ChatGPT: The New Friend or Formidable Foe in College Classrooms?

By: TJ Edmund

Launched in November 2022, ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence program poised to alter the dynamics of contemporary society, whether people like it or not. When asked a question, the chatbot can generate near-accurate responses with just the input of a few words. ChatGPT can easily simulate human interaction and readily engage in social media, writing emails, and crafting stories within mere moments; these are tasks that most humans would take hours to complete.

However, as with all technology and human nature, this chatbot technology has its drawbacks. Professor Michael Perra noted that the obvious downside is that many students might utilize this program to replace critical thinking and problem solving. The chatbot technology, like the chatbot technology, can easily replace individual intelligence. It might still be too early to gauge an appropriate response, but will ChatGPT be a positive way to the future when it comes to students pursuing higher education?

When used correctly, ChatGPT can become a staunch advocate for education, but the bot’s abilities should immediately raise alarm, and educators should question its reliability and validity in college classrooms. With chatbot technology, students can more easily craft assignments that are unauthentically theirs, passing them off as their own. The rise in AI-powered programs has led to a trend where students can be in the classroom without actively engaging in peer discussion or paying attention to instructors, because they are relying on bots to give them answers. Still, despite these issues arising from AI, some educators still strongly believe that artificial intelligence can also prove to be a real asset to the advancement of educational opportunities and are incorporating it into innovative curricular designs.

Al is not excluded when talking about the downsides of technology, and education professionals are genuinely concerned about artificial intelligence and its role in classrooms. Plagiarism has always been a concern for instructors, and ChatGPT creates an area of questionable integrity that higher education professionals are just beginning to try to navigate. Artificial intelligence has the potential to harm the values of the educational system and to lessen the integrity of authentic learning, which many instructors strive to achieve.

Ultimately, there is a potential ethical drawback when it comes to ChatGPT. It is true that there are doubts about its practical uses in many schools. While it could help students enrich their general knowledge of a diverse range of topics, students could also take advantage of the program. In the long run, educators and students will have to identify a clear line between unethical practices and using AI as a legitimate resource in schools. Like it or not, artificial intelligence is not going away any time soon.

It would be a mistake to forget noting that all students are not the same, and not everyone learns the same way. Students have diverse strengths and weaknesses, and, in some cases, AI can help students improve their oral communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. They can ask the bot questions and tweak responses when needed in order to obtain the desired information.

Rather than potentially surpassing or compromising true human intelligence and thought, AI can improve modern teaching methods and bolster previous knowledge. When used correctly, ChatGPT can benefit students in various ways as a progressive technological tool that revamps outdated learning and teaching strategies.

RSJI Gloucester Campus Union Contract

By: Delaney Bowman and Victoria Strekis

Negotiations are currently underway to enhance the representation and advocacy of RSJI Gloucester campus staff through their union contract. The current contract lasts until June 30th, 2023, and the new one will begin on July 1st, 2025. During the negotiation process, the faculty representatives engage with administration to mutually agree on terms and conditions of a new contract that will govern staffing matters, such as class allocation, salaries, and other pertinent changes staff can suggest.

The union acts as a representative of the employees and negotiates with the employer on their behalf. The main purpose of a union is to protect the rights and interests of its members by ensuring that they receive fair treatment and compensation in the workplace. Additionally, unions may provide support and resources such as legal advice, resources, and advocacy for workers’ rights. Some of the benefits of union membership include collective bargaining power, job security, and access to healthcare and retirement benefits.

Oron Nahom, professor, Union member, and approximate 15-year president of faculty membership for the union at RSJI, describes a union contract as “a voice for the staff” that offers them protection and various benefits, like health insurance, for example. All seven units of RSJI union are negotiating currently, and each has a different process. Specifically, for faculty members and advisors, collective bargaining at the Gloucester campus, negotiation can take several sessions. Nahom claims that RSJI is fortunate to have a cooperative mindset rather than adversarial when operating negotiations.

RSJI Students and Advisors Shine with Academic Excellence and Leadership Acolades at PTK Regional Meeting

By: Ray Milano

From March 10th to 12th, Rowan College of South Jersey’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members, from both the Alpha Psi Pi and Rho Gamma chapters, attended the 56th Middle States Regional Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. At the convention, the students received leadership and academic awards. Students academic success is acknowledged by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a group that gives its members the chance to grow their knowledge and to grow as leaders. Students at RSJI PTK must be enrolled, have at least 12 credits completed, have a minimum GPA of 3.5, and keep a 3.25 GPA in order to be eligible.

The Alpha Psi Pi chapter at the Gloucester Campus won various accolades, including the League of Honor Award, acknowledgment as one of 35 chapters reaching 5 Star status, and REACH Awards for 2022. The advisor for Alpha Psi Pi, Alejandra Valencia, was also commended as a 5 Star advisor and was given the Paragon Award.

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Gilded in Gold: A Glamorous Prom Redo
By: Alysa Serrano

RCSJ's Gilded in Gold gala roared with glitz and glamour. The first semi-formal event held at the school since the start of the pandemic, the Gala's mission was not just to offer a fun and memorable night for students, but also help replace what some students had lost due to COVID-19. The event was advertised as the 'Prom Redo' that students had been looking for, and though that may seem like it was awfully big shoes to fill, the event succeeded in doing just that.

From the very start, the student government at RCSJ knew they had to make the event as accessible and welcoming for students as possible. Since many students have other obligations outside of school, the SGA, along with Student Life, took those factors into consideration. Tickets were subsidized so they would be affordable for both students and their guests, making the event more inclusive. The goal was to bring about a sense of community for everyone interested in attending.

At the beginning of the event, guests checked in and were led into an open-style venue, where they could stay for as long as they wanted until the event's conclusion. Enjoying music, dinner, and the golden atmosphere. Though the theme of the event was a 1920s-style masquerade ball, those who might not have brought masks along with them were able to use the props available at the onsite photo booth to capture that charming feel.

Dinner was served buffet-style, with various appetizers and entrées offered, including vegetarian options, so all in attendance would have something to enjoy. The most important aspect of the event was, of course, the music. Guests were able to take to the dance floor, enjoying the lively songs from the DJ as they took pleasure in a lively songs from the DJ as they took pleasure in a successful event held by the students at RCSJ.

If there was one thing to take away from this event, it would be how the inspiration from our students on campus helped create such a fun and memorable night for everyone. While the pandemic may have taken away aspects of the high school experience many students look forward to, the Gilded in Gold Gala brought new memories that students may have otherwise not had. 'A lot of us who are going to community college, we don’t get big events we get to take away from,' shared the event coordinator President of the Cumberland Campus chapter, will become the 2023 East District President. When asked about her experiences, Ortiz stated, "PTK has helped me grow personally, professionally, and as a student leader. I had the opportunity to hone my leadership, effective communication, and active listening skills. I have been able to strengthen my writing and research skills while working alongside a team of high achieving and motivated students.”

