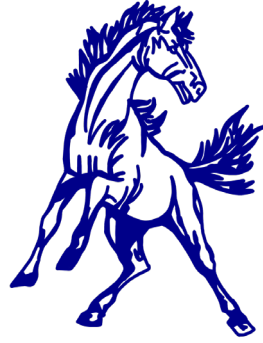


# Quo Vadis



## Childcare Center Rebrands *Changes Its Name To The Early Learning Center*

By Ashley Wyber, Staff Writer  
Photos by Jazmine Brown



The Middlesex College Childcare Center has changed its name to The Early Learning Center earlier this year to better describe its program's goal.

According to the school's site, the center is a full-day kindergarten and preschool program held in Edison Hall, room 184B. It's available to the children of Middlesex College alumni, students, staff and community members.

Center director Mary Jo Tivenan-Macintosh, who's worked in the college's early learning department for seven years, said she is excited about what's coming for the center in this post-COVID-19 climate.

Tivenan-Macintosh said, "Middlesex College continued to keep on all of the staff at the center to ensure

the center would still be able to operate at the full capacity allowed by current COVID-19 guidelines."

Tivenan-Macintosh said the center strictly follows state license COVID regulations.

Currently, the NJ Department of Children and Families regulations include symptom screening, daily temperature checks, and outdoor drop-offs for students to ensure the

safety of students and staff.

Tivenan-Machitosh, said "When first returning from the shutdown in June, the center initially had a slow beginning to regain back to full capacity, however, in the current 2021-2022 school year, the center is booming with some of their classes and has waitlists for new enrollees."

## College Celebrates Latino Heritage Month Virtually

By Amanda Clark, Managing Editor

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), Organization of Latino Unity, and Student Life is hosting a Latino Heritage Month Celebration of Music with musician Bobby Sanabria on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Director of Student Life, Ode L. Hoppie said, "In celebration of Latino Heritage, seven-time Grammy Award nominee, Bobby Sanabria, professor, musician, bandleader, and WBGO radio hosts will present on 'The Clave: African Rhythms and contributions of Latin America, Caribbean and Jazz Music.'"

Middlesex College education alumna, Eileen Salvato, said this would be an excellent opportunity to dance and hang out with friends while learning about Sanabria's music.

"We always love to promote the arts. This will be a great opportunity for the students and their families to tune into the event from home and watch this award-winning musician that you normally wouldn't get a chance to see because of schedules and busy life," said Hoppie.

Sanabria will be performing, fol-

lowed by a discussion and meet and greet with the artist, said Hoppie.

Salvato said, since you can actually do a meet and greet, this event would be interesting to get a chance to talk and learn about a professional musician who has a lot of experience.

Hoppie said the musician will bring his music to life for people to dance to by playing the drums and the percussion. He is also a composer, arranger, producer and educator.

Middlesex College general arts major, Christopher Born, said this would be a great opportunity to hear from a musician about his journey and be able to hear him play.

"This event is going to be very interactive for the students and their families to get in a dancing groove once the music starts to just have fun and dance," Hoppie said.

"If the music moves you, you are welcome to dance while the musician plays. Student Life wants to become more interactive for people who join Zoom, and this would be a great opportunity for everyone to get involved," said Hoppie.

For Zoom information: [www.middlesex.edu/student-life/canvas](http://www.middlesex.edu/student-life/canvas).



Yolla Choueiri is teaching the children during daycare.



Lavina Longia is reading the children a book during daycare.

