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## Constitution Day

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Managing Editor

The first Presidential Debate is right around the corner. The content of that debate? Hot topics like immigration, gun control, civil rights and national security. With the election heating up, the Constitution and its articles have become even more relevant.

Constitution Day recognizes the 39 delegates who signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787 at the Constitutional Convention.

According to Kathleen Sooy, an Assistant Professor in Political Science, it's important for students to know what the Constitution is and the powers that it holds.

"We do need to understand that the Constitution is fundamental law and that

this is a doctrine that outlines how our government is going to be structured and its powers," she said.

The Constitution, according to the Sooy's, is even more crucial with a controversial election coming up. They said that students can look at the information in the Constitution and find out how and where to look at the issues.

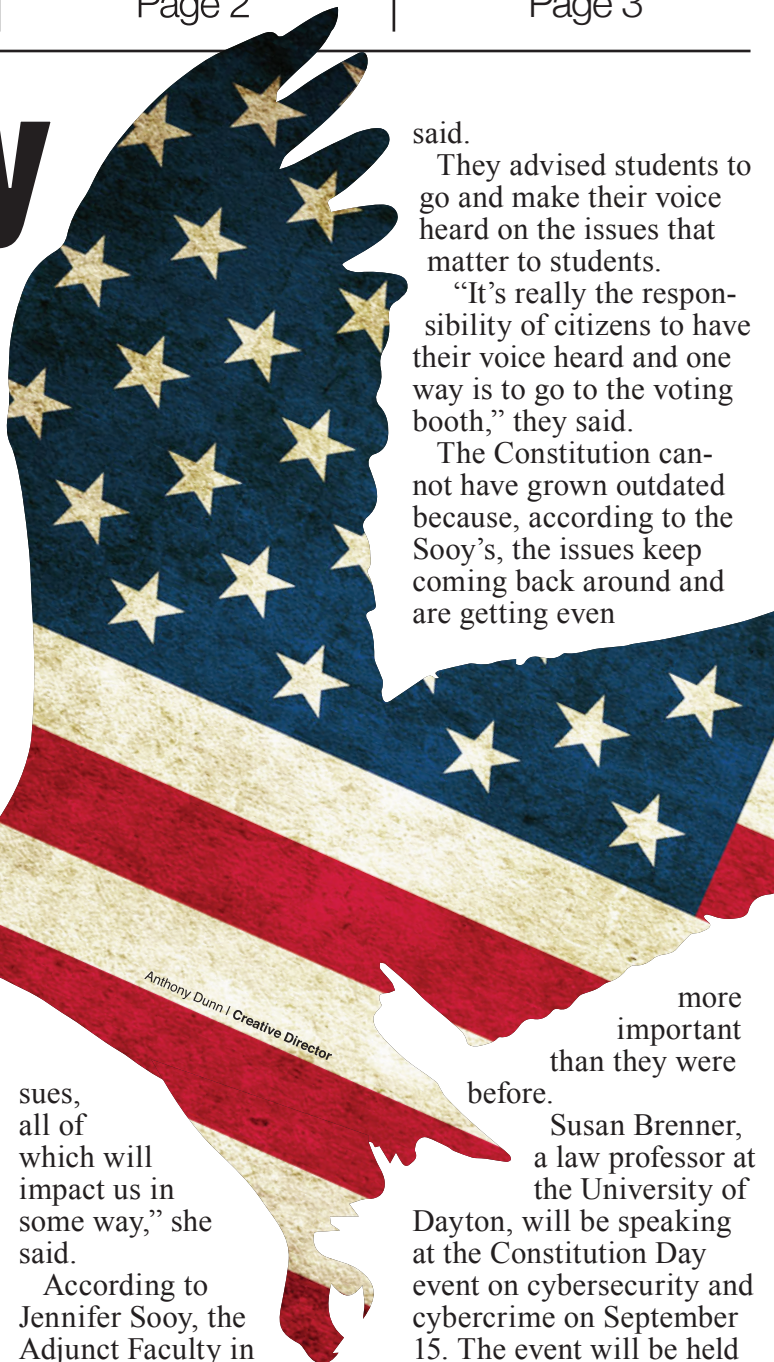
"We need to do the best we can to look at the information, look at the materials we can find and have a civil conversation about those constructive solutions that are out there," they said.

Those issues are reflected by each presidential candidate and, according to the Sooy's, it is important that students look at those issues and take the positions they would like to take.

"At the end of the day, we the people have the responsibility to study those issues to become aware of who the candidates are, what the issues we are facing in the country," they said.

The Constitution, according to Kathleen, is important because of student's responsibility to know the powers of the President because it plays an important in this election.

"Those individuals, whomever the next president is going to have an awful lot on his or her plate. They're going to have issues on national security, they're going to deal with immigration issues they're going to deal with economic issues, security



said.

They advised students to go and make their voice heard on the issues that matter to students.

"It's really the responsibility of citizens to have their voice heard and one way is to go to the voting booth," they said.

The Constitution cannot have grown outdated because, according to the Sooy's, the issues keep coming back around and are getting even

more important than they were before.

Susan Brenner, a law professor at the University of Dayton, will be speaking at the Constitution Day event on cybersecurity and cybercrime on September 15. The event will be held in the Tartan Marketplace from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and will be in 7006, in the ABC rooms. There will be a Q&A following the talk and they will have refreshments.

J. Sooy said that it is important that students be aware of the issue of cybercrime as technology becomes more and more important and, according to

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# In Life and Liberty Race and the National Anthem

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What do you do when the National Anthem plays? Do you immediately stand and put your hand over your heart? Do you take your hat off? Do you stay sitting down?

The issue of what someone should do during the National Anthem has become a hot topic within the last few weeks. With the Olympics taking place and then football starting up right after the Olympics ended, we have had many opportunities to hear the National Anthem.

Gabby Douglas was criticized for not putting her hand over her heart during her gold medal awarding ceremony at the Olympics. Colin Kaepernick, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback, sat down during the national anthem as a show of protest. Kaepernick has since declared that he will not stand during the National Anthem until the country is "representing people the way that it's supposed to." He is protesting police brutality against minorities and he has criticized both Clinton and Trump.

His stance has his teammates divided on what is right and what is wrong. It has also opened the question of why do we stand for the National Anthem?

Kaepernick has received national attention and now has the opportunity to speak his views in a way that he probably wouldn't have before. It is clear that his motives are not political as he basically called Clinton a criminal and Trump openly racist.

Of course, Donald Trump cannot let someone insult him, even with the truth, and let them get away with it. He stated that Kaepernick should start thinking about maybe going to another country. Let's remind Trump that he wants to make America great again. So maybe he should just find another country as well if he doesn't

like what's going on within it.