In November 2023, she will participate in a three-day training course in Jackson, Mississippi, led by PTK CEO, Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner. Alpha Psi Pi's Executive Vice President, Megan Rinaldo, also spoke about how PTK gave her the opportunity to improve as a person, student, and leader. Lastly, Alejandra Valencia, a PTK advisor for the Gloucester Campus, talked about how PTK has made it easier for her to be engaged on campus, and how rewarding it is to help students advance themselves.

The success of RCSJ's PTK Honor Society members shows their commitment to academic excellence and leadership through their work ethic and dedication. Students have improved their communication, research, and teamwork skills through the chances given by Phi Theta Kappa, preparing them for success in the future. PTK, the national honor society for two-year institutions, has a long history of celebrating and rewarding great student success. Since its beginning in 1918, PTK has recruited more than 3.8 million students, and it continues to encourage and motivate students to reach their full potential.

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Meanwhile, the Cumberland Campus Rho Gamma chapter was also selected as one of 33 chapters to achieve 5-Star rank and received REACH Awards for 2022. Michael Leman, Cumberland Campus PTK Advisor, was commended as a five-star advisor for his efforts finishing the Phi Theta Kappa Edge programs.

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RCSJ Holds Spring Open House Inviting New Students to Learn about the Many Facilities On Campus

By: Dylan Kedosh

On Thursday, March 23rd, RCSJ held an Open House in the campus’s gymnasium to offer information on each of the college’s particular majors and facilities to new and upcoming students. Guests were greeted at the door with some members of faculty directing them to the Open House, answering any basic inquiries about the event. Visitors were also able to come and go at their leisure, with a scheduled tour of the campus available for those interested, alongside free concessions of pretzels and water at the building entrance.

Professor Ryan Hoxworth, one of RCSJ’s Business Administration Professors, gave many students a detailed description of what is entailed in the Business Administration Course at RCSJ, such as the necessary requirements needed to succeed at the college, and provided students with class catalogues to help gauge if the course requirements were something they were truly interested in.

Professor Hoxworth went further into detail regarding RCSJ’s many degrees, which are applicable to all kinds of students from all walks of life. He mentioned that Business Administration is one of the best courses for students looking to dip their feet in the world of marketing, noting how the 3+1 Program is a viable option for students looking to save money and transfer to a 4 year university.

In his own words, Professor Hoxworth stated that, "RCSJ is the best spot to start, giving lots of options before your final decision."

Throughout the gymnasium, multiple tables were set up in rows, with the intention of allowing guests to line up quickly and move through the Open House smoothly. The tables were organized based on the placement of majors, faculty, and their cohesiveness with one another; the STEM-based majors were located toward the front and back of the gymnasium, with Business Majors focused on the left, Humanities Majors based on the right, and Student Life-based sections placed in the middle of the aisles for easy access.

At each of these tables were professors, students, and other members of staff presenting information for each of the listed majors that students could register for and attend. Items such as course details, mock transcripts, and RCSJ merchandise could be found at a large majority of these tables.

RCSJ typically organizes these Open House sessions at set intervals throughout the semesters, at either the Gloucester or Cumberland campuses. Open Houses at RCSJ involve thoughtful and strategic planning to make both first-time and returning students feel comfortable and prepared for the coming semester.

Another 3+1 Program Launches at RCSJ

By: Angelina Leone

Rowan College of South Jersey offers several 3+1 programs in which students may complete three years at RCSJ and their last year at Rowan. These programs allow students to attend RCSJ for their junior year to save up to $30,000 on tuition and fees. The 3+1 programs also guarantee transfer admission to Rowan University. Students will then graduate with a Rowan University degree. Through this program, students will learn from Rowan’s course curriculum at RCSJ, along with experiencing future internship opportunities to enhance their work experience and career potential. As of the 2022/2023 school year, RCSJ now offers an additional 3+1 degree in Applied Professional Communications through the Rowan premiere partnership.

Students can apply to join the 3+1 programs after completing their Associates Degree at RCSJ. Students must complete a minimum of 50 credits in their fourth year at Rowan University. Along with the potential tuition cost savings, the transfer from RCSJ to Rowan is made much easier and less stressful through this program. Transcripts are automatically sent internally, and there are no extra applications students need to fill out. The 3+1 programs currently offered through RCSJ and Rowan University include:

- Business Administration, Global Business / Leadership (B.S.)
- Radio / Television / Film (B.A.)
- Inclusive Education (B.A.)
- Fitness Management (B.A.)
- Nursing (B.S.)
- Psychology (B.A.)
- Law and Justice Studies (B.A.)
- Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (B.A.)
- Computing and Informatics (B.A.)

Students interested in learning more about the 3+1 programs can visit the website, or contact the Program Director, Alescia Kennon, at akennon1@rcsj.edu.

"I was initially drawn to the 3+1 option as a way to save thousands on tuition. After learning the curriculum is the same as I would learn at Rowan University in the third year, it was an obvious decision for me. I look forward to joining the Business Administration 3+1 next year." Luke Vinceti, Rowan Choice student."
Dr. Sylvia Baer: The Reincarnation of Emily Dickinson: Self-Appointed

By: Kaylie DiStefano

Dr. Sylvia Baer, wearing a smile, sits in front of her computer screen. During our interview, she expresses how much she enjoys talking about her work. She tells me that she finds it easier to talk about her work than to write about it. She explains that she is often so engrossed in her work that she forgets to take notes, which makes it difficult to remember what she has said during previous interviews. However, she is able to recall her thoughts and ideas because she has been working on her memoir, "Learning Life," for several years.

Dr. Baer is a professor of English and literature at Rowan College at Salem. She has taught at Rowan for 31 years and has been recognized for her teaching excellence. She is also a poet and has published several books of poetry. She has been awarded the Poet Laureate of Cape May in 2022. However, she is most recognized for her memoir, "Learning Life," which was published in 2023. In the memoir, Dr. Baer shares her experiences growing up and how they have influenced her life.

Dr. Baer's interest in poetry began when she was a child. She remembers her mother reading poems to her and how they would make her feel. As she grew older, she discovered the power of poetry to convey complex ideas and emotions. She decided to pursue a career in poetry and became a professor of English.

Dr. Baer's work is characterized by a deep understanding of literature and an ability to connect with her students. She believes that literature is a tool for understanding the human experience and that it is important to expose students to literature that challenges them and inspires them to think critically.

Dr. Baer's teaching philosophy is rooted in the belief that literature is a powerful tool for personal growth. She believes that literature has the power to inspire, challenge, and transform people. She encourages her students to read widely and to engage with literature in a meaningful way. She believes that literature is a form of self-expression and that it is essential for students to develop a love for reading and writing.

Dr. Baer is also interested in the role of literature in social justice. She believes that literature can be a powerful tool for understanding and addressing social issues. She has written numerous articles and essays on the role of literature in social justice and has been recognized for her work in this area.

