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Fermin Vazquez new Interim President at Miami-Dade College North Campus

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Miami- Dade College (MDC) President Madeline Pumariega announced the appointment of Fermin Vazquez to serve as North Campus' Interim President. North Campus is located in the northern area of Miami-Dade County and was built in the 1960's as the first MDC Campus.

North Campus encompasses the institution's outreach academic centers, Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurship Education Center in Liberty City and the Aventura Learning Center. For over a decade, Miami- Dade College North Campus has

been serving the Aventura community through its Learning Center located in the heart of the city. MDC's School of Continuing Education and Professional Development provides a variety of programs focused on personal and professional development at the Aventura Learning Center. At the Center you have the opportunity to advance your education and upskill your career by taking college courses while being provided with a supportive on- site staff. The Language program, particularly English proficiency, has been a highlight at the Center.

Interim President Vazquez takes pride in empowering both faculty, students, and our community through development of special projects and local outreach. His personal mission is to transform the lives of students by enriching our diverse community thru academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful career opportunities.

His passion to improve the lives of the students he serves, culminates from his experiences as a proud alumnus of Miami Dade College. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida International University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University.



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FORT LAUDERDALE (CBSMiami) — People are back in line, getting their COVID vaccination shots, a day after the CDC announced fully vaccinated people can ditch the mask in most indoor and outdoor settings, plus there are other incentives.

"I'm excited about it. I feel this is the next step in the right direction," said speech therapist Rachael Greenberg. For her, it's a game changer. "I'm a speech therapist. So specifically working on their speech and language, they need to be able to see me. I need to be able to see them. So, I'm very excited about this," she said.

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Kiera Diioia, 15-years-old, got the shot at Snyder Park in Fort Lauderdale. For her family, this allows them to travel again and means she can drop the mask when she's fully vaccinated.

"I think it's wonderful. At school I hate having to sit around wearing a mask. I can't hear anyone," Diioia said.

The hope is that the new, less restrictive, mask guidelines will push more people to get vaccinated.

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At Miami-Dade College North Campus, numbers are up. Much of that is from South American tourists. Some come, bags in tow, excited to get the single shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine.



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"It's very simple, it's fast, it's really amazing. We are on vacation right now; we came from South America. A friend told us about the vaccination location," said Adrian Ruiz who's visiting from Paraguay.

In Fort Lauderdale, the city is hoping to entice people with their "Take Your Shot" campaign.

"With the return of many events to the city of Fort Lauderdale, we thought it would be ideal to bring the shots to where the people are," said Fort Lauderdale spokesman Mike Jachles.

First up is a concert at Huizenga Plaza. Anyone who uses the pop-up vaccination site will get some swag.

"At Huizenga Plaza for the Shane Duncan concert Friday night, Funky Buddha Brewery will be there with coupons for adults, any adult getting a shot will get a coupon to Funky Buddha Brewery," Jachles said.

The city also plans pop up vaccination sites at the FTL Art Walk on May 29th and at the Carter Park Jams the first week in June.

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Leaders are working with retailers and grocery stories, hoping to offer gift cards at future events.



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Debbie Wasserman Schultz: More than \$700 Million in Stimulus Funds Headed to South Florida Colleges

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This week, **U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz**, D-Fla., who sits on the **U.S. House Appropriations Committee**, announced more than \$700 million in federal funds for college and universities in South Florida.

The funds come from the "American Rescue Plan," the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package that Congress passed on a party-line vote and which **President Joe Biden** signed into law back in March. Congress included \$36 billion in the stimulus package for almost 3,500 higher ed institutions.

"At least half of the funding each institution receives will be distributed in the form of emergency cash assistance grants to students who are facing hunger, homelessness, and other hardship," Wasserman Schultz's office noted.

"This deadly pandemic hit our students and colleges particularly hard, and both are absolutely vital to our community and economy," said Wasserman Schultz. "The American Rescue Plan invests more than \$700 million dollars in emergency funds into South Florida higher education classrooms and students to ensure a continuity of education that benefits our entire region. I'm proud that we were able to deliver this lifeline to thousands of South Florida scholars across numerous colleges and universities and I applaud the Biden-Harris administration for allocating it so quickly."

Wasserman Schultz showcased the following schools in South Florida which will be getting federal funds:

• Broward College: \$102,138,704

• Florida Atlantic University: \$69,493,600

• Florida International University: \$120,768,382

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Little Haiti FC- A club training youths beyond soccer

Law enforcers from at least eight police cars were waiting for a 17-year-old Miami Edison High School soccer player near his home for a crime he had committed, Gomez Laleau, the team's coach at the time, recalls hearing. That player, whose name Laleau would not reveal, had just scored against Christopher Columbus High School, a powerhouse in Miami.

