal law bars gender discrimination in schools and colleges, stimulating a growth in women's athletic involvement.

The U.S. women led the medal count with 66 medals, making up 58.4% of the American total, aiding the U.S.'s dominance to finish first in the medal count.

In general, male athletes have faced less scrutiny by the American media than women. This is evident in the contrast between American headlines for female athletes not winning gold versus male athletes not even placing. For example, swimmer Katie Ledecky's silver medal finish against Adrienne Titmus of Australia in the 400-meter free-

style was lauded as an immense moment of defeat, with the New York Times headlining "Katie Ledecky Feels the Sting of a First Olympic Loss."

After her silver-medal sprint, Ledecky began explaining the race and even credited Titmus for a phenomenal race, "I could see her, and I knew she wasn't fading... I had a fast last 50." She just had a really fast last 50." The LA Times said that Ledecky had to "settle for Silver" as if being the most decorated woman in swimming history and snagging a silver medal was a moment of immense let down. Of course, losing her first Olympic race is news, but it is not a loss to be ranked among the best in the world.

Compare this to the NPR article on the American men's baseball team losing to Japan in the gold medal round: "U.S. Baseball Team Loses To Japan, But It Still Has A Tight Path To Gold Medal Game."

Female athletes deserve better than to have their phenomenal athleticism downgraded to a "settle" while men still have potential. A woman's athleticism should not be based on her gender, and a man's, his ability.

## Football wins

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This set up a deep pass from Ravens' QB Drew Campanale, who connected with RB Evan Burgess for a 64-yard gain. Still, the New Haven defense held strong in the red zone, leading to a missed field goal.

This pushed the momentum further in the Chargers' favor, as they came out firing in the pocket. Degenhardt first connected with wide receiver Kasi Hazard for a 24-yard completion, followed by a pair of six-yard targets.

The biggest play of the drive came when New Haven receiver Dev Holmes got a step on the opposing corner and came down with a 33-yard touchdown catch. The Chargers missed the extra point attempt and held a 13-0 lead to the end of the first quarter.

Franklin Pierce's offense did not remain quiet for long, as Burgess broke out on the ground again with a 22-yard touchdown run. The Chargers answered with another passing touchdown, this time to WR Paul Cooper, taking a 20-7 lead into halftime.

After a short Franklin Pierce

drive to start the second half, Degenhardt threw another touchdown pass to Holmes. This extended the Chargers' lead to 20 in the third quarter. However, the Ravens added another score before the quarter's end and pulled back to within 13. This would prove to be more than enough, as the Chargers' defense did not give up another point the rest of the game.

The standout performance for the Chargers' offense came from Degenhardt, who finished with 308 yards passing and three touchdowns. Holmes and Logan also led the offensive push, adding 149 yards receiving and 103 yards rushing, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Ravens were led by a solid 268 yard passing effort by Campanale and a good showing for Burgess, who charted 204 all-purpose yards and looked strong in the backfield.

Following a bye week, the Chargers will return to DellaCamera Stadium at 1 p.m. on Sept. 18 as they face the Bowie State University Bulldogs.



The Chargers play against the Ravens.  
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Katie Ledecky swims at the London 2012 Aquatics Centre 1.  
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# A slightly stormy start to the school year

BY KAYLA MUTCHLER  
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As students moved into their residence halls during the week of Aug. 20, some were ready to experience a school year as close to normalcy as the fall of 2019. Shortly after students settled into their dorms, they were met with an email of impending tragedy – Hurricane Henri was coming straight towards New Haven.

An email sent to the university community from Associate Vice President for Public Safety and Administrative Services Ronald Quagliani and Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Mario Gaboury said students were urged to leave campus by 5 p.m. on Aug. 21.

It was projected that the storm was going to be a category one hurricane. The university announced that power and network outages were expected. All events and classes from Aug. 21 through Aug. 23 were canceled, students who were remaining on campus were provided with food for the weekend and plans were devised to shelter students.

However, as its path shifted east, Hurricane Henri downgraded to Tropical Storm Henri. With cloudy skies, light rain and some wind, the effect of Henri was less than anticipated.

In an interview with The Charger Bulletin, Quagliani described some of the university’s procedures and decisions. Quagliani said there is an emergency response plan that covers weather emergencies, as well as a team

that plans, manages and mitigates emergency conditions, such as hurricanes. They also cover communication, food distribution, sheltering plans and power loss procedures.

“Every storm is different so there is some specificity with each plan,” said Quagliani. “The template we utilize is constantly updated based on our after-action meetings we hold to ensure after the event is over that we address all the necessary requirements to manage the storm and keep people safe the best way possible.”

Quagliani said that the storm was originally projected to pass over New Haven, which would have been a direct hit for the first time in over 30 years.