Kaepernick's stance has brought even more attention to an issue that has been debated and talked about for several years now. The issue of racial tensions and police brutality does not seem like it will be fading away anytime soon.

I'm not the white person who goes around declaring that people are racist towards me. I don't really understand why I should have it so easy just because my skin is pale, pale white, but I do. I will not deny that it is something that needs to change. Minorities should be treated as equally and fairly as I am. Police officers should never have the policy of shoot first, ask questions later.

However, I will say that I have met many police officers in recent years who treat everyone with respect and dignity and I believe that it is an unfairness to them to qualify all police officers as racist and unafraid to use deadly force. I thank those men who everyday put their life on the line for all of us.

What will Kaepernick truly gain by refusing to stand for the National Anthem? He is willing to lose a few fans, to be criticized by his peers, but no one can deny that he hasn't kept the conversation on race relations in America going.

There is no law that dictates that he must stand up. I think that there are many of us in America who don't feel particularly patriotic lately. Maybe he is one of the few who has actually dared to vocalize it.

We do live in a free country, where at least we will not be killed for our beliefs or our thoughts, but some



could argue that to truly be a free country, to truly be all that the national anthem represents, we must have that awkward uncomfortable conversation about race in our country today.

I don't want to take away from the racial issue that our country is facing. It is serious and it is a problem. No law abiding citizen should be afraid of the police and no police officer should fear a law abiding African American.

I respect Kaepernick's right to peacefully protest a wrongdoing in our country.

Veterans have come in support of Kaepernick on Twitter using the hashtag #VeteransForKaepernick. As one veteran said on his account, "My grandfather served so Rosa Parks could sit down. I served so @Kaepernick7, [Colin Kaepernick], could sit down."

I don't think any words could describe it so perfectly. We don't have to agree with what he said and what he did, but I believe he has the right to sit down during a National Anthem in show of protest. I love our country and feel blessed to live in it, but it is not a perfect country and it still has some serious problems. I think it's okay if we admit that.

# Playing It Forward An augmented & virtual world

Barton Kleen  
Executive Editor

For the few of you I see still playing Pokemon Go, you may have noticed that Sinclair boasts quite a few stops and that our welcome sign is indeed a gym—an area for users to compete for ownership at. For those who no longer play or those who never had an interest in playing, you may have read article after article about how Pokemon Go was the worst thing in the world and responsible for all our nation's problems as per usual. That's the kind of world we live in.

That same world has an increasing number of investors interested in developing both augmented reality, known as AR and virtual reality, or VR technologies.

Back in 2013 I was able to demo Oculus Rift, a virtual reality headset that allowed users to dive straight into a video game based on a light novel that was about people diving into a world of virtual reality gaming. Honestly, it was pretty meta to try that in real life.

Thankfully, unlike the plot mechanism of virtual reality, I was not trapped in a world full of monsters for long. At the time, I can say I was both impressed and underwhelmed.

I was impressed we had the technology to create such a game. To look around the virtual world and appear to be somewhere instead of on a stage looking quite dumb to crowds around me was surreal.

At that same time, to give my honest critique, VR technology was not advanced enough to the point where I could see it being all the rage. The next frontier? Perhaps, but we have such high standards due to the sheer amount of time two dimensional video games have had to progress.

The graphics, controls and operating systems have only continued to advance for two dimensional gaming. The virtual reality seemed almost retro. I could imagine the potential, but the state of virtual reality just left me wanting more from it and not necessarily more of it yet.

However, Pokemon Go and other games have utilized a combination of GPS, WiFi and mobile capacities to give us an AR craze. Hordes of people looked ridiculous running through cities chasing down creatures that don't exist outside AR.

Over the summer, post Pokemon Go release I was in San Francisco and at the University of the Pacific. I saw entire crowds so excited and running in certain directions, out visiting landmarks and public art, enjoying outdoor life—all while using technology.

Here the difference becomes clear. Conceptually, AR gaming like catching little monsters around town was successful because it was engaging



and the expectations were pretty laid out. Were we able to catch pokemon? Generally when the servers were up, which at first was quite a rare experience, we were happy to.

With VR, I think there's this barrier of expectations that AR doesn't face. AR pong might be crazy and more popular than VR pong. Augmented reality also tends to have an easier time being inclusive to the public, as it doesn't require expensive, exclusive technologies

Oculus has since broadened and developed further technologies that have begun to introduce the public to a future full of virtual reality, but will users be happier to try and go around the boundaries of real world gaming or accept some limitations with AR?

# Letter from the editor

If you're reading this, you may have some vague idea of who I am already. My name may sound familiar, it might incite feelings one way or the other as I have been known to get quite a few letters sent my way about my opinion pieces that I've published here at the Clarion. If not, it's nice to meet you all.

To preface, I look forward to another semester with hopefully even more letters in my mailbox, whether it be electronic or in person to Building 6 Room 314.

Other than when a reporter goes above and beyond in their work, letters to the editor are my second favorite type of content to publish. If I didn't care about the students at Sinclair, I sure wouldn't spend the incredible amount of time I do and have for the past two years at the Clarion.

Part of that care is not only to offer my perspective or thoughts on an issue, but also to include the voices of our students and faculty who see something and want to be a part of the conver-

sation.

My grandfather, Carl Day, was the first to get me interested in journalism. I grew up with it all around me. I spent plenty of days over at Channel 2. I've been involved with so many events in Dayton because of journalism and his love for Dayton.

Toward the end of his career, we worked together on a small series that aired called "A Brighter Day." We would brainstorm ideas together and I would show him something that was a positive story to get positive coverage out there. That's what he loved most.

We both had discussed how the world changes and that you can be a part of the changes for the better, so we made a short weekly segment to show content outside the unfortunate news that gets the views and dollar signs flowing.

I never imagined I would end up in love with the field myself, but lately I've been feeling a lot of his influence in profound ways.

My work is a testament to my dedication to providing quality, objective journalism and controversial, thought provoking or just generally infuriating yet otherwise effective opinion pieces. Even when I sound harsh, I'm an incredibly happy person and it all comes from a peaceful place of caring.

Sometimes, I feel there's a certain light our paper gets on campus. Truly this is not directed at anyone in particular, I just felt it was important to make clear: I'm much more focused on highlighting our community than I am in giving you a piece of printed clickbait.

I'm not interested in pouring on a bias, particularly when a good portion of our content is directly about students. We genuinely love journalism. We chronicle a portion of what Sinclair students and our community are thinking about every week.

Going back, I first started with the Clarion two years back as the Social Media Editor. I took an interest in writing simply because I felt no one was speaking out about, well, mostly anything. This leads me to an

invitation.