Overall, Dr. Baer is a passionate and dedicated teacher who is committed to the growth and development of her students. She is a respected and beloved teacher who is highly regarded by her colleagues and by her students.
Distance learning and asynchronous courses are not new to RCSJ in fact, the college has been offering online class options for more than 20 years. The Dean of Online Learning, Ms. Beth Beecroft, mentioned that her department was well established before the pandemic and was poised to provide students, as well as instructors, with a necessary toolkit of essential resources to navigate eLearning and work efficiently each semester.

Beecroft made it a point to note that, especially in the early days of the COVID lockdowns when many students across the nation were forced to transition to remote learning via Zoom, there were many benefits of distance education. Some of these advantages included convenience, flexible class schedules, and critical thinking in online discussions, among others.

"I think having our eLearning Department established well before the pandemic meant that we were able to kind of translate everything to online pretty easily," mentioned Beecroft.

As a result of the lockdowns and health restrictions, Beecroft identified that many students at RCSJ have pinpointed specific preferences as to how they learn best. Having been a student at RCSJ since the fall of 2020, I have noticed that while I always love traditional face-to-face learning, hybrid classes allow students like me to benefit from the flexibility of being online, while also enjoying the social connection of meeting with peers and professors on a weekly basis.

For Spring 2023, the asynchronous format was the most popular learning method. There were more online than in-person courses offered, because students have been choosing the online courses at a higher rate. The previous semesters saw an increase in online classes during registration, which prompted many divisions across campus to implement additional course sections. Even prior to the global health emergency, there was an uptick in the popularity of distance education. COVID-19 has helped eLearning to evolve into the most popular format at the college. Beecroft commented that there are two instructional designers at both the Cumberland and Gloucester campuses. These staff members are experts in online teaching and online design, they also offer support for professors who are new to the online course experience. The staff member in the campus community, the Dean of Online Learning acknowledged that RCSJ puts the needs of students before all else, and that questions are greatly encouraged. The eLearning teams at both campuses are willing to meet students face to face, schedule a Zoom meeting, or communicate over the phone or via email correspondence.

As well as clear communication with students, Beecroft and her team make sure that faculty are trained to teach online. Many instructors need expertise in the classroom, but this online training is in addition to what is expected of traditional teaching methods. So, all instructors who are teaching online courses at RCSJ have been trained through a four week online course that they have to take. And really, the goal of that course is to not just teach them how to teach online, but also the ways that it's different than teaching in the physical classroom, explained Beecroft. There is also a large emphasis on instructors in the online course being able to relate to the connection between students and instructors.

Through this training program, faculty members are also given the opportunity to feel like students in an online course meant to help them navigate and adopt a variety of teaching and learning methods.

Ultimately, a lot of the feedback that Beecroft and her colleagues have received from faculty is that the most useful thing they learned while taking the course is how to be a student, and how to organize their courses in an efficient manner to fit the needs of all students.

Post pandemic, many students might be frustrated with eLearning while others see benefits and anticipate no change to what has now become a normality in education across the nation. eLearning was a solution when the world shuttered but still remains an option for students who have other obligations outside of the classroom.

Some may think that eLearning was an idea born out of the pandemic, but Beecroft said that it has always existed especially for those who would not receive education if there was not an online alternative to the physical learning environment.

Years from now if distance learning dwindles in popularity, it will still be available for students who wish to pursue it. "Yeah, we've been here a long time doing this, and we've always served a specific segment of students. And so those students aren't going anywhere, that demographic of students still exists and will continue to exist," Beecroft remarked in conclusion.
Career Ready?

By: Delaney Bowman

Are you a current student wondering what your next step will be after graduation? Many students feel lost in college, and can’t decide what the best major or career path would be for them. Similarly, students can feel defeated when applying for jobs that require experience because they haven’t been given the opportunity to gain the credentials to be hired. This is why RCSJ offers the Internship and Career Planning program. Candice Racite, the Dean of RCSJ’s Internship and Career Planning program, spoke about the amazing opportunities offered to students looking to narrow down their major and get experience in their field.

The Internship and Career Planning (ICP) program is a division of the college that’s available to students in every major, and can begin wherever the student is on their academic and/or career path. The ICP program has around 200 businesses in their network to give students in every division or major the chance to be mentored by employers, and to work on projects in their field of employment.

The first step in the process is the Focus 2 assessment, which is a short, free quiz that will allow you to narrow down your strengths, values, and expectations, and pair you with a set of careers based on those results. It also tells you the different job titles available within those careers, what degrees are needed for both application and advancement, other possible licenses or field work that is required, and other logistics of the application and advancement, other possible licenses or field work that is required. Racite highlights the ICP resume template, which is AI powered. Racite says that it edits and calculates if you’re a good match. Every resume, and it calculates if you’re a good match. Students are also given access to the ICP resume template, which is a short, free quiz that will allow you to narrow down your major and get experience in your field.

Racite talks highly of the assessment, vouching that students can feel defeated when applying for jobs that require experience because they haven’t been given the opportunity to gain the credentials to be hired. This is why RCSJ offers the Internship and Career Planning program. Candice Racite, the Dean of RCSJ’s Internship and Career Planning program, spoke about the amazing opportunities offered to students looking to narrow down their major and get experience in their field.

The ICP team encourages interview preparation, where you can practice interview questions to prepare you and confident about the interview and are getting practice to feel pressure, but in a safe environment. Once your resume is sent out to employers, it will be reviewed, and they will decide who they want to interview. If selected after your interview, you will be registered for a 3-credit course at RCSJ and start working! The credentials for qualification include, a 2.0 GPA minimum, 24 credits, and a willingness to work 150 hours (as it is required). Your employer will assign you a project and mentor you on the job. A checks and balances system is put in place where they meet you at midterm and give you an evaluation of where you are and how well you’re meeting your work goals, and what else you can do to improve by the end of the semester.

"And that’s the design of the program: to give students an opportunity to say, ‘I here’s where I am, and here’s where I want to go,’ and we’re creating that pathway for you to make it a little easier. Our students are bright...and we really want to show that to the working community.

When asked if there were any instances of an internship through ICP leading to part/full-time employment, Racite replied, "Lots of them," with a laugh. She says that 60% of the time, students get offered a position, and about 40% of the time, they take it. Students that take the position end up getting a permanent part-time or full-time job, Gloucester and Cumberland have a tight knit set of businesses that are networked, so even if someone is not hiring right now, they may take a resume and send it to a friend, because chances are, someone out there is hiring!"
Leadership: TJ’s Way

By: Selin Atak

TJ Edmund is the student leader of the Peer2Peer club at Rowan College of South Jersey. He is a communications major in the 3+1 program and is currently focused on completing his bachelor’s degree. He has a concentration in journalism and has written 16 articles for Full South Jersey, a local news outlet that focuses on diverse communities. TJ aspires to continue making news content and using his talent to be an advocate for Asian Americans, LGBTQIA+ communities, and people with physical disabilities through a digital publication.

Peer2Peer is a campus club that is meant to bring students together to talk, letting them control where the discussion takes them. TJ likes that the conversations can be “spontaneous and flexible” as he puts it. He has done an impressive job at creating a judgment-free space for students. They also go for walks outside if the weather permits.

TJ has a natural instinct for leadership, and is comfortable with speaking in front of others and leading discussions. Attending one of the club meetings was a very fun experience.

He begins with asking everyone about their weekends and if there’s anything they might want to share. He is open to discussing articles they read or stories written by club members. TJ describes the point of the club concisely, saying, “Groups like Peer2Peer are unique, and celebrate diversity in the campus community and also the world.”

TJ also prepares introductory agendas and games to start off the meetings, like Pictionary, 2 Truths and a Lie, or Would You Rather questions. He is naturally skilled at following up with the members’ thoughts and even better at making connections. He has set up a very beneficial formula for an open-minded club.

In January of 2025, TJ spoke to the seniors of his high school about change, and how this can sometimes be necessary to succeed in an academic or work environment. He spoke about the impact of the pandemic, and how it forced everyone to change their outlooks in order to succeed in a new world order. TJ had a lasting impression on the students. His words are captivating and honest.

Outside of school, TJ enjoys reading books, playing video games such as the Sims franchise, and spending time with family. In the future, TJ would one day like to write a memoir, one of the genres he enjoys reading. With all he’s done and will no doubt continue to do to support others and uplift spirits, he’s got all the attributes and accomplishments to write a great one.

Gia Unfreed : From Serving Tables to Serving Students

By: Grace Mathiesen

Happy, free, confused, and lonely at the same time,” a line from Taylor Swift’s single, “22,” on her album, Red, is exactly how college students these days are feeling, especially when it comes to figuring out their futures. Luckily for the Rowan College of South Jersey students, the school has adopted superstar, Gia Unfreed. Gia works as a Student Recruiter in their Internship and Career Planning Center. She works with both Gloucester and Cumberland students. Her job is to guide and prepare students to embark on internships and careers within their majors.

Twenty-one-year-old Unfreed grew up and resides in Elk Township, NJ. She lives with her twin sisters, both enrolled in college. She graduated high school in 2020 during the pandemic and began classes at RCSJ that September. After entering college as a health science major, she switched her major multiple times before landing in business administration. She received her associate’s degree in May of 2022 and is part of the 3+1 program, where she will transfer to Rowan University this May. When she’s not in the office, she enjoys skiing in the winter and being on the beach in the summer.

In August of 2022, only months after graduating with her degree, Unfreed landed the position of Student Recruiter. Although her office is at the Gloucester campus, she helps both Gloucester and Cumberland students. On a day to day basis, she keeps track of students who apply for internships / careers. She helps these students create strong resumes, send their resumes to employers, and prepare for interviews! Additionally, she meets with students to help discuss their Focus 2 results, and she consults with students on career / major changes if necessary.

Before working as a recruiter, Unfreed was a manager at Friendly’s. A former professor encouraged her to apply for the position after she expressed interest in marketing.

She can exercise her marketing skills and learn new skills from this position. Unfreed expressed, “I have learned that I very much enjoy working with students.”

You may be asking yourself, why should I apply for internships? How does this help my life? Unfreed has the answer, “Internship experience is one of the best things that you can have on your resume when starting your job search.” This is true, when employers are sorting through applications, they are looking for experience.

Gia Unfreed, Student Recruiter
Jerry Green and the Power of Determination

By: Noah Gerstenbacher

Jerry Green is a soccer player on the men's team at Rowan College of South Jersey, where he has been making a name for himself, both on the field and in the classroom. Born in Malaga, New Jersey, Green was a standout student-athlete at Delta Regional High School, and this has carried over into his college career. Green's dedication to his sport and his studies have earned him widespread admiration from his peers and coaches, and he has become a true role model for young athletes. Green's hard work and determination have gotten him a full ride to RCSJ, and in the future, he looks to achieve the same standards at a four-year college.

His work ethic is second to none. He approaches every practice and game with the same level of intensity and focus, always striving to improve his skills and help his team succeed. This dedication has paid off in a big way, as Green has emerged as one of the team's top players and earned himself a starting role on the team as a freshman. During the season, he also showcased a wide display of talent, which caught his coach's eye as well.

Green's commitment to excellence extends far beyond the soccer field. He has maintained a 3.5 GPA throughout his college career, a remarkable achievement that speaks to his tireless work ethic. He is currently majoring in business administration with a focus on finance and hopes to pursue a career in the field after graduation.

Green's strong will to succeed is evident in everything he does. He understands the importance of setting goals and working tirelessly to achieve them; he never shies away from a challenge. Despite the many demands of his schedule, which includes hours of practice, game time, and rigorous academic coursework, Green remains focused and driven. He refuses to let anything stand in the way of his dreams. He has also stated that he participates in multiple men's indoor soccer leagues. He states that he does this because it helps him. "Stay fresh while keeping my body in good shape for the RCSJ season."

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In many ways, Green is the quintessential student-athlete. He embodies the ideals of hard work, dedication, and perseverance, and he serves as inspiration to everyone to achieve great things. His achievements are a testament to the potential that can be unlocked through hard work and determination, and he is sure to continue making a positive impact in the years to come. During his time at RCSJ, he has found that balancing school with practice, work, and life can be difficult, but it's never impossible. Green has proven this statement to be true time and time again and hopes to continue to have a healthy work-life balance.

Green is an exceptional student-athlete whose achievements on the field and in the classroom are a product of his incredible work ethic, intelligence, and unswerving determination. He is a role model for young athletes everywhere, demonstrating the power of hard work and the importance of setting and achieving goals. We can only imagine the great things that he will accomplish in years to come and are excited to see where his passion and drive will take him.

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How can you gain experience? Through internships! Internships are a fantastic way to gain experience, knowledge, and gain credentials for a resume. The best part is that every internship at RCSJ is paid, and you can even earn college credits. Not only can you find them in person, but you can find ones that adopt a hybrid model as well.

When asked if there is anything she wants students to know about the ICP Program, she stated, "As a student, I can also tell you to make sure you are using all your resources. These things are here for you, and it is so important that you use them."

The RCSJ ICP Program also has an Instagram page @rcsj.icp, many students might not know about. Its goal is to reach students, but Unfreed states that they are always looking for feedback as to how they can be reached better. Just recently, Unfreed and her team put together Valentine's Day treat bags, including treats and information about the program, and they were handed out to students on campus.

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When Unfreed was asked about what her dream career would be, she stated, "I have always really enjoyed marketing and social media. My current dream is to work in the marketing department at Glossier—my favorite makeup brand. How has this position helped her prepare for a role like that? She answered, "I have been able to learn and explore what my marketing style is and what kind of pieces I like to create. This is something that I definitely want to do forever.