“This would have been a devastating storm with substantial damage expected due to heavy rain, wind, and flooding. We are very fortunate the storm took a right turn a few hours before landfall,” Quagliani said.

Some students returned to their homes while others remained in on and off-campus housing.

Senior criminal justice major Kelsi Burns described her experience. She said she was nervous when she found out about the hurricane and decided to delay her move in until the storm passed. “It was weird not coming back. It kind of messed up all of my plans.”

Vanessa McCole, a junior marine biology major, moved in on Aug. 20, but decided to return to her Pennsylvania home the following day. After realizing the storm was not as bad as projected, she said, “I had to spend a lot

of money on a train ticket and now my parents had to drive me back up for three hours, and I felt really bad for them.”

McCole said, “I believe [the university] thought they were doing the best they could do, but I definitely think there were other things they could’ve done.” She said that since she lives in Park View, she would have had to walk in the hurricane to the Beckerman Rec Center. She said that she wished they thought of other plans.

Junior cybersecurity major Matthew Swaggerty decided to stay on campus in hopes that the storm would be better than projected.

Swaggerty said that he was happy with how the university handled the situation. “I think preparing for the worst is always the best case to deal with any situation.”

“I think they’re doing a great job with the pandemic and everything else that’s going on,” said Swaggerty. “I’m just glad to be back on campus.”

Quagliani said, “Our team is well-trained and credentialed to handle any emergency. Many Emergency Response Team members hold degrees in Emergency Management and/or have or currently work in this field.”

According to Quagliani, students are automatically signed up for emergency notifications with their contact information listed in Banner. Students should check this information to make sure it is accurate, and update it if need be.



The seven current members of the USGA executive board. Photo courtesy of USGA

## Looking for leadership? USGA is back

BY KELLY ADKINS  
Student Life Editor

The Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) is back in a new form. USGA oversees all recognized student organizations (RSO) on campus and advocates for the student experience. The association also handles an annual \$1.7 million budget for the student body to promote leadership and engagement on campus.

According to second term USGA President Sofia Martinez, “there are different ways to get involved—whether you want to join us directly, get involved with an RSO, or interact with our social media for giveaways.”

Upperclassmen may associate USGA with a large in-person meeting held in the Alumni Lounge, or the more recent Zoom meetings often paired with forums with President Steven H. Kaplan and his cabinet. This year, meetings will be held in-person until further notice and locations will vary. Students are encouraged to stay up to date by following the USGA Instagram page.

This year, meetings will have an unprecedented “cut-off time,” according to Martinez, “so our students have their Friday evenings to themselves.” Prior to this rule, it was not uncommon for the meeting’s duration to exceed four or more hours.

Students can also look forward to the return of pre-COVID-19 traditions. “There will be chariot races for homecoming and other fun fall-related traditions that we are bringing back,” said Martinez.

The newest addition to USGA includes structural changes within the executive board, specifically the vice president of community, advocacy and diversity—formerly, the coordinator of inclusion and campus relations.

“They work on bettering the student experience through building a stronger Charger Community,” Martinez said.

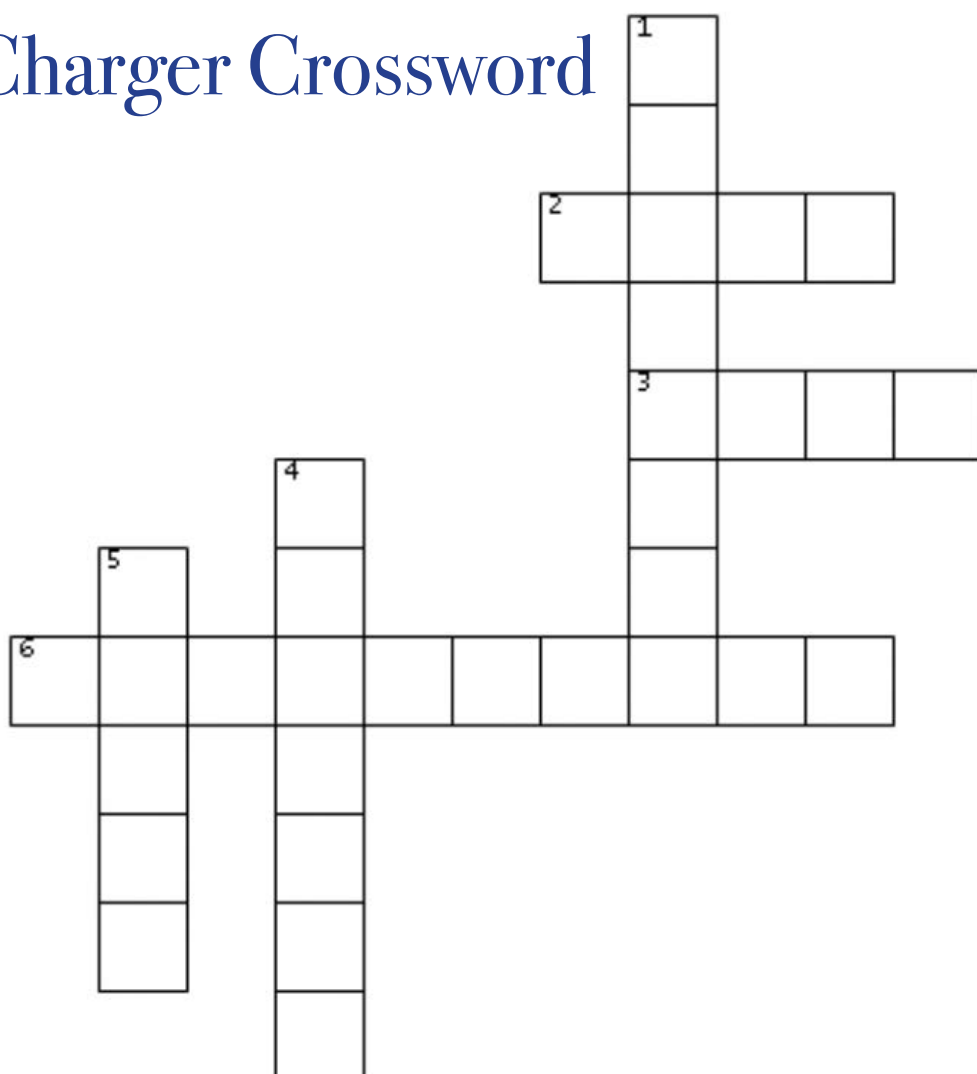
As for clubs on campus, Martinez said she’s confident there will be new opportunities in store.