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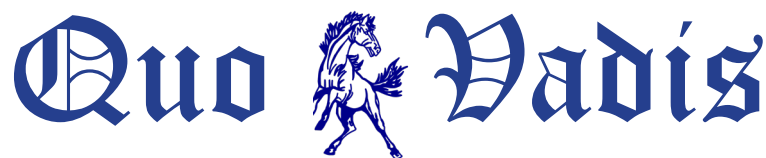
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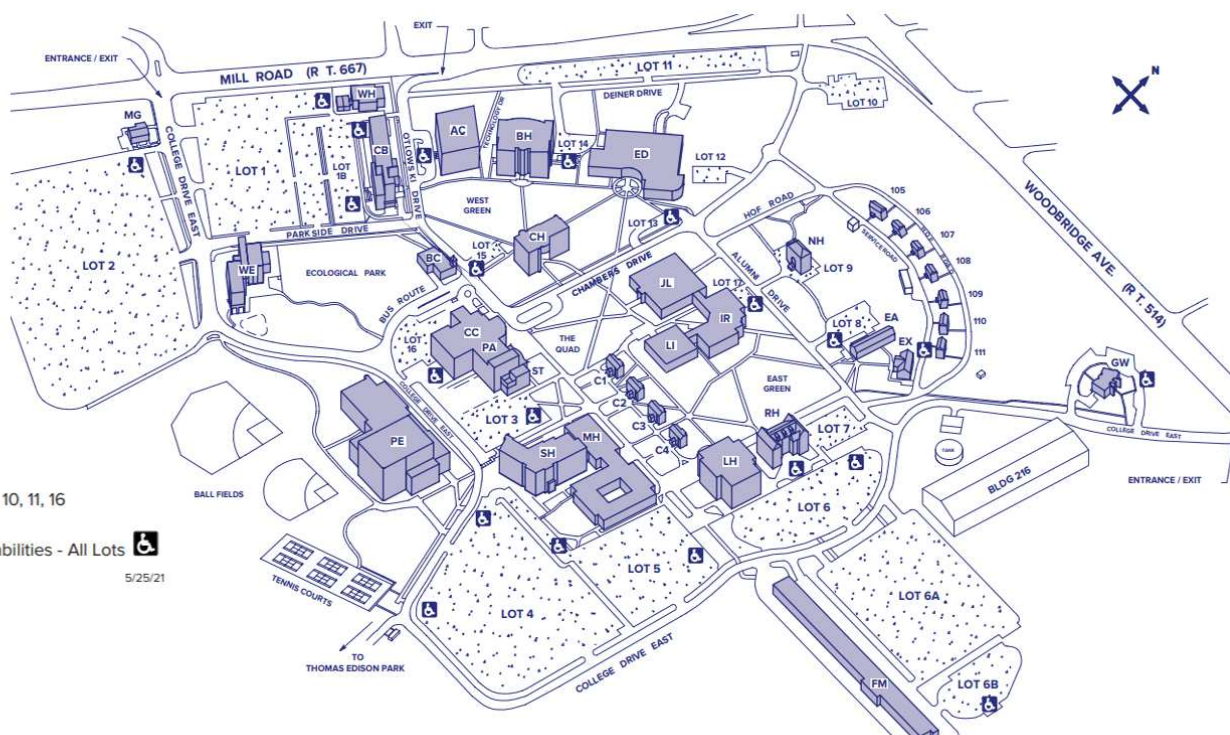
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| <b>BH</b> Billy Johnson Hall  | <b>PE</b> Physical Education Center     |
| <b>BC</b> Bookstore   | <b>RH</b> Raritan Hall                  |
| <b>C1</b> Center 1  | <b>SH</b> South Hall                    |
| <b>C2</b> Center 2  | <b>ST</b> Studio Theatre                |
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| <b>CH</b> Chambers Hall   | <b>111</b> Middlesex College Foundation |
| <b>CB</b> Crabel Hall   |   |
| <b>CC</b> College Center  |   |
| <b>EA</b> East Hall   |   |
| <b>EX</b> East Hall Annex   |   |
| <b>ED</b> Edison Hall   |   |
| <b>FM</b> Facilities Management   |   |
| <b>GW</b> Gateway - Police / Information                                |   |
| <b>IR</b> Instructional Resource Center                                 |   |
| <b>JL</b> Johnson Learning Center                                       |   |
| <b>LH</b> L'Hommedieu Hall  |   |
| <b>LI</b> Library   |   |
| <b>MG</b> Mill Gate   |   |
| <b>MH</b> Main Hall   |   |
| <b>NH</b> North Hall  |   |

### PARKING LOTS

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- Faculty / Staff - 1B, 5, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16
- Visitors - 3, 15
- Parking for Individuals With Disabilities - All Lots
- Child Care Center - 12



## Organizations Present Virtual Bailando Party

By **Amanda Clark**, *Managing Editor*  
**Ankush Patel**, *Staff Writer*

Educational Opportunity Fund, Organization of Latino Unity, and Student Life is hosting a Bailando Virtual Dance Party from 7-8:30 p.m. on Oct. 14.

According to the Middlesex College website, the music played at this event will consist of Latin styles such as salsa, tipico, bachata, and reggaeton.

Director of Student Life, Ode L. Hoppie, said that the Organization of Latino Unity has been at Middlesex for about 40 years. However, this will be their second year of a virtual Bailando event because of COVID-19.

Students will be on their own camera and still enjoy live Latin music from DJ Naeem and the opportunity to connect with others in the Middlesex College community.

Hoppie said, "This event is open to all students, faculty, staff and administrators at Middlesex College."

Middlesex College communications major, Franchesca Rodriguez, said this event would be enjoyable to attend and get her entire family involved to have a fun-filled night of dancing.

Hoppie said, "It's very interactive; we've done our best to make these virtual events more interactive than

regular Zoom events or classes."

"Whether it is a club event, speaker or party, the college has done a great job making it an interactive experience for all the students," said Hoppie.

Hoppie said, you're not just sitting there watching a DJ spin and create music; it will get you in the dancing groove as if it's an in-person dance.

Middlesex College early childhood education major, Monica Paiz, said this dancing event would be a great way to take time out of a busy day just to dance and not have to worry about any work or bills.

Hoppie said, "It'll be a virtual event highlighting ... genres of music in the Latin Culture," said Hoppie.

Rodriguez said besides dancing with the family, this would be a great night as if she's attending another school dance in person, and having it be interactive would be an amazing experience.

Hoppie said that everyone who attends is encouraged to have a great time. They can dance with family and friends while listening to music.

Students, faculty, staff and administrators can access this event through a zoom link on the Middlesex College calendar.

For Zoom information: [middlesexcc.edu/student-life/canvas](http://middlesexcc.edu/student-life/canvas).

## Person-on-the-Street:

### Should the College Increase or Decrease On-Campus Classes in the Spring?

Amanda Clark, *Managing Editor*

David Gravagna  
Psychology major  
Second year  
Parlin, New Jersey



"I do believe we should offer more in-person classes for the spring 2022 semester. It would allow students to be able to socialize more and focus better in class without having to worry if the Wi-Fi will cut out. In-person classes offer students a better way of learning to retain information and do better on tests or quizzes."

