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Cast and crew of 'Dreamers: Aquí y Allá' shed light on complexities of immigration

by Jose Herrera
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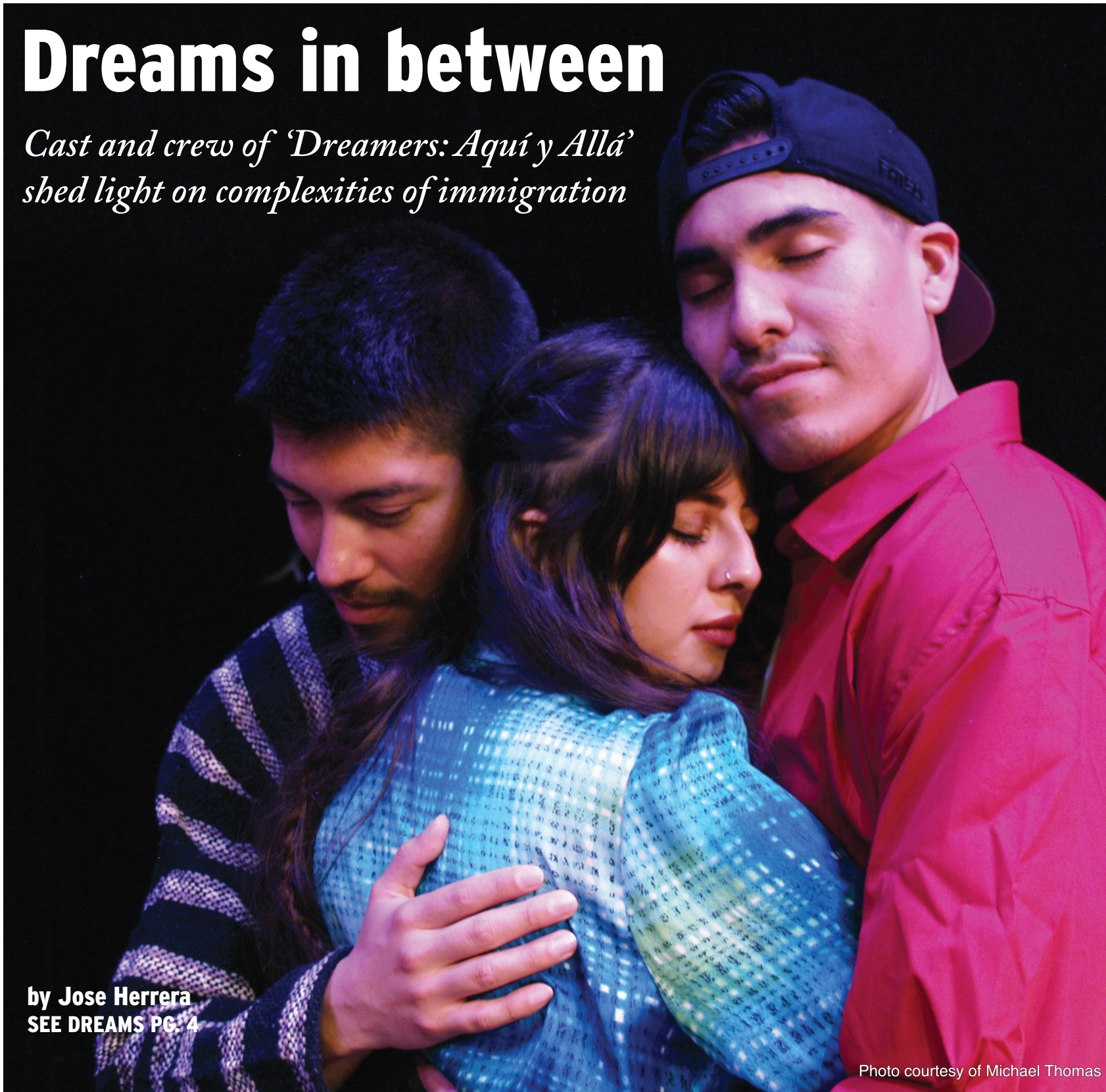


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New grant lends helping hand

Mental health grant seeks to address adverse childhood experiences in Humboldt

by Jerame Saunders

A new five million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education will be placing Masters of Social Work students at Humboldt State University in Eureka City Schools and Del Norte County schools as stipend workers.

"The grants themselves are funding positions at Eureka City Schools and also the Del Norte Unified School District," Director of Field Education at HSU's Department of Social Work Yvonne Doble said. "It's actually a full time benefited position that's being brought on at the school side to support our students."

Announced Nov. 20, the funds will come from the U.S. Department of Education Mental Health Service Professional Development Program.

Nearly one million dollars of the grant will be going to Humboldt State to help support the students and get them prepared for applying for the Pupil Personnel Services Credential, which is necessary for social work students to be hired by schools.

"A large portion of that is coming specifically for the stipends for the students," Doble said. "We plan to offer a class for stipend recipients, where they will receive faculty guidance and support regarding school social work practice."

The grant will be placing Masters of Social Work students at HSU in varying levels of schools throughout Del Norte and Humboldt Counties.

"It looks like we are going to have eight students this next fall, maybe more, and that will move up to 13 to 15 students by year four of the grant," Doble said.

Locally, students face higher than normal rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences in Humboldt and Del Norte.

"Our region, for a number of reasons, has California's highest ACEs rates in Humboldt and Del Norte County," Jack Bareilles, the Northern Humboldt Union High School District grants administrator and an author of the grant, said. "You're looking at approximately a third of all kids are being raised in families with four or more of the ten ACEs."

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Humboldt adapts to low enrollment

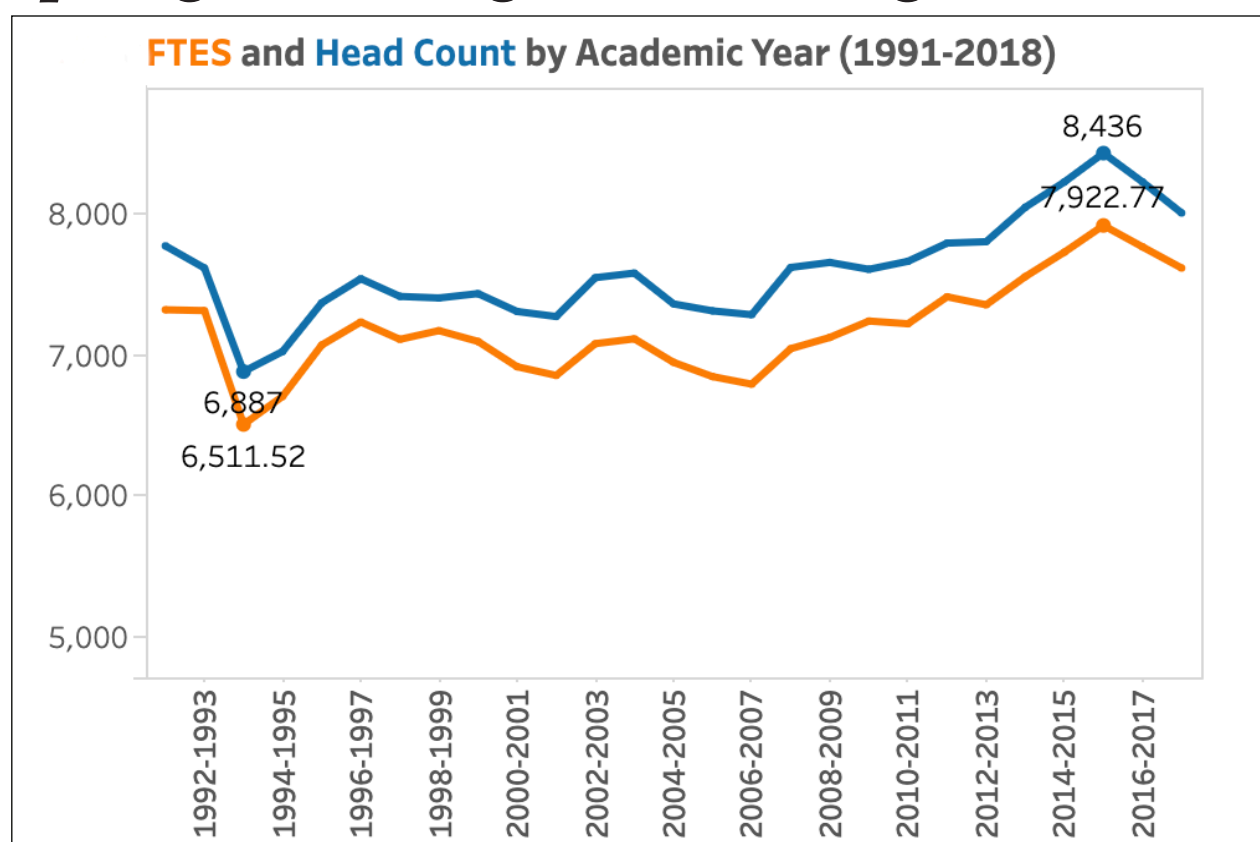
Inside the multi-pronged battle against declining enrollment

by Collin Slavey

Enrollment numbers are down and Humboldt State University is looking for ways to keep them stable. With just 6,900 students enrolled in 2019, administration and faculty are exploring recruitment strategies and program changes to stimulate growth on campus.

The HSU Division of Enrollment Management, in association with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, the Office of Student Affairs and other institutions on campus are working hard to come up with solutions for low enrollment. Vice President of Enrollment Management Jason Meriwether is on the front lines of the enrollment situation.

"We've lost well over 2,000 students in the last four or five years," Meriwether said. "It's a symptom of a few things. We're graduating larger classes and our graduation rate has gone up. So that does have an impact. Part two is from a recruitment standpoint. There have been a number of things in place that have changed this



Graph adapted from HSU Office of Institutional Effectiveness
 Humboldt State University enrollment has declined to 6,900 students this academic year.

year to get us to be a viable recruiting option."

Meriwether divided the recruitment efforts into three elements. First, the school got rid of barriers to campus visitors like fees for preview day, parking and

lunch. Second, the Division of Enrollment Management is focusing its efforts to draw students from local communities to the campus. Third, the school is using data-driven strategies to make enrollment and engagement

decisions.

"We're using data analytics to mine our top feeders and where we're getting most of our applications," Meriwether said. "And we're using that type

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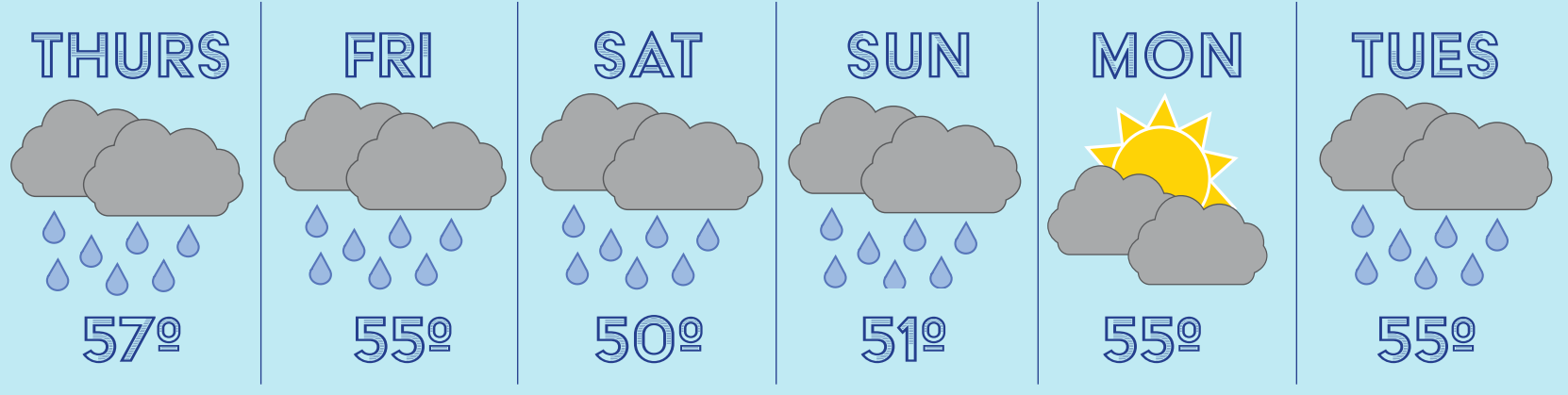
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Associated Students President resigns

AS Administrative Vice President will take over for the spring semester

by James Wilde

Associated Students President Yadira Cruz resigned during the AS Board of Directors meeting on Dec. 3, citing personal reasons.