“Our RSOs are made up of students and people, so through all the challenges we have been facing with COVID, academics, I am so impressed and proud of their drive to keep their RSOs thriving,” she said.

Students of any class year are encouraged to join USGA. They can reach out to Martinez at her email (usgapresident@newhaven.edu), or seek her out on campus.

“You don’t have to be cookie-cutter to join USGA—if you want to make some type of change, if you want to use your voice, you are already ready to be here!” said Martinez.

## Charger Crossword



**Across:**

- 2. Student government acronym.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.
- 6. Children’s Miracle Network Dance marathon.

**Down:**

- 1. Festival within West Haven community
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Lot.
- 5. Chi, New Marvel movie

# Students charge into new, less restricted school year

BY ELISA D'EGIDIO  
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As the new school year charges on, the University of New Haven has made many new announcements and regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and campus life.

The university's COVID-19 information page reads, "The University of New Haven has long prided itself on being prepared for all eventualities – and instilling that mindset in our students."

As of Aug. 1, all students, faculty and university staff were required to upload proof of vaccination. In collaboration with the Northeast Medical Group and Yale New Haven Health, vaccine clinics were offered in the Beckerman Recreation center on Aug. 11, Aug. 19, Aug. 21 and Aug. 27.

With over 90% of the university community vaccinated, it currently stands at a Green (low risk) alert level. With this, those who are fully vaccinated can reintegrate themselves back to a somewhat pre-pandemic Charger experience. This includes full capacity in classrooms and dining

halls, allowing students to dine indoors, no weekly testing for those who are fully vaccinated and limitless gatherings on campus and inside residence halls.

Senior health science major Selena Aponte said that she is thrilled that the high vaccination rate allows students to go back to in-person classes. She said that this is a "brand new start to the school year."

Junior chemical engineering major Alex Kased said that although these updated regulations may be an adjustment to some, she likes the return to a sense of normalcy. She said that she is most excited to rekindle with people in her major, as in-person classes will allow them to meet in groups, study, complete assignments and more.

Unvaccinated students and staff who have been granted a vaccination exemption must wear a face mask on campus, undergo COVID-19 testing on a weekly basis and must quarantine if in contact or have tested positive with COVID-19. When outside, unvaccinated and partially vaccinated people are required to wear proper facial coverings and practice physical separation.

As of Aug. 3, when entering any university facility, all individuals, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are expected to wear an appropriate face covering.

The Student Handbook reads that only immediate family members will be permitted to visit the university and enter resident halls. Guests must either show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR or viral antigen test within 72 hours of arrival. No other non-student visitors will not be allowed on campus. Residential students are also now allowed to have other University of New Haven students as visitors in the residence halls, including overnights.

Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) hosting events should follow all Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation (CSELO) event regulations, and should use CoVerified to guarantee that participants are permitted to be on campus at the time of the event, as well as to ensure mask-wearing and safety. Outside vendors will also be allowed to contract with RSOs for events if they submit an event registration in Event

Management Systems (EMS) that is reviewed and approved by the COVID Task Force. Event Coordinators have the authority to invite non-University guests to events.