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“Woman Of The Year” Emily MacGibeny
By: Travis Kelleher

Emily MacGibeny, a name synonymous with softball excellence, has been awarded the prestigious title of “Woman of the Year in Sports” for her outstanding contributions to the sport. From her humble beginnings in East Greenwich Township to the field at Rowan College South Jersey, her journey has been remarkable. Emily’s father introduced her to the game of softball at the young age of seven, and she never looked back. Emily’s softball career kicked off at seven years old, playing coach pitch for her town’s local league. As Emily grew older, she played for many different travel teams, progressing her skills while making many new memories and sharing incredible experiences with her teams and coaches along the way.

Throughout Emily’s softball career, she has faced many challenges, from in the batter’s box to out in the field. The challenge that Emily has faced the most in her softball career revolves around experiencing lows, pushing through these struggles, and remembering why she plays, in an interview, she stated, “The challenges I have faced throughout my career mostly involve forgetting why I play softball. When we lose a game, or I make a mistake, it can become stressful. Stepping back and looking at the bigger picture helps me realize that the only reason I go through the hard times is because they can never outweigh the love I have for the game.” Softball, like any other sport, comes with its share of challenges and injuries, but Emily believes that having fun and working hard are the keys to success.

Her own experiences have taught her that maintaining a positive outlook and persevering through tough times are crucial to achieving one’s goals. When it comes to her accomplishments, Emily is modest, but her achievements speak volumes. Playing college softball and achieving success on and off the field is a dream come true for her. Representing her school and taking pride in her accomplishments is a testament to her hard work, determination, and skill as a softball player.

Emily’s training routine is focused and disciplined, with a combination of fielding, hitting, and weightlifting to prevent injuries. Her motivation comes from wanting to be the best version of herself for her teammates and contributing to their success on the field. Emily MacGibeny’s journey in softball is a testament to her unwavering passion, dedication, and talent. Her ability to overcome challenges, inspire others, and achieve success on and off the field has earned her the well-deserved title of ‘Woman of the Year in Sports.’ Emily’s impact on the sport of softball and her role model status make her a trailblazer in every sense of the word, and her future in the sport looks incredibly bright.

Emily’s current focus is on winning the National Title with her team. She also envisions herself being involved in softball even after the conclusion of her final season, through coaching younger generations of softball players in the coming years. Her love for the game is unwavering, and she sees herself continuing to contribute to the sport even beyond her playing years.

RCSJ Student Field Day

By: Travis Kelleher

RCSJ’s Gloucester campus hosted a Field Day event on April 26th to encourage engagement within the RCSJ community and raise funds for student scholarships. The Student Government Association, which hosted the event in conjunction with the Gloucester Faculty Senate, aimed to bring students and faculty members together. The event was accessible and welcoming to all participants, regardless of their backgrounds and abilities.

The intent for this event was to provide a diverse range of activities to encourage as many people to participate as possible. Even if attendees preferred spectating, the fun that unfolded was a blast to be a part of. Many of the games required little to no experience, which made the field day very inclusive to the community. Activities ranged from giant inflatables, blindfolded face painting contests, and relay races. Mister Softee also provided free treats for those in attendance as a delicious added bonus.

While students and faculty were able to take away some cheerful memories, the overall goal was to build community within our campus. Many students only feel connected when they are part of an athletic program, a student club, or another organized group. The RCSJ Field Day event put traditional clubs to the side, and formulated a new tradition that helped bring everyone together on campus in a fun and familiar way.

Contrary to other community colleges, the students at RCSJ truly have a sense of pride for their school and campus. This year’s Field Day event was proof that taking the time to step outside the classroom and come together as a student body creates an experience like no other!
Finding Success in Versatility at Rowan College of South Jersey

By: Mackenzie Coehran

Rowan College of South Jersey’s very own student athlete, Alyssa Connor, is taking the college by storm. As a newly elected captain of the college’s successful cross country and track team, Connor is seen as an inspiring mentor and figure to her peers. Helping guide the team to numerous awards with her friendliness and leadership, the Rowan College of South Jersey Women’s Cross Country Team captured the title of Region 19 Champions in their most recent season. Fellow teammates view Connor as a well-disposed and sociable teammate who is willing to make the team feel like they belong, while competing against the best in the region. Head Coach Ryan Hughes and Assistant Head Coach Leyna Ambrose took immediate notice of her role model behavior, awarding her the coveted Coaches’ Award at the 2022 Fall Sports Awards Banquet.

With success on the track comes great responsibility in her studies. Connor is a Presidential Scholar Student-Athlete at Rowan College of South Jersey. She is currently in her junior year of college, and will finish her last year at Rowan University under the 3+1 program for communications. Academics have always been Connor’s top priority, she started taking college classes in high school! Her success in academia achieved her an associate’s degree in digital photography during her first two years of college. Unanimously voted by Rowan College of South Jersey professors Eoin Kinnarney and David Coates, she was the only student to receive The President’s Award for Digital Photography at the 2022 Rowan College of South Jersey Gloucester Presidents’ Award Ceremony.

Balancing the time between athletics and academics is not an easy task for people, although for Connor, it comes naturally. Her key to success is to find a routine that is easy to stick to. “I always try to keep myself on a set schedule so I can get everything done that I need to. I work the same hours three days a week, go to school two days a week, and do my homework in between classes and practice.” Even with a busy schedule, Connor still finds time in the week for herself. “I like to dedicate free time on Saturdays and Sundays to photography, it’s something I like to do for fun. It gives me an outlet to be creative and it is a great way for me to relieve my stress when life becomes difficult.”

Connor is the perfect example of an outstanding student-athlete at Rowan College of South Jersey. Not only has she received accolades in both academia and athletics, she also takes the time to care for others and focus on her passions outside of school and sports. Most important to Connor is her impact on the world. Describing herself as a “pretty empathetic person,” she incorporates empathy into her everyday interactions with others. Connor wants to be seen as a friendly peer to everyone around her. Growing up in South Jersey, she loves to give back to the community that she calls home. Connor hosts seasonal free photography giveaways with her self-established photography business, SolarEyes Photo, and actively participates in her community as a volunteer coach for the Washington Township Youth Track and Field Team.

She continues to spread positivity throughout her community, photography and running, an enjoyable event for people of all ages. “I love photography and being a volunteer coach in my community so I can spread light onto the hobbies that are so important to me.” As much as she is proud of all the success she has accumulated during her time at Rowan College of South Jersey, seeing the South Jersey community around her with smiles on their faces is truly Connor’s favorite.

Track & Field Recap

By: Alyssa Connor

The Rowan College of South Jersey Roadrunners Track season is coming to a close. The team has traveled to seven meets to prepare for Nationals. The NJCAA DIII National Championship is a three-day meet held in Utica, New York by Mohawk Valley Community College from May 11th to 13th. The Roadrunners currently hold 35 National Qualifying Marks.

In the final week, the men and women both rank 2nd for the East Region. Out of all regions, the Roadrunner men got 4th place.

Most qualifying marks were obtained at the Widener University Invitational held on April 21st and 22nd. Combined, the men’s and women’s team found themselves producing 25 qualifying marks and 41 seasonal bests.