"It was a difficult decision I had to make, but it was the best option academically and personally," Cruz said a few days later.

Cruz, who fought back tears when interviewed, said the AS Board, composed entirely of Humboldt State students, offered her consolation despite some of them seeming shocked by the decision.

"They were super supportive. Some people teared up, and a few of them apologized, but I didn't want them to apologize because politics is politics, and it's challenging," Cruz said. "They thought they weren't there for me, but they were always there."

The AS codes provide that the AS Administrative Vice President takes over if the president resigns. In this case, Lizbeth Cano, a sophomore business administration major, will take the reins for the rest of the school year.

"It's going to be big shoes to fill in because I got to see how Yadira got everyone involved and was able to always



Former Associated Students President Yadira Cruz and incoming AS President Lizbeth Cano walking through the Humboldt State Quad on Dec. 7. Cano has taken over following Cruz's resignation. Photo by James Wilde

get people to really get their opinion," Cano said. "One thing I'll take from her is to make sure to get the whole room involved."

Cruz was announced as the 2019-2020 academic year AS president last April. A senior criminology and justice studies major, Cruz said she ran despite her lack of political experience to try to do something with her frustration about a lack of support for student needs.

While Cruz said she's happy with her decision to resign and with her time as president, she acknowledged a feeling of guilt.

"I think I'll always feel a lit-

tle bit of guilt, because I knew this was a year-long position," Cruz said.

As a takeaway message, Cruz urged fellow students to make sure to take care of themselves.

"A lot of these students are working and involved and there's a lot of things that they carry," Cruz said. "And I think I'm just speaking as first-gen, as a student of color attending here. There's a lot of things just added to it all, to the whole balance for schedules. But I think my point is just to take care of themselves as well—to find time."

Cano agreed and supported Cruz in her decision.

"I think it's time she prioritized herself," Cano said.

Both Cruz and Cano said they still hoped for more students to get involved on campus with AS or elsewhere.

"Definitely using all of our different hats and letting people know that this is important and this is something that really matters and that they can have a say in it without it being troubling or problematic," Cano said. "Because I think a lot of people can think that it's too much work."

Cruz responded to the implication of her resignation on the image of an AS position being a lot of work by saying that how much people do in

AS depends on the individual and their goals. Cano agreed and added on Cruz's point.

"I think it also has to be kept in mind that the position that's being resigned is the president position—meaning the top position," Cano said. "So definitely getting involved as a representative or maybe as an executive like a VP—it can be a different flow. It can really be a learning process."

As Cano transitions into the the presidential role, Cruz said she thinks AS can learn and grow following her departure.

"The transition will help AS become stronger, I think, moving forward," Cruz said.

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So there is just a real need for that here, and I believe that's one of the reasons we got funded."

ACEs can include things like alcohol and drug use or violence in the home, housing insecurity and food insecurity.

"Locally, there is a real need for support for students and support for families," Bareilles said. "Social workers are uniquely qualified to provide, and that being said, we actually have a real shortage of social workers in the schools. It's just something that we haven't had before."

Bareilles said the shortage comes from the lack of PPS credentials for students,

and also because social workers, which are different from counselors and school psychiatrists, are mainly used in larger cities. Now, the PPS credential will be offered at HSU.

"The role of school social workers is to really help address social and emotional needs of our students," Doble said. "It's not just about academic counseling. It's about providing resources to children and families. It's about providing opportunities to developers, opportunities to repair harm that's occurred."

Bareilles said doing social work in school systems differs greatly from social work in other categories because the public schools operate under different processes than normal organizations.

"Having these interns work

two days a week for a whole year working in a high school or middle school or elementary school, they will emerge from their MSW program with a real sense of, 'Oh this is how schools work,'" Bareilles said. "So whether or not they are employed as a school social worker or some other child-serving social worker, they will really have a better ability of connecting the dots and getting kids what they need."

Bareilles said the grant is a huge win for mental health support in Humboldt County and will help provide many troubled youths with the resources and personnel that they need.

"Kids and schools and families will be helped, and when push comes to shove, that is the most important thing," Bareilles said.



Yvonne Doble sitting at her desk on the fifth floor of the BSS building on Dec. 6. Photo by Jerame Saunders

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of data to make decisions about where we put our time and our energy for the maximum benefit for HSU. We want the community to know HSU is a first-choice university."

Historically, HSU regarded low enrollment in a more negative light. A decrease in student enrollment was correlated with a decrease in campus revenue, and campus policies reflected the budget deficit. Casey Park, former chair of the University Center Board of Directors, offered some insight.

"I think that budget component has overshadowed the fact that we still have students here to serve," Park said. "And the narrative for the last two years was that we just didn't

have enough."

Today, to help staff make decisions based in reality rather than through hypothesis and conjecture, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness provides data and information to faculty and staff. Lisa Castellino, the associate vice president of OIE acknowledged student resources not up-to-date with the current demographic.

"We have a student demographic that has changed over the last five to seven years," Castellino said. "It has become more diverse. There are more first generation students. It's more low income. It's the institution's responsibility and priority, and it has been the last five to seven years, to help students, because going to college is complicated."

On-campus resources are evolving. With low enrollment, Molly Kresl and the Clubs and Activities office are being more

deliberate and intentional with campus programming by engaging students in a way they prefer.

Meriwether and Enrollment Management are promoting HSU's educational experience to potential students in Humboldt, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties as a first choice rather than a backup. Beyond administration, academic departments like Geography, Environment and Spatial Analysis are attempting to provide the best education possible for their students, regardless of enrollment numbers.