The high school soccer season, which lasts between August and November, didn't seem to be enough to keep the youths out of illegal activities, Laleau said.

So Laleau wanted to create another avenue that would help the students stay away from criminal activities—a free-to-play, all-year-round soccer club. As far-fetched as it sounds in the United States' soccer system, that club became a reality in 2014, Little Haiti Football Club (LHFC).

"A lot of children are benefiting from this work, this dream," Laleau said. "A lot of them are graduating from school because of this dream, a lot of them would have ended up in prison or become young parents, almost guaranteeing a life in the margins of society. They have an outlet to not only play soccer but also to become an honest man or woman in the community."

The story of the Little Haiti Football Club may be new but it is following a long path where sports is a ticket out of poverty and a better life for young people with precarious living conditions. These clubs provide a sense of camaraderie and belonging to young people in need of nurturing and caring.

Little Haiti F.C. has about 150 players, boys and girls, between age five and 19. Some of the players are from homeless families and live with their teammates. Despite that, through the club's help, 100 percent of the players graduate from high school and 80 percent of them attend college.

The club holds a tutoring program at Miami Edison and North Miami High School, where most of the players attend school. LHFC has also helped many players get scholarships, some in Division I, to schools in Alabama, Kansas, Wisconsin, Georgia and so on. But most players end up staying in Florida and attend Miami-Dade College.

As the club board members were looking to provide more opportunities to the players, they were hit with a major heartache in May 2019. A drunk driver hit three players on a sidewalk, killing them instantly. Gedeon Desir, 13, Lens Desir, 15, and Richecarde Dumay, 17, were walking along Northeast 125th Street to catch a bus to get to a game, according to local reports.

"They weren't doing anything unlawful," Laleau said. "Those players will always remain in my heart."



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Little Haiti Football Club's co-founder Gomez Laleau. Photo credit: Katie Lepri

A mural of the three players was painted at Little Haiti Soccer Park, where the team plays.

The beginning

The club started forming after Edison high school's players proved themselves on the field in 2014. They blanked Ransom Everglades High School, a dominant team, 2-0 in a playoff match. Everglades coach Dave Villano felt compelled to ask Laleau if his players were playing club soccer.

The answer was no. Villano offered his help to found the club. The other co-founders by Laleau's side were Pat Santangelo, a former public relations officer to ex-Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado and Samuel Prunier, a Math teacher at Edison.

After receiving sponsorship money and a free rental at Little Haiti Soccer Park, LHFC started their first tryout. Before that there were mainly football games at Little Haiti Soccer Park. About 200 players showed up to the first tryout. But there was a major setback, the club hadn't secured a permanent sponsor.

As the days went by, more funds were needed to pay the coaches, join leagues, equipements and more.

"It was a headache," Laleau said. "I felt really bad, the idea was there but we didn't have the economical means for it. We needed people who understood what we were doing and join the battle."

The club managed to survive through funds from different organizations during their first five years. For instance, Sport Shake donated USD \$10,000 to the club and financed their jerseys in 2015, Laleau said. Florida Beverage Association donated them a year's worth of water and sports drinks in 2019 and so on.

It wasn't until 2020 that LHFC found a permanent ally that's helping them financially, Rush Soccer. Despite the financial struggles over the years, LHFC board remained a free-to-play youth club, one of the few in the U.S.

"That's remarkable," said Fernando Fiore, a widely known sportscaster who donated two teqball tables to the club in April. "The kids were amazing. They're very competitive. You can see it in their eyes, they wanted to get better."

On and off the field

During their five years of existence, LHFC has won five major trophies. But the players' performances on the field isn't the club's priority.

"The coaches' board insists that the kids pick up with their schoolwork," Santangelo said.

The club's tutoring program has been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however the players still go to the classroom after school to finish their homework, practice for the SAT and so on.

"School is like their second home," Santangelo said.
"Instead of their second home being the streets or a gang."

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Little Haiti F.C.'s co-founder Pat Santangelo posing for a picture with some players. Photo courtesy of Pat Santangelo

Some of the club's board members are teachers or hold high positions in schools so they're the ones who tutor the players. As mentioned, Prunier is a Math teacher at Edison and Laleau is a dean at North Miami High School.

It's also crucial to mentor the players so they don't commit criminal activities, Laleau said.

"It happened because he didn't have guidance," said Laleau, referring to the 17-year-old who was arrested. "Nobody was watching him. If he was in a program that was helping him morally, socially, if he was being taught certain stuff maybe it wouldn't have reached this far."

Usually, there are about two parents at the late teenage players' games and practices, which is a huge difference from other teams, Santangelo said.

"These kids are not supposed to succeed statistically but 100 percent of them graduate from high school," Santangelo said. "We're preparing those kids for the future. Well done is better than well said."