Passivity is no virtue in journalism. One of the Clarion's closely held beliefs is that journalism can never be silent. That means I make people uncomfortable because I'd much rather they be uncomfortable about a topic than for it to be ignored. The alternative is unacceptable.

If you disagree with an opinion piece, and you want to seriously develop as a writer and journalist, join the team! I'll be happy to welcome you.

Speaking of being uncomfortable, the only thing that's possibly capable of making me uncomfortable is wearing white after Labor Day. Even that's just an inside joke here at the office. My skin is almost as thick as my skull, some may contend.

Thankfully, I'm used to being entirely disregarded as a white male in my writings and general function in modern academia, so I've learned to love criticism and to take it well in the meantime. Thankfully as a gay male I have at least one card to pull to remind people that I am indeed a human being and not be too immediately disregarded.

Some people view me as a bit

of a walking contradiction.

Although I don't prescribe to some written in stone political ideology, the conclusions I've reached in life lead me to being what I would describe as conservative, not Republican.

At my core, I respect the massive power that change wields, so I do typically approach touchy subjects with a perspective that has formed around the power of change.

What would I say about myself? I'm the type that always needs a cigarette yet never smokes. I probably should, but I hate cigarettes. Instead, I'm usually twirling a pen in class between taking notes.

I used to be quite parenthetical. I don't enjoy attention and am my harshest critic—and that's saying something.

Like the text in our paper, sometimes you have to be bold and stick out. I've had the hammer come down on me plenty of times for sticking out; fortunately I'm quite resistant. I'm also not hateful about a lot of the losses I've endured for sticking out, there are risks for

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## Tartan News

# Study rooms upgrade

Laina Yost

Managing Editor

New technology has come to the Library! Students will now be able to use their phones and computers to connect to a monitor that will display anything they need for their studies.

According to Debra Oswald, the Library director, the televisions will help students study even better because they won't have to share their information over a small laptop.

"The group study rooms are very popular and the only thing they had in them was a whiteboard and I would see students huddled together around a little laptop screen and we just thought it would be a better way for students to collaborate," she said.

No matter the device, anyone can connect to television and multiple

users can connect at one time.

"So a student would just come in here with their laptop or their phone, open up a browser, type in the IP address and it'll take them to a page that says connect," Darin Preston, the Multimedia Director, said.

Oswald said that the new technology gives students an even better way to study together.

"You know sometimes you need a whiteboard, but sometimes you're working on a phone or a laptop and this just gives students a better way to work together," she said.

The Multimedia Department said that they chose this technology because of its ease of access and almost any device can connect to the television.

"It's called a BYOD, Bring Your Own Device platform," Gary Leppla,

the Multimedia event support technician, said.

According to Oswald, the ease of access has been apparent as students are using the technology even without instructions.

"We have instructions for them that they can ask for at the front desk... but even without the instructions, students have been connecting and using it already," she said.

Preston said that connecting to the televisions is easy to use and that students have not had a problem with figuring it out thus far.

"It's very flexible, it's very easy and like I said, the students, they can figure it out like that," he said.

According to the Multimedia Department, students can use this technology to fit their needs for studying because the televisions are very flexi-

ble in usage.

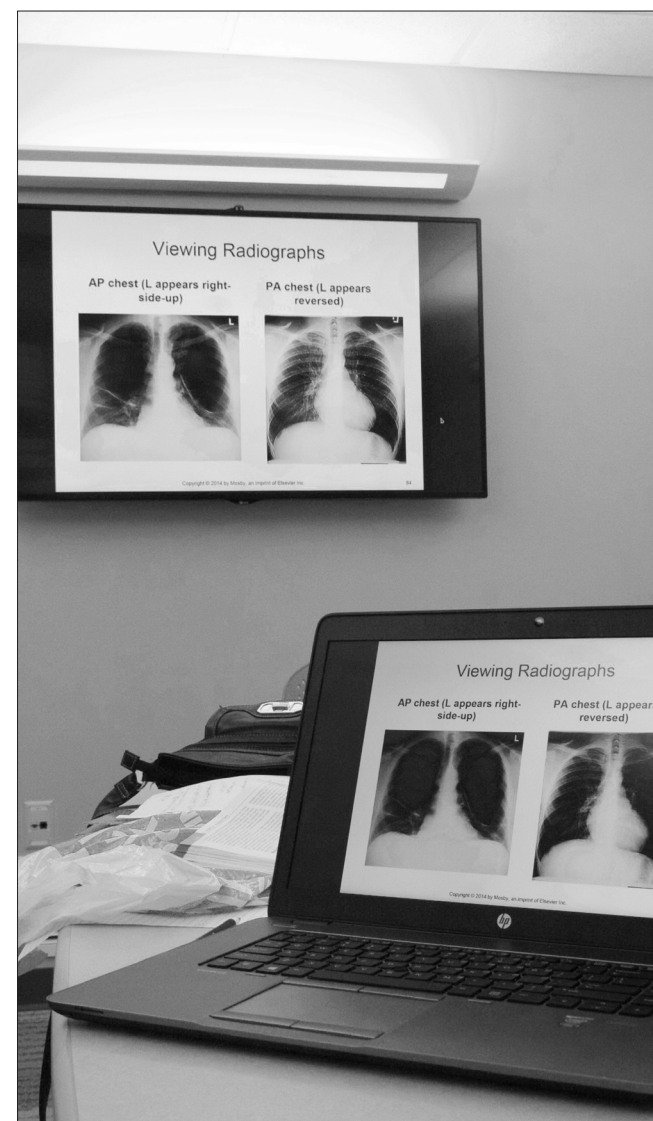
The television screens can be managed however students need and for whichever purpose they would like.

The new monitors cannot connect with Windows phones and Linux devices, but Oswald advised students who have those phones to check out a laptop from the service desk.

Oswald stated that she thinks more technology like this will come to Sinclair and the Library in the future.

According to Oswald, students who have used the new technology have been excited about it and it's easy use.

Students can get a study room at the Library service desk for two hours and they must present a Tartan card when they get a room. If students need the room for longer than two hours and there is no waiting list, then they can renew their time for another two hours.





# Scholarships breakdown



Brittany Fletcher | Designer/Intern

Barton Kleen  
Executive Editor

Has your family said the “S” word? Scholarships. With college tuition rates through the roof and more people pursuing higher education than ever, scholarships are worth the look.

At Sinclair—which offers the lowest tuition rate in the entire state—students are looking to get good education and invest in their futures most affordably. Here is a breakdown for what you need to know about how scholarships work:

## **They are often split between semesters.**

So you put in for a \$2,000 scholarship? Great, that would cover plenty of credit hours and even books depending on your courses. You’re incredibly excited to accept the scholarship when suddenly you’re sent a bill. Now, worst-case scenario, college for the semester is just unaffordable.