Mega McCrea  
Graphic design major  
Second year  
Sayreville, New Jersey



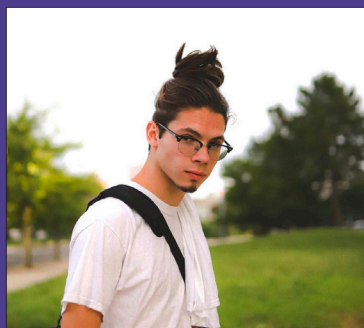
"Yes, I definitely think there needs to be more on campus classes. It's going to be my second year at Middlesex College, and I haven't had one in person class yet. If learning online has taught me anything, it's that I learn better in person. I am more focused and the social aspect definitely impacts the way I learn. I feel less comfortable being online just because you can see your self view on the screen and that can be distracting versus in real life when all you are worrying about is if your hair looks weird in the back because you can't see the back of your head."

Frank Gravagna  
Business administration major  
Third year  
Parlin, New Jersey



"I think classes should be on campus next semester because I don't want to continuously be shorted out of my money and be deprived of the education I'm paying for. I wouldn't have gone to Middlesex College for online classes, and I'm honestly sick of Zoom classes at this point. Classes on the campus are superior for a learning environment."

Jonathan Vorreas  
Film Major  
First year  
Edison, New Jersey



"I think returning to campus in the spring would be beneficial to students looking to be on campus for the experience, and to be around people. For the most part, college being online isn't the worst. Zoom classes are good for my time management; I can schedule back-to-back classes while not needing to rush, and I get to save on gas."

Julian Pesantes  
Nursing major  
Third year  
Old Bridge, New Jersey



"No, I don't think more classes should be on campus next semester. I think Middlesex College is already opening up too early, considering cases are still rising daily. If cases decrease to the point where no one will get symptoms, feel sick, get hospitalized, affect their health or [they] basically feel like they don't have COVID-19, then it would be ok to resume more in-person classes."

## Calendar of Events

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### Middlesex Borough Food Truck Festival

Mountainview Park, Middlesex, New Jersey  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

In-Person

A community event that promises culinary cuisines and family-friendly entertainment

For more info go [here](#)

### When There Were Witches: An Exploration of the 1692 Salem Witch Crisis

Milltown Public Library

1-2 p.m.

[Online](#)

Historian and archivist, Mickey Dicamillo explores the misunderstood history surrounding the Salem Witch Trials

Oct.  
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### SNAP Food Assistance Enrollment Help

South Plainfield Public Library

10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

In-Person

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey is helping patrons find out if they are eligible and helping apply for SNAP benefits.

For more info go [here](#)

Oct.  
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### Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprentice Boot Camp Info Session

10-11 a.m.

[Online](#)

Learn about manufacturing basics, safety (OSHA), units of measurement, math fundamentals, shop rules and more during the info session.

# Students Use Library Nook To Socialize

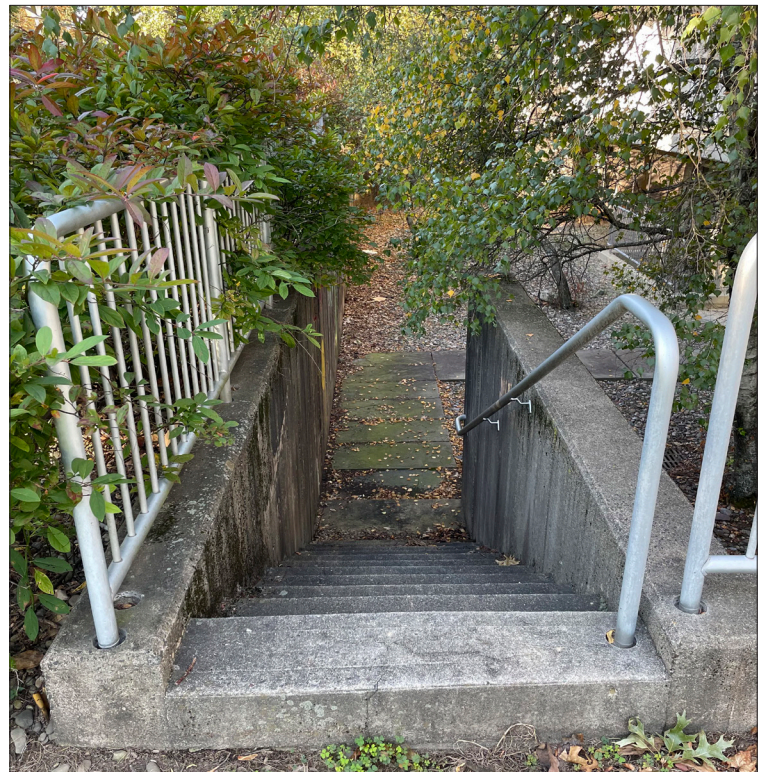


Photo by Harsh Godhani

By Harsh Godhani, Managing Editor

Some students use the outdoor library nook area to socialize in between classes. According to the library staff, students should visit the area in no larger than groups of three to maintain social distance.

# East Brunswick Library Holds Book Sale

By Amanda Clark, Managing Editor

East Brunswick Public Library hosts The Friends of the Library's 47th annual book and media sale at the JC Penny Court of Brunswick Square Mall from Oct. 11-17.

Friends of the Library member and Treasurer, Robin Rushfield, said the book sale is open during mall hours, Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Rushfield said, in addition to books, "The Friends of the Library will also be selling DVDs, audiobooks, and other media, which all items typically run from \$1 to \$3."

Middlesex College business administration major, Benjamin Hoffman, said he loves attending this annual book sale because he always finds books that would be \$10 or more, but here, he can save so much money.

Rushfield said, "There is a special preview sale on Monday, October 11, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For a \$25 admission, you get a first look at everything that is for sale."

Middlesex College liberal arts major Desi Kostis said the event sounds interesting because this is a great way to get books since everything is reasonably priced.

Rushfield said that, unlike many library book sales, most forms of payment are allowed. For example, they accept Venmo, cash, checks and credit cards.

Rushfield said thousands of books, videos, audiobooks and CDs are available for all ages and interests throughout the event. All proceeds benefit the East Brunswick Public Library.

In previous years, Hoffman said he found books for school that helped him study and pass his classes and that this year, he'll keep an eye out for more.

Rushfield said masks are mandatory, there will be hand-sanitizing stations through the event available, and social distancing rules to follow.

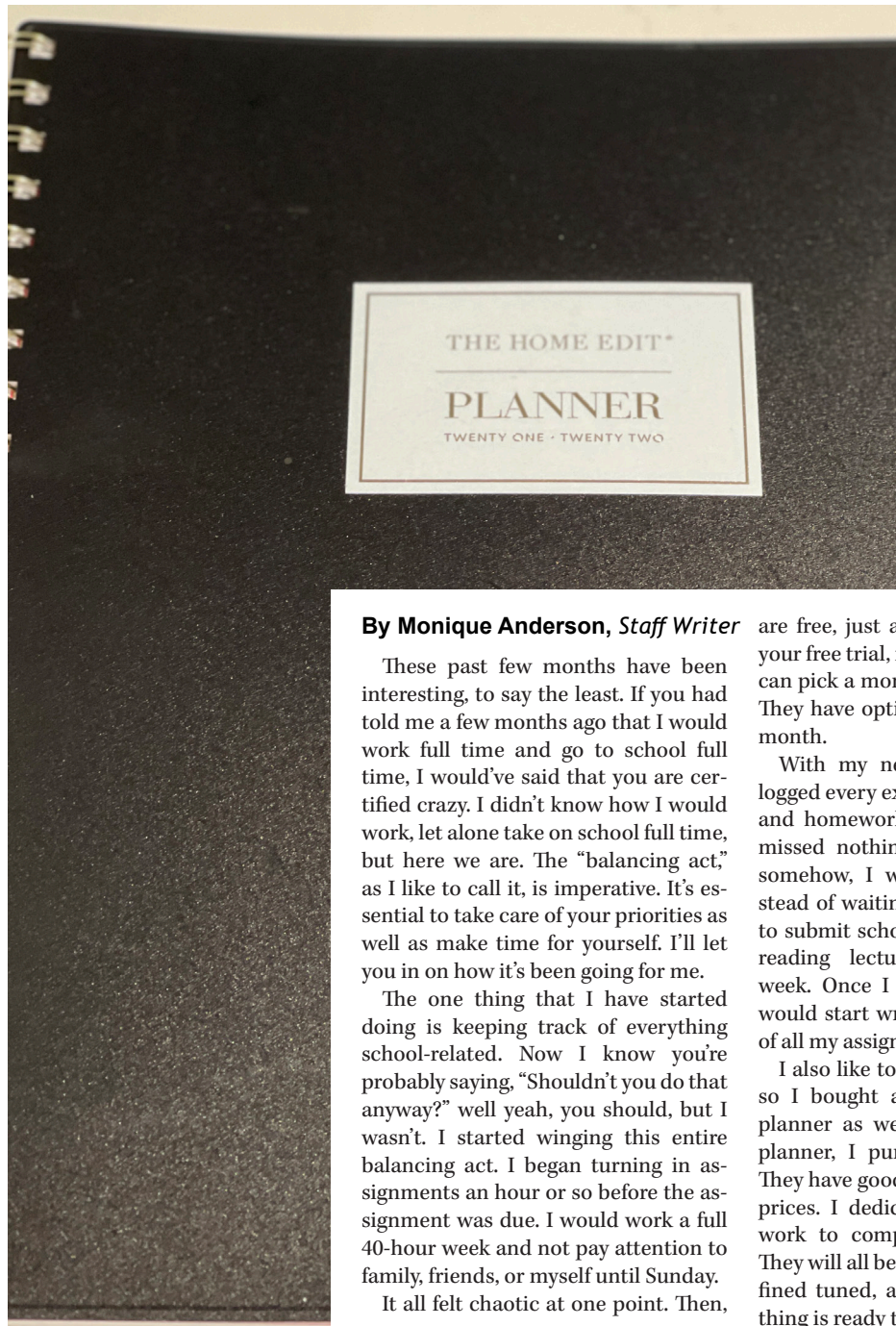
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Photo by Katherine Rodriguez

"Books on Sale"

# Planning Helps Writer Stay On Task”



I realized I was making this balancing act extremely hard. To start getting the balancing act in order, I downloaded a planner to my phone. We are in an age where technology is super helpful in our daily lives. With this planner, I made sure that it synced with every device I had. The planner that I downloaded is called “Timepage by Moleskin Studio.” The app is available for download in the Apple store. Your first seven days

I try my best to give friends and family a few hours of my time over the weekend, but not before I dedicate some time to myself. I made sure that I took at least a few hours out of the weekend to do something for myself. Whether watching a football game, going shopping or going out to eat, I made time for myself and my mental health.

Juggling the load of all the things you have going on may seem impossible, but it is not. It is doable.