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Free Community College For Nomadland



Ryan Craig Senior Contributor ① Education

My wife Yahlin is a screenwriter and her family's from Taiwan. So she was understandably excited about China-born Chloé Zhao's Academy Award win for Best Director and Nomadland's corresponding win for Best Picture. When she urged me to write about Nomadland, I responded that I wouldn't want to disappoint readers by failing to write about a movie none of them have seen. After all, *The Atlantic* called Nomadland "a movie that appeals to the four quadrants of the show-business apocalypse: menopausal women, people with life-threatening illnesses, people interested in poverty, and anyone with time on her hands who can't find the remote." But then I watched it. And, although I'm at least in the third quadrant, as usual, Yahlin was right.

Based on Jessica Bruder's 2018 book Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century, Zhao's film is an outsider's perspective on the American dream. Francis McDormand plays a "houseless" – notably, not homeless – woman struggling to make her way in an America that isn't the same as the one she grew up in. She lives in a van. Things we take for granted – sleeping, eating, laundry, bathrooms – are hard-fought. We meet her during the holiday season as she's picking and packing at an Amazon fulfillment center outside Reno, NV. When the Amazon gig comes to an end, she seeks help from the local workforce board:

Fran: My husband worked at the USG mine in Empire [NV] and I worked in human resources there for a few years. That was my last full-time job. I did a lot of part-time jobs. I cashiered at the Empire store. I was a substitute teacher at the school for five years.

Counselor: Didn't the Empire mine shut down and then all of the resident workers had to relocate?

Fran: Yeah, about a year ago.

Counselor: Wow. So when do you need to get back to work?

Fran: Now?

Counselor: It is a tough time right now. You might want to consider registering for early retirement.

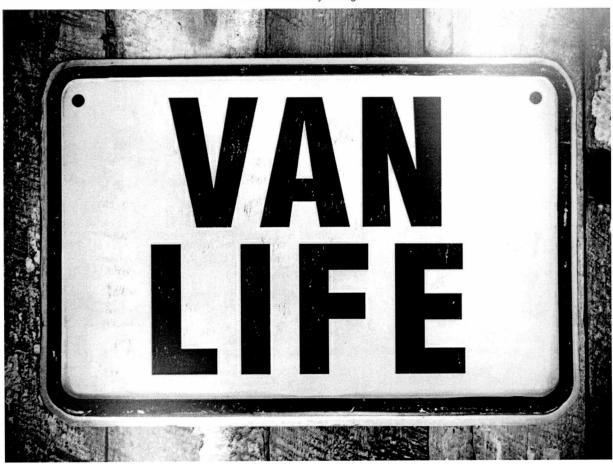
Fran: I don't think I can get by on the benefits. And I need work. I like work.

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'Nomadland' Wins Best Picture

Youn Yuh-Jung Makes History As First Korean Actress To Win Oscar Chrishell Stause Puts The 'Real' In Reality TV: A Candid Conversation With The Netflix 'Selling Sunset' Star

Counselor: I'm not sure exactly what you would be eligible for.



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She picks up a few other odd jobs like picking up trash and cleaning bathrooms at an RV park in the Badlands and working in the kitchen at Wall Drug. But these marginal jobs aren't going to get her out of her van.

She attends an RV show and asks one exhibitor:

Fran: Do you take résumés?

Exhibitor: Um...

Fran: I'll leave it with you, just in case.

Exhibitor: No. Just go online.

Nomadland follows her over the course of a year. At the end, she's back at the Amazon fulfillment center – a servant of the digital economy, never a master. In fact, we don't see her interacting with technology at all until, towards the end of the film, it turns out she does have a phone.

"Economic times are changing.

My goal is to get the lifeboats out and to get as many people into the lifeboats as I can."

- Bob Wells in Nomadland

Bob Wells, an author and expert on "vandwelling," makes a cameo in Nomadland. Wells' "lifeboats" are vans. Although vans aren't anyone's solution to America's crisis of socioeconomic immobility, there can be no question that economic times have changed. In Covid's wake, five tech companies now constitute 5% of America's GDP. It just so happens that one of the five has a program to recruit seasonal workers who live in vans, helping them find and fund a nearby campground to park so they can pick and pack. Amazon promotes its CamperForce program, in which Francis McDormand's character participates, as bringing together "a community of enthusiastic RV'ers for seasonal workamping job opportunities. Come help make our Amazon customers smile by working in one of our state-of-the-art fulfillment centers. You could be picking, packing, and shipping customer orders..."

As evidenced by the proposed \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan and the \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan, the Biden administration agrees that economic times have changed. Even if Amazon is building some itself, we need a lot more clearly demarked pathways to lift up Amazon fulfillment center workers (and RV park and kitchen workers) and their "workamping" brothers and sisters. (And if CamperForce/workamping isn't a sign that the Revolution is nigh, I don't know what is.)