"Often during times of change is also our greatest opportunity for growth," Kresl said. "We stop doing things that really aren't working that we've just done forever because we've always done it that way, and we start saying, 'Okay, then why are we doing this?'"

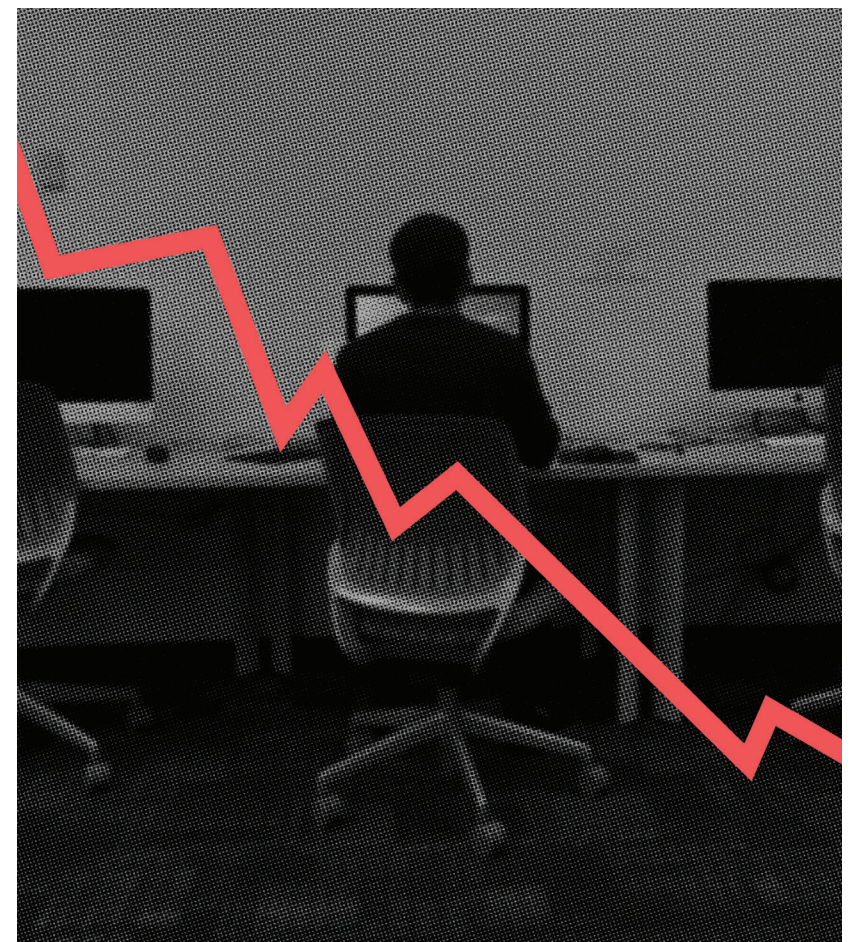


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"Sexist 'riddle'" creators sit down for a Q&A

Students behind the sign comparing Humboldt to genitalia discuss their curated material

by Delaney Duarte

The students behind the sign comparing Humboldt to genitalia discuss their curated material

Humboldt State University has been abuzz in the last few weeks with speculation about a photo of a joke written on a sign by women. This photo was printed in a parody newspaper, The Dumberjack. The Dumberjack, while produced as parody of The Lumberjack, is created as part of a separate class.

The stated intention behind the sign was to poke fun at the Humboldt County climate by relating the rainy weather to female genitalia. Six girls, Caroline Voorhees, Marian Porter, Rashell Martell, Sabrina Ott, Shannon Coburn and Whitney Burns, live in a College Creek apartment together. The original creator of the sign was Caroline Voorhees, but all of the girls have their own take on the sign's meaning.

Q: What are your feelings toward the sign?

Marian Porter: "I personally thought it was funny. There definitely were no negative intentions for the sign. Before Caroline puts out a new sign, we all give our consent to what is being represented to our dorm."

Caroline Voorhees: "I felt bad that I might have hurt someone's feelings and hurt



Caroline Voorhees, Rashell Martell and Marian Porter hold and point to a new sign in response to the email that was sent out to the whole campus.

their day. Being the person who wrote the sign, I never would have thought about it as being non-consensual. I wouldn't want to hurt someone's feelings or make them feel like I was making light on their bad situation. That wasn't what I was trying to do, I was trying to talk about sex culture and have fun."

Whitney Burns: "I also think anyone can read anything and take it in a wrong way which shouldn't stop people from making jokes."

Rashell Martell: "I was actually the one to find out

our sign was the one being talked about in the email and I mentioned it to everyone in our group chat. More or less I found it funny. Even though I didn't make the sign, I gave consent for the sign to be put out. I guess I am sort of happy the school takes things seriously, but they should focus on other things because there are other things more important than a dorm sign."

Shannon Coburn: "I didn't think anything of it and I thought we had so many worse signs. I could see how you can take it that way if you wanted to, but it was weird

that they focused their time on a sign and not things that are actually happening on campus."

Sabrina Ott: "It seems like they blew things out of proportions and it doesn't seem like something people are focusing so much on. I also felt really bad for the newspaper. We were more worried that the newspaper took fault for something we did."

Q: Did you think the sign meant what HSU administration decided it meant?

Caroline Voorhees: "When you are in a frame of mind to read something negatively you will. Whoever misinterpreted my joke must have been having a bad day, or had a friend that had a bad encounter, and that wasn't the purpose of the sign. I feel bad for those people who are going through something in their life in order for them to think that statement was negative, because it was a positive statement."

Q: How did you personally come up with the joke?

Caroline Voorhees: "It started off as just a joke living in Humboldt where it is raining all the time, but the other part came about because I did a paper on sex positivity and culture about sex and how it is not talked about often. It is definitely shamed, for women especially. So I tried to incorporate that with the weather and being sex positive and how you should enjoy yourself before you have sex with someone and how everyone should be happy all the time."

A final message from the whole dorm: "We do take people's opinions and complaints seriously and we are sorry that we hurt anyone's feelings, but that is not going to change our sense of humor and we will try to be more mindful in the future."

