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Students That Care: Nursing Students Honor Professors

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Contributing Writer

At the end of every undergraduate semester, students of the Tanner Health System School of Nursing are required to complete a project as part of the Caring Program.

According to the School of Nursing's handbook, the Caring Program is designed to place caring collaborative relationships at the center of a curriculum designed to create a culture of caring within a nursing education program.

With hands-on learning and tough love, students understand that to be competent nurses you must first establish the basic foundation to care for one another and make lasting relationships.

The program emphasizes that professional and caring relationships occur between teachers and learners, clients and nurses, and between professionals in the healthcare field. UWG is the only school in Georgia that has this curriculum. For over 20 years, students of UWG and professionals of the Tanner Health System have incorporated this teaching into their curriculum.

"I think nursing really is a calling and if you don't have that caring mentality then why are you in it?" said Katie Shaw, nursing student.

These final undergraduate projects are designed to give students free range to show their professors, fellow students or community that they care. Shaw and her group have decided to focus on the professors, calling her project "Professors Needing Caring, Too."

With this they have decided to gift professors on the UWG campus a special mug with the school's notable flame of knowledge on the front.

"I could have done something simple, but our project is special because we truly care about the professors," said Shaw.

There is a lot of stress placed on college students to perform well and to acquire knowledge for a competing job market. Sadly, without certain professors pushing students to strive and do their best, a lot of them would

crumble under pressure.

These learning practices and objectives have proven to be effective, and the U.S. News and World Report's 2018 America's Best Graduate Schools has the Tanner Health System School of Nursing ranked as the 31st in the nation and it is one of three public institutions in Georgia to earn the Colleges of Distinction for Nursing for the 2018-2019 academic year.

"It's more than just a little 'thank you' note," said Shaw. "I've been fortunate enough because I've had these caring professors who have helped me along the way, which in turn makes me want to appreciate them."

This is the sentiment for most students on campus regarding most professors and mentors that have influenced their educational journey. Not only do they care for their students but they also connect them with other professionals to help them advance in their careers. The relationships between students and educators are precious and not taken for granted to those that truly take advantage of these relationships.



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A VLOGGER CHASES HER DREAMS

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Many college-aged adults have found YouTube to help them with any and everything they have an interest in. The three biggest content driven markets are gaming, beauty and vlogging all of which garner millions of views and millions of subscribers daily.

Agnes Hina, is a junior at UWG currently majoring in Film & Video Production. In her senior year of high school Agnes started her YouTube channel, *ItSoFluffy* to document the memories of her time going to The DECA International Career Development Conference. Creating this channel started her hobby of being a student vlogger.

ItSoFluffy has gained 407 subscribers in almost four years of existence bringing audiences in from a variety of places with the diverse content that is posted.

“I realized that YouTube is something I actually really enjoy doing,” says Agnes. “I think that switching my major to Film & Video I think that coming here it kind of helped me to see that I can take YouTube and make something more of it.”

Being a full-time college student has made it difficult for Agnes to post consistently but her love for YouTube has not gone away. Agnes plans on creating more content during February if her prior commitments allow.

“My YouTube is to share my memories and so I would primarily do vlogs,” said Agnes. “I don’t enjoy sit down videos, I feel like they aren’t really

personal.”

Currently, on *ItSoFluffy*, the most viewed video is the “University of West Georgia Freshman Move-In Day 2016” with over 30,000 views. This proves that audiences not only enjoy relatable content but also are in search of it.

Thanks to the skills she gained through creating and editing her vlog, Agnes earned multiple video production opportunities, such as creating videos for the local fire department and interning for the University Communications & Marketing in the Creative Services division. Working hands-on with video production, it’s safe to say that Agnes has found her fit at UWG and believes her path will lead her to her dream job.

NEWS

Carroll County Plans for New First Responder Memorial

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The Carroll County Veterans Memorial has been a place where military veterans of Carroll County, both deceased and still living, can be honored by their loved ones in peace. Now, the memorial will be expanding to accommodate a monument for Carroll County first responders such as law enforcement, the fire department, emergency medical technicians and 911 operators.

In addition to the large veterans memorial that honors Carroll County veterans, a 17-foot black obelisk will be built adjacent to the veterans’ memorial in honor of Carroll County’s first responders. Each side of the obelisk will commemorate one of the emergency agencies.

Upon walking into the veterans’ memorial there are rows of black and white walls, each wall containing 48 plaques with soldiers’ names on them. On the left side of the open memorial is a tall black bell tower.

A tradition upon visiting the memorial is that a person finds the name of their loved ones, rings the bell and says their name. Now the families of those killed in the line of duty serving their communities will also have a chance to ring that bell in honor of their loved ones.

The first responders monument will not exactly be a part of the Carroll County Veterans Memorial, but will be built close to it for convenience and so that loved ones of first responders can feel that same air of respect.

“We can take advantage now of the wonderful feeling you get in this park,” said Donald Levans, president of the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park.

The main reason the first responders memorial is not considered a part of the veterans memorial is because it is being built by a separate committee of first responders, and not by the committee that operates the veterans memorial.

“We’re a non-profit, we have a big bad bylaws,” said Levens. “We would have to change everything to make it for something else.”

Several first responders have lost their lives in the line of duty in the last few years. This, coupled with the fact that the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park hosts annual Sept. 11 events, prompted some

Carroll County emergency personnel to want a monument of their own. Brad Robinson, Chief Deputy at the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, is the committee member who requested the construction.

According to Levans, this monument is not cheap. The obelisk will cost \$70,000 alone. Then there are other costs that come into play such as getting concrete to support the structure, as well as benches, lighting, the engravings, and a granite tile floor.



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Supreme Court blocks Louisiana Abortion Clinic Law

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A divided Supreme Court stopped Louisiana from enforcing new regulations on abortion clinics in a test of the conservative court’s views on abortion rights.

The justices said by a 5-4 vote late Thursday that they will not allow the state to put into effect a law that requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court’s four liberals in putting a hold on the law, pending a full review of the case.

President Donald Trump’s two Supreme Court appointees, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, were among the four conservative members of the court who would have allowed the law to take effect.

Kavanaugh wrote a dissenting opinion in which he said the court’s action was premature because the state had made clear it would allow abortion providers an additional 45 days to obtain admitting privileges before it started enforcing the law.

If the doctors succeed, they can continue performing abortions, he said. If they fail, they could return to court, Kavanaugh said.

The law is very similar to a Texas measure the justices struck down three years ago. Roberts dissented in that case.

But the composition of the court has changed since then, with Kavanaugh replacing Justice

Anthony Kennedy, who voted to strike down the Texas law. Trump had pledged during the campaign to appoint “pro-life” justices, and abortion opponents are hoping the more conservative bench will be more open to upholding abortion restrictions.

Louisiana abortion providers and a district judge who initially heard the case said one or maybe two of the state’s three abortion clinics would have to close under the new law. There would be at most two doctors who could meet its requirements, they said.

But the federal appeals court in New Orleans rejected those claims, doubting that any clinics would have to close and saying the doctors had not tried hard enough to establish relationships with local hospitals.

In January, the full appeals court voted 9-6 not to get involved in the case, setting up the Supreme Court appeal.

The law had been scheduled to take effect Monday, but Justice Samuel

Alito delayed the effective date at least through Thursday to give the justices more time. He and Justice Clarence Thomas were the other dissenters Thursday.

The justices could decide this spring whether to add the case to their calendar for the term that begins in October.

The case is June Medical Services v. Gee.



FILE - In this Feb. 13, 2016, file photo, people stand on the steps of the Supreme Court at sunset in Washington. The Supreme Court is stopping Louisiana from enforcing new regulations on abortion clinics in a test of the conservative court’s views on abortion rights. (AP Photo/Jon Elswick, File

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Super Bowl LIII:

A Half Time Show that Should Have Been More

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The Super Bowl is the most watched and talked about event on television and one of the staples of the event is the live halftime concert.

Two months prior to the Super Bowl was set to air, the NFL announced that Maroon 5 would be the primary performer. Backlash came pouring in almost immediately due to the fact the Super Bowl was in Atlanta and the city is known for its immense presence of rap. The mainstream pop band was considered a disappointment compared to some of the better names that represent Atlanta.

