



Youth of Today Hope of Tomorrow



Choosing A Major



by **Lacey Johnson**
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There's no doubt narrowing down to a singular major or career path can be an overwhelming process. Even when utilizing the quizzes and tests that claim to point you in a certain direction, the decision is inevitably difficult. As I endure the era of submitting applications and putting in for scholarships, the time to choose a major, which once seemed so distant, becomes more and more adjacent. I feel called to share my experience, methods, and overall decision when it comes to the topic of majors.

The initial statement I always hear when it comes to choosing a major is "Pick something you're passionate about." A broad and oversimplified sentence when compared to the actual process of deciphering passions. I decided to engage with this idea around 9th grade. At first it almost seemed impossible to find a genuine passion. On my journey there were a plethora of misleading paths. Moreover,

as the time to finalize my decision came closer, I was thrown into panic. Until one day, after ages of endless unbeneficial major quizzes were conducted, I stopped and thought to myself, "What am I naturally gravitated to? What am I truly interested in?" This moment is what ultimately led me to my conclusion.

Since as long I could remember, the act of helping others infatuated my heart with joy and my delightfulness for the action only grew as the years followed. Around my 8th grade year, I was able to recognize my admiration and natural ability to emotionally connect with my peers when mental assistance was necessary. This led to my original interest in pursuing something correlated with therapy.

After learning this, I indulged myself in the education of psychology and even partook in a college course that was psychology-focused. Since then, I have dedicated myself to the subject. I find the course diversity immensely appealing, the teachings impactful, and the knowledge accumulated from it transformative enough to change lives. That's why I want to engage deeper in psychology, and ultimately chose it as my major.

HBCU Experience



by **SaNaya White**
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On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, I took my first in-person college visit of the year. I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., and visit a specific college that I have been interested in for some time. Alongside with my Mother, my Grandmother, a friend, and her mother; we took a plane to Howard University. Stepping onto campus brought a feeling of pride. I felt welcomed on campus as there was a huge sense of culture and family. There were around ten (10) individuals who were also touring the campus. Together, we were led around the school by two tour guides. We were shown numerous buildings and learned about their significance. Our tour guides presented us with their favorite spot on campus: The Yard. The Yard is an open space located on the

Northern end of the academic portion of the campus. The Yard is surrounded by various buildings, including: the newly named Chadwick A. Boseman - College of Fine Arts building. Many campus gatherings take place on The Yard which is why it is identified as the heart of campus. One thing that specifically stuck with me is that I was able to witness the students of the University protesting. The students were camping out in tents, advocating for better housing and living situations on campus. Our tour guides addressed the situation and emphasized how proud they were to know other individuals that advocated for the change. They stated that protests within Howard are not anything new. They have happened for many years in the past and will continue to happen in the future until a change is made. I loved that our tour guides stated this because it stuck with me throughout the tour. I enjoyed every second of being on campus. I learned so many things and saw so many individuals that reflected the character I wish to portray of myself. I am very glad that I had the opportunity to visit them and witness the culture of a Historically Black College University (HBCU).

Holiday Safety



by **Ava Roberts**
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The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are rapidly approaching. Many people are excited to go shopping, visit their families, gather with friends, attend events, and travel. During these times more than ever, we need to practice being safe. This list below provides some safety advice.

- Be alert and pay close attention to your surroundings.

- Maintain a safe distance of about three (3) feet from others when in crowded places or groups.

- Place your wallet inside of your jacket, purse, or side trouser pocket.

- Hold your purse close to your body or wear a fanny pack. If you are dining out, do not hang it over the back of a chair. Keep it in your lap if you can.

- Carry your cellular phone and be sure the battery is charged.

- Do not let strangers into your home or private space.

- Call '911' for police or emergency assistance.

Try your best to follow the safety tips that I have shared. Also, think of other ways to keep safe. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Gym: Weekly Routine



by **Aiden Loyden**
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At my school's gym, we have a certain routine to follow every week. On Mondays, we have to run four laps around the track. We call this 1,600-meter run "Mile Monday." If we can't go outside, we do sprints in the gym. On Tuesdays, we have our unit day. Unit, for example, contains football. We are doing

a football unit where we work on football. This process carries on to Wednesday, too. On Thursdays, we have a workout day. We do random workouts for 8-15 minutes. On Fridays, we have a free-day. We play games and do whatever we want. Even with the routine, things don't go as planned. If we have 2-1 coaches, we get a free-day. Sometimes, we get a free-day by coming in good. If we have bad workouts, we do them again on Friday. Gym is fun when class is good. It would be so much better if we didn't play in the locker room or if we didn't talk as much. If we get these little changes done then gym would be great.