Aponte said these new regulations are important for social interactions as "This gives sophomores a brand-new chance to finally make friends and meet new people. I think this will do wonders for our campus culture" She is excited to get out and have the opportunity to meet the underclassmen.

As MyCharger says, "In the midst of the ongoing global pandemic, the health and safety of all members of our community

remain our top priority."

Anthony J. Santella, COVID-19 Coordinator, released an overview of more measures that are in place to keep the campus community healthy and safe.

All regulations are subject to change and be updated because of the COVID-19's ever changing nature. All questions and concerns should be directed to Anthony J. Santella, COVID-19 coordinator and COVID Task Force co-chair and Ronald M. Quagliani, associate vice president for public safety and administrative services, COVIDTaskForce@newhaven.edu and CoVerified@newhaven.edu.



Students walk around campus wearing and not wearing masks.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Lismarie Pabon

## Rainbow crosswalks

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or after- I think that is just as powerful as having the crosswalks themselves. This university was nowhere near perfect when I came in, but the amount of growth that they have done in three years makes me really look forward to being an alum. I look forward to seeing how many students and families on campus see the crosswalk and understand that DEI work here is not just an option, it's a promise."

Martinez said that she is happy that USGA has played such a big role in helping the university improve upon their inclusion and belonging initiatives.

"The crosswalks won't fix everything," said Martinez, "but it is a good start of showing unbreaking support and solidarity of our LGBT and marginalized communities. Students will always see it, and tour groups with prospective students, and anyone who is interviewing for an administrative or staff position for the University; this is not a hidden or tucked away sign of this University's promise to actively work on inclusion and belonging."

## Campus reactions to the vaccine requirements

BY KELLY ADKINS  
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Although the university faces another academic year guided by COVID-19 policies, it is not as exhaustive as those seen in 2020.

On June 16, the university announced that all students, faculty and staff must be fully vaccinated before returning to campus. According to the COVID-19 vaccination information website, "more than 475 colleges and universities across the country – including many of our peer institutions in Connecticut – have implemented this policy to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on their campuses."

With vaccine mandates being compared to my body, my choice, even here in the Hartford area, it was expected that this policy could go one of two ways: the university community could graciously adopt it, or it could cause an uproar. Seemingly the former reigns true, given that as of Aug. 10 the campus reached a 90% vaccination rate.

Perhaps the lack of pushback to this policy is due to the option of an exemption form. This form is available for students who hold "medical contraindication reasons or for religious or other strongly-held personal beliefs" that deter them from receiving the immunization.

While exemptions were available on a case-by-case basis, the policies for unvaccinated individuals differ from those vaccinated. Exempt individuals must always wear masks in all indoor and outdoor campus locations, are not permitted on off-campus travel events and receive weekly COVID-19 tests.

Students shared their thoughts on the vaccine mandate and exemption form in a poll on The Charger Bulletin's website. Eight out of 17 students strongly agreed and seven agreed with the mandate. Conversely, one in 17 students indicated they were neutral or disagreed, and none strongly disagreed.

"What they are doing is smart, because it provides a safety net," said sophomore forensic science major Katie Ehrick.

Olivia Campanelli, senior forensic science major, shared this view, saying "it makes me feel a lot more comfortable to be on campus, it is almost kind of scary in terms of who you can trust not to get you sick." She also said that it made her feel more certain about her own safety.

When specifically speaking about access to the exemption form, Campanelli said, "I like that they made it a mandate, because I personally feel safer, but I also like that they have that option."

Now that there are no event

restrictions and campus dining and classrooms are at full-capacity, the vaccination policy has brought back a relieving sense of normalcy for students like sophomore forensic science major, Soleyl Gonzalez.

"I am a sophomore, which means I spent my first year here with the virus," she said. "I feel like it is really cool that we are going back to normal."

Ashley Price, senior criminal justice major, shared similar enthusiasm towards what this

academic year holds, saying that she is excited to have more events on campus this year.

"I was happy to hear that the campus was 90% vaccinated before we moved back to campus. I feel safe knowing that our campus is taking the pandemic seriously," she said.

Even with only the first few weeks underway the Charger Community of Care Pledge is set into full-gear, and seems to be setting up the semester for success.

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# The Taliban seizes Afghanistan: What you need to know

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On Aug. 22, the Taliban invaded Kabul, Afghanistan. They stormed the capital in a matter of days and continued to seize multiple other cities, effectively taking control over the country. This occurred two weeks prior to the set withdrawal date for U.S. troops.

This isn't the first time that the Taliban has taken over Afghanistan. From 1996 to 2001, the Taliban held control over the country, until the U.S. ousted

them in retaliation to 9/11.