The fine print is an

essential must read for all legal agreements. Students who complete their FAFSA, their Free Application for Federal Student Aid maybe may click on their “Accept/Reject Financial Aid Awards” button on WebAdvisor on My.Sinclair.edu and find they have been awarded what’s known as a Pell Grant. Those, too, are divided by the semester. Be financially prepared, you do not want to count on your wallet just randomly having a few thousand to throw around from poor planning.

As a summary, if you are a dependent, your parents or guardians must sign on if you are under the age of 24. The formulas used by colleges usually calculate what is known as the cost of attendance (COA). They then use your tax information, as well as your guardians information to generate what they believe to be your estimated family con-

tribution. Then, with a little extra math adjustments, your Pell Grant is typically the remaining sum.

## **You can qualify for grants and scholarships!**

Check in with the Financial Aid office and take control over your academic future. They are employed to assist you in your financial aid journey. They can guide you through the grants that you qualify for and also help you apply for scholarships. You can even try for multiple of each. You can’t put in for too many scholarships.

The more scholarships you apply for, the better your chances are of getting some extra money to help you out with the expenses of tuition and books. Try and look for scholarships that allow you to apply any extra money to your book fees so that you can cut down the cost even further.

## **There are requirements for your scholarships and**

## **grants.**

Some scholarships may require essays. Others may be awarded for athletic ability. Scholarships are a broad group of potential funds out there to be awarded. Ohio has vested interests in diversity scholarships as well, so your racial, ethnic and socioeconomic status, as well as family hardships may be accounted for.

If you or your family has endured a financial hardship, your FAFSA may not provide you with the most aid you could receive. Always ask questions and there may be more options to make education more affordable for you.

Many require what’s known as Satisfactory Academic Progress to qualify. The main three portions to this are that you must maintain a 2.0 or higher, you must have a completion rate of your courses at 66.67 percent or higher and that you are within 150 percent of your degree completion time. For your typical associate degree, that means you could qualify for a Pell Grant so long as you are aiming to finish within three years.

Fully understanding the SAP policy will help you keep your financial aid opportunities straight.

## **So what is a Pell Grant?**

Pell Grants are entitlements that are guaranteed by the government to students. That is very different from a scholarship, certainly. There’s no other step to receiving your legally entitled funds for pursuing your education than smoothing out all the wrinkles that can happen from human error at Financial Aid.

Keep in mind, there are additional scholarships and

programs out there that can assist with schooling. Some of these can be found on websites and apps.

The Sinclair Foundation has scholarships every year that can be pursued. They are located in Building 12 and accessible online. Other programs for employment also offer reimbursement for students who also work for their company that achieve typically a grade of C or above in their respective courses.

Pursuing employment with companies that have agreements with educational reimbursement can lead to great success and maximize your academic planning while minimizing costs. These outside scholarships need to have checks addressed to the Bursar’s office in Building 10, Room 224.

## **The dates matter.**

Plan ahead, because there are deadlines for scholarships. Look at each of them carefully and make a very deliberate note to ensure you can.

## **Lastly, you can’t see the future.**

You can apply for scholarships and get turned down, you can apply for scholarships and be awarded them, or you can not apply and never know. The most advisable choice is to put in for a scholarship even if you are hesitant to maximize your potential odds of being awarded it.

Your dollar awards are going to go much further here at Sinclair than at other universities. A \$500 scholarship might not make the University of Dayton an affordable option, but \$500 has kept many students from having books for their classes or that last payment for their tuition.



# Unsung Heroes

Hannah Hamlin  
Reporter

An administrative assistant never lives the same day more than once. Lora Bowling, the administrative assistant for the Humanities Department said that there is always typical office work to take care of such as responding to emails, phone calls and preparing faculty work, but the students seem to always keep her busy with different tasks.

"When I interact with students, I try to make it the best possible experience they can have. Most of the time when students come into the office they are distressed because they aren't sure if they are taking the right class, or they are frustrated because they don't believe a teacher is working with them, so you can get many different student problems every day," said Valerie Mayfield, the administrative assistant of the Psychology and African American Studies department. Mayfield and Bowling both

and teacher. I enjoy it because I am a problem solving kind of person, it can feel kind of like detective work," Mayfield said.

Some of the responsibilities administrative assistants deal with are making sure students get the

helping students get into closed classes.

Mayfield said that the hardest part of being an assistant is when she has to turn students down for something that they may need for their education.

"When you have to say no to what a student is asking for, but you understand their

situation. I want to be able to fix everything, I want people to feel good, but at the end of the day there are things I have to follow," she said.

"It is hard to tell a student we cannot add them to an already full class. I know they need the class however we have safety

policies," said Carey Brown, the administrative assistant of the Biology department.

Despite the potential "no" you could hear from an administrative assistant, they work incredibly hard to help you in any way they are capable of.

"Administrative assistants play the frontline of the department. We become advocates for the students a lot of the time." An administrative assistant also does their best to keep the issue in the office, so it can be resolved thoroughly and quickly for the convenience of everyone.

Brown said her job is challenging and rewarding. She said the best part of her job was "Everything... I wouldn't trade this job for anything. I work for a wonderful department and enjoy coming to work each day."

Now that Fall semester has started, all too many issues can arise with teachers, scheduling, textbooks and grading. You can get help from an administrative assistant, just go onto <https://www.sinclair.edu/academics/divisions/> and find the administrative assistant that belongs to the department of your major or class subject. Walk-ins are accepted, but be mindful of their office hours.



Brittany Fletcher | Designer/Intern

agreed that they often play the role of the mediator between the teacher and the student. Mayfield said that when a student enters the office, the first step is usually to calm them down, identify the issue and then troubleshoot.

"I try to figure out what is really going on with the student

right textbook, that students are being graded fairly, teachers are following protocol and



## TRIO, a support system for students

Claudia Gomez  
Reporter

TRIO is a group of programs funded by the Federal Government and the Student Support Services is one of the programs in TRIO. The Student Support Services is designed to help college students stay in college and graduate. It provides a support system for students and a wide range of free services and activities.

TRIO does have an eligibility criteria. Participants must be enrolled at Sinclair and be United States citizens or permanent residents. Participants must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria according to the Sinclair website: Neither of the student's parents has a four-year degree, the taxable income of the student's family does not exceed the federally determined level or the student has a documented disability.

The students enrolled in

the program have given some overall positive feedback about the program.

"I've been here since 2012 and without this program I probably would have dropped out because I get a lot of help," exclaimed Gail McGarvey, who is a student in the program.

For students who need help but are scared to ask, India Lett, another student in the program, gave some advice.

"Don't be afraid to ask for help because it will be so

beneficial in the long run," she said.

The Student Support

office located in Building 10, on the fourth floor.