Southwest Airlines assaulted



by **Ruby George**
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According to the Southwest Airlines and the Dallas Police Department, an airline employee was taken to a Dallas hospital on Saturday, November 13, 2021 after being assaulted by a passenger at Love Field Airport. The female passenger "verbally and physically" assaulted the female operations agent shortly after being asked to

get off the flight she had just boarded from Dallas to La Guardia Airport in New York City. Dallas Police said in a statement that shortly after boarding, the 32-year-old Arielle Jean Jackson had a verbal altercation with an operations agent in the back of the plane. Then she was asked to exit the aircraft. As she was leaving, Ms. Jackson got into another verbal altercation with a second agent and struck her with a "closed fist on the head." The passenger was charged with aggravated assault by the Dallas Police Department. Jail records show that she is being held on a \$10,000 bond. CNN news media network has not been able to identify an attorney for Jackson at this time.

Roll Jaguars Roll



by **Tyler Allen**
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The pride of the Jaguars nation is on the move. Texas loves football, especially when their favorite team wins games. My older relatives that went to the original L. C. Anderson High School said that winning the District once was a given. But their goal was winning the State Title. LBJ is on a roll this season. For many years they have been very close. But this year we are near that goal. Our school and Westlake High School have gone undefeated all season, crushing every opponent in their path. Coaches Jahmal Fenner and Omasha Brantley have built a balanced offense team with a rushing and passing of-

fense. LaVernia High School Bears got a dose of that this past week. It takes a team effort to have a winning team as well as good coaching. Most of the time the quarterback gets most of the glory but it takes a team to get the W. Here are a few members of our strong football team. They are: Fatu Mukuba, Latreveon McCutchin, Oscar Gordon, III, Sedrick Alexander, Jayden Rauls, Zachary Fabian, Thomas Contreras, Kaleb Brown, and Therion Gary. LBJ is noted for having produced many outstanding athletes and teams. Most remember Shon Mitchell, the Texas Longhorn running back, Ray Jackson of the University of Michigan Fab 5 basketball team, Kenneth Alexander starred at Florida State. This year we are looking to win it all. If it doesn't happen, we will give our best. Our next game is against a good team in Port Lavaca. It is Calhoun High School. Roll Jags, roll.

Fun Day



by **Zoey King**
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Today was a very fun day because we went furniture shopping. First, my day started when I woke up around 9 a.m. Then my mom told me and my siblings to get ready to go to a furniture shop that opened at 12 noon. The furniture shop we went to had free cookies, coffee, and tea. Along with the free snacks were bikes for the older kids to ride around the giant store and race car strollers for kids that needed to be pushed. It was super fun

riding the bikes around the store and trying out the beds and couches. After that we were hungry and there were food places nearby so we went to have lunch. For lunch our Mom ordered Chinese food. My sisters and I voted for hamburgers. Near the Chinese food restaurant there was a little café that sold Boba (Tapioca pearls) tea. My sister Zuri and I ordered Iced Mocha with pearls and my sister Zhen got a Taro smoothie with pearls. The pearls are at the bottom of the drink and you drink the smoothie or tea through a huge straw along with the pearls. Neither of my sisters ended up liking the pearls though so I ate most of them. Finally, we went to get our delicious hamburgers and fries. Afterwards we went home and watched movies as a family.

My Favorite Holiday is Christmas



by **Madison Roberts**
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The reason I like Christmas is because I get to open presents and I get to spend time with my family. Christmas isn't only about getting presents but also about

giving back. Putting up the Christmas tree also gets me excited because I love to see all the lights and the beautiful decorations. The music always gets you in that Christmas mood. When we drive around you see all the other lights on people's houses. Christmas is special to me because that day is also Jesus' birthday. My family and I get to spread the love of Jesus to everyone.



Montgomery Bus Boycott



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The Montgomery Bus Boycott was located in Montgomery, Alabama. During the boycott, African Americans refused to ride city buses. The bus boycott lasted from December 5, 1955 through December 20, 1956. The boycott was a civil rights protest to bring attention to segregated seating on buses. Racial segregation means that a group of people are separated by race. Before the boycott began a several Black women were arrested for refusing to give up their seats to white passengers - Claudette Cavin (a teenager), Mary Louise Smith, and Rosa Parks. Mrs. Rosa Parks was sitting

in a segregated bus trying to get home. The driver of the bus demanded her to give up her seat on the bus to a white man, but when she refused the man called the police and Mrs. Parks was brutally arrested. People were really angry because they thought she had the right to be sitting there. That is when the Montgomery Bus Boycott started. Black people started walking or driving their own cars to their locations until they got the right to sit anywhere they wanted without having to move to somewhere else on city buses. Even Civil Rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. walked and sang with people as they walked to their destinations such as to work or school. On Tuesday, November 13, 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional.