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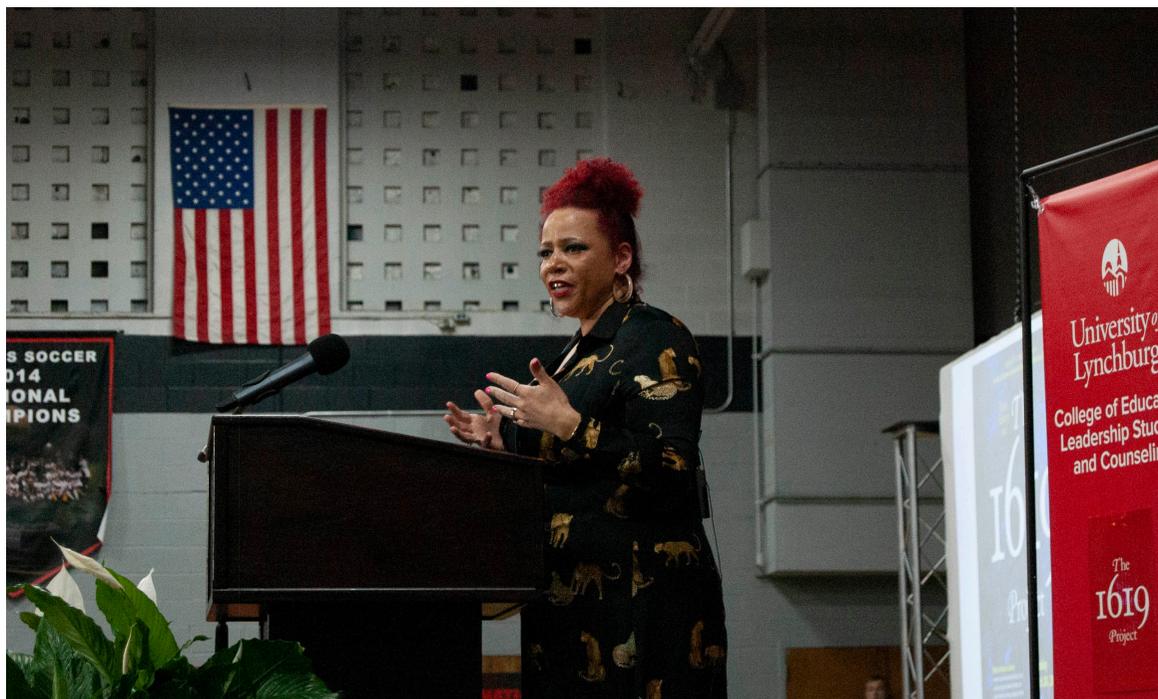
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Nikole Hannah-Jones, 'Truth, History and The 1619 Project'

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On March 24, 2022 over 1,000 people gathered in Turner Gymnasium at the University of Lynchburg to hear Nikole Hannah-Jones speak on 'Truth, History and The 1619 Project'.

Hannah-Jones was awarded the 31st annual Rosel Schewel Lecture Award by the College of Education, Leadership Studies and Counseling. This award and lecture



Nikole Hannah-Jones on stage in Turner Gymnasium introducing her book, 'The 1619 Project'. Photo taken by Daniel Skutvik on 24th of March 2022.

series seeks to educate Schewel Committee. on the themes that can attendants on a chosen The Pulitzer prize be found throughout topic that is deemed winning creator of "The her book, and sought important by the Rosel 1619 Project" focused to highlight the

contributions of Black Americans. Specifically getting rid of the idea that slavery is merely "an asterisk to the American story" as Hannah-Jones puts it.

A standing ovation welcomed Hannah-Jones as she took the stage to begin her lecture. Hannah-Jones compared "The 1619 Project", a collaborative effort with The New York Times

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Magazine, to present day society. In doing this she discussed several legislations that have been proposed against “The 1619 Project”.

In one instance, a bill created by several senators sought to defund the book. Within in this bill, senators stated that “The 1619 Project” “threatened the integrity of America”. In her lecture, Hannah-Jones rebutted saying, “It is impossible for a work of journalism to ‘threaten the integrity’ of the United States.”

Hannah-Jones’ acknowledged the Black Lives Matter movement and showed polling from the time of Americans being more aware of racial injustices than ever saying, “We had not seen

polling like that before.” The Black Lives Matter movement, Hannah-Jones stresses is, “the largest movement in history” as it is multicultural and multigenerational in contrast to previous civil rights movements.

‘The 1619 Project’ was released in 2019 at the 400th anniversary of the first slave ship, ‘The White Lion’ arriving on colonial soil. The following year, 2020 was one of acknowledging racial injustices more than Americans ever had before.

