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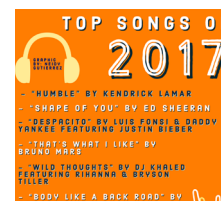
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Pauw Wow Seniors Signing Off

My freshman year, I was majoring in Psychology, and in the bombardment of first-week, “join our club!!!” emails, I randomly responded to The Pauw Wows, despite never writing for a student newspaper in my life. I was flighty the first semester: I didn’t write consistently, I wouldn’t come to meetings and I, in general, did not want to be there, but kept showing up out of guilt. But the editorial staff still kept assigning stories to me.

Second semester I decided to be better. I came to meetings and pitched stories. I also decided that Psychology was utterly not for me. And when the time came for me to decide my next step, my one friend suggested, “you already write for the paper, change your major to journalism!” I listened, and I haven’t looked back since. It may seem lame to some, but being a part of The Pauw Wow was easily the highlight of my college career. It’s so fulfilling to have something where you can pour yourself into and feel that it’s improving you professionally and personally as well. There were many times where running this paper made me SO, SO

stressed, but I would go back and do it all again if I had the opportunity.

To the friends that I have made along the way and have had the pleasure of working with: I am so proud. The Pauw Wow has grown immensely since our freshman year, and our contributions have only improved our ‘small-but-mighty’ school paper. I may have been the Editor-in-Chief, but it took a village, and I credit the editorial board, our staff and contributing writers and of course our fearless advisor for bringing it all together.

I’m terrible at ending things, especially personal pieces that make me emotional, so I’ll end with a quote from former presidential candidate and current U.S. Senator, Cory Booker: “Real courage is holding on to a still voice in your head that says, ‘I must keep going.’ It’s that voice that says nothing is a failure if it is not final. That voice that says to you, ‘Get out of bed. Keep going. I will not quit.’” Thank you to the Pauw Wow for never letting me quit.

It was rough at times, but it was always worth it. •



Alexandra Antonucci, Editor-in-Chief

Cue “Let It All Work Out” by Lil Wayne.

“Let it all work out” — that’s something I’ve always told myself, and I never knew going to my last-choice school would work out so well. Let me paint a picture for you: Freshman year, I ate breakfast and lunch in the caf by myself. I sat quiet in my classes by myself. I went home immediately after with no one but music and myself. Now, senior year: I’d grab breakfast at Dunkin’ Donuts with two or three of my friends, always running into other people; we laugh and smile. I always had class with my friends and, even if I didn’t, they were always waiting in the hallway or the quad (I couldn’t escape) but I finally wasn’t alone.

I’ve bugged countless students, athletes, school and athletic administrators for an interview; laughed with my intramural sports boss and co-workers; lost my sh*t

at a home game win; and agreed to “drop out” of school with my classmates during rough times. And, before I knew it, all the people I bugged, laughed with, wanted to quit school with, and went insane with during games were people who always greeted me with a smile — whether it was Pete’s Place or the Newport Mall food court — it didn’t matter where we were.

Yes, I am “that girl from The Pauw Wow.” Being part of this newspaper helped me break out of my shell and connect with so many people I will cherish for a lifetime. Whether I’ve interviewed you, had you in a class, or even made the simplest interaction with you, I want you to know you made my college experience worth it. And I hope one day, you can feel this way too.

Cue “Never Been” by Logic. •



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The Pauw Wow is looking for eager and talented students to fill the positions listed below. Any questions or inquiries can be directed to Alex Antonucci at aantonucci15@saintpeters.edu

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I don't even know where to start.. I also don't want to make this insanely long and bore you all to death, but wow how my life has changed. This letter is from the girl who walked in her freshman year terrified of how life was going to turn out. Fast forward 4 years that same girl, yea hey! That's me. She's happy, and a little sad.

Life at Saint Peter's has been like the line you wait on to get on a roller coaster, it's hot & sunny and then it rains and you're still waiting but in the end it's all worth it because you get on the coaster and you yell. I joined my second family at the Pauw Wow during my time

Let's be honest here — Saint Peter's wasn't my first choice, second or sixth. Heck, I tried transferring out twice. But looking at it now, I don't think I would have wanted to call any other place "home" for the past four years. At Saint Peter's I got to travel the world, meet incredible people and make friendships I'll carry forever. When I tell you I've been pushed out of my comfort zone here, I literally mean pushed -- like off the edge in Cuba where I faced my fears of heights by zip lining. Don't worry no humans were harmed in the process, just some tears. But hey, I did it!

I've met people who have inspired me, aka all the people I've interviewed from professors, students, athletes, artists, musicians, deans, business owners -- the list goes on. But most importantly, I met people who believed in me. If it wasn't for that, I would have never

How to sum up the last two years I've spent with the Pauw Wow...