It can be difficult to prioritize and make time for what is important to you, but I think that’s the beauty of it. You WILL always find time for what matters most to you. So, download that planner, buy a standard planner, use your calendar, or even start a journal. Find a way to stay on top of the necessary things. Also, don’t forget to make time for yourself because you deserve it.

**By Monique Anderson, Staff Writer**

These past few months have been interesting, to say the least. If you had told me a few months ago that I would work full time and go to school full time, I would’ve said that you are certified crazy. I didn’t know how I would work, let alone take on school full time, but here we are. The “balancing act,” as I like to call it, is imperative. It’s essential to take care of your priorities as well as make time for yourself. I’ll let you in on how it’s been going for me.

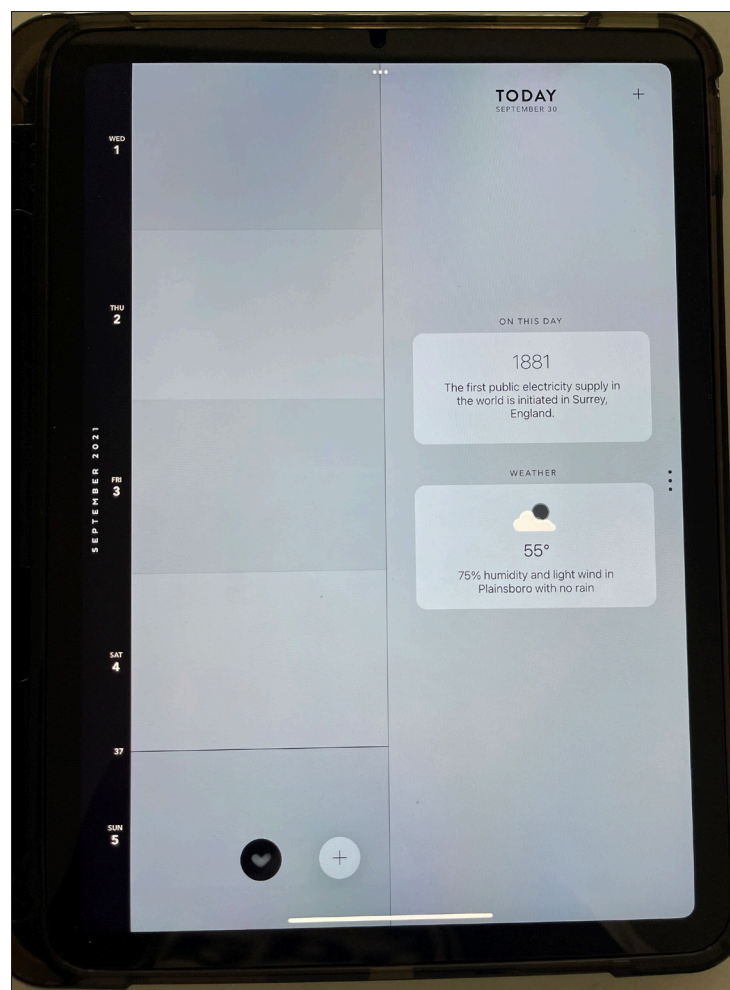
The one thing that I have started doing is keeping track of everything school-related. Now I know you’re probably saying, “Shouldn’t you do that anyway?” well yeah, you should, but I wasn’t. I started winging this entire balancing act. I began turning in assignments an hour or so before the assignment was due. I would work a full 40-hour week and not pay attention to family, friends, or myself until Sunday.

It all felt chaotic at one point. Then,

are free, just a trial, and then after your free trial, if you like the app, you can pick a monthly payment option. They have options as low as \$1.99 a month.

With my new digital planner, I logged every exam, quiz, assignment and homework. The app ensured I missed nothing because somehow, somehow, I would be alerted. Instead of waiting until the due dates to submit schoolwork, I would start reading lectures throughout the week. Once I got off from work, I would start writing and taking care of all my assignments.

I also like to see things in writing, so I bought a 12-month everyday planner as well, and for this daily planner, I purchased it at Target. They have good planners at amazing prices. I dedicated every day after work to complete an assignment. They will all be done by Saturday and fined tuned, and by Sunday, everything is ready to be turned in.



“Timepage by Moleskin Studio” app displayed on an iPad

Photos by Monique Anderson

# Lockdown Memories Surface as Schools Reopen

**By Hina Naqvi, Staff Writer**

On Sept. 8, my daughter stepped into her school building for the first time in 18 months. I had mixed feelings since the Delta variant is still a threat, and we saw an increase in children’s hospitalization in some parts of the USA. Naturally, it wasn’t easy for me to send my daughter back to school. However, I had no choice as schools do not have a virtual option this year. Some of my friends are still homeschooling.

Thinking back to the day when I ordered her uniforms and school supplies, all the memories from kindergarten entangled me. Finally, the day came, and I dropped off my daughter at her school. It was not a regular drop-off as COVID changed everything. For drop-offs, I had to go behind the school building instead of at the front. There was a designated spot for third to fifth grade drop-offs. When I came back home, my little one was with my husband and me.

The next day was my husband’s first day of work. It was another see-off when my 3-year-old was not ready to say goodbye to her dad. Although she said bye to him, she didn’t know that she wouldn’t be able to see her dad in the basement for the rest of the day. She doesn’t talk properly yet, but I felt she was uncomfortable and behaved differently. Later, I realized she did not eat for two to three days. Since it was a short week and the weekend had pleasant weather, the transition from home to school and work was not bad.

On Sept. 13, my little one started her preschool, and that was a challenge for me as she’s too attached to me. Wherever I go, she follows me. Knowing that I was aware of her attachment, I sent her to daycare in my vicinity over the summer. She cried almost every day, but she said, “goodbye mama” and “see you later,” in a pleasant mood on her last day. Even on her first day at St. John’s Nursery school, she wasn’t crying at all, and that made my day. When I came back home, I felt



Hina’s daughter, Mariam, on the first day of school

Photos by Hina Naqvi

lonely without the kids, and the house’s emptiness brought tears to my eyes. All the past events scrolled into my mind.

From the day the lockdown started in March 2020, I had all good and bad memories. During this course, my husband tried so many new recipes, such as flip over omelet, fish, pasta, cake and the list goes on. Though it was very stressful, especially from March to June 2020, I did not lose a close member during the peak of COVID. It wasn’t until December when I got the news that my aunt in Virginia passed away from COVID. There were times when I used to call for condolences, but I felt my words were empty.

With so much sadness inside my heart for the people I lost and for all around the world, one thing that kept me going was seeing my girls grow up. At that time, my escape was to be involved in more activities with my girls. Before the pandemic, my husband’s routine was tough as he used to leave for work around 6 a.m. and return around 8 p.m., so he barely saw our little one and hardly did much with the girls. Yet, if I look at it optimistically, my camera roll from March 2020 to September 2021 is full of many pictures and videos of my husband playing with our girls.

We cooked and baked with our girls, played, rode bikes with them and walked by the shore on many occasions. I do hope the world will never see that time again. However, I saw this pandemic as an eye-opener. Life is unpredictable. For those of us lucky ones, aside from being grateful, maybe it’s time to re-evaluate our relationships with family, friends and loved ones. I know we are almost returning to normal, and many lessons learned from 2020 will never be wiped out.



# Star Wars Encourages Creative Storytelling

By Jared Almanzor, *Managing Editor*

Illustrations by Eva Reyes

Spoiler Alert: If you haven't watched "Star Wars: Visions," do not continue past this point, as this review contains spoilers.

"Star Wars: Visions," is something new in terms of the "Star Wars" universe. Disney released the animated series on Disney+ on September 22, 2021.

What made this "Star Wars" show unique compared to "The Bad Batch" and "The Mandalorian" is that Disney didn't make it in-house; they created the series with different Japanese animation studios.

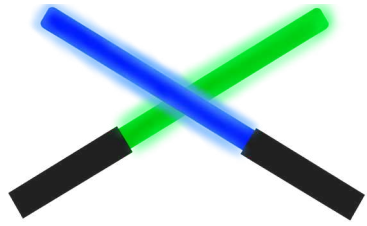
There were nine "Star Wars: Visions" episodes, and I will cover them in this review. Each episode was unique and took a different plot from the previous one.

The first episode was pretty good in terms of the plot. It gave me the sense of the hero of justice trope: someone that wanted to right the wrong. The duel between the two Sith lords was an unexpected twist that I didn't see coming.

The second episode explored the idol anime trope and had a "Star Wars" mix to it. I found watching this episode with the English dub was a bit difficult due to me being used to watching concerts in anime

with English subtitles and the Japanese songs on top.

The plot was good as it felt like I was watching an exaggerated plot



line of an idol anime. I resonated with these characters instantly, mostly because of my love of music and seeing them have a fun time.

I loved the plotline of episode three, with the main characters being twins. One is becoming part of the light side, which was Karre, and the other being on the darker side, which was Am. Then having both twins realizing their destiny as well was a brilliant open-ended move as well. I loved every second of watching it.

Episode four transported me to a different time period because of the characters in the plot. This time around, I had a bit of trouble trying to relate to said main characters. Personally, I felt like all of them needed more screen time for me to

connect with them.

My God, the fifth episode amazed me. I felt truly connected with the main characters. There were some twists I didn't expect, like with the stuff involving the light sabers and Kara.

The sixth episode with T0-B1 was pretty cool, with him being a cybernetic boy wanting to be a Jedi was a sweet plotline. I instantly fell in love with T0-B1 as a character. He was naive, but he knew what he wanted to do in life, which was being a Jedi. It gave me a bit of an "Astro Boy" feel if you've ever watched that anime.

The seventh episode had me worried for the main characters and creeped out by the episode's villain

lose. It's a shame that the Elder lost due to time and old age.

The eighth episode was unique to me, mainly due to one of the main characters, called Lop. She and her sister, Ocho, ended up with contrasting paths in life. I felt bad for Lop, as she had a nice family that adopted her. Then Lop had to go against Ocho. Lop is a humanoid rabbit character, which made her stand out amongst all the other characters seen in the show so far. I loved this plotline and I know it might expand someday with a second season or a manga.

I liked the tone of the final episode of "Star Wars: Visions." The main character of the episode goes from

character was close to, who they were trying to save.

I felt uncomfortable the entire episode, as I didn't know what was coming next, from scene to scene. I felt bad for the companion of the main character in this episode. It made me feel uncomfortable the entire time, as I was uncertain about how this episode would have gone.

The soundtrack throughout "Star Wars: Visions" was phenomenal, as there were some remixes along with original songs for this entire show. I might end up listening to the soundtrack on Spotify in the future.

All in all, I loved "Star Wars: Visions," in terms of everything. There is so much to enjoy: the different art styles, the soundtrack, the various degrees of world-building and the characters. What was centrally linked within all nine of the episodes was the Light saber, the Force and Kyber Crystals. I liked that it made it feel like we were still in the "Star Wars" universe instead of a universe that has "Star Wars" characters placed in there.

If you haven't watched "Star Wars: Visions" yet, you should, since it's on Disney+. It was a phenomenal show and you get to see what I was talking about in this review, yourself.

## STAR WARS

called the Elder. The Elder felt like a huge threat for the scenario and I was worried that the heroes would

being a Jedi to a Sith, and I didn't see that coming. It was a nice twist because there was someone the main

## Headphones Don't Meet Expectations

By Tiffany Pham, *Staff Writer*

Although I'm not a tech-savvy individual, I bought brands I heard of, like Logitech, Dell, ASUS, and yes, Razer. I purchased Razer mouse years prior and liked it, so I thought getting a rainbow light-up headset with cat ears of the same brand would be quite an excellent addition.

I was wrong. Although it was very nice, and I got a lot of compliments on how cute it was, problems started occurring a few months into usage. First, the headset would sometimes stop lighting up, and the sound would cut out. Then, as time went on, the sound wasn't playing at all.

I figured I damaged the wire by dropping it or that it was just defective, but then I looked into it some more from online buyers and my very tech-savvy gamer friends. Razer's quality in equipment is not the best, but I'm glad I could return it.

To wrap up this review, Razer's mouse is generally of good quality. My friends and I agree, but the headset and the keyboard aren't of good quality, from what I've heard. If I had to rate the Kraken Kitty, I would give it three stars, one star for functionality and two for visual appeal. However, it is not worth it, especially for the price.



Photo by Jazmine Brown

Box of 'Kraken Kitty' headphones

## 'The View' Displays Many Viewpoints

By Hina Naqvi, *Staff Writer*

I don't remember when I started watching "The View," but what I remember was when I used to work out in YMCA, the TV show that was always on the screens was "The View." At that time, I had a busy morning schedule, so I never got a chance to watch it regularly. However, when I enrolled in college and learned critical thinking exercises in ESL classes, I watched news shows along with "The View." For the people who do not know about this show, I will write a brief introduction of this show.

It is an American talk show which Barbara Walters created in August 1997. The show's format includes the "Hot Topics" from the current news

and highlights a multi-generational team of women who discuss current topics, such as socioeconomic, political and entertainment topics. The women also interviewed prominent figures such as politicians and celebrities. It airs on ABC, New York City.

When I started watching the show, there were five co-hosts: Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, lawyer Sunny Hostin, Sara Haines and Jediah Bila. Since most of the hosts are liberal, the only conservative host, Bila, had a lot of pressure. So she didn't stay on long, along with Aby Huntsman and Meghan McCain. Presently there are four hosts, with the fifth one on rotational.

Among the hosts, I liked Meghan McCain. Though I disagreed with her point of view, she was always a very assertive, vocal and headstrong host. Once in the dressing room, she said, "The Trump years make everything more heated and more intense. I am not here to do the cooking segment." It is essential to discuss the hot topics and analyze them through different lenses in the current political environment.

The beauty of a democratic system is to respect each other's views even if we disagree. This show is the best example of how people's different opinions do not affect their relationships when the camera turns off. As the show is based on right vs. left politics, there were heated debates over controversial topics, such as the border crisis, the Trump presidency, and many others.

The success of "The View" is self-evident as it is currently airing its 25th season. One of the prominent episodes was in 2010 when former President Barack Obama went on the show and made history as the first sitting president to appear on a daytime talk show. Most of the credit goes to these strong women who kept the audience's attention for many years. Their witty style of conversation can convince people.

In the last few years, not only did the classes at Middlesex College help me reshape my thought process, but by watching "The View," I was able to analyze different people's points of view and establish my own. Part of the reason I started writing for the Opinions page was also to tell what I learned and how to convey and link thoughts.

In short, if someone wants to know the current political issues, "The View" is the best show to watch.



Illustration by Harsh Godhani

Retro illustration of the tv show 'The View'

## MC Vaccine Mandate Announced by the President

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our focus has been to help keep our College community safe and healthy. In consultation with Board of Trustees leadership, I am pleased to announce that the College will take an additional step to protect the members of our community.

The College will require vaccination against COVID-19 in order to work on campus (effective date to be determined) and for students to enroll for in-person classes for the Spring semester.

We are taking this step because vaccines are the safest and most effective form of protection against COVID-19 and offer another layer of protection in conjunction with other measures already in place such as indoor masking.

There are still many details to be worked out, including how to collect and store vaccination data and requirements and logistics related to regular testing for individuals who are approved for an exemption from vaccination. We will share additional information about deadlines and protocols in the coming weeks.

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A comprehensive, updated return to campus plan can be found online at the following sites:

<https://www.middlesexcc.edu/coronavirus/>

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## Jokes of the Week:

*Question:*

What happens when you split a pineapple in half?

*Question:*

What tree gives the best high fives?

*Question:*

What part of houses can ghosts not enter?

*Knock, knock*

“Who’s there?”

“Alpaca.”

“Alpaca who?”

*Knock, knock*

“Who’s there?”

“Olive.”

“Olive who?”

*Knock, knock*

“Who’s there?”

“Robin.”

“Robin who?”

***Find the answers on our website here!***

## Want to be a Poet?

Greetings to all aspiring writers, and poets alike! Quo Vadis is incorporating poems from members and the students of Middlesex College. It’s believed to be a wonderful opportunity to highlight the students work with the newspaper. The poems can be on any subject the writer wishes to convey as long as it is school appropriate. The mood of the poem can vary from sophisticated metaphors and vocabulary to casual humor and terms. Not everything within it has to rhythm, but it can if needed for the effect the writer is going for. In addition, a major influencing factor is the originality of the poem. Following cliches is not forbidden, yet it maybe best to avoid them to prevent any reader from viewing the writing as predictable.

The word count for the work is a maxium of 148 words. The optimal method to deliver submissions would be have them typed in a Google Doc or Mircosoft Word. From there, upload it into an email to managing editor Delaila Aguilar at [delailaa3632@my.middlesexcc.edu](mailto:delailaa3632@my.middlesexcc.edu). We’re looking forward to reading all future submissions!

## Photo of the Week:

**This issue’s Photo of the Week was provided by Neel Desai, a student of Middlesex College. Here’s what he said about his photo.**



“Initially, I was trying to take a picture of the sunset and the shadows of the trees. However, when my two cousins walked into the frame, I saw how much more interesting the image looked. This picture shows how peaceful nature is and how it helps us forget our problems while being surrounded by nature.”



## Weekly Horoscopes



If you're feeling down lately, Aries, just remember how good a friend you can be. You have a great sense of opportunity, with an outlook making each instance and encounter, one of which you and others can express themselves and learn. In addition, your spontaneity always makes any moment with you a fun adventure.



Using your energy today isn't the right move, Taurus. However, being observant might help you get through some obstacles you could have encountered today. With faith in yourself and some persistence, you could find the most effective method.

Don't be afraid to refrain from volunteer or intern opportunities, Gemini. You always participate in chances to get good experience or skills for low to no pay. It's admirable how you value improving your capabilities compared to monetary payment, but be sure you get the compensation you deserve. After all, you need to be able to handle your financial needs.



Trying to be a better employee this week, Cancer? One way is to see if you can keep your emotions separate from your work. At times, the emotional connection is a strength, but you may feel disgruntled about work matters to the point that it transfers to your work ability.



Do you know what flowers represent your zodiac, Leo? The first being sunflower through how it symbolizes your traits of vitality, admiration, strength and positivity. Second is gerbera for happiness, peony showing prosperity and romance, and finally marigold for passion.



Did you know, Virgo, that the symbol for your zodiac is sometimes depicted as a lady holding a sheaf of wisdom? This is to reference the time of year of the Virgos, which is late summer, is the same time as wheat harvesting.

How about taking a moment to stare at the sky tonight, Libra, and finding your constellation? It's pretty interesting since it's the one zodiac constellation to be symbolized through an object instead of an animal of character from mythology. You know you're on the right track when you find the brightest star of it called Beta Librae.



Not sure how to dress for this week, Scorpio? Have an important interview you have to attend or a fun date to get to? Try wearing some colors that symbolize your sign and see what luck they bring. The colors are deep red, brown, gold and purple, which should work well with the autumn season.



You could have a lot of energy today, Sagittarius. Being courageous involves making important decisions quickly and not overthink things. Being courageous could help you become more confident in the future by trying something new, especially if you have support for it. It could also widen your perspective in the process.



If you plan to exercise this week, Capricorn, remind yourself to concentrate on what your body needs to be healthy. Of course, there are times where you'll feel annoyed with your body, but you'll just need to push through it since that's the only way to understand how your body works.

Your sense of social justice is quite strong, Aquarius. This week, it'll come in handy as you may come across various moments when you can help make a situation better, no matter how small the issue is.



You may end up pretty attached to a project this week, Pisces. However, be sure you can detach from it when necessary because moments will arise when you'll have to change methods to succeed.





## ColtsTV Archives Is Available To Public *Students Can Watch Games Anytime*

By Harsh Godhani, Managing Editor  
Illustration by Harsh Godhani

The Middlesex College Athletics Department will be providing all viewers with archives of the Middlesex College games as part of their ColtsTV live streaming services starting now with Women's Volleyball Team's home games.

Viewers can access the live or archived games at <https://mccbluecolts.com/live>.

Assistant athletic director Carey Monkowski said, "The volleyball home games that were recorded in the past month are now available to view on the website."

Monkowski said students could scroll down on the website and select the on-demand section to view the previously held games.

She said as more games are uploaded from other sports, students will be able to use section categories to search by sport and search for more specific games.

Monkowski said the department's next goal is to record both indoor and outdoor games.

"We are also currently working on getting a way to record the soccer games," Monkowski said.

Middlesex College student Xavier Enriquez said, "Being able to stream and watch previous games is a great feature, and I can't say other schools have that. So that certainly separates Middlesex College from the rest."

Enriquez said it was convenient for him because he doesn't have a car to come to campus.

Middlesex College student Leah Ramsey, said that the feature was a great addition to the website and should be more advertised during the day of the games.

Monkowski said when basketball and wrestling start up again, students will be able to view those games through the streaming services.

Middlesex College alumnus Jason Lopez said, "I wish features like these existed back when I was at Middlesex College and I hope the students don't take this for granted."

## Students Play Friendly Game of Football



Mickeil Cooke throw the ball to his friends on campus green



Chidubem Amah kicks the ball



Jay Das jukes Mickeil Cooke on a run play



Mickeil Cooke Spins away from Jay Das on a run play

Photos by Harsh Godhani