This current occupation presents multiple problems primarily for Afghan citizens trying to flee the country, but also for the Middle East and the world at large. For example, a return to a Taliban-controlled Afghanistan could mean significantly reduced rights for women, and a stricter sharia law. It could also mean regional instability for surrounding countries, as conflict invariably spills over borders.

While the Taliban has made promises for a just and equitable government, many are still wary of their intentions and are trying to flee the country. In the past

few weeks, multiple videos have circulated on the internet, depicting how Afghans tried to leave.

One video showed Afghan citizens trying to hang onto a departing plane, falling to their deaths once the plane took off. Another showed desperate mothers throwing their babies to strangers in a crowd, passing them over the border of the Kabul airport to British soldiers.

Scenes like these starkly contrast with the version of the Taliban presented by their spokesperson, Zabihullah Mujahid.

Not only did he make promises that Afghanistan would protect women's rights, but he also said that Afghans who previously worked for the U.S. government would be granted full amnesty. "We want to build the future, and forget what happened in the past," Mujahid told the New York Times.

Despite these promises from Mujahid, the situation in Afghanistan has continued to escalate.

On Aug. 26, two bombing attacks occurred outside of the Kabul airport. More than 60 Afghans were killed, and over 140

were wounded. 13 U.S. service members were also killed in the attack. According to Biden, the intelligence community has made the assessment that these attacks were made by a group called ISIS-K. This terrorist group is both an affiliate of ISIS and an enemy of the Taliban, as they don't believe that the group is extremist enough.

On the same night that the attacks occurred, U.S. President Joseph R. Biden gave a speech addressing the incidents and all of the lives that were lost.

"Jill and I—our hearts ache, like I'm sure all of you do as well... we're outraged as well as heartbroken."

Later in the speech, Biden said that the U.S. is taking action and that he is taking time to assess the situation.

Biden's action was evident in the early morning of Aug. 29, when he carried out drone strikes against an ISIS-K planner. This retaliatory attack came amid worries of future attacks, and it ultimately served as an effort to continue the Kabul evacuation effort. Although this bombing

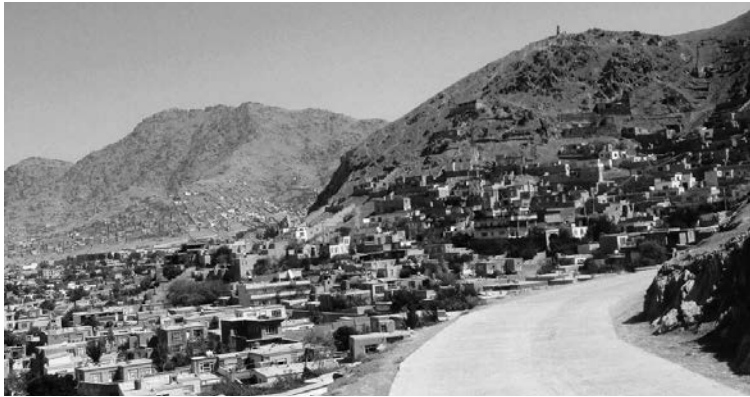
was aimed at ISIS-K, it killed 10 civilians, including seven children.

Biden's decision to evacuate American troops from Afghanistan was finalized in the early morning of Aug. 30, when the final U.S. military plane left the country.

What will happen as the situation progresses remains unknown, as does the Taliban's position on the world stage. If one thing remains certain, however, it's that we will need to adjust to the Taliban's leadership and demands, even amid terrorist attacks and a fearful Afghan population.

More recently, U.S. adjustment to the Taliban has started to become established. According to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, there will be a new embassy in Qatar, which will provide consular services.

Especially now that the U.S. has completely withdrawn from Afghanistan, remaining diplomatic will be crucial, as there are still countless citizens in Afghanistan looking for refuge and a way out.



Homes in Kabul, Afghanistan from 2018.  
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# N.Y. Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigns amid sexual harassment allegations

BY TYLER WELLS  
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New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo resigned from office on Aug. 24 following a flurry of sexual harassment allegations. At midnight, he officially submitted his resignation and turned his post over to former Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul. The 62-year-old Democrat became the first female governor in New York State history.

This comes a week after an investigation from the New York attorney general's office, which found that Cuomo sexually harassed at least 11 women, both within and outside of the state government.

The women, whose claims were found true during the investigation, said that Cuomo engaged in inappropriate contact and made crude comments about their sex lives or appearance.

One such incident was the groping of an aide's breast inside the governor's mansion.

Though the governor has not publicly denied the incidents, he claims that the facts "are much different" than those released. In his statement following the investigation's conclusion, he also said that others have fed "ugly stories to the press."

"I never touched anyone inappropriately or made inappropriate sexual advances," Cuomo said. "That is just not who I am."