Approximately \$200 billion of the American Families Plan is allocated to accredited postsecondary institutions, with over half pegged to eliminate tuition at community colleges. While specifics aren't yet clear (first-dollar or last-dollar plan?), and while there's actually no such thing as "free college" (students still need to fund fees, books, cost of living – a recent Georgetown

CEW report says this adds up to over \$30K annually for older students — not to mention the opportunity cost of not working or working part-time instead of full-time), free community college is this administration's primary response to the tens of millions of dislocated older and younger Americans living literally or figuratively in Nomadland.

Free is a powerful word. Since launching in January, Michigan's free community college program has received 67,000 applications. As Willamette College of Law professor David Friedman has noted, "Cognitive psychology and reciprocity theory demonstrate that the power of a free offer will induce consumers to behave differently, making them more likely to engage in a transaction with a free offer than a transaction without a free offer." Which explains why the FTC regulates free offers. So free community college certainly has the potential to rouse nomads from their doldrums.

But the digital economy (besides picking and packing) isn't the only thing missing from Nomadland. So are community colleges — never mentioned or discussed as an option. There's a reason community college enrollment is down by double digits this year. It's not unaffordable tuition. It's because too few community colleges have acknowledged that the economy has changed. While digital transformation has transformed the world of work, most community colleges don't look much different than they did a generation ago. Even nomads like Fran intuit that most good jobs are digital jobs. And as digital transformation has accelerated, it's become less and less clear that enrolling at a community college is a pathway to a good digital job.

So while the impetus for free community college is understandable, what's remarkable is that the proposal isn't to fund free college for (or living expenses or – dare to dream – a living wage while students pursue) programs and courses that directly address employer demand, or that correspond to a minimum number of open or even projected jobs. Instead, we're talking about blanket funding for the set of programs and courses that accreditors want to accredit, administrators want to offer, and faculty want

to teach. There's some intersection between these two sets, but not enough to warrant \$100 billion of additional funding, let alone to bet America's democratic future on it.

Following my last column, I received an e-mail from a reader named Donnie informing me that my attempt to describe the systemic racism in higher education's most valuable (scientific and technical) degree programs was off-base. Why? Because "the reason people in the United States either succeed or fail is based upon one factor." "Want to know what that is?" Donnie asked. (Not really, I thought, but I'm pretty sure you're going to tell me.) "It is called personal accountability," Donnie continued. "The only person who will make my life better is me. The only person who will make your life better is you. Bottom line. You are perpetuating a false narrative and should shut your yapper and stop making excuses for people who have only themselves to blame for their failures." The subject line of Donnie's missive? "Your Article Stinks."

With the Republican Party doubling down on President Trump's lies about the 2020 election, there appears to be no return from its "transformation into a populist party of cultural and racial grievance." So there's little chance educated professionals and economically-motivated suburbanites will drift rightward anytime soon. All Democrats need to do to sustain a governing majority is take back voters like Donnie. If they can manage a modest shift of 5-10 points, Republicans have no shot.

Republicans have invested years that could have been profitably spent lowering taxes (talk about opportunity cost) painting four-year colleges as bastions of woke liberal judginess. So free community college is a much better idea than free college for winning Donnie. It's harder for Republicans to play the elitism card and exacerbate the social divide. But they're already trying. And community colleges are full of liberal faculty members — including Dr. Jill Biden — many of whom teach subjects susceptible to Republican *agitprop*. Hundreds of community colleges offer associate's

degrees and certificates in the art history, women's studies, and ethnic studies programs that *Fox News* loves to hate. So it's a risky strategy for Democrats to put all their eggs in the community college basket.

Free community college would be a sure political bet if it were "free training (within reason) until you get a good job." But such a proposition would require investing in the development of new training programs and changing incentives so thousands of colleges and universities would offer more programs leading directly to jobs.

I recognize two huge challenges here. First, there's no easily identifiable alternative to community college training programs. Workforce development and workforce boards only serve low skill workers, and not well, as shown in Nomadland. But taking the easy way out is like calling Mastercard and demanding a credit card number that's the same as your social security number because your current card number is too hard to remember; easy doesn't make it a good idea.

Second, there's no interest group pushing for it. Incumbent colleges and their constituencies agree it's a really good idea to give them more money, unharried by bothersome outcome metrics. There aren't any other interest groups of remotely comparable size and stature in Democratic education-training-workforceland. Even if there were, they'd be constrained by forprofit college boogeyman-prompted phobia-bordering-on-mania concerning public education and training spending. Democratic orthodoxy says it's OK to give public money to private actors to save American lives, but not to help Americans get good jobs.

In the *Tampa Bay Times* last week, the last acceptable Republican, Jeb Bush, hailed a raft of new laws passed by the Florida legislature that will ostensibly transform the state's postsecondary system into "a highway with multiple on-ramps and off-ramps." One new statute "demands that to get access to funding, [community colleges]... show that their graduates gain indemand skills and good paying jobs." A second mandates audits of

community colleges, requiring them to track graduate employment outcomes. A third provides a money-back guarantee to students who enroll in community college "programs focused on certain higher-skill, higher-wage and in-demand occupations. If a student completes the program and is unable to find a job in that field within six months, their tuition will be refunded."

While DC Democrats find such alternatives to free community college abhorrent, impractical, or just silly (all the nuts roll downhill to Florida), these ideas are probably winners in purple and some red states. How close can Democrats realistically get to a politically winning formula for postsecondary education? They might start by recognizing that all community colleges and programs are not created equal, that some do a much better job than others of providing pathways for nomads.

DC Democrats Shalin Jyotishi and Iris Palmer at New America acknowledge "people want shorter, more affordable non-degree training" and applaud six community colleges with quality non-degree workforce programs that lead to quality jobs and careers. These include:

- Pipefitting and electrician programs at Brazosport College
- · Machinist and industrial maintenance apprenticeship at Bates Technical College
- · Harness wiring bootcamp at Mesa Community College
- · Certified Nursing Assistant program at Monroe Community College
- · Tesla service technician program at Miami Dade College
- · Cisco Certified Networking program at Dallas College

In a town where the Democrat didn't make the runoff for an open congressional seat, Dallas College Chancellor Joe May is launching a "Certificate First" initiative. So far, he's integrated the Google IT support professional certificate into an existing IT program and embedded a Salesforce certificate into a project management course. Applying the upside-down degree model to community colleges and focusing on industry-recognized certifications, Chancellor May is now seeking to make many Dallas College programs "Certificate First."

Politically, models like May's are consistent with what we know works. A memo from Third Way cites Democrats who succeed in winning voters like Donnie: Democrats like Sherrod Brown in Ohio and Governor Roy Cooper in North Carolina. Neither campaigns on education or free community college, but rather on the primacy of jobs and job training.

But in foregrounding work and training, we can't forget the critical role of digital technology. Digital jobs are desirable jobs, not least because they weren't disrupted by the pandemic, and Americans who don't have them are thinking twice about returning to their analog jobs. That's why Joe May is focused on digital certificates. So it was sobering to read last week's report from Paul Fain that, whether due to unease with Big Tech or bad PR from Obama-era "coding for coal miners" projects, "tech jobs have been largely written out of workforce solutions the Biden administration is touting." What the Biden team should understand is that the digital skills that matter most aren't coding, but rather the ability to interact professionally on increasingly common and complex digital platforms (including being able to apply for jobs online). So even if it's not politically feasible to limit new funding to community college programs that produce demonstrable employment outcomes, it will be politically beneficial for Democrats to lift up and highlight such institutions and programs.

While free community college finds its way home, if Democrats are serious about turning Republicans into political nomads, we need a better plan to get Fran out of the van.





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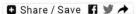


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Gail Whitten

Como Sales representative Gail Whitten has worked with booksellers and publishers large and small for nearly five decades. In that time, she says, one conversation stands out as a career changer. In 2006, Workman Publishing founder Peter Workman called to tell her that he was parting ways with Booklink, where she worked, and thanked her for her support.

"I practically cried," Whitten says. "I told him how upset I was and how much I loved working for him." Two days later, she accepted an offer from Workman's sales manager to become a hybrid rep for Workman and Norton. When Workman bought Como Sales in 2008, she joined the Como sales team.

As a result, Workman is a stronger company, wrote CEO Dan Reynolds in his nominating letter. "I make a point to sit with Gail at Workman dinners because, yes,

I know I will enjoy myself, but I'll also get a real sense of the business and see if there is anything Workman can do to be a better partner to her and her accounts," he noted.

Whitten's acumen is hard earned, starting in the days of manual cash registers and inventory cards to guide store reorders. After working at Waldenbooks in Coral Gables, Fla., she moved to the company's corporate office during their expansion in the 1980s. She helped craft multiple aspects of the company's growth working as a buyer/planner in the New Stores Department, and later as a regional buyer so she could return to Florida. When Waldenbooks merged with Borders, she left to become a buyer for Liberties Fine Books & Music in Boca Raton.

In his nominating letter, Mitchell Kaplan, owner of Books & Books in Coral Gables, credited Whitten with helping his store and the Miami Book Fair after she had moved on to Booklink in the late 1990s. "Her early and enthusiastic support went a long way to helping validate [the fair's] importance in the eyes of the publishers she represents," he wrote.

Singling out Whitten's kindness, generosity, and a serious understanding of what her store needs, Rona Brinlee, owner of the BookMark in Neptune Beach, Fla., called Whitten an essential partner for her store in her letter. "She represents what makes the book industry special," Brinlee wrote.

Cider Mill Press founder and publisher John Whalen, who has known Whitten since the 1980s and whose press is represented by Como Sales, added in his letter, "She understands the unique nature and significance when championing the needs of booksellers. She is our most outstanding field representative in North America."

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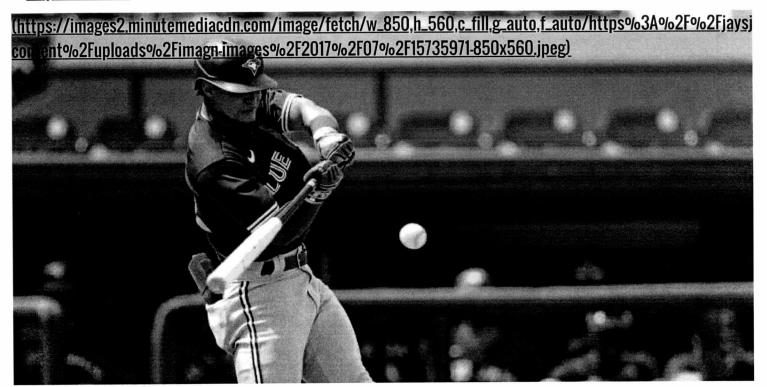
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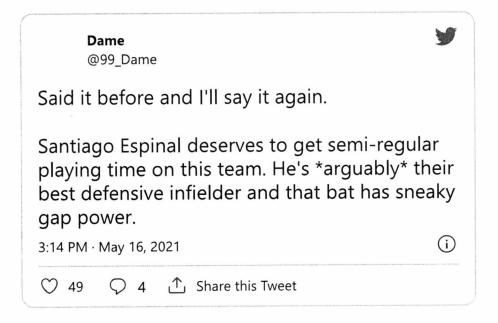
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When Spring Training came to an end back in late March, infielder **Santiago Espinal** (https://www.mlb.com/player/santiago-espinal-669289?stats=career-r-fieldingmlb&year=2021) was a contender for one of the last spots on the Opening Day roster. When the Blue Jays informed veteran Joe Panik that he would be making the team as the club's infield bench option, that all but sealed Espinal's chances of making the club for the first series in New York City against the Yankees.

Acquired from the Boston Red Sox in exchange for Steve Pearce back in 2018, Espinal made his major league debut for the Blue Jays last season, crafting (https://jaysjournal.com/2020/11/03/toronto-blue-jays-2020-report-cards-santiago-espinal/) a .267/.308/.333 slash line with six RBI and a .641 OPS in 26 games over 66 plate appearances.

While he did not make the roster to begin the 2021 season, Espinal has been riding the options bus multiple times this year between the big leagues and the alternate training site with all the various injuries to the active roster. So far, the 3B/SS has appeared in 16 games and has 31 plate appearances, slashing .300/.323/.433 with two doubles, one triple, and two RBI on his way to a .756 OPS. While the sample size is small, the results have been promising so far for the Dominican native as the Blue Jays bench infielder.



While his bat has been impressive through the few at-bats he's had this season, Espinal's glove is what is gaining him attention from the Jays fanbase, with the Miami Dade Community College alum performing well on the hot corner this year.

Considering the Blue Jays have had to deal with numerous errors and inconsistencies from Cavan Biggio and Joe Panik at third base, Espinal has by far been the most consistent and dependable at the position early this year. He is able to make the plays that one would expect from a major league third baseman and is able to turn double plays at second base, getting the team out of tough situations on a few occasions with his perfect 1.000 fielding percentage.

To summarize, Espinal is having a great start to the season but because he has minor league options, his stay on the active roster will most likely be over when players return from the injured list like Panik

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(calf) or one of the numerous pitchers on the evergrowing list. Espinal may be able to extend his stay with Rowdy Tellez possibly heading to the IL after leaving yesterday's game in the 8th inning but because of his options, he will always be a possibility to be sent down to the minor leagues.

If Tellez does go to the IL over the next few days, this will probably be one of the best opportunities for Espinal to show manager Charlie Montoyo and the Blue Jays management team that he belongs on the major league roster. Panik has not yet returned and even though Biggio may get some more starts at third, if Espinal can keep producing like he

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Even though he does have the option to be sent down to the minor leagues, Santiago Espinal is proving that he belongs on a major league roster at least in a bench infielder role. Considering he is outperforming his counterparts defensively at third base as well, a few more quality outings could see the 5'10" righty batter manipulate his way into more playing time further down the stretch, a move that just might make sense if the Jays left side defence keeps committing errors because of a double-clutch or an errant throw across the diamond.