In many ways I want this letter to be a tribute to the amazing work of my fellow editors and writers. Without a thriving student publication reporting about what is happening around campus, students, faculty and administration will be left in the dark. I've had the privilege of working with students who are dedicated to that mission and I had a lot of fun along the way.

I also want to specifically give credit where it is due -- to Alexandra, the love of my life, who saw potential in my writing and encouraged me to join the staff. Besides being supportive and patient every step of the way, her leadership has taken the Pauw Wow to new heights. She has worked tirelessly to develop a respected student newspaper that both reports on real news and engages readers in the local community. Her two years of

This is going to be emotional, but here it goes; I want to thank Neidy for always telling me to try and write for Pauw Wow. Yes, if you didn't already know, I've known Neidy for years prior to Saint Peters, and I knew she was a part of the school's newspaper. I would go to events with her, Pauw Wow meetings, some interviews, or wait for her to be all finished up with them. I was always amazed at all the running around she did all those years and all the hours she put in. Finally, my senior year came around and I said you know what? Why not? Let's give this a shot. I did, and I put my all in my first article and it was all about hair. It turned heads and I was very proud of myself and I forgot how much I loved writing! The next couple of articles were informative and opinion pieces, then covering my first event. Then came emotional pieces about our big trip to Vietnam, gentrification, people being discriminated against during coronavirus, and essential workers during these crazy times. I have to say that the only thing I wish I did was that I wish I had started sooner.

I was able to experience events I did not dream of

and I spent 4 years talking to new people, interviewing athletes who are pretty cool (sometimes lol) professors that are so smart it makes you wonder why they aren't astronauts and of course friends who make life a little more bearable.

I will miss all of this so much, a part of me will always think about the days spent in the quad with my headphones in waiting for my friends to get out of class thinking about what assignments I had to do or the planner I had yet to write in. That girl yep she's still here! She says thank you forever. •

submitted my article to The Pauw Wow. I would have never walked into the publication office. I would have never joined a team full of dedicated and hardworking people I now get to call family.

To those people, thank you. Thank you for believing in a publication committed to telling the truth. No matter the times we got told, "are you allowed to be here" or my personal favorite, "are you afraid of getting in trouble?" Let me make this clear, I will never be "afraid" of reporting what matters. But through it all, my time at SPU has come to an end. This is not how I wanted to say goodbye, but if I've learned anything from being a Peacock is that when times get tough, you keep on going. And that's exactly what I plan to do.

So farewell amigos. We gon' be alright! •

diligent guidance and attention to detail as our Editor-in-Chief allowed writers, myself included, to realize their full potential and we are better off with her having so masterfully fulfilled her role.

Thank you, Professor Kral, for being our advisor and for having our backs always. Students, especially those pursuing a career in journalism, need someone like you to guide them towards their best work, and you do so with such warmth and encouragement. I believe in the Pauw Wow and its potential. I believe in the writers who have filled its pages and those who will carry its name forward, and I believe in the class-A team of editors who are taking our place. The oldest surviving student organization on campus will persevere and I know that with even more hard work, it will be better than ever before. A great many thanks to you all, once again, and bona fortuna. The truth is worth it. •

going to and gained more skills aside from what I was learning in school. Interviewing students along with teachers and individuals outside of school has given me more of a perspective on what journalists do and it's hard work, long hours, and much dedication. Working with Pauw Wow has given me some writing and journalism skills and for that I am thankful to the team, Professor Kral and Professor Demillo. I may not have had them as professors, but they cared and took their time with me as if I was their student. I'm so glad I was able to meet professors like them to help me grow as a student and as a young mind. I may have not been a communication/journalism major, but I always say I am by association. That was my day to day at school and outside it. I loved every minute of it, and I hope to continue writing in some shape or form when I graduate.

Because of the Pauw Wow, I've made two lifelong friends and I couldn't be happier. I'll miss being inseparable with them throughout Saint Peters. Chasing down people to talk to, helping each other with stories, and always supporting one another. It was always the



Diana Paredes, Design Editor

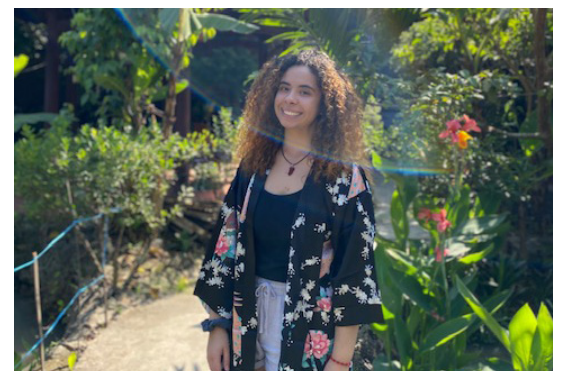


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four of us. I wish you all well and we're going to do amazing things when we leave. Thank you Saint Peters for a wonderful (and sometimes stressful) four years. For all the great times, great people, professors, and most importantly, thank you my Pauw Wow family. From your curly haired writer <3 •



Amanda Sanchez, Staff Writer

Sports



April 23, 2017

Former decorated SPU golfer Nick Dilio took the reigns as head coach after Hall of Famer Peter Falloon retired. Later that year, Dilio took the Peacocks to the championships, their third title in four years (2014 and 2015). Basically if you're from SPU, you know the golf team has always been nice.