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The story starts in the blue and red lights that bathe a replica-sized model of a wall. Not just any wall, but The Wall, the most southern one that separates country from country, family from family and the hopes of migrants for better opportunities and life.

In that obscurity, bodies shift and take steps until they're center stage and in full view. They face you, you face them and under the spotlight, the stories of immigrants and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients begins.

"Some of these scenes will break your heart because they show so much humanity," Co-Director Andrea Carrillo said. "Humanity is such a great big theme within this story. You can't help but connect and feel compassion for these individuals."

The Humboldt State University Theater Arts, Film and Dance Department presents "Dreamers: Aquí y Allá." The script was written by Andrea Caban, her students, and a collaboration from source material provided by Armando Vazquez-Ramos and the California-Mexican Studies Center.

Students in the California-Mexico Dreamers Study Abroad Program, DACA recipients and immigrant community members gave testimonials and interviews for the script.

Troy Lescher, co-director and HSU associate professor, came upon the script in spring 2018 when Caban emailed the script to all 18 California State Universities in hopes they would produce the show.

"I was blown away by the humanity of the story," Lescher

said. "As soon as I read it I said to myself, 'We have to do this show at HSU.' I mean, because of our social justice mission, commitment to minority voices on stage, how timely this issue is and this play had HSU written all over it."

The play follows the memories and lived experiences of immigrants and DACA recipients who then obtained advance parole, which gave them opportunity to travel to Mexico and reconnect with their culture and families.

Carrillo said that they go through time jumps and include the audience as they break the fourth wall in various scenes from start to finish.

However, circumstances prevented the play from happening until fall 2019. Lescher reached out to theater arts graduate students Carrillo and Amy Beltrán via email. They said that they were overjoyed about directing the play.

"For me the biggest thing was to evoke empathy within the community because a lot of the community, as well as in Humboldt County, can be either on the middle ground or can be very conservative," Carrillo said. "These are human beings with their own experiences, their own love, their own families, and that was a big thing for me to show that to them."

But just as the directors were compelled to tell this story, so too were the actors.

Business marketing major and theater arts minor Victor Parra, who plays Mateo, said he knew it was important for him to get involved when he heard about the script.

"As an actor and artist this is the kind of stuff that catches my attention," Parra said. "This is the kind of work that I want to do personally."

Parra said it's important to remember that the play is a



Andrew "AJ" Hempstead who plays Danny, Papa, and Ximena's Dad folds his arms across his chest during a scene of "Dreamers: Aquí y Allá" in Gist Hall Theater at Humboldt State University.

cumulation of many stories, real stories, and that these are real people who struggle everyday. These were stories close to him because he experienced similar struggles back home.

"I brought a lot of personal past into this and it was my own decision," Parra said. "Nobody asked it of me, but because I relate to this."

Parra plays Mateo, who in the play fears being deported and leaving his child and mother behind. He said that is what happened to him when one of his parents was deported not too long ago, and he brought those feelings into the production.

"I envision my own family," Parra said. "That's what I just had to bring to the table because it's so important. We need to say this. We need for our voices to be heard and something needs to happen."

Lescher knew that he wanted to encourage and

"We have to keep working to give spaces for minority voices to be heard, especially voices that aren't heard very often."

**-Troy Lescher
Co-Director and Associate Professor**

open the production to more students, so he reached out to El Centro Académico Cultural Coordinator Fernando Paz, Interim Executive Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Edelmira Reynoso and Multicultural Center Coordinator Frank Herrera.

The result was that out of 11 cast members, six of them were non-theater majors and four of them performed for the first time.

"This story hits differently," Carrillo said. "It resonates

differently with people. It's such an immediate connection with a lot of Latinx people and people of color. It made sense that we had so many new faces in the theater."

Lescher said that the challenges DACA recipients struggle with is a big part of the conversation, because their voices are often unheard or aren't highlighted in the news.

"We have to keep working to give spaces for minority voices to be heard, especially voices that aren't heard very often," Lescher said.

The Lumberjack's guide to composting

To find more info and the full article on campus composting, go online to thelumberjack.org

by Collin Slavey

Every Wednesday, the trash bin, filled with whatever waste was tossed during the week, goes to the curb to be picked up by Recology and shipped off to a landfill.

Forty percent of the waste that ends up in landfills is food waste, according to Recology. This can include raw scraps

from food preparation, old sandwiches left to rot and unwanted leftovers. When food scraps end up in a landfill, the material is not just waste, it's being wasted.

"The average American generates 4.4 pounds of garbage a day," the Recology site says. "Don't let your food scraps go to waste."

It's a big deal if food waste

gets tossed into landfills. Besides taking up space in our already overwhelmed landfills, food waste doesn't decompose properly in such settings. For example, an apple that falls above ground breaks down into useful nutrients like nitrogen, which enriches the soil. Underground the apple isn't able to break down.

Buried in a landfill, the

apple is in an anaerobic environment, meaning that it is starved of oxygen. Anaerobic decomposition creates some nasty byproducts. The most malicious of these byproducts are methane and liquid leachate. Both of these are pollutants with consequences.

"Fortunately, avoiding these pollutants is simple. Just compost it," international

waste management firm ToWaSo said. "Food and yard waste can be reused and turned into nutrient rich compost. Composting exposes the green waste to oxygen, allowing it to decompose as it would in nature."

This is an excerpt of the full story. Check out our site for more!

So you want to compost

by Collin Slavey

Composting is an excellent kitchen addition. You can use old food to grow new food to fill your plate.

Step 1: Get a bin. Some ideas!

- Brown paper bag
- Large Bowl
- Painters Bucket
- Wood or Cardboard box

Step 2: Add the ingredients:

Greens = Nitrogen	Vegetables	Food scraps	Alfalfa	Coffee grounds	Clover	Food Waste	Grass Clippings	Manures	Seaweed
Browns = Carbon	Newspaper	Ashes, wood	Cardboard	Corn stalk	Leaves	Pine Needles	Sawdust	Straw	Woodchips

Oxygen: Composting is growing air breathing bacteria to break food down. Allow your bin to breathe.

Carbon: Provides energy for the bacteria to do their thing. Carbon also supports the compost ecosystem.