Texas native Travis Scott would later be confirmed to perform and the NFL resolved its prior issue by having Atlanta-based rapper Big Boi perform as well.

Maroon 5 opened the show with two classic songs before what might be considered the best part of the evening. People on social media went as far as to start petitions for the

Halftime Show to simply be the iconic performing of “Sweet Victory” from an early episode of Spongebob Squarepants. A clip from the the episode was shown but only for mere seconds before Travis Scott’s “Sicko Mode” started playing.

Frontman Adam Levine reappears and transitions into the band’s latest hit “Girls Like You” which features Cardi B, but she did not make an appearance due to the Colin Kaepernick controversy. Levine then goes down in the crowd to a stand alone stage and performs the groups 2005 hit “She Will Be Loved” with the crowd holding paper lanterns and drones forming words behind Levine.



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TAKE ME HOME, COUNTRY ROADS, STARRING JIM CURRY

Amir Sports

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Jim Curry's tribute concert for the singer/songwriter John Denver, the face of folk music and one of the most beloved entertainers of the early '70s came to the Townsend Center of Performing Arts.

Curry is a tribute artist that has a voice and retro glasses that mirrors Denver. Is Curry just the usual "Vegas style" tribute singer, like all the Elvis Presley impersonators that sing and dance on the Vegas Strip, or does he do it for more than making a buck? Curry's website says that it is a coincidence that his looks and his voice resemble Denver's, but Curry claims he sings in his own natural voice.

"I do something very specific. I focused on being the best at that one thing," said Curry. "I did the work to know and experience everything I could to understand and personally connect to the music. Then take all that and treat it with respect, treat it like a business, and make sure that everything helps someone else more than it helps me."

Denver's death sparked the flame of Curry's musical career when Curry landed an offscreen job to sing as the voice of John Denver in the CBS movie, *Take Me Home: The John Denver Story*.



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"The most rewarding thing to me, as a fan, has been the thrill, the thrill of working with all the same people that John worked with," said Curry. "Being on stage with the actual icons of the industry is very surreal. In fact, this show in Carrollton will have Chris Nole, John's piano player, in band."

Curry is more than a fan; he is keeping Denver's amazing performances alive by capturing the pure essence of the true feelings of the songs he sings. Curry says Denver's music is growing more popular to the younger generation and the songs will always be relevant to the times and

universal in their meaning. Curry is planning on performing Denver's tribute music as long as he can sing and there are fans to listen.

"The most rewarding thing about the concerts is how much this music means to so many people and in so many different ways," said Curry. "How uplifting John's music is. People are deeply moved during the show, and that's a tribute to John's songs."

MONEY MOVES: LIFE AS A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER

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Instagram is becoming very popular, and lot people started to use it not only for personal needs, but also for business.

Maiya Ziminske, Health and Wellness Coach, is a successful fitness and health nutrition blogger on Instagram. She used to use it casually, just for her friends, but once she started working with Herbalife Nutrition she realized that it was helpful for her to promote her business online from her Instagram page.

Maiya found her strong side which was fitness and nutrition. She already had content and people who were following her from before, which is why she decided to continue to use her old account. Maiya's Instagram page looks professional and shows her job, goals, interests and character. The description of her profile looks like a well thought out resume.

"I started working on Instagram when I started my health nutrition journey because the company I work with, Herbalife Nutrition, lets us use a lot of different methods to build our business," said Maiya. "I just kinda switched up what I was sharing and what I was posting to make it more beneficial for my business and for others, so I can use as an income outlet instead of just as a social media platform."

Big companies and corporations use social media actively, and support employees who do the same. A company which does not have the Internet, and advertisement online can be considered as dead. Maiya's decision to start using her personal profile helped her to improve her career Herbalife Nutrition and built a successful business as a health and wellness coach.

"I have been doing fitness for four years that's why I kept my personal profile because people could see the journey," Maiya said. "I felt like I kept it more relatable, more real, for people to see that I was once this way, and now I'm this way, so they can see that they can do it too."