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Stingers returning to JUCO

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J.T. Marr hit a grand slam and Florence Darlington Technical College (S.C.) took a commanding lead Saturday against Monroe College (N.Y.) to claim the East District championship with a 13-1 victory.

Marr's grand slam came in the Stingers' seven-run second inning, and Hunter Parks allowed only one run on five hits through seven innings.

It's the second district championship for eighth-ranked Florence Darlington (46-6), which made its first trip to Grand Junction for the Alpine Bank Junior College World Series in 2017.

Seven spots are still up for grabs, with Miami Dade College (Fla.) earning the South Atlantic title and Shelton State winning the South District.

Mid-South: No. 4 San Jacinto College-North is one win away from the title after a 5-4, 11-inning win over Navarro. The Texas schools altered their qualifying formats from a traditional double-elimination tournament to two regionals, with the North and South division winners meeting for a best-of-three series.

Southwest: Midland College and Temple College play an elimination game this morning, with the winner facing No. 15 McLennan Community College this afternoon in the North regional. In the West regional, Odessa is undefeated and awaiting either Weatherford or Cisco today. The two regional champions play a best-of-three series May 21-23 at the higher seed.

Midwest: The field is set for the playoffs May 19-23 in South Holland, Ill. South Suburban hosts Indian Hills, top-ranked Wabash Valley and Kaskaskia May 19-23. Indian Hills upended fifth ranked Iowa Western 7-3 in the third game of their Region 11 series. Wabash Valley beat John A. Logan 10-1 and Kaskaskia downed Lincoln Trail 5-3 in the two Region 24 brackets.

West: Southern Nevada beat Southern Idaho late Friday night to reach the Region 18 title game against Salt Lake City, then beat the Bears twice Saturday, 21-11, 16-12, to advance to the West District playoffs in Coolidge, Arizona. Yavapai College won Region 1, and Western Nebraska won the Region 9 title. The district tournament begins Thursday.

South Central: Eastern Oklahoma State, ranked No. 11, won the Region 2 title 8-4 over Seminole State and will host the district playoffs May 21-23. No. 6 Crowder College (Mo.) won Region 16 with a 4-2 victory over Jefferson College, and Delgado Community College (La.), is the Region 23 champion.

Appalachian: No. 2 Walters State plays at Andrew College (Ga.) in a best-of-three series May 19-21,

Plains: Colby College, No. 8 Cowley County and Butler County all won their sub-regional titles in Kansas, with Kansas City and Neosho County playing today. The four sub-regional winners play in the district tournament starting Thursday in Salina.

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Regresan los campamentos de verano y ofrecemos nuevos cursos en tecnología

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Aquí, en el Miami Dade College, el aprendizaje es un proceso ininterrumpido y nuestro catálogo de cursos y programas es cada día más amplio



Madeline Pumariega, presidenta del Miami Dade College.

El verano es sinónimo de descanso y vacaciones, pero también es temporada de transformación. Oportunidad para tomar riesgos y adquirir nuevas destrezas, acortar el tiempo de estudios universitarios o cambiar de carrera para incorporarse al mercado laboral.

Aquí, en el Miami Dade College, el aprendizaje es un proceso ininterrumpido y nuestro catálogo de cursos y programas es cada día más amplio. Esta temporada de verano cuenta con varios minisemestres que se pueden concluir en seis o doce semanas, con opciones flexibles de aprendizaje, ayuda financiera y otros beneficios.

Por primera vez ofreceremos dos programas para alumnos de las escuelas secundarias del condado Miami-Dade que se gradúan este año: *Fast Track Sharks*, que facilita a estudiantes de primer año la transición a estudios universitarios con numerosos incentivos. Además, *Rising Black Scholars*, que proporciona matrícula gratuita hasta por dos años a estudiantes afroamericanos que se gradúan de la enseñanza secundaria en el 2021.

El dominio de la tecnología es aplicable a todas las esferas de la vida, y cada vez se hace más necesario en el floreciente ecosistema tecnológico de Miami. Este semestre de verano la Escuela de Ingeniería y Tecnología inaugura *Next Tech Generation*, una iniciativa con múltiples cursos y

campamentos gratuitos con el objetivo de preparar a estudiantes de enseñanza secundaria para los empleos en demanda.

El programa de verano inicia el 21 de junio y ofrecerá matrícula gratuita además de estipendios para libros y apoyo para certificaciones en el sector tecnológico. Los participantes podrán seleccionar cursos en línea de seguridad cibernética, computación en la nube, analítica de datos, programación o informática. Asimismo, los alumnos que concluyan exitosamente el programa recibirán bonos para presentarse a exámenes de certificación.