If the student is eligible to be a part of the program, then they have access to a wide variety of free services. A counselor will meet with the student to discuss what is available for the them and also to discuss needs and goals for the future.

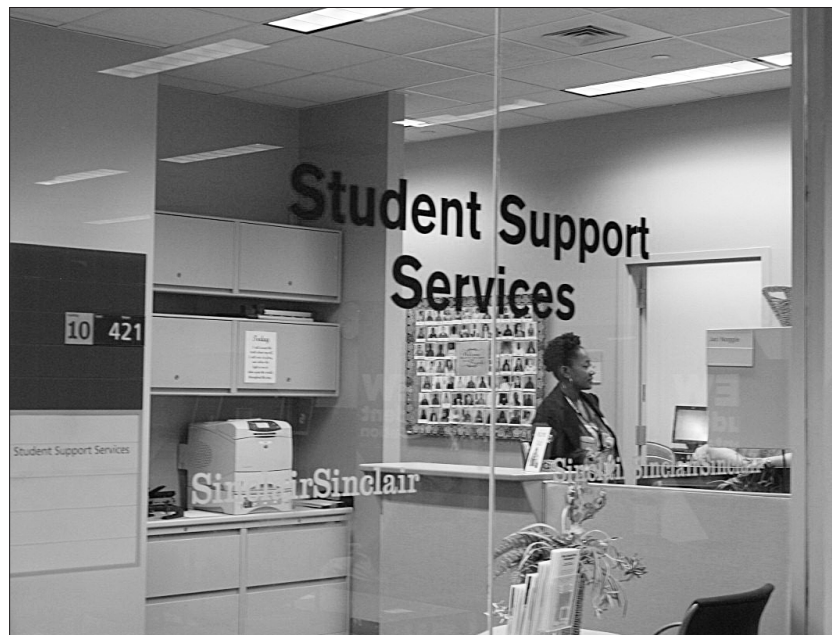
This allows the program to know how they can help the student meet those goals and needs.

Some of the services that students are not aware of that are available in

the program are how they provide a home away from home. The office provides areas where they can use computers, meet with a tutor or counselor, and also quiet areas to study. The program also provides opportunities for the student to meet and visit with 4-year schools. It also allows the program to help the student with the transfer process.

Another service the program provides is field-trip type days. The program may take the students to a museum, ballet or to go watch a play. Finally, the program also provides a textbook loan program. They have a point system where the student must meet with a tutor or go on a field trip, or study. This awards the student a point and they eventually can redeem the points for school supplies.

For more information about the program or to pick up an application, visit the Student Support Services office on the fourth floor of Building 10.



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Services program has been helping students at Sinclair since 1997. The program is grant funded so there is an application process. You can pick up an application at the Student Support Services



# Lochte, Hernandez join Dancing with the Stars

Brittany Fletcher  
Designer/Intern

“Dancing with the Stars” is back for the show’s 23rd season on ABC. The show’s cast of celebrities and professionals was announced on “Good Morning America” on August 30. There will be former pros returning to the show to partner with celebrities, as well as one former pro returning to judge. Celebrities are hailing from IndyCar drivers to politicians.

According to ABC’s website, pro dancer Maksim Chmerkovskiy is returning to the dancefloor with model and Kanye West’s former girlfriend, Amber Rose. Today she is focused on her foundation dedicated to empowering women.

Hailing from Georgia is NFL wide receiver Calvin Johnson, Jr. ABC’s website calls him a philanthropist and family-oriented man. He will be partnering with Lindsay Arnold.

“Dancing with the Stars” will also have a Disney star showing up to fight for the mirrorball. Jake T. Austin from “Wizards of Waverly Place” will be donning his dance shows with former-troupe member, now pro Jenna Johnson.

According to ABC, James Hinchcliffe, one of the IndyCar series most popular drivers, is heading to the dancefloor. He has been voted Favorite Driver and Rookie of the Year in years past. Professional dancer Sharna Burgess will be guiding him across the stage this season.

Country singer and

former “One Tree Hill” actress, Jana Kramer, will also be fighting for the coveted mirrorball. Gleb Savchenko will be her

Chigvintsev. United States Air Force veteran and former Texas governor, Rick Perry, is also coming to dance

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dancing professional partner.

Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds, best known for his 11 Grammy Award wins, is hitting the stage, but it won’t be for singing. ABC announced his partnership with pro Allison Holker.

Also hitting the dancefloor will be two Olympians. Laurie Hernandez who just won Gold and Silver in the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics will be dancing with Maks’ brother, Valentin Chmerkovskiy.

Marilu Henner is coming to another stage. According to ABC, she has been in over 30 films, six Broadway shows and nominated for five Golden Globes. She is bringing her theatrical background to the dancefloor with returning pro Derek Hough.

Former “Brady Bunch” actress, Maureen McCormick, will be going after the mirrorball, as well. Best known for her role as Marcia Brady, McCormick will be dancing with Artem

with the celebrities this season. Perry will be going after the mirrorball with pro dancer Emma Slater.

Hernandez isn’t the only Olympian this season; Ryan Lochte, the 12-time Olympic medalist is also a celebrity contestant this season. He will be fighting for another win with partner Cheryl



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Coming from the Lifetime hit “Little Women: LA” is actress Terra Jole. She will be partnering with professional dancer Sasha Farber.

Last but not least, Robert Van Winkle will be hitting the dancefloor.

If that

name doesn’t sound familiar, perhaps his stage name of Vanilla Ice rings a bell. He is going to be battle it out with pro Witney Carson.

Season 23 of “Dancing with the Stars” will premiere on September 12 at 8 p.m. on ABC.



# “App”solutely horrifying

Lindsey Huff  
Intern

A new horror game for your phone will have you scared of your own home. Novum Analytics is making a game called Night Terrors that uses your phone’s camera to conjure creepy scenarios for players as you try to survive.

According to Novum, the game is played in the dark within the comfort of your own home. Using the smart phone’s camera and flashlight tool, the game then maps out the layout of your house. As you walk around through the dark, creepy things can and will appear on your camera’s screen.

The game can even recognize and manipulate wall art that you have on your wall! Since it takes a layout of your home using your camera, it can send you creepy messages on the wall or even knock down pictures. This of course would only be on camera and not in real life. Other features of the game include the manipulation of your phone’s flashlight, giving the app power to turn off your flashlight while you wander through the dark

should a ghost decide to do so. There is a plot to this ghost spawning game. The game creators have revealed that the

cess. You can do that by listening into the game’s audio and following the sound of her cries of course. How freaky is that? As of right now the game has no official release date. Novum



Novum Analytics | Facebook

story of Night Terrors is that a little girl has been taken and trapped inside your house.

is trying to create the game to be playable on all smartphone devices, although the first initial release may just be for the iPhone. Right now the game is underway in the testing phase. Which means we might not have to wait too much longer for it. The company promises that this augmented reality game will be the scariest mobile game to date. It will be able to adjust to home floor plans accordingly, giving you your own personal nightmare to venture through. Will it actually live up to that title? We will just have to stay tuned for the game’s release to find out.