Cuomo had his own attorneys—Rita Galvin, Mitra Hormozi and Paul Fishma—conduct an independent investigation, which took a different stance on the issue. The 85-page report attacks the claims made by each woman in an attempt to clear Cuomo's name. It includes a detailed counter to Lindsey Boylan, one of the more prominent accusers, saying that she made the accusations to help in her campaign

to become Manhattan Borough president. Boylan denies this and plans on filing a lawsuit against Cuomo for his statements.

Regardless, the probe from the state's attorney general had different findings. Following its release, Cuomo quickly became the center of criticism from Democrats and Republicans. President Joe Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer all said that the governor should resign.

This has led to a rapid downfall for the governor, who was surging on the national scene for his leadership early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the beginning of the pandemic, New York was the epicenter for a viral spread of COVID-19, with a spike in April 2020 of over 5,000 daily cases. However, Cuomo's daily COVID press conferences were juxtaposed to those of former-President Donald Trump. These informed the public on COVID-related statistics in the state, while also allowing the governor to try and relate to those suffering in the pandemic.

It worked, with his favorability among New Yorkers jumping to 77% in May 2020.

This began to change as he was criticized for a state mandate that returned COVID-19 patients back to nursing homes. As of Aug. 19, there have been 8,618 nursing home resident deaths in New York, the third-most in the country. However, the state

was criticized for underreporting deaths by nearly 4,000, as an attorney general investigation later found.

Despite this, Cuomo continually failed to accept complete responsibility for the error. One such excuse said that his administration underreported the deaths out of fear that the Trump Justice Department would embark on a politically motivated investigation. Another blamed nursing home workers who unknowingly spread the virus.

These revelations began to shift the public's perception of the governor. Paired with the sexual harassment allegations, Cuomo's approval rating dropped to 38% on Aug. 10. The New York Assembly also turned against Cuomo, as the Democrat-led group had launched an impeachment investigation to oust the

governor.

Finally, amidst rising pressure from both the public and lawmakers, Cuomo decided to resign from his position. He became just the 16th governor to ever resign following allegations of misconduct.

New York's leadership now falls into the hands of Hochul, who inherits a challenging situation. With COVID's resurgence and a stumbling economy, the new governor has a lot of work to do over the next 16 months. Not only this, but she will also need to rid the state of the taste Cuomo left behind.

"I'll tell New Yorkers I'm up to the task," Hochul said in an interview with a Buffalo television station. "And I'm really proud to be able to serve as their governor and I won't let them down."



Andrew Cuomo speaking to an interviewer at Belmont Stakes.  
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# Reevaluating Wikipedia: A champion of the free knowledge movement

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In my sophomore year of high school, my biology class was tasked with completing a month-long group research project in which we competed against each other. On one particular day, we had to distribute our research materials to other groups, and one group made the decision to cite a Wikipedia article. This caused a group member of mine to rush to inform the teacher of the mistake in hopes to gain a leg up in the competition. It is moments like this that remind me of how deeply ingrained an inherent distrust of Wikipedia as a source of information is; however, this distrust might be misplaced.

Wikipedia is marketed as an internet-sourced "free encyclopedia" with sister sites providing access to free media, free learning tools, free data and more, all funded under the Wikimedia Foundation. The goal of the site is to provide free knowledge to anyone who wants it.

This is accomplished via viewer donations and volunteers who contribute to writing the over six million articles currently available. The content of these articles is constricted by the organization's policy and guidelines, one of which is that all information in a Wikipedia article must be backed by another source that isn't a Wikipedia article. Editors and contributors work together to monitor content and ensure accuracy.

The Wikipedia family is meant to be supplemental tools to learning. Despite this, the source is commonly vilified by individuals, regardless of political ideology or educational background. Upon its conception, full campaigns were launched to ban Wikipedia, including failed legislation that attempted to ban it from public schools. However, since this first reaction, Wikipedia is gaining popularity in both academia and the public.

While Wikipedia itself is self-proclaimed to not be a reliable source alone, it clarifies that the site is meant to bolster

understanding or kick start someone's research. Despite this proclamation of reliability, conversation surrounding the topic has recently surfaced following its 20th anniversary this year.

In two separate content analyses conducted on Wikipedia content, it was compared in reliability to sources such as Britannica and other well-respected information providers. Educators at the University of Pittsburgh and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have promoted Wikipedia as a source of information not only for their students to use, but also contribute to, assigning their chemistry students to fill gaps in Wikipedia articles. Evidence also suggests that the scientific community is using Wikipedia as a method of reaching a more colloquial audience, outside of the context of paid-for academic journals.

Wikipedia is one of the most transparent sources available to the average person with self-publishing statistics on articles, editors, article traffic and more, complete with tables and figures

to make it easily digestible. The course is also constantly campaigning to improve its level of information, relaunching its #1Lib1Ref campaign, calling on librarians to edit and add references to articles on the site.