Due to this sociological shift, ‘The 1619 Project’ proved to be a sort of lexicon for anyone looking to know more about the history of Black Americans and the importance of teaching “real history” in schools.

Hannah-Jones said,

“We teach history because how we teach history is how we see ourselves as a country.”

Hannah-Jones was often interrupted by laughter and applause throughout her lecture while she took a playful, but serious approach to the topic.

The lecture was followed by a Q&A that was open to members of the audience. In a relevant fashion, as Hannah-Jones recently accepted a teaching position at Howard University, someone in

the audience asked about the responsibilities of professors as it pertains to teaching their students topics that were broached in her lecture.

She said, “All I say to y’all is this: Your work does matter in ways big and small, and I’m just grateful for the courage of educators every single day.”

As Hannah-Jones walked off stage, she was once again met with a standing ovation from the audience members indicating how much of an impact she had made.

Security Blotter

Sunday, March 27

Dating Violence - Student reports being assaulted

Thursday, March 24

Prescription medication stolen from vehicle

Thursday, March 24

Clothing stolen from dryer

Security Blotter reprinted verbatim from online campus crime log.

Southside Housing Process Begins

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On Monday night, Housing and Residence Life offered an informational meeting for students seeking to take part in the Southside Housing Process.

The process works a bit like the NFL draft system, where different groups are given priority rankings based on how many credit hours they have and their QPAs.

The minimum credit hours required to live in a Southside house is 30 completed credit hours by the end of the prior fall semester. Students get to select from six-person, five-person, four-person, and three-person homes, townhouses, and apartments.

The available houses can be found at the residential portal accessible to all students through their my.lynchburg.edu site

under the 'Residential' tab.

On the portal, students who have already filled out their Housing Intent Form to live on-campus next year will find the Southside Floor Plans Slides and Southside Housing Occupancy Sheet for their reference while consulting with their potential housemates.

During last night's information session, Housing Director Terry

Bodine said, "The most important thing is that you make sure everyone in your group has filled out the Housing Intent Form for the coming year, because without that agreement from everyone, you won't be able to match your group and enter the process."

Some of the benefits of living in Southside include having your own kitchen and living space. Maddy Myers '23 said, "I

use my kitchen for meal prep throughout the week and sometimes I like to have the extra space to get my work done as it makes a nice change of scenery."

If you are interested in the Southside Housing Process but don't have a full group or have additional questions, contact Housing and Residence Life at residencelife@lynchburg.edu or Terry Bodine at bodine_t@lynchburg.edu.

Lynchburg's Laptops

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According to Michael Jones, vice president of enrollment, marketing and communications, the laptops were provided to first year students to; Help make the transition

into college easier and potentially help financial trouble students and their families may have faced during COVID. Have students already be connected to Lynchburg's network and internet to help ease the Information Technology Resources

department Incentive for students to fill out the FAFSA, make a deposit, and enroll in at least 12 credit hours. Jones stated that the cost of the laptops was roughly \$500,000 and the university used money from the CARES Act.

According to Jones, the decision to discontinue the laptop initiative for the next academic year is due to money and the fact it had such a small impact on enrollment. "We are really looking at it and determining what we might do in the future to

better provide this computer support to students," Jones stated. "The university is moving towards being totally wireless." Although Jones did not see an increase in enrollment through the laptop initiative, it did however impact Kaiya Patton, a first

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year students' decision to attend the University.

Patton stated, "It kind of did, I wanted to come here regardless but once I got the email saying we were getting basically free computers it was kind of like a score and it made me want to be here more."

Patton also shared that she felt like the administration wanted her to be there and be successful at Lynchburg. Cameron Jacobson, also a first year student, agreed that it felt like the administration cared about the students.

Jacobson said, "It was appealing as an incoming

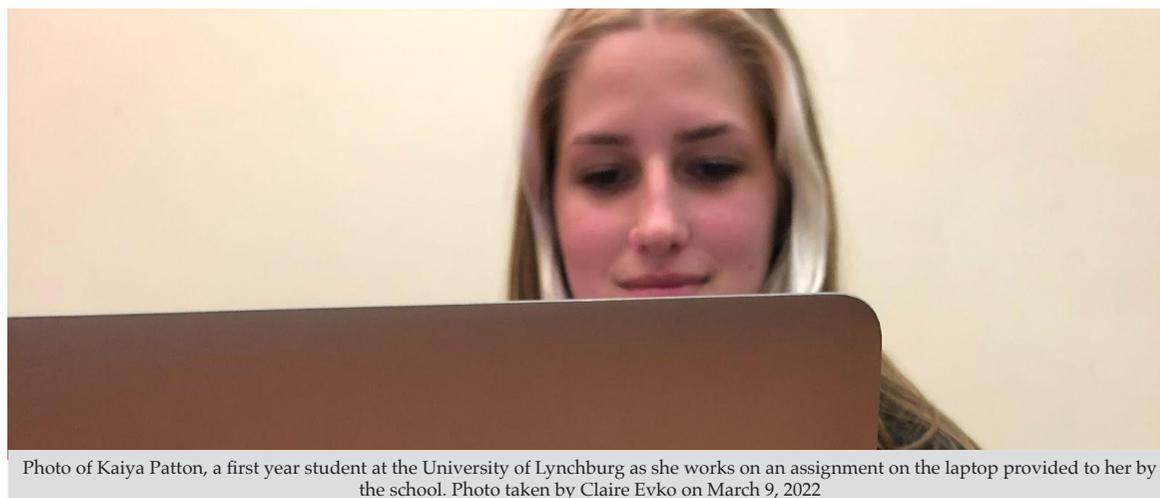


Photo of Kaiya Patton, a first year student at the University of Lynchburg as she works on an assignment on the laptop provided to her by the school. Photo taken by Claire Evko on March 9, 2022

student that they were students."

giving out laptops, it made

them seem like the school To learn more information cared a lot about their visit the campus network

and wireless information page located on the lynchburg.edu website.

Horoscopes



Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

You will feel excessive boredom for awhile. Sometimes excessive boredom could be a good feeling though.



Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 20

You will feel healthy and ready to go. There is no better feeling than good health.



Taurus

Apr 21 – May 21

You will begin the week in a happy mood and end the week in a happy mood. It is always great to be in a happy mood.



Gemini

May 22 – June 21

You will want to revert back to old habits this week. Sometimes reverting back to old habits is better than developing new ones.



Cancer

June 22 – July 22

You will want to eat healthy food this week. Make sure not to over adjust your diet though.



Leo

July 23 – Aug 23

You will want to go out and do things you have been doing for years. You will find out how much you miss these hobbies



Virgo

Aug 24 – Sept 22

You will be very activity oriented. All you will want to do this week is to have fun.



Libra

Sept 23 – Oct 23

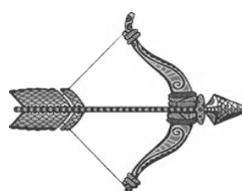
You will have an urge to submit all your assignments this week. You will realize that work is the most important thing in your life.



Scorpio

Oct 24 – Nov 22

Your number one wish this week will be having good health. Every other wish you previously had no long matters.



Sagittarius

Nov 23 – Dec 21

This is not a good time to overextend yourself. Try to take things slow and easy for awhile.



Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

You will want to attend a lot of sports games this week. This might not be a smart idea because of your busy schedule.



Aquarius

Jan 20 – Feb 18

You will want to show appreciation for all of your friends. Appreciation is such a valuable feeling.

The Buzz

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The Sound of One Hand Slapping

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Comedy is dangerous.

I tell that to my classes whenever the topic comes up. Comedy is, hands down, the most dangerous genre there is, even more than horror. Comedy is dangerous for the comedian and comedy is dangerous for the audience.

Sunday night's Oscar ceremony offered the perfect example of this when Will Smith struck Chris Rock on stage after Rock made a joke about Will Smith's wife, Jada Pinkett Smith.

Both men made terrible mistakes. In doing so, both men may have

harmed their careers. Time will tell.

However, they certainly harmed comedy.

Smith failed when he resorted to violence.

The temptation here is to see Smith's actions as a defense of his wife's honor. However, someone as immensely talented in wordcraft and comedy as Will Smith had many other options available to him. The simple fact of the matter is that Smith could have killed or seriously injured Rock. Go back and look at the side view of the picture. This was a powerful strike. Any violent blow to the head has the possibility of serious short- and long-term health repercussions,

something Smith should have known since he actually starred in a movie called, of all things, Concussion.

Rock also failed. He made a terrible error in his comedic craft. Comedy should be used to target upwards at the powerful, or maybe laterally amongst like-minded people. Comedy should never be used to strike downwards because then it becomes bullying or cruelty. When Rock made a joke about Pinkett Smith's short hair, he lost track of this fundamental axiom. Having recently revealed that she suffers from alopecia, Pinkett Smith shifted from a lateral position of fellow

celebrity down to a victim of a condition she cannot control. Simply put, Rock should not have gone there.