As you walk around through the dark, creepy things can and will appear on your camera’s screen.

Your objective is to find and save her before the various ghouls lurking about do and survive the search in the pro-



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Do you have heart?

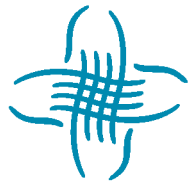
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# Your Voice

## What are your feelings toward the Colin Kaepernick controversy?



**Adrienne Powell**  
*Occupational Therapy*

"I think it's his right to choose whether or not he wants to stand."



**Alston Curtis**  
*Psychology*

"If the dude just wants to chill while we're playing the song, then just let him do his song. I don't really care a whole lot."



**Andrew Mays**  
*Automotive Technology*

"I think he needs to get over himself with the bigheadedness of NFL football. You are born an American, whether you are born an African-American, Japanese-American, Indian-American, whatever you want to call it. We still live here; we're still proud to be here...Even if you don't think America's doing the right thing, it's where you live."



**Emily Messer**  
*Clinical Laboratory Technician*

"I think what he did was fine because he did it in a nonviolent way, and that's really important. He's getting the word out there, and he's somebody that a lot of people know. I think it's not an inappropriate form; it's not like he did it at the Olympics."

## Ombuddy Corner

This week the ombuddy is here to help you with some study tips as we enter the third week of fall term:

1. Study for short periods of times, rather than cramming all of your studying into one or two long stretches of time!

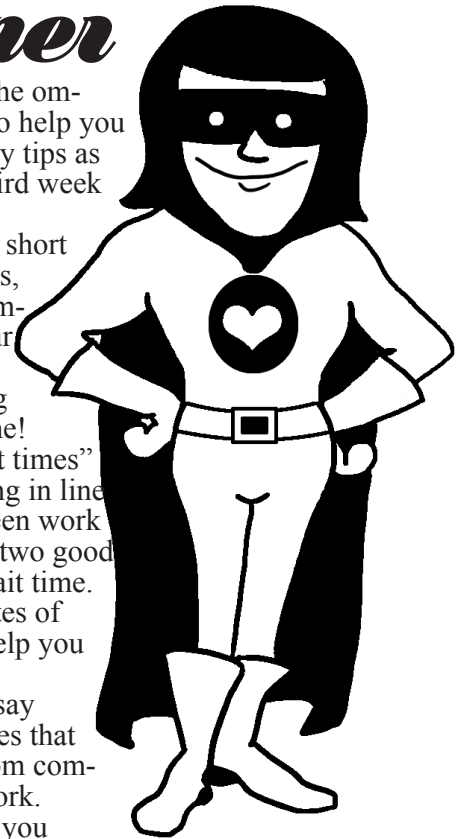
2. Use "wait times" to study: waiting in line and time between work and school are two good examples of wait time. Even ten minutes of studying can help you get ahead!

3. Learn to say "no" to activities that distract you from completing your work.

We will see you next week!

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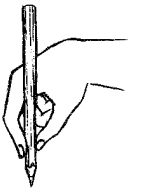
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## How to be Southern



Brittany Fletcher  
Designer/Intern

Being from the Southern states of the grand ol' US of A is like being from a whole different part of the world sometimes. Us Southerners are often mocked for saying words like 'ice' and it sounded like, well, another word for 'butt.' There is a lot more to being Southern than just dropping G's off the ends of words and drinking gallons of liquid diabetes, also known as sweet tea. If you want to feel



like a genuine Southern, here's a few tips for you.

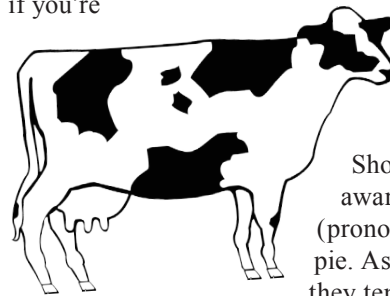
Let's start with how you should talk. As previously mentioned, drop your "G's" and change "I's" to "A's". Swinging becomes swangin'. Drinking is now drankin'. Y'all is your new favorite word. Another great word to add your Southern vocabulary is 'holler.' If someone tells you to go "go on over thur to the holler," they want you to go to the backwoods valley somewhere.

You're still going to need your own personal Southern dictionary, but you've got the basics. You're not truly Southern until you get the manners

and hospitality down pat. Our sweet Southern charm is what make us so darn likeable. Step one: always say please and thank you. Let's just be decent people here, okay? Step two: hold doors open for other people. Step three: if you're at someone else's house, always ask before you reach into their fridge.

Now we need to work on your wardrobe. If you want to dress like a Southerner, ladies you could take it old-school and go buy a dozen hoop skirts. The south still acts like they're living in the dark ages, might as well dress like it, too. Guys, you can be a bit more modern, but you're still limited to some kind of boots (cowboy or farming) and anything made by Levi's, Wranglers or Carhart.

Hey, you're talkin' and dressin' the part now, so let's get you goin' out somewhere for some fun. What do people in the south do? There are a thousand farms in the south. If you want to be a legit Southerner, buy any large piece of land you can find and start growing something, preferably tobacco or raising cattle.

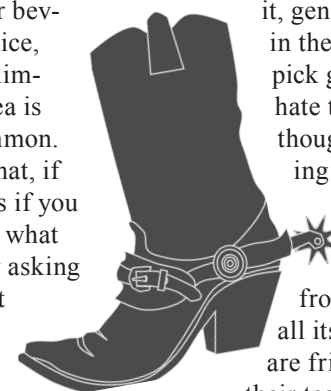


There are a lot of fairs in the south, too; typically people go to these to see tractor pulls and win "Best in Show" awards. (A tractor pull is literally a tractor pulling heavy things. It's a blast.... Except that it's really not.)

Any lady who is any lady wants a blue ribbon, "Best in Show" prize for her award-winning pecan (pronounced pea-can) pie. As for the gents, they tend to go out deer hunting and bass fishing.

Let's move on to what you should eat and drink if you want to be from the south. Anything buttery, fried and greasy is appropriate good eats. Everything in the south is either going to clog your arteries or put you in a diabetic coma; it's truly a delicious place.