While Wikipedia citations may not have a place in peer reviewed journals or submitted school papers, it is time that we stop shaming people for its use. Rather, it should be promoted as a great place to start your learning journey and spark natural curiosities. To expect everyone to have the time and means to engage in solely scholarly research is not only preposterous, but is also an innately classist mentality meant to gate-keep who is allowed to have a voice.

There is a fine line between expecting people to be well-read and making conversations inaccessible. Wikipedia's contributions to the free knowledge movement and ever enduring push for self-improvement show it to find this line by making information acquisition and distribution accessible to all.

## Is higher education another hole in students' pockets?

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As long as a graduation follows and students are able to repay debt, getting a college education is typically seen as an intelligible financial investment. College is frequently promoted as the best path to upward mobility and success, but it is not without its financial burdens. Many students are unable to afford college if they do not take out student loans. And those who are unable to obtain a well-paying job after graduation are less likely to be able to repay their loans. Because of the nationally increasing cost of tuition, students have the right to wonder whether higher education is worth the cost anymore.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a little less than one-third of individuals, aged 25 to 29, hold a bachelor's degree, and many of them paid a high price for it. Americans collectively owed more than \$1.57 trillion in student loans as of 2020, more than two and a half times what they owed only a decade ago. Students, and sometimes their families, are pushed into debt because of the belief that a college education is synonymous with success in the job market. These facts alone demonstrate how it becomes difficult for students

and their families to pay for their loan debts.

Individuals with a college diploma are more likely to make more money. However, many young adults have discovered that continuing their education after high school has its drawbacks. Tuition expenses have risen, incomes have remained stagnant, some students begin but do not complete their degree programs and there is a greater reliance on student loans, all of which have reduced the value of a college education. With rising expenses and greater enrollment, overall student debt was bound to rise, especially during the Great Recession.

Increased college tuition is the main cause of these problems with student debt, both in terms of tuition and living expenses. Higher college enrollment and attendance is another driver of growing student debt. Undergraduate enrollment has surged by almost 3.5 million students since 2000. Graduate degrees are also being earned by an increasing number of people according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Borrowing money to pay for a college education can become burdensome in the long run for many graduates and their families. Because student loans are frequently repaid over long periods of time – up to 30 years – the notion is that these

debts are managed alongside other financial responsibilities.

According to an Instagram poll from the Charger Bulletin, 79% of participants said that they had to apply for student loans to pay for the University of New Haven's tuition. Despite their different reasons for doing so, this illustrates the lengths to which a student would go to pay for their college education and achieve the success of earning a degree that is constantly preached by society.

In essence, if a college education is as important to a person's success as the majority of the country makes it out to be, it is important that the cost of said education is not as abysmal as it is currently. Clearly, the majority of students who are enrolled in a university institution believe that their education is worth the hemorrhage in their pockets, but they should not have to embrace the debt that comes with their desire for a degree.

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# Five ways to learn how to love

BY ELISA D'EGDIO  
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To best love one's partner, one must first learn how they need to be loved. Love is given and received in a variety of ways by people with differing personalities. Each person has their own "love language," and when they research them, they may discover the keys to having a successful love life.

Gary Chapman, the author, counselor and creator behind "The 5 Love Languages" said "one of our deepest emotional needs is to feel loved by the significant people in our lives." Chapman's argument is that individuals should adapt themselves to their partner's love language. However, some people interpret the love languages theory as a personality test. He outlines five methods of conveying love, which he condensed from his marriage counseling and linguistics experience.

To help discover one's love language, Chapman created the Love Language test. Chapman lists the five following love languages: Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, and Physical Touch. Each allows partners to understand one another in order to prevent disputes and build deeper love.

## Words of Affirmation

This is the love language that flourishes with words of encouragement and appreciation. Communication is typically most important to these people, meaning frequent endearments and reminders that they are loved are appreciated and desired. This can be shown verbally through letters, texts, social media or any other method of expressing emotions. Positive reinforcement in the form of praise that sheds light on something they achieved or who they are brings fulfillment to those who gravitate toward words of affirmation.

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Kiana White, business management junior, said that her love language is words of affirmation.

"Words mean a lot to me. The heart of words can do so much, and I believe words can uplift and they can degrad." White says, "So when I hear from someone and they are uplifting me like that, of course I am going to feel uplifted."

## Acts of Service

Acts of service is the embodiment of the phrase "actions speak louder than words."

Actions can include anything done to help make another's day easier. Those with this love language prefer to be shown that they are loved, rather than being told. It is important to remember that an act of service entails more than making a big show; it's about achieving a feeling of trust, where they know they can rely on their partner to look out for them in both little and large situations.