Me llena de felicidad darles la noticia de que volveremos a ofrecer campamentos de verano para niños y jóvenes con opciones presenciales y virtuales, después que fueran suspendidos el año pasado. Los campamentos estarán disponibles en los recintos Wolfson, Kendall, Homestead y Norte, y las especialidades abarcan desde animación, robótica, mercadotecnia digital y comercio electrónico, hasta técnicas de investigación criminalística, entre otras disciplinas. En los mismos, los niños y jóvenes, aprenderán y pondrán en práctica sus destrezas creativas en un entorno variado, de calidad y sobre todo divertido.

Las fechas de estos campamentos varían, pero en general las actividades se llevarán a cabo desde junio hasta agosto, con opciones y precios razonables. En el Recinto Norte, del 6 de junio al 30 de julio, se impartirá, de forma gratuita, metodología de investigaciones criminalísticas, justicia penal y derecho procesal, para jóvenes de 13 a 17 años y de noveno a duodécimo grado.

Los alumnos de tercero y último año de secundaria también tendrán la posibilidad de aprender conceptos sobre tecnologías en surgimiento en dos campamentos gratuitos disponibles del 14 al 25 de junio, especializados en computación en la nube y seguridad cibernética, que les proporcionarán certificaciones tecnológicas.

Y es precisamente que seguimos creando alianzas y colaboraciones con prestigiosas compañías de esa industria para ofrecerles a nuestros estudiantes programas originales de desarrollo educacional y la obtención de certificaciones y credenciales en industrias de alta demanda.

Una fuerza laboral más informada y preparada es esencial para el desarrollo de nuestra ciudad, y el MDC, como siempre, está al frente de su transformación.

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COVID-19 EN FLORIDA:

Registran 3,319 casos y más de 50 muertes

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l Departamento de Salud de Florida (DOH) registró otras 3,319 pruebas positivas del nuevo coronavirus en el estado este sábado, elevando el total de casos confirmados a 2,289,522.

Por otra parte, las autoridades sanitarias agregaron el sábado 56 muertes de residentes de Florida con COVID-19. En total, han fallecido 36,056 residentes del estado y 720 no residentes, para un total de 36,776 fallecidos.

Los datos divulgados el

sábado por las autoridades indican que el viernes los laboratorios entregaron al estado los resultados de 74,487 personas que se sometieron a la prueba. En un 4.41 % de casos, la prueba arrojó un resultado positivo. Hace un día, esa cifra era de 4.15 %.

Además, según el informe de la vacuna COVID del estado, casi 7.5 millones de personas terminaron el proceso de vacunación en Florida hasta el viernes (lo que significa que ya han recibido las inyecciones de las dos dosis de las vacunas Pfizer o Moderna, o la dosis

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FILA DE autos para recibir la vacuna en la Northwest 27th Avenue, fuera del sitio de vacunación administrado por FEMA en el campus norte de Miami Dade College en Miami, Florida, el sábado 6 de marzo de 2021.

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CONTAGIOS DE COVID-19 EN MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD, PALM BEACH Y MONROE

Según las cifras divulgadas el sábado, un 34.8 % de los nuevos casos diagnosticados en las últimas 24 horas corresponden al sureste del estado:

- Miami-Dade alcanzó el sábado 6,302 muertes y 494,374 casos confirmados, un alza de 12 muertes y 651 contagios con respecto al viernes. La tasa de casos positivos en el condado bajó de 3.9 % a 3.81 %.
- **Broward** registró 241,765 casos confirmados y 3,011 decesos, lo que representa un aumento de 289 contagios y nueve

muertes adicionales. El índice de casos positivos subió de 3.43 % a 3.5 %.

- Palm Beach registró 146,538 casos confirmados, lo que representa un aumento de 209 contagios y una muerte adicional. En total, 2,816 pacientes en el condado sucumbieron ante la enfermedad.
- Monroe registró cinco casos confirmados nuevos y ninguna muerte adicional. Los Cayos ahora cuentan con 7,035 casos confirmados y 49 muertes.

HOSPITALIZACIONES: BARÓMETRO DEL ESTADO DE LA PANDEMIA

Una herramienta clave para determinar si la situación del coronavirus está mejorando en el estado son las cifras de hospitalización. A diferencia de las pruebas, que pueden ser limitadas o demorar días en informar los resultados, las hospitalizaciones pueden ayudar a las autoridades a conocer en tiempo real cuántas personas están enfermas con el virus.

Según las autoridades estatales, Florida registró 163 hospitalizaciones adicionales desde el viernes por la mañana, lo que eleva el total de hospitalizaciones en el estado desde el comienzo de la pandemia a 93,056.

En Florida, la Agencia para la Administración de Atención Médica (AHCA) reporta las hospitalizaciones a nivel estatal y condal en tiempo real. Según esos datos, a nivel estatal el sábado había 2,497 personas hospitalizadas actualmente "con diagnóstico primario de COVID". Hace una semana, esa cifra era de 2,709.

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