As for your beverages of choice, that's pretty limited. Sweet tea is the most common. Aside from that, if someone asks if you want a Coke, what they're really asking is if you want a soda (or pop.) Everything



is Coke if you're from the south. Dr. Pepper is Coke. Sprite is Coke. Pepsi is Coke. If it ain't sweet tea, it's Coke. If you're more into the finer things of life, liquor, you have two choices – whiskey and moonshine. Period.

Is there anything else you need to know to be a walkin', talkin' Southerner? Well, there's a couple of things. Put everything in Mason jars. Jams, jellies, food, drinks, candles. Everything! Smoke Marlboro cigarettes; they're called cowboy killers in the south. (I don't condone smoking. It's bad for your lungs, and you need those to breathe.) It's also really important, if you want to be a Southerner, to never drive in the snow. In the south, snowfall is the Devil's rain; it's the apocalypse. Just act like the world is ending and don't leave the house. As much as I hate to say it, general prejudice is a thing in the south, too. They just pick groups of people and hate them. I don't advise that though; it isn't very becoming of you.

Overall, being Southern is a way of life. I love being from the south even with all its flaws. Southern folk are friendly and sweeter than their tea.

Welcome to the weekly "How To" column with intern and designer, Brittany Fletcher. Each week Brittany will be giving you advice on how to do things you probably didn't know you needed to know how to do. Brittany is not a professional at most of these things, so her advice is not meant to be taken 100% serious.



*Anamark Weekly Menu*

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Guest</i>	Qdoba	Lee's Famous Chicken & FUSIAN	Panda Express	Bob Evans	Gyro Palace
<i>Simmer</i>	Turkey Chili Boston Clam Chowder	Turkey Chili Black Bean Soup	Turkey Chili Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup	Turkey Chili Cheddar Cauliflower Soup	Turkey Chili Chicken Double Noodle Soup
<i>Sizzle</i>	Kosher Hot Dog	Grilled Reuben	Steakhouse Angus Burger	Buffalo Black Bean Burger	Baja Fish Tacos
<i>Pizzazone</i>	Chipotle Ranch Chicken Pizza	Buffalo Chicken Calzone	Philly Cheesesteak Mini Rolletto	Mushroom Calzone	Four Cheese Whole Grain Pizza
<i>Value</i>	Tyson Chicken Patty Sandwich	Grilled Cheese with Soup	Jr. Cheeseburger	1 Slice Pepperoni Pizza, Chips, Medium Fountain	2 Skyline Cones, Medium Fountain
	This Week's Wrap: Southwestern Chicken Chipotle Wrap			This Week's Deli Sandwich: Pork Banh Mi Sub	

**September 13**  
*Campus Calendar*

**September 13, 2016**

**Ping Pong Tournament**  
Building 8, Game Room  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**September 14, 2016**

**Safety Awareness Expo**  
Building 10, Plaza  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**September 14, 2016**

**Sinclair Talks: How to Cope with Stress**  
Building 8, Stage  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**September 14, 2016**

**Volleyball v. Cincinnati State**  
Building 8, Gym  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

*Weird Weekly Holidays*

**September 13, 2016**

Defy Superstition Day  
National Peanut Day

**September 14, 2016**

National Cream-Filled Donut Day

**September 15, 2016**

Felt Hat Day

**September 16, 2016**

Collect Rocks Day  
Stepfamily Day  
National Play Doh Day

**September 17, 2016**

National Apple Dumpling Day

**September 18, 2016**

National Cheeseburger Day  
National Women's Friendship Day

**September 19, 2016**

International Talk Like a Pirate Day  
National Butterscotch Pudding Day

*Crossword Puzzle*

**Across**

- 1 Just open  
5 Hot under the collar  
10 Loot from a heist  
14 Dainty trim  
15 West Indies volcano  
16 Site of Napoleon's first exile  
17 Tweak some violin holders?  
20 Maker of many

kitchen rolls

- 21 Wall St. deal  
22 Baking soda targets  
23 Like used fire-places  
25 Tach nos.  
27 Tweak some church chimers?  
34 Brit. record label  
35 A few bucks?  
36 Fuss over  
37 Part of a sitcom

farewell

- 39 Pulled off  
41 Spot for a  
48-Across  
42 Representatives  
45 Nintendo rival  
48 Short snooze  
49 Tweak some ski parkas?  
52 helmet  
53 Pre-coll. catch-all  
54 Torch job  
57 And such:

Abbr.

- 59 Trims, as a lawn  
63 Tweak some business outfits?  
66 Arctic formation  
67 Transparent  
68 Scientology guru Hubbard  
69 Like most fairways, daily  
70 Some Parliament members  
71 A whole bunch

28 Reflection

- 29 Little League teams  
30 Like Oscar Wilde  
31 Big name in spaghetti westerns  
32 OK for dieters  
33 Breaks like a branch  
38 Implied  
40 Down in the dumps  
43 Shipping department supply  
44 Lab order?  
46 Milk purch.  
47 Feels the pain  
50 "My Generation" band  
51 Portmanteau for a grown-up who hasn't yet grown up  
54 Switch on a boom box  
55 Caramel-filled candy  
56 Put one over on  
58 Stadium ticket specification  
60 Copter's forerunner  
61 David Cameron's alma mater  
62 Three-part figs.  
64 Monogram on some pricey handbags  
65 Store door nos.

**Down**

- 1 NATO alphabet starter  
2 Monopoly corner  
3 Adapter letters  
4 New Jersey's state tree  
5 Chest thumper  
6 One recently hitched  
7 Smooth-talking  
8 Parting shot  
9 Slangy "Sure"  
10 Hands-free devices  
11 To boot  
12 Lyft rival  
13 Scottish miss  
18 Performed light surgery on?  
19 Jazz club performers  
24 Eur. power until 1806  
26 Third deg.?  
27 Midmorning hour

*Last Edition's Solution*

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## Clarion Broadcast



## Sudoku Puzzle

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

Every Sudoku game begins with some squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is due to how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares

correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

**Sudoku Tips:** Start by looking for numbers that occur frequently in the initial puzzle. For example, say you have a lot of 5's in the initial puzzle. Look for the 3x3 box where there is no 5. Look for 5's in other rows and columns that can help you eliminate where the 5 might go in that box. If there is a 5 in columns 1 and 2, then there can't be a 5 anywhere else in either of those columns. You know then that whatever leftmost 3x3 box that is missing a 5 must have it go in column 3. If you can eliminate all the possibilities in that box except for 1 square, you've got it down!

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	4		2	7			1
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	3	7				6	

## Last Edition's Solution

5	4	1	6	2	9	8	3	7
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4	1	5	7	9	8	2	6	3
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2	6	9	4	7	1	3	5	8
1	8	4	5	3	2	7	9	6
7	5	3	9	8	6	1	2	4

## Horoscopes



**Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22**

Don't rush into a decision, even if others are applying pressure. You need to step back and take some time before making doing anything. Mercury reminds you it's a bad time to rush or be overly reactionary in response to events.



**Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23**

A flirtation is heating up with the help of Venus. Maybe you've met somebody recently who has piqued your curiosity. Or maybe your friends will introduce you to someone who is cute and funny. Be open to exploring further contact with this person.



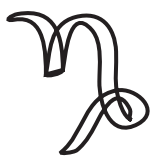
**Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21**

A psychic moon is increasing your intuitive powers. Pay attention if you receive a strong impression about someone, because your nervous system is trying to send you a message. And if you have a wild dream, write it down and figure out those subconscious messages.



**Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21**

Mars is urging you to make a move. If you're falling for someone, let him or her know that you're interested. If you have an idea about how to improve something at work, schedule a meeting with your supervisor or team of collaborators.



**Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan. 19**

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. You could find yourself dealing with time, energy or money constraints, and someone around you could offer a solution. The moon says don't have so much proud that you neglect assistance.



**Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18**

You could be attracted to several people at once as Venus kicks up the flirtations vibes. Maybe you'll chat with a stranger and find you really hit it off with a nice guy or girl. Or perhaps you'll realize you'd really like to date somebody from your past again.



**Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20**

Don't allow family or friends to pressure you into a decision. Your loved ones care about you and want what is best for, but, ultimately, it's your life to live, not theirs. Even if they mean well, Mars says you need to carve out your own path.



**Aries: March 21 – April 19**

Mars is making you impulsive. If you've developed a crush on someone, you'll finally decide to ask that person out. If you've been thinking about looking for a new job, you'll submit some resumes to few places. Go for it.



**Taurus: April 20 – May 20**

The sun is helping you get into a good groove. Even if certain things aren't yet perfect in your life, you'll have a positive attitude. You'll broadcast nice energy, and others around you will respond to your vibes in a pleasant way.



**Gemini: May 21 – June 21**

Mercury retrograde is urging you to be kind. Don't put your partner under a lot of pressure, because it will only create more tension. And if you're dealing with emotional clients or customers, don't take their stress personally. Remain calm and centered.



**Cancer: June 22 – July 22**

The full moon is drawing some energetic toxins out of you. It's best to just be open about what you're feeling. If you don't feel like dumping your stuff on a loved one, consider talking with a therapist, spiritual counselor or psychic guide.



**Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22**

You could discover something shocking about a friend, lover or family member. Maybe this person has been hiding some aspect of their lifestyle or hasn't felt comfortable making an important announcement. The moon says be supportive.

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# Tartan Spotlight

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## CA TISA ALEXANDER

### Meet...

Ca Tisa Alexander is a psychology major completing her first year at Sinclair.

### Why She's Interesting...

With her deep love of travel, Alexander wants to take her future (and career) new places.

Alexander found her love of travel when she was younger. She traveled through Tennessee, Florida and most of the other southern states with her parents.

When Alexander was 19 years old, she moved out on her own for the first time and began her traveling journey.

Since then she has moved to her current home in Union, north of Dayton.

Recently, Alexander visited



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San Antonio, Texas where she spent the week with family.

On her future journeys, Alexander mentioned traveling across seas and even having a

tiny house.

Alexander named off many European countries she wants to visit, from Germany to Denmark; however, she is most

intrigued by the culture, architecture and food of Japan.

"I want to see what it's like to be in a very technologically advanced place but also a place that has such tradition," she said.

Alexander's desire to study psychology came later in her life. Originally she wanted to be a veterinarian.

"I was committed to it," she said. "I watched Animal Planet every day."

Alexander said her love of animals just didn't provide the social interaction that she wanted; she had a passion for helping people.

Through her teen and early adult years, she has met and talked to many different people from all walks of life.

She said it was "interesting to get to know them, and the things that have happened in their lives, and see the person that they've become."

Today when she isn't out ex-

ploring the world, Alexander is practicing her psychology skills as a cashier at Dollar General.

Alexander simply says the human interaction is what makes this job worthwhile.

"Hearing stories of [the customers'] lives; that's the most rewarding part of my job," she said.

Alexander said the next career choice she wants to make is working in human resources for a large company. She feels this will further her knowledge in industrial organizational psychology.

"My life plan is to specialize in I.O. psychology, contract out my career to different companies and move around the world with a tiny house," Alexander said.

While on her journey to achieving these career and travel goals, Alexander reminds herself: "It's a pleasure to be in school [learning in my field] and have a roof over my head."

## Celebrate your citizenship

Constitution continued from front

the Sooy's, our technology is more vulnerable.

"If we're not educated on this issue, or as many issues as possible, we cannot influence our leaders, much less the policies they make," she said.

Cybercrime and cyber-

security have been placed under scrutiny after it was revealed that Russia hacked into the Democratic National Convention and North Korea hacked into Sony Pictures Entertainment. There was also national attention on Edward Snowden after he revealed classified infor-

mation about the NSA.

The Founding Fathers couldn't have predicted the Internet and the vulnerabilities it would have. According to the Sooy's, United States citizens vulnerable to hacking and the Constitution does not apply to foreign countries.

Brenner will speak more on the topic at their Thursday event.

Constitution Day also recognizes citizens of the United States and their rights as citizens.

Originally, Constitution Day falls on September 17, but because that is on a Saturday, they will be celebrating it on Thursday, September 15.

The Student Engagement Center will also be holding events on Friday, September

16. They will have a U.S. trivia game with popcorn and prizes as well as voter registration. It will be held in Building 11 on the third floor.

They will also provide an opportunity for students to learn about the U.S. Constitution in the basement entrance between Buildings 1 and 7.

## Campus Candida



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## Letter from the editor cont.

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everything—some you don't have a choice in taking. Life is a little bit of doing and a lot of managing the consequences, so you may as well make the most of what you do.

Really, I think life should be entertaining. Life should be fascinating. If you can't find something to be fascinated while you're living, you've got less to work with afterwards. For me my fascination is found in most things. My life is one fascinating experiment and I can be one mad scientist at times.

As for my background, well, I've worked in supplementary education programs for many years; I do costuming work, events and travel frequently.

I'm not a fan of the town I'm from so I'm not name dropping them, but I am a fan of Dayton

and graduated high school at Mound Street Academies.

I will be a proud Dayton graduate, twice in my lifetime. Maybe three or four times, that is if I am fortunate enough to further a degree after my time at Sinclair comes to an end.

This year as Executive Editor, I look forward to really going there with our topics. We've got a great, diverse set of minds behind the paper that are going to really get in touch with both highlighting the Sinclair community and talking about the issues we're facing.

We have a lot of talented writers I look forward to publishing and seeing develop as journalists. I look forward to getting to know more of you at Sinclair and wish everyone a great semester.