The team holds high standings in the nation. Many athletes are ranked in the top 5 for their events. They can be found below:

**Women**

- A team consisting of Mackenzie Coehran, Alyssa Connor, Ally Campo, and Ashton Wiseley ranks 3rd for the 4X800M (9:19.09)
- Michael Farrell ranks 1st for Discus (58.58M) and 2nd for Hammer (56.47M)
- Photos of the men and women’s track team are included in this paper.

**Men**

- James Coleman ranks 3rd for 400M (50.93)
- Anas Bensaoud ranks 3rd for 800M (1:56.72) and 4th in 5K (15:34.00)
- Giorgio Bruno ranks 2nd for 400M Hurdles (56.94)
- A team of Giorgio Bruno, James Coleman, Khalif Horton, and Zach Wilczek ranks 2nd for the 4X100M (43.61)
- Chris Guerrieri ranks 1st for Shot Put (15.37M) and 3rd for Hammer (49.80M)
- Michael Taylor ranks 5th for Discus (38.90M) and 1st for Hammer (46.25M)

Last year, the RCSJ women placed 2nd at Nationals. The men got 4th place.

The track team has been working tirelessly since January. Many athletes have qualified in their respective events, placing themselves in a good position for the Track & Field Championship.
As the Roadrunners’ sports season come to a close, it can be declared that this year’s teams were truly successful. Read below for highlights of some of the standout Roadrunner athletes for Spring 2023.

Standout Team: Roadrunners Golf
An absolute monster hole-in-one from Alaina Villari at the LBI National Golf Resort and the Roadrunners Men’s Golf team handed County College of Morris their first team loss in four years at the GSAC competition gave the Women’s and Men’s teams a phenomenal start to their season.

Standout Athlete: Quan Rogers
Recent Roadrunner Spotlight Athlete of the Month, Rogers, has been an absolute beast in the scoring brackets this season for Men’s basketball. With a sophomore average of 11.8 points per game and contributing an impressive 3.5 assists per game, he has flourished into an impressive player and an even better teammate. Coming off of an injury from last season, Quan has remained a huge contributor to the team, and looks poised to become an even more dominant force this season.

Best Team Performance: Roadrunners Men’s Baseball
The men’s baseball team at RCSJ is a staple of the school. They have often dominated, and this season was no different. The team sits at an impressive 12-4 in all of NJCAA Baseball Division III rankings, and looks to continue their upward trend to the top of the board. We cheer them on, and highlight their impressive achievements!

Team To Watch: Roadrunners Men’s Tennis
The Men’s tennis team finished as National Runner-up last year, and returned with a solid veteran roster this spring. The team looked to make a big comeback this year, opening their season with a triumphant win of 9-0 over Brookdale Community College. Returning legends Rockland Caselli, Kyle Deacon, & James Keenan have lead the entire team to the promise land this year. The Men’s Tennis team is our highlight team to lookout for!

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Ant Man and the Wasp: Quantumania Review

Major Spoilers Ahead

By: Selin Atak

The Marvel Cinematic Universe has introduced another third installment, Ant Man and the Wasp: Quantumania. After the emotional sequel to Black Panther, this movie brought some humor back to the MCU through Paul Rudd’s charming deliveries.

Now that Scott has helped save the world with the Avengers, he’s decided to write a book about it while enjoying the perks of being a superhero and father. Taking no interest in his newfound fame, his daughter, Cassie, issecuring the future by worrying about the continuity and learning about the quantum realm. With help from Hope, she builds a device to send signals to the quantum realm, getting never before attained data. Janet has been hiding some ugly truths she discovered through her time there. She hints at this when she asks Hope to shut their project down, but, by trying to destroy the device, they all get sucked into the quantum realm. Scott, Hope, Cassie, Janet, Hank, and the ants. They meet beings of this tiny world, and Janet ends up facing her past through Krylar and Kang the Conqueror.

As part of the MCU, this movie did not feel cohesive to the storyline they’re used to, but, as a stand alone album, it held its own fairly well. Kang’s development as a villain was captivating, and his views often seemed like they were justified through its portrayal. His performance was raw, and he provided an epic showdown. Hank’s confidence and sadness about his mission to clear out all the timelines in the multiverse, because he knows what’s going to happen. The audience doesn’t, but based on the fear in Loki’s eyes in the end credit scene, it can’t be good. The affection that Jonathan Majors carried for Kang’s characterization shows a lot when he and Janet are trying to fly his ship 30 years ago. He is sincere and honest when Janet sees the vision while touching the energy core. He can’t let him escape the quantum realm, but Kang is determined to wipe out the timelines in order to prevent the bad event we don’t know about yet.

Scott and Cassie’s banter was refreshing, it brought back the humor that fans loved in the first Ant Man, although their relationship could’ve been more developed. Cassie’s development as an activist for people in need was a dramatic force in her contribution to stop Kang. She wasn’t confident, but her intentions were clear. Her consideration as part of the heroes club was fun, but not as groundbreaking as it could have been.

Taylor Swift’s newest album, Midnights, had a lot to live up to. As she does with most new releases, Taylor reinvented her sound and style, moving from the hushed tones and acoustic instruments of the preceding albums to the more performative, synth-laden style of her synthesized singles. Although many fans were disappointed with this shift, I do enjoy the liminal, evermore.

Me Do’ from Reputation. Thematically, it reminds Swift fans of a popular track from Lover, The Archer, in which she similarly admits to “being the problem” in many of her relationships. Combining two of her strongest moves, experimenting with synth and sarcasm, one might think ‘Anti Hero’ is the perfect song. However, where ‘Anti Hero’ shares the sarcastic tone of ‘Blank Space’ and ‘Look What You Made Me Do’, it lacks these tracks’ perfectly executed melodies. It shares a theme with ‘The Archer’, but the overall simplicity and lack of performance on ‘Anti Hero’ overshadows this vulnerability, and the lyrics lose their appeal. To me, this song missed the mark a bit, as does the fourth track, ‘Snow On The Beach’, featuring Lana Del Rey.

Fans of both Swift and Del Rey created a lot of excitement on platforms like Tik Tok and Twitter when the feature artist of this track was released. Unfortunately, it seemed to fall flat for many listeners. Lyrically, it’s one of her weakest efforts. It’s extremely repetitive, and it depends heavily on the use of the F bomb. Swift has a tendency to place too much emphasis on profanities as she sings, giving the whole song an immature, juvenile tone.