November 15, 2018

It was in 2018 when the women's volleyball team won its first postseason victory since 2006. The squad bested the Marist Red Foxes 3-1 (25-23, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23) at the MAAC Championships and advanced to the second round of the tournament. Then-freshman Angelyshka Curbelo recorded 12 kills while then-sophomore Karla Seda had 16 digs and then-sophomore Wildalys Soto contributed 19 assists and then-freshman Angelee Ng with 15. The Peacocks went from a winless 2017 to a nine-win 2018.

April 18, 2019

Though SPU's women's softball lost one double-header match, their season-high 13 runs can't be ignored. It was thanks to a collective effort from Theamaris Ramirez, Natasha Solano, Schieler Collins, Harley Connors, Alina Guevara, Anja Solveig Kane and Marissa Morales that the squad dominated non-conference foe University of Maryland Eastern Shore 13-6 in game one of the double-header. Pitcher Sydney Senerchia also snagged her third win with six strikeouts.

September 27, 2017

The sweetest victory for the women's soccer team seems to be their first conference win against Marist College (1-0) back in 2017. It was their first MAAC win since they defeated Canisius (3-1) in 2014. Former forward Barbara Paiva made the winning goal in the 56th minute.

November 17, 2018

Teamwork -- that's what you saw in this early game of the 2018-19 season, which introduced new head coach Marc Mitchell after former coach Pat Coyle's resignation. Five SPU women's basketball players -- including then-freshmen Briyanah Richardson and D'Aviyon Magazine -- helped claim the 86-59 victory; this was the largest win in program history since 2003.



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Sports

TOP SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



May 7, 2019

The Baseball team recorded multiple season bests in the 2019-2020 season. Although they fell to NJIT, they scored 11 runs in one game, the most by the team since May 2016. They also set season best marks in RBIs (11), walks (10), and five bases.

February 16, 2020

The Swimming & Diving team started off the 2019-2020 season strong by beating conference foe Manhattan (1-0). Determination throughout the season proved an advantage for the team as they finished the MAAC Championships with 11 medals. Medalists included freshmen Luke Cillie, Noah Berlin and juniors Martin Le Pays du Teilleul and Marie-Christine Geck.

March 11, 2020

MAAC tournament win vs Iona 2020
If you've ever felt nervous or anxious, imagine that feeling multiplied by 10, and that's how this game felt. Saint Peter's men's basketball fell behind, came back, fell behind, tied it and won at the last second. Freshman guard and Rookie of the Year Aaron Estrada, who is transferring next year, nailed the last shot, snatching the 56-54 win against four-year MAAC champion Iona and moving on to the semi-finals of the tournament. If it wasn't for COVID-19, who knows what the Peacocks could've done.

November 11, 2019

The men's soccer team was at an all-time high this year, becoming the 2019 regular season champions and locking in the best conference record in program history. Not to mention junior forward Dominic Laws was named MAAC Offensive Player of the Year and head coach Julian Richens earned the MAAC Coach of the Year award giving the team nine collective MAAC postseason awards.

February 24, 2020

The 2020 MAAC Indoor Championships proved potential for the Track & Field team. The men finished in fifth place with 38 points and the women finished in sixth with 36 points. Freshmen Vernetta Gosier and Jabari Higgs-Salaam were named the 2020 MAAC Indoor Track & Field Rookies of the Meet. Multiple athletes placed in the top-five in their event, including freshmen Anton Svirskiy and senior Ohunene Albert.

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TOP SONGS OF 2016

- "SORRY" BY JUSTIN BIEBER
- "ONE DANCE" BY DRAKE
FEATURING WIZKID & KYLA
- "WORK" BY RIHANNA
FEATURING DRAKE
- "STRESSED OUT" BY TWENTY
ONE PILOT
- "PANDA" BY DESIIGNER
- "HASTA EL AMANECER" BY
NICKY JAM
- "H.O.L.Y" BY FLORIDA GEORGIA
LINE
- "FORMATION" BY BEYONCÉ
- "THIS IS WHAT YOU CAME FOR" BY
CALVIN HARRIS FEATURING RIHANNA
- "UNSTEADY" BY X AMBASSADORS

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