How does this affect comedy though? When Rock deployed it so poorly and Smith reacted so badly, they diminished the effectiveness of comedy.

Comedy is one of the most powerful tools we have in our society. It is a great equalizer. Through comedy, people criticize the powerful. Comments that would cause one to disappear in an authoritarian regime can instead make someone famous here. We

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Week in Review

1). The East Coast is experiencing a rollercoaster regarding its weather patterns over the past few days. Some mornings have been as cold as 25 degrees as far south as North Carolina and Virginia. The next few days will have temperatures heating up to 75 degrees in the afternoons throughout all of Virginia and North Carolina.

2). The NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament will begin playing its final four on Saturday, April 2, 2022, and the tournament's championship will be played on Monday, April 4, 2022.

3). The NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament will begin playing its final four on Friday, April 1, 2022, and the tournament's championship will be played on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

4). The state of Virginia's gas prices have been dropping by a few cents over the past week or two, but gas prices still remain at close to record levels. Some credit Governor Glenn Youngkin for the subtle drop in gas prices, as Youngkin has done away with the gas tax in the State of Virginia. However, gas prices continue to put a strain on travel.

5). Ukraine and Russia are still poised to continue the war for a long time. Millions of people will continue to flee from Ukraine and go to Poland. Many families are separated, the rest of the world is suffering, and there is no relief in sight.

6). James Bond will be on Reality Television in a spinoff called "007's Road to a Million." People in the United States could look forward to a good competition in a racing event around the world.

Information compiled by various sources.

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need comedy to hold the powerful in check.

While Smith and Rock are not the most powerful people in the world, they are major celebrities.

People see what happens to them. The next time a comedian takes on a legitimate target, will that comedian's effectiveness be diminished because somehow the target

perceived his or her honor as being harmed? Will the target feel justified in striking back?

I am not suggesting for a minute that what happened on stage

Sunday night is the first step in a short road to authoritarianism or fascism. Instead, what I am saying is that through their errors, Chris Rock and Will Smith made it

harder to be funny.

And the world being the kind of place it is these days; we don't need to lose our full abilities to use comedy.

Watch With Me: West Side Story

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This 2021 remake, directed by Steven Spielberg, is a visually stunning renewal of a classic musical.

The movie centers around two lovers, Tony and Maria, played respectively by Ansel Elgort and Rachel Zegler, as they are caught in the midst of a gangwar between the Jets and the Sharks. With incredible vocals and choreography to match, it is no wonder that the movie had been nominated for several

oscars.

As well, the way the movie was directed made the viewer feel as though they were watching the movie on stage. There were times during the movie where the lighting would either be focused on the eyes of a character, or be spotlighting a character. This would make the character or certain features of said character stand out to the audience.

This was also key to the main story, like when Tony went looking for Maria

and she was given a spotlight to make her stand out more among the alley way of hanging laundry.

What one would infer from watching this movie is that it is another retelling of Romeo and Juliet. There are two people who fall instantly in love with each other, being kept apart by their two families. And this would be mostly correct. However, while it is a retelling of a classic play, it still takes it in a different direction.

Aside from the added music and dancing, West Side Story adds in other themes such as gang violence and racism to make it stand out. As well, the movie has a modernized ending from that of Romeo and Juliet. After the fight between the Jets and the Sharks that killed Maria's older brother and Tony's best friend, Tony returns to Maria to confess that he had murdered her brother.

Instead of being enraged, Maria tells Tony that she will run

away with him. Tony returns to his home to start packing, while Maria and Anita, played by Ariana DeBose, argue before being questioned by Police Lieutenant Schrank, played by Corey Stoll.

Maria asks Anita to give Tony a message from her, but when she gets to Tony's home she is assaulted by several of the Jets. They are stopped by Tony's guardian character, who receives the message from Anita. However,

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it is a message that Maria has been shot and killed, rather than that she is on the way to meet with Tony.

When Tony hears this, he is overcome with grief and goes into the streets to scream for the alleged murderer Chino, played by Josh Andres Rivera. When Tony turns around,

Maria is running towards him while Chino appears from the rubble behind him. Chino then shoots Tony who dies in the arms of Maria.

While I thought this was going to lead to Maria killing herself, she instead points the gun at Chino and members of the Jets and Sharks. She has an emotional outburst,

stating that they had all taught her to hate after only knowing love and having it die in her arms. The two groups then carry Tony's dead body off screen together.

This final show of unity between these groups shows that different groups of people can overcome their differences for the sake of the people

they love, although hopefully it does not take a death to bring people together.

West Side Story (2021) is an honorable retelling for a classic musical and is more than worth the watch. It is now streaming on both HBOMax and Disney+.