The mediocrity of the third and fourth tracks is completely overshadowed by track five, ‘Are You On Your Own, Kid?’ is a highlight on Midnights. The song opens up unlimited possibilities for the next movies. The epic CGI introduced new characters and settings, creating a multitude of opportunities for future storylines. These may be explored in upcoming movies, like Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3, Loki’s Season 2 and Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania.
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It’s the kind of bridge that makes listeners lose their breath as they try to sing along, dancing, waving their arms, and screaming at the sky. As the song crescendos, Taylor shares some of her most personal lines regarding her rise to fame. I gave my blood, sweat, and tears for this. I hosted parties and starved my body! The jokes weren’t funny. I took the money! My friends from home don’t know what to say. Immediately after these lines, her story takes a turn for the better, as Taylor shares how she overcame those struggles and focused on the good. There were pages turned with the bridges burned. Everything you lose is a step you take. So make the friendship bracelets, take the moment and taste it! You’ve got no reason to be afraid! You’re on your own, kid! Yeah, you can face this! You’re on your own, kid! You always have been.” She ends the song here, by restating the title, this time in a new light. It’s a perfect resolution to the build up from the verses and the crescendo of the bridge. ‘You’re On Your Own, Kid’ is one of the most emotionally satisfying stories Swift has ever told.

Following this masterpiece are two skippable tracks, ‘Midnight Rain’ and ‘Question.?‘ The former is the better track of the two, but the heavy synth production and voice effects disrupt and distract from the meaningful lyrics. Next is a much better track, the dark and smoky ‘Vigilante Shit.’ Swift employs just enough of her charmingly awkward storytelling to once again, as she did for her 2017 Reputation album, convince us that she’s the villain we should all be rooting for. Unlike many of the songs on Reputation, however, this track has minimal post-production effects, it remains quiet throughout, almost as if she’s whispering the story to her listeners. letting us in on a secret. It ends abruptly, perfectly transitioning into the next track, the much louder and flashier “Bejeweled.”

The following track, “Labyrinth,” blends in perfectly with the album’s sound and aesthetic. It incorporates twinkly production sounds that don’t distract from the vulnerable lyrics, creating that ‘middle of the night, spiraling thoughts’ feel that Swift wanted to convey.

Midnights 10th track, “Karma,” is a personal favorite of mine, although I can understand why it’s not so loved by others, it’s extremely silly, but in a way that just works for me. As she runs through a list of pleasant things in her life that she considers to be her good karma, the lyrics can come across as a bit lame to some listeners: ‘Karma is my boyfriend,’ and ‘Sweet like honey, karma is a cat, purring in my lap cause it loves me!’

Swift employs just enough of her goddamn acrobats, me and karma vibe like that.” are a few of these playful lines. However, I think this song deserves a bit more respect, at least for being as fun as it is. The quick tempo, strong synth beat, and upbeat vocals encourage all listeners to skip around the room and dance along, or else suffer the consequences of bad karma!

“’This is a collection of music written in the middle of the night, a journey through sweet dreams and terrors. The floors we pace and the demons we face. For all of us who have tossed and turned and decided to keep the lanterns lit and go searching hoping that just maybe, when the clock strikes twelve... we’ll meet ourselves.’ - Taylor Swift

The next track, ‘Sweet Nothing,’ wraps the listener in a warm blanket and tucks them in for a beautiful bedtime story about true love. In this track, Taylor employs the same gentle tone she used to tell fairytales in folklore and evermore. Here, however, Taylor tells us her own love story, through the most mundane activities, like humming in the kitchen, driving home, and collecting rocks. It’s a short, sweet, and perfectly executed delivery of its message.

The final song on the original release, “Mastermind,” was an early fan favorite. It opens with some fast-paced, short, breezy notes that sound almost like machinery, with lights flashing and dials spinning, as if codes are being run through an analyzer. This was surely intentional, because here, Taylor tells us something she’s never said before: she’s the mastermind behind her life, career, and relationship, successful in each aspect because she planned out every step along the way. In ‘Mastermind,’ Taylor admits that all her songs about fate were fabricated in an attempt to make her elaborate plans appear serendipitous.

Like many of Taylor Swift’s albums Midnights had to grow on me. For those expecting a third installment of the previous acoustic folk albums, I do understand why Midnights would’ve been disappointing, but, once you release that unrealistic expectation and listen to Midnights for what it is, I think you’ll find her return to pop to be a refreshing and triumphant success. If you give it a chance, I promise you’ll uncover a few gems... or ‘Bejeweled’ tracks (wink).
Collingswood May Fair

If you're looking for a way to expand your horizons this summer and experience local traditions that you may have previously overlooked, then look no further than the heart of South Jersey.

Taking place May 27th, the 42nd Annual Collingswood May Fair will kick off the summer season with art, music, vendors, and activities for all age groups. The historic downtown Collingswood will transform into a bustling cultural exhibit, featuring local artists eager to display and sell their work in a juried show. Along with the displayed art, live music will be featured across multiple stages, varying from rock, folk, blues, and more!

Not interested in art? No problem. The event also features a bustling cultural exhibit, featuring local artists eager to display and sell their work in a juried show. Along with the displayed art, live music will be featured across multiple stages, varying from rock, folk, blues, and more!

Kids will also be able to experience some fun of their own, as the event offers a "KidZone" that features carnival games, rides, and crafts specifically catered to a younger audience.

If that isn't enough, there's also the accompanying antique car show at the May Fair, where dozens of classic cars are showcased for hobbyists to share their passion and learn from others in the community.

Hampton Italian Festival

Another South Jersey tradition that's sure to please is the Hampton Italian Festival. Centered around the celebrated procession every July 6th, the Hampton Italian Festival is the longest running Italian Festival in the United States. It began in 1913, when the founder of Our Lady of Mount Caramel Society, Antonio Capelli, celebrated a small group of Italian immigrants' safe journey to America.

The large influx of immigrants to the town of Hampton helped the festival to become a tradition, and the Our Lady of Mount Caramel Society has continued to share and preserve the cultural significance of the event within the community. Mass is held each day of the festival, and all are welcome to attend. Festival events include vendors, live entertainment, a beer garden, carnival rides, food stalls, and, of best of all, nightly fireworks. While admission to the carnival grounds is free, attenders should expect to pay $30 per night for unlimited access to the rides.

The post-procession also includes live music and DJ entertainment, so bring your friends and dance the night away.

There's no better opportunity to get out of your comfort zone than exploring our area's local culture. This summer, be sure to visit a local fair, and make one of these New Jersey traditions a new tradition of your own!

Click on the Links Below for More Summer Fun Ideas!

See a Phillies game!
Free Movies On the Beach in Avalon
Atlantic City Beer and Music Festival
Barefoot Country Fest
The Ben to The Shore Bike Tour
Ocean City’s Night in Venice
Tidal Wave Festival

South Jersey Theatre

12 Angry Jurors

As part of their Play Reading Series, Cumberland county presented the 12 Angry Jurors. This took place on Thursday, May 24th, and was directed by Deborah Bradshaw. 12 Angry Jurors tells a very real story, as 12 ordinary people are faced with a huge responsibility, deciding whether a teenage boy was guilty of murdering his father. Each juror brings their own opinions, prejudices, and biases into this room, which makes it one heck of a debate. After a heated discussion, the votes are in, and it looks like the boy is guilty, but in the United States law requires that a vote be unanimous in order to sentence the accused. After a long day, tempers soar as the jury members begin to convince the opposing jury to agree with the condemnation. When they re-evaluate the evidence presented, however, more and more jurors begin to rethink their stance on the trial. After another vote, it flips completely to 1H. The final juror wants to hold out to make a hung jury, which would result in the case being tried again. In the end, they settle on a Not Guilty verdict. The play ends with everyone returning to their normal lives. It shows that, even after all these heated discussions, they can simply return to normalcy with no hard feelings. That is the whole point of the play, ultimately just goes on.