Nitrogen: Provides protein needed for bacteria to reproduce. Also adds nutrients.

Moisture: Keeps decomposers healthy and hydrated. Life relies on water. The compost should be damp.

Step 3: Balance the Compost

- The golden ratio is 30:1 Carbon:Nitrogen
- The bin should be built as so:
 - Carbon base layer
 - Nitrogen-rich middle layer
 - Thin Carbon top layer
 - * Every time you add nitrogen layers, cap it with a Carbon layer to reduce the smell

Step 4: Wet The Compost

- Add water to encourage microbes in the compost to do their decomposing.
- Too much water suffocates the microbes. Creates toxins.
- Too little water kills the microbes.

Step 5: Mix and Mellow

- Grab a shovel and mix it up. This homogenizes the Compost.
- Allow your bin to mellow out.
- Check it's temp to see if its doing

Step 6: Spread it

- After it heats to 140° and cools, its done.
- Spread compost on a garden bed for rich soil.

SPORTS OPINION

Baseball team would be a home run

Humboldt State University deserves it's own baseball team in a post-football era



Photo by Skye Kimya

Nick Mavrolas strikes out during a Jacks' game against the Humboldt Eagles on Oct. 13 at the Arcata Ballpark.



For one, sports fans in Arcata and the rest of Humboldt County love baseball. There is no bigger example of this than the support that Arcata's summer collegiate baseball team, the Humboldt Crabs, receives every summer.

-Liam Warner

I think we need to explore alternatives of bringing back other, less expensive sports to HSU, and I know exactly what sport it should be.

Humboldt State needs to revive its baseball program. I know that HSU baseball would be very well supported by the community.

For one, sports fans in Arcata and the rest of Humboldt County love baseball. There is no bigger example of this than the support that Arcata's summer collegiate baseball team, the Humboldt Crabs, receives every summer from June until early August.

Experiencing a Crabs game is one of the purest forms of Arcata that you will ever experience. From the world-famous Crab Grass Band to the unique heckling coming from the fans, thousands of people pack the Arcata Ballpark every summer to watch the Crabs play. Unfortunately, this is when most of the student population is home for the summer.

Another reason why an HSU baseball team would be easy to start is because finding a facility to play at won't be a problem. The Arcata Ballpark, which is located right next to Arcata City Hall, is considered to be one of the best ballparks on the summer baseball circuit. For a Division II baseball school, I'm sure we would have one of the best baseball facilities on the West Coast.

Having an HSU baseball team that plays at the Arcata

Ballpark would also give fans a lot more opportunities to watch baseball in downtown Arcata. Typically, college baseball season runs from February into late April. The Humboldt Crabs season starts in late May or early June, meaning that we would have six months of baseball with a gap in May between the seasons.

I'm sure extending the season of high-level baseball in Arcata would provide a boost to the economy downtown, as it would allow the opportunity for more people to watch quality baseball at the ballpark.

From a baseball perspective, an HSU baseball team would be a huge benefit to both the athletes that would play here and the Humboldt Crabs organization. The Crabs draw quite a few of their homegrown players from the College of the Redwoods baseball team, so an HSU baseball team would naturally become a feeder of players to play on the Crabs during the summer.

HSU Jacks players would have the opportunity to continue their season on a well-established summer baseball club, and the Crabs would have a local pool of baseball players they could pick from.

Ultimately, it's up to HSU athletics to make the decision to bring back a sport. But I think all of the factors are there to make an HSU baseball team a successful part of the community.

By Liam Warner

It has been over a year since the Humboldt State University football team played their final game ever, leaving local sports fans wondering how we are going to fill the void the HSU football team left in its wake.

Now that I've had some time to get used to a fall semester without the green and gold jerseys at the Redwood Bowl, it's begun to feel more normal for HSU to be a school without a football team.

I know that bringing back the football team, at least in the near future, is an idea that seems like a pipe dream. Once you cut a program that was as much of a financial strain as the football team was, it is really hard to justify bringing such a program back.

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EDITORIAL

News flash: parody is protected speech

by Editorial Board

Press at any capacity in the United States is protected by the First Amendment against federal censorship of speech. The government cannot make editorial decisions, retractions or content suggestions. Student press publications in California are protected not just by the First Amendment, but also by the California Student Free Expression Law of 1977, or California Education Code 48907.

When a government entity such as a state university interferes with the press by policing publications on what is appropriate to publish, it inhibits the independence of the press.

Recently, Humboldt State University administration sent out a school-wide email regarding material printed in a student parody newspaper, called The Dumberjack, found in an insert in the Nov. 20 issue of The Lumberjack.

The public announcement accused the students in the parody news class that produced The Dumberjack of reinforcing rape culture and gender-based discrimination through a photo that depicted a “sexist ‘riddle’” which was displayed on a sign in a window of an all-female room at the College Creek Apartments.

The school administration held The Dumberjack staff responsible for a joke on a sign they did not create nor stage. A student-journalist outside of the parody news class observed and documented campus culture with this photograph. The parody news class simply featured it in the paper and in no way amplified any perceived gender-based discrimination with the story that ran alongside the photo.

No one in The Dumberjack class or on The Lumberjack staff supports gender-based discrimination or wants to