Not everyone is capable of creating a business profile from an old personal profile, but Maiya was able to use her personal profile to show her progress.

"People follow your specific page for you," said Maiya. "They want to see what you are up to, and then you offer productory service and that way you can help other people journey too."

It is important to know what you want to do, to have a strategy, and future plans. Maiya chose fitness and health nutrition because she loves it, and she wanted to make it a part of her life. She knows what she does, and her followers see that that is why she keeps her client list and gets new offers for partnerships.

"There are people who can help you to build your Instagram for you, and it's definitely an investment in your business because the bigger the audience you have you know the more likely you are to be successful," said Maiya.



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SHUT UP AND DRIBBLE

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News Editor

Nearly a year ago, the basis of free speech was challenged on a nationwide scale. As the evening Fox News aired on Feb. 15, 2018, the existential relationship between media and professional athletes was tarnished as Laura Ingraham went center stage to announce her displeasement with LeBron James' public bashing of President Donald Trump. LeBron has faced slander and scrutiny, in regards to his playing career, to no end. To ridicule his value of life and strike down his worth as a human being, Ingraham managed with four words.

Shut up, and dribble.

LeBron responded to this by opening The I Promise School in Akron, Ohio for 240 struggling, at-risk students to get a proper education, something he calls arguably the greatest moment of his life. He had already been paying college tuitions for a countless number of struggling households prior to the schools opening on Jul. 30, 2018.

This is a man raised in dirt and poverty that prioritizes helping his community over his own individual career. LeBron should be loved and appreciated by everyone who claims to hold a good heart. The ones who stand against him are typically two different kinds of people: Those who love Kobe Bryant, and those who hold firm to the agenda that LeBron stands against.

"At this time right now, with the president of the United States, it's at a bad time, and while we cannot change what comes out of that man's mouth, we can continue to alert the people that watch us, that listen to us, that this is not the way," said LeBron in a podcast with ESPN's Cari Champion in February 2018.

LeBron puts forth his stance on racial injustice as have many professional athletes since the sacrifices of Colin Kaepernick. In using a high platform to speak out against the murdering of young men, these athletes accept a target being placed on their back. As bulls charge at the sight of red, those who align far-right tend to take the fight to their opposition. That's what Ingraham did, and it's what Fox Sports Writer Clay Travis attempted to do.

Travis has a reputation for targeting athletes like LeBron who publicly denounce Trump and the views of his supporters. In August 2018 Travis published an article on Outkick the Coverage, publicly bashing LeBron for paying only 20% of the total funding for The I Promise School and leaving around 75% of it to taxpayer money.

It did not take long for the graces of the internet to point out that the most money one party can put into a public school before it, by-law, becomes a private school is 20%.

However, the issue is not nationally acclaimed journalists making millions of dollars to spew inaccurate information without proper research. The issue is how far people will go for the agenda they believe in, and how media manipulates that for a profit. Did Ingraham really mean it when she said LeBron was too unintelligent to talk about politics? She was more than likely reading off a screened transcript. Is Clay Travis a racist bigot that isn't good at his job? Who knows, but in this world of journalism where all that matters is how many clicks an article gets or how many people are talking about a story, integrity and moral won't make Fox any money.

Of course, what gets talked about the most in our current society are issues surrounding Trump, the controversies of those aligned with him and the issues of social injustice, with those intertwining more times than not. It has further bolded a dividing line based on belief, between those who hold firm to their ethical values and those who hold firm to the foundations set by our predecessors. When those foundations are challenged, opposed against, viewed as immoral, it is resulting in continued retaliation.

People have access to more grounded, more personally-affecting information than ever due to the sheer masses of social media. Heinous actions, that would otherwise be ignored, are brought to light in this spectrum. It allows people to be able to connect with each other, to use a wide-reaching platform to make a difference. It allows for widespread interpretation on current issues.

When a man who opens schools and helps people is mocked and insulted for utilizing his first amendment rights, when an acclaimed athlete gets verbally slaughtered for taking a stand against murder, when rapes and assaults get swept under the rug with no real punishment, people no longer have to wonder why.

It is no longer about these things being morally wrong nor about why they are happening. In this era of media, it is about standing up against it.



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