Damn Yankees

A 1955 musical comedy based on the novel The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant by Douglass Wallop, in which baseball super-fan, Joe Boyd, trades his soul to the devil for a chance to lead his favorite team, the Washington Senators, to become a winning team. Joe is only after this that he appreciates the life he led before, and realizes the sacrifices he ultimately made. Damn Yankees is a light-hearted American comedy, destined to please all audience members. Damn Yankees will run from May 5- May 20 at Burlington County Footlighters. Tickets are $20 per person.

[Title of Show]

No, I didn't forget to insert the show's name, [Title of Show], by the time of this 90 minute, one-act musical. Jeff and Hunter are two struggling writers who hear about a musical festival that piques their interest. The only problem is they have just three weeks to craft a musical. With the limited frame and a severe case of writer's block, will this group of friends be able to create a show in just three weeks? [Title of Show] will run from June 16 – June 18 at Haddonfield Plays and Players, and tickets start at $30.

Grease

Take a trip back in time to Rydell High School's senior year. The 1950s musical is an explosion of rock 'n' roll, as the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies tell a very real story, as 12

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Aries (March 21 - April 19)
All year long, Aries, you will experience advances in your love life, and this summer is no exception. Expect sparks on May 20th, as Mars, your ruling planet, enters Leo, the 5th house of pleasure. This is the time for adventures with your partner, you will be open to new experiences. On August 22nd, your ruling planet will enter Libra. This is the sign of relationships, and it is associated with the 7th house of partnership. You could feel empowered to finally cut off a toxic relationship, or it could propel you to develop a blossoming partnership. Make sure you're leaning on your support system during this time, as it may be challenging. Remember to focus on your goals.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
This summer, relationships are in your cards. Taurus. Some of you may find yourself committing to people in the coming months. Beware- Venus is in retrograde from July 22nd to September 3rd. This should not have a massive impact on your life, but it could disrupt partnerships, so don't be disappointed if your love life feels stagnant for the duration of Venus retrograde. During this time, make plans with friends and family while your love life is at a standstill. This time also has immense value for you, this time to progress your career, maybe seek a raise you feel you deserve.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
This summer is your time to reset and recharge. Gemini. On June 28th, you will enter Cancer, and become grounded in your mind and body. On July 22nd, your time of rest will be up; a new moon in Leo will spark up your social life. New opportunities to connect with friends, both old and new, will appear.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
June 21st is the first day of summer, which also happens to be the summer solstice in Cancer. A new moon in Cancer on June 28th will provide opportunities to start fresh in your personal and social life. This summer, you will experience a full circle moment with an important person in your life. This could be a significant other, friend, or family member. Whether this is a turning point for better or for worse, you will confront an interpersonal issue head-on. Transitioning from Cancer to Leo season, you may enter a period of self-indulgence. Use this time to treat yourself, you deserve it.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Summertime is always when a Leo thrives, it's your time of year! Use this upcoming summer season to have fun, avoid all possible stressors, and focus on yourself. Celebrate your birthday as much as possible, and be sure to spend time with your friends. Leos are great at bringing groups together, and you have a crew of people to follow you. As Mars enters your sign on May 20th, you might feel some aggressive energy. You may be tempted to pick a fight with a romantic interest, but try to use this energy in a different way, channeling it into something that can be progressive for you.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
This summer, Virgo. It's time to face some tough decisions you may have been avoiding. On July 28th, Mercury returns to your sign. This is the best time of year to tackle tough conversations, as communication will be at its peak. July 3rd will provide a full moon in Capricorn. Feel free to explore your love life during this time, as this will be a time for fun. As summer turns to fall, however, you may start to experience anxiety about the stability of your relationships, and it is associated with the 7th house of partnership. Don't be afraid to accept it on July 3rd, the full moon in Capricorn will also further your career aspirations, as it is the time to progress your career; maybe seek a raise you feel you may be extra hard on yourself. Don't fret, though, because Saturn is in retrograde for the entire duration of Venus retrograde. During this time, make plans with friends and family while your love life is at a standstill. This time also has immense value for you, this time to progress your career, maybe seek a raise you feel you deserve.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
As an Air sign, you crave balance, harmony, and social connections. Libra. This summer, you will be provided with opportunities to change your public perception. When the Sun enters Libra on September 22nd, you will feel a push for change in your life, specifically in your career. With the Sun on your side, you will have the energy to make changes to your career path that better suit your passion.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
The most important thing you should do this summer, Scorpio, is remain open to all opportunities. This summer solstice on June 22nd means that the Sun will be entering Cancer. You may feel a shift that leads you toward a new adventure. You might plan a summer trip, or it could signal the start of a summer fling. Don't be afraid to take a leap of faith when new experiences are presented to you. Toward the end of July, you may be confronted by an important person, forcing you to have conversation you've been avoiding. Though you may be wary, know that, once the topic is resolved, peace will re-enter your life.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
This summer is pointing strongly towards evaluation of your relationships. On May 20th, as Saturn, your ruling planet, Jupiter, will be opposite Pluto. This may sound intimidating, but it just means that there could be unexpected changes coming your way, a job opportunity may fall into your lap, for example. You can start, but don't be afraid to accept it on July 3rd, the full moon in Capricorn will also further your career aspirations, as it is the time for adventures with friends, both old and new, will appear.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
Bad news, Capricorn. Your ruling planet, Saturn, will be in retrograde from June 21st to November 4th. Saturn controls the standards you place on yourself and others. During this time, you may find that you're being extra hard on yourself. Don't fret, though, because Saturn is in retrograde for the entire duration of Venus retrograde. During this time, make plans with friends and family while your love life is at a standstill. This time also has immense value for you, this time to progress your career, maybe seek a raise you feel you deserve.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)
You're known for your innovative and independent spirit. Aquarius. This summer, you may be feeling excited to explore new ideas and experiences that challenge the status quo. You may be drawn to outdoor activities that allow you to connect with friends and loved ones in meaningful ways, whether it's through travel, social events, or simply spending quality time together. Overall, this summer promises to be a time of growth and exploration for you as you embrace new opportunities and push yourself outside of your comfort zone.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
As a water sign, you thrive during the summer season. Pisces. This is the time when you can fully embrace your creative and intuitive nature, and pursue your passions with enthusiasm. You may feel a strong desire to explore new places, learn new things, and connect with like-minded people who inspire you. Your spiritual side may also be heightened this summer, as you seek to deepen your connection with the universe and tap into your inner wisdom. Make sure to take time for self-care and relaxation, as you may become overwhelmed by your emotions.