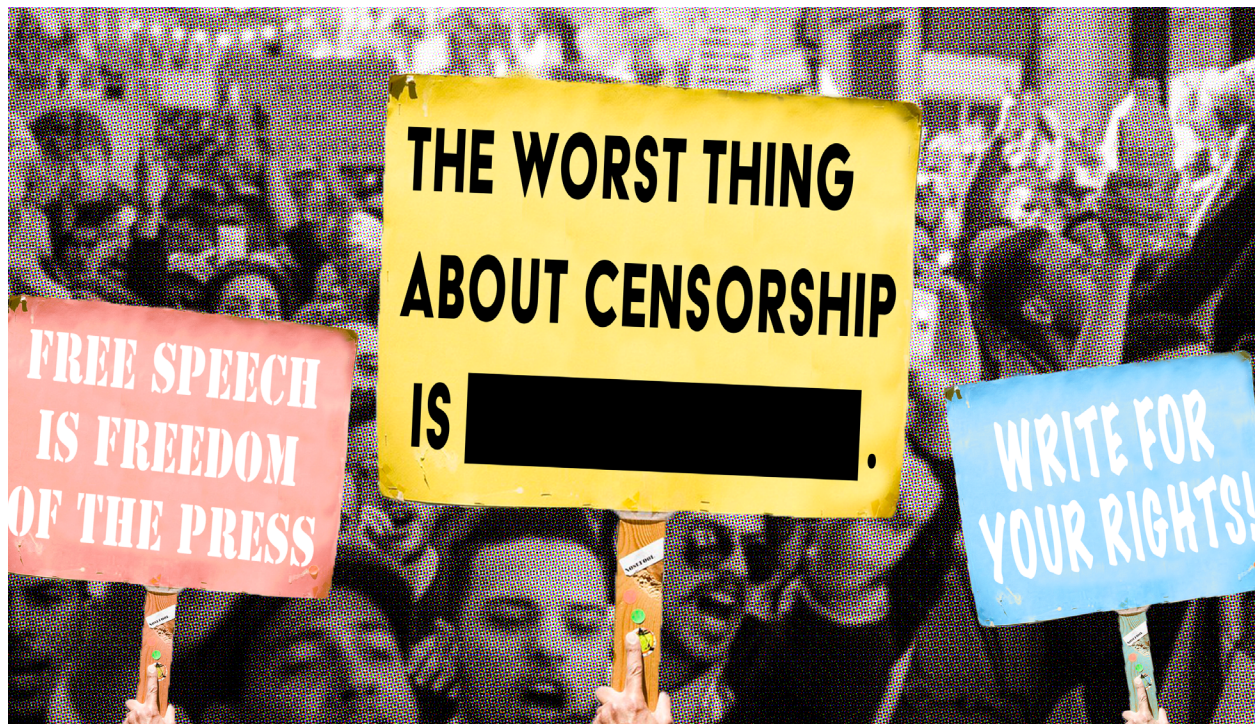


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reinforce rape culture. But journalism, of any kind, is not public relations. The publication of a photo of a sign on campus does not represent endorsement of what the sign says. Journalism draws attention to troublesome realities by documenting them and showing them to the public. When a publication reveals a sign that a university finds offensive, the university's focus ought to be on the sign, not on the journalists who documented it.

Administration officials invited the class to have a conversation to “discuss the impact and implications of the cover photo.” The meeting was intended to be an open dialogue surrounding the development of “critical lenses.”

Instead, on Thursday, Dec. 5, the class became the site of a direct act of administration intimidation.

Two school officials—only one of whom had been momentarily invited—came to the class and lectured journalism students on how to make editorial decisions. Chair of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Kim Berry and Dean of Students

Eboni Turnbow, both of whom are government employees, reprimanded a class of students educated in journalism ethics.

The administration is demonstrating unprofessional behavior of questionable legality by attempting to contain this incident and filter what student press can and cannot print. The administration cannot tell student media what to publish.

Parody writers take real world situations and use a critical lens to highlight a topic in a juxtaposed way. These satirical pieces can sometimes be offensive, but the key is that the subject matter is still being discussed.

The goal of parody is to create a dialogue on topics that are either overshadowed or too controversial to be discussed openly. Parody facilitates the palatability of relevant information through comedy.

The First Amendment protects speech, including satire and parody. Satire and parody are used as impressionistic language that aim to create commentary on sensitive issues through the use of humor, absurdity and exaggeration. Utilizing these

writing tactics serves as a more approachable way of tackling uncomfortable yet prominent issues.

Journalists aim to relay information in the most accurate and concise manner as possible. Censorship defeats that purpose. The government censoring the media is illegal and obstructs the transparency of journalism. It creates bias and subjectivity, as journalists become fearful of backlash for what they print.

When censorship appeases a specific group of people, it's a domino effect. Censoring one thing for a single group leads to censoring all material to please everyone. That defeats the purpose of journalism as an independent eye intended to expose overlooked issues.

In today's political climate, journalists are constantly under fire. The fourth estate, journalism, is as vital to uphold as the fifth estate, non-traditional media like parody news. When federal figures undermine the editorial freedom of a publication, even a parody news publication, a slippery slope follows in which government infringes upon the freedom of the press.

OPINION

HSU, give me more than vague emails on crime

by Benjamin Zawilski

If you've checked your email at all within the past couple of months, you've most likely read one of the several notices Humboldt State University sent to the campus in regards to incidents of vandalism, racist messages or off-campus crimes.

Just this semester, HSU notified students via email of numerous instances including racist graffiti on Dec. 7, racist vandalism in a residence hall restroom on Nov. 13, anti-Semitic flyers put up around the campus on Oct. 25 as well as on Sept. 17 with an email notification of a stabbing that happened off campus.

The emails for the first three incidents listed came a day or less after the occurrence and after the police department had found and cleaned up the perpetrators' messes. However, the notice about the off-campus crime was sent out a month after the crime itself, which was the stabbing of a student on Aug. 26. HSU seemingly weighed in to clarify because, “recent media accounts and headlines about the incident were filled with many different narratives.”

Each message HSU sends follows a general formula.

One paragraph is what the University allots for all of these incidents of crime on or



Photo by Benjamin Zawilski

The intersection at 14th and G St. where a student was stabbed on Aug. 26th. HSU only sent out an email about the stabbing nearly a month after the incident to clarify stories in local media.

near campus. They follow it up with multiple paragraphs about how the University has no place for racism or violence, and provide the usual list of resources students can take advantage of if they need support.

But aside from erasing the evidence of the crimes and repeating where students can go ad nauseam, they have never taken any direct action to combat the trend that is clearly going on.

The messages claim that the University Police Department is investigating these issues, but they have not given any further information as to what they actually plan to do to pre-

vent any further instances of hate speech or vandalism in the future.

El Leñador reported that “the NAACP penned a letter in April of 2018 condemning HSU's administration for failing to take an active role in addressing racism and safety concerns in the City of Arcata and Humboldt County, thus endangering the lives to whom it extends acceptance letters.”