## Quality Time

The love language of quality time is shown by spending meaningful time with one's partner. Those who prefer quality time appreciate when their partner gives them uninterrupted time, including deep conversations and having undivided attention. Examples of this between partners can be seen in movie nights, cooking a meal together or completing a challenging puzzle.

This is industrial and organizational psychology graduate student Tirtha Anaweaker's preferred love language. "My love language make(s) me feel special, appreciated, respected, and cherished. I feel most loved when my close ones spend quality time with me and engage in deep conversations."

She says, "I find deep conversations to be mentally stimulating and a way to deepen my bond."

## Receiving Gifts

Those who have gifts as their love language prefer to express love through giving and re-

ceiving anything from modest mementos to grand gestures. Though it is true that this love language is about the receipt of gifts, it is not about the monetary value of the gift, but about the symbolic meaning behind it. They understand and appreciate the gift-giving process, as it includes the careful consideration, the purposeful selection of an object to represent a connection and the emotional implications of receiving the gift.

## Physical Touch

The love language of physical touch is where someone typically enjoys giving and receiving physical displays of affection. This is a very corporeal sort of relationship that communicates love through cuddles, hand-holding and other gestures. Skin-to-skin contact is scientifically proven to be as significant as "feel good chemicals" such as serotonin, dopamine and oxytocin, which are naturally produced during this process.

Junior national security major Sophie Martinez says her love language is physical touch. She says that she feels most content and cared for because she believes physical touch is the most intimate.

"What I love most about my love language is how much it can communicate," says Martinez. "I love giving people hugs and it is the easiest way that I can share how much they mean to me. If the people closest to me are sad, I can offer that physical affection. If they're excited, hugs work there, too! It has been something that has allowed me to make very strong bonds with others and I love that physical touch is so human, so innate for many people."

It is important to remember that everyone loves and receives love in different ways. It can improve your knowledge of each other, prevent disputes, and build deeper love, according to Chapman's work.

# It's been 1 year since the switch to Canvas

BY ISABELLE HAJEK  
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This September marks one year of the university using Canvas as the main Learning Management System (LMS) in place of its previous software, Blackboard. The program was introduced as an updated platform that was more conducive to a virtual learning environment, complete with integrated teleconferencing software and comprehensive module layouts, in an attempt to better student learning experiences during the pandemic and once returning back to normal.

The initial switch to Canvas at the university followed a general trend following Canvas' 2018 status of #1 LMS in the U.S. With Canvas only marginally ahead of Blackboard in use as of 2020 statistics, it has yet to be seen which platform will remain at the forefront of education; however, university students may be able to shed some light on the topic.

For incoming first-year students at the time, Canvas was the only LMS they experienced in their collegiate career. For students who had been at the university in prior years, the new platform was held in stark contrast to Blackboard, to which they had grown accustomed.

Criminal justice graduate Sarah Luppino said, "Blackboard... had similar abilities as Canvas. I do like the dashboard on Canvas a lot which I don't remember Blackboard having."

Despite having used Blackboard for three years before transitioning to Canvas, Luppino noted the improvement. "Canvas is [a] good learning platform. It's better for in person versus online virtual learning. I like how the professor can set up modules for different sections," she added, "for virtual learning they can post the Zoom links and it's easy to review them."

Sophomore general engineering major Laila Soliman came to a similar positive stance on Canvas. They said, "I like Canvas as a learning platform because it is very organized. Every week is planned out based on materials and assignments. The due dates are all under one category in the assignments tab. The app is as efficient and organized as the website. All these features have made accessing my courses and their materials easy for me."

Unlike Luppino, Soliman did not experience Blackboard at the university. "In my highschool we were using a different website. It was not as organized and well rounded. All that was available was poorly made online assignments and a confusing breakdown of my grades."

It seems as though, even against other LMS programs aside from Blackboard, Canvas still holds up as superior in virtual and in-person use. While the university has only used it for one year, as classes transition back to majority in-person, only time will tell how the program holds up.

# New year; New paper

BY KAYLA MUTCHLER  
Editor-in-Chief

The Charger Bulletin is back with a brand new look. My name is Kayla Mutchler, and I am the returning editor-in-chief for the 2021-2022 school year. I am a senior communication major double concentrating in journalism and digital media. I am honored to lead this staff of hardworking, intelligent, and driven journalists and content creators for the second year in a row.

As you may have noticed, our paper has a new design. As part of my honors thesis and with my talented colleagues, I will be re-imagining our newspaper based on scholastic newspaper reviews, empirical data, and scholarly articles about newspaper design and production.

The past year has been challenging—we've all heard it before

and know it. Through it all, our staff was able to defy the odds, and we even secured a first-place award from the Associated Scholastic Press Association.

We have also decided to print weekly, so make sure to look for the paper every Tuesday in the blue honor boxes around campus and inside of buildings.

I am confident that our staff will continue to grow, learn, and report the most accurate news for students, by students.