West Side Story. Photo retrieved from [trustedreviews.com](https://www.trustedreviews.com) on Tue. March 29, 2022

LYNCHBURG, Va. – The Lynchburg Police Department is investigating after a malicious wounding this morning.

On October 30, 2020 at 11:34 a.m., an individual arrived at Lynchburg General Hospital with a non-life threatening gunshot wound. Officers are still investigating the possible location of the shooting.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Det. Dubie at (434) 455-6102 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 798-5900. Enter a tip online at <http://p3tips.com> or use the P3 app on a mobile device.

Tough Losses & New Lessons Learned

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Recently, the University of Lynchburg Men's Lacrosse Team has lost to several nationally ranked teams in NCAA DIII Men's Lacrosse.

Ryan Kenney, a senior attackman, believes the team will grow from its losses. He said, "I think we all in the locker room know what we need to do to take our game to the next level. As for giving advice, I would say just harping on being really great at doing the simple plays and the fundamentals of the sport. Small mistakes will cost you against a great team. We have not played our best and we need to expect ourselves to do that every time we step on the field."

Kenney also noted, "For me, I need to keep shooting the ball. Finding my lane to get shots off and when I do, make sure they go in the back of the net. I think something I have been working on too is stick protection and having a second plan for when my first plan does not go the way it was planned to be.

On top of that is just keeping a level head and when I'm shooting well or make a mistake put it behind me and focus on the next play and give it my all."

Head Coach Stephen Koudelka is both proud and critical of his team, he said, "We have played the toughest schedule in the country and won some big games and lost a couple of close ones- especially to CNU. We have yet to play our greatest game and that is the ultimate goal..everyone on the field playing their best in the biggest game. If we were to do that, we absolutely will put ourselves in a great spot to compete for the National Championship in late May."

Koudelka talked about the importance of his players focusing on the team they are on and not other ODAC teams. He said, "We really worry about Lynchburg. If our team plays their best, we are the best team in the ODAC. We are currently 1-0 in the ODAC with 9 games left. Our expectation is to win each of those games and host the ODAC Championships

on Shellenberger Field. We need to play our best to achieve that goal."

Koudelka described the regional landscape, saying, "In the South Region, Salisbury and CNU will be the best teams in our region. The best thing is that we have already played them. Did not compete at the level we expect vs. Salisbury and vs. CNU did not play our best for about 20 minutes. The final 40 minutes we won 11-8...we are close with both of those teams and it is March...the best that improves the most over these final 60 days has the best shot on competing for the National Championship."

Jack Rokenbrod, a junior and student manager for the Lynchburg Men's Lacrosse Team, talked about the way he could contribute to the team competing nationally, stating, "I love watching the guys get better. Everyday they all compete against each other at practice and it is enjoyable to watch it pay off on the field. In the fall, Coach Koudelka made all of us take a Strengths Finder Assessment. Based on that

assessment, my top strength was positivity so I need to keep the guys upbeat and optimistic because there are a lot of games left and this group is capable of doing some special things."

Rokenbrod said, "Night games on Shellenberger Field are unlike anything I have ever experienced. Having the track filled with students makes it such a unique and special atmosphere. Just knowing that all of our peers are cheering us on makes a huge difference. I truly believe that we have the best home field advantage in the country."

Kenney agreed with Rokenbrod about code red games, stating, "First night game of the year and it is on Shellenberger Field. Can not ask for a better place to be."

If you are interested in attending the University of Lynchburg Men's Lacrosse games, please visit <https://www.lynchburgsports.com/sports/mlax/2021-22/schedule> to see a detailed view of the team's upcoming schedule.

Upcoming Events

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Women's Sports:

University of Lynchburg Women's Tennis vs. Methodist on Sunday, Mar. 27, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Wake Field House.

University of Lynchburg Women's Softball vs. Bridgewater on Sunday, Mar. 27, 2022, at 1:30 pm at Moon Field.

Men's Sports:

University of Lynchburg Men's Baseball vs. Randolph-Macon on Wednesday, Mar. 23, 2022, at 3:30 pm at Fox Field.

University of Lynchburg Men's Baseball vs. Tufts on Friday, Mar. 25, 2022, at 3:00 pm at Fox Field.

Other Events:

University of Lynchburg's Career and Professionalism Center Grad School Workshop on Thursday, Mar. 24, 2022, at 12:00 pm in room Schewel 231.

University of Lynchburg's Alumni Event Class of 2022 and 2023: Senior and Junior Cocktail Party on Friday, Mar. 25, 2022, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the third floor of Drysdale.