HSU students ought to be able to trust the administration of their school to communicate with them in these situations. But the administration's lack of vigilance and initiative extends even to direct threats to the safety of students. Last

April, they took almost a full 24 hours to send a message that a student had committed assault on campus.

The administration will not show any sign of actually protecting the safety of the students like they claim to until they take real steps to improve their transparency.

Students have a right to get their education at a school that strives for active protection, not just passive written defense. The first step might be for administration to disclose crimes that have happened before they have absolutely no choice but to do so.

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Dear Evergreen,

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Dear Fretful Fueller,

Gas prices in California are some of the highest in the nation, with prices often spilling over \$4.00 a gallon, but Costco offers some of the cheapest gas.

Costco is a popular gas supplier, and here in Humboldt we are fortunate to have one locally. But although Costco gas is an option in the area, it's not accessible to all.

To get gas from Costco you must have a membership or a Costco gift card. As someone who doesn't have a Costco membership, I can't say for certain that Costco gas is the best alternative.

For those who can afford the \$60 yearly subscription, it makes sense to go to Costco if you're already using their other services. However, if you plan on getting a membership just for a gas discount, I wouldn't suggest it.

If you aren't a heavy commuter then Costco gas definitely isn't a good source for fuel. According to Business Insider, the price of a membership won't be paid off with your gas savings until you gas up around 37 times.

Costco gas stations are also notorious for having chaotic waiting lines and times. If you do consider Costco gas, be mindful of the time of day you head over, as rush hour times are often busier. It would be counterproductive to wait upwards of 10 minutes for gas while idling in your car wasting fuel.

If you aren't inclined to fuel up at a Costco gas station, there are other places you can gas up at. You can find local gas prices with the site and app GasBuddy, which can help you shop around for the best option.

In Arcata, the cheapest gas can be found at the Patriot station for \$3.87 a gallon on Giuntoli Lane. In Eureka, the most affordable gas is from the Costco station which is currently \$3.49 a gallon.

Happy gassing!

Sincerely,

Evergreen

Send questions to:
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed. 12/11

Hour of Code - 3D Models in VR

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.

Where: Library 302 - Humboldt Scholars Lab

Description: Learn how to create 3D models, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality in the Library Makerspace

Oh SNAP Cooking Demos

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Recreation & Wellness Center 122

Description: Free food, learn skills and have fun! Bring your student I.D.

Wednesday Volley Drop-In

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Where: Recreation & Wellness Center 202 - West Gym

Description: Free with student I.D. otherwise \$2 per visit

Thurs. 12/12

Thinkin' & Drinkin': Trivia Night With Davey G

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Gyppo Ale Mill

Description: Grab some friends and head to the Gyppo Ale Mill every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Thinkin' and Drinkin' is free to play and the winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to Gyppo!

Winter Arts & Crafts: Stress Less Series

Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

Where: Library 144 - Classroom

Description: Take a break from studying and come make some winter wonderland arts and crafts!

TFD - Eve of Dance & Choreography Showcase

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.

Where: Theatre Arts 101 - John Van Duzer Theatre

Description: Evening of Dance - Class dances: Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Mexican Folklorico, African, Middle Eastern and Tap

Fri. 12/13

Cupcakes and Chill (Stress Less Series)

Time: 3 - 5 p.m.

Where: Recreation & Wellness Center 108 - Drop-In Lounge

Description: Take a break from studying and come eat some yummy cupcakes while learning DIY relaxing tea blends!

Fall Graduation Reception

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Where:

Description: Forever Humboldt is hosting a reception for all Fall 2019 graduates. Come connect with professors, and hear from the President, take graduation photos, receive a free license plate cover and enjoy free food! Families are welcome to attend.

Register for FREE

Terror & Tinsel: Friday The 13th Night Before Christmas Beer Pairing Dinner

Time: 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Gyppo Ale Mill

Description: Beer, beer and more beer for a ticketed event at The Gyppo Ale Mill, and the venue will be closes for the day

Sat. 12/14

Libations & Creations: Winter Succulent Workshop

Time: Noon - 3 p.m.

Where: Gyppo Ale Mill

Description: You will be supplied with materials needed to make a table centerpiece or a hangable wreath. Ticket price also includes your first drink. Bring your own screwdriver, and purchase your tickets beforehand

Jazz Orchestra

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Where: Music B 132 - Fulkerson Recital Hall

Description: HSU Jazz Orchestra performs their last end-of-semester concert

Child \$5 | Student \$5 | General \$10

Troublemakers Comedy!

Time: 9 - 11 p.m.

Where: Savage Henry Comedy Club

Description: An L.A. based comedy show comes through Humboldt for a night of laughs. Art Hernandez Jr, hosts L.A. comedians Sarah Kenny, Ben Beandford, Feliciaa Folkes and Serafina Costanza and Icoals Eric Fitzgerald and Mel Rhae. **18+ | \$10 for tickets**

Sun. 12/15

Breakfast with Santa

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Red Lion Hotel

Description: Come eat breakfast, decorate cookies and get your picture taken with Santa

A Company of Voices

Time: 2 - 3 p.m.

Where: Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Church

Description: The company will perform holiday songs for a good cause and proceeds from admission and refreshments sales with HUUF Climate Change Action Campaign and the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation

FREE admission

Flute Studio Recital

Time: 8 - 9 p.m.

Where: Music B 132 - Fulkerson Recital Hall

Description: Listen to flute students perform solo and chamber pieces in completion of their music degree

Mon. 12/16

Open Mic w/ Chris Parreria

Time: 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Where: Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge

Description: Sign ups begin at 6:30 and open mic from 7 to 10 p.m. **FREE | 21+**

Swing Dance Night

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.

Where: Redwoods Raks World Dance Studio

Description: Beginning level lesson from 7 - 8 p.m., **\$7 drop-in price | \$20 for a punch card for four nights!**

HSU Guest Artist Series: Rachel Kamradt, oboe

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall

Description: HSU Music graduate, Rachel Kamradt, performs several solo and ensemble pieces

Child \$5 | Student \$5 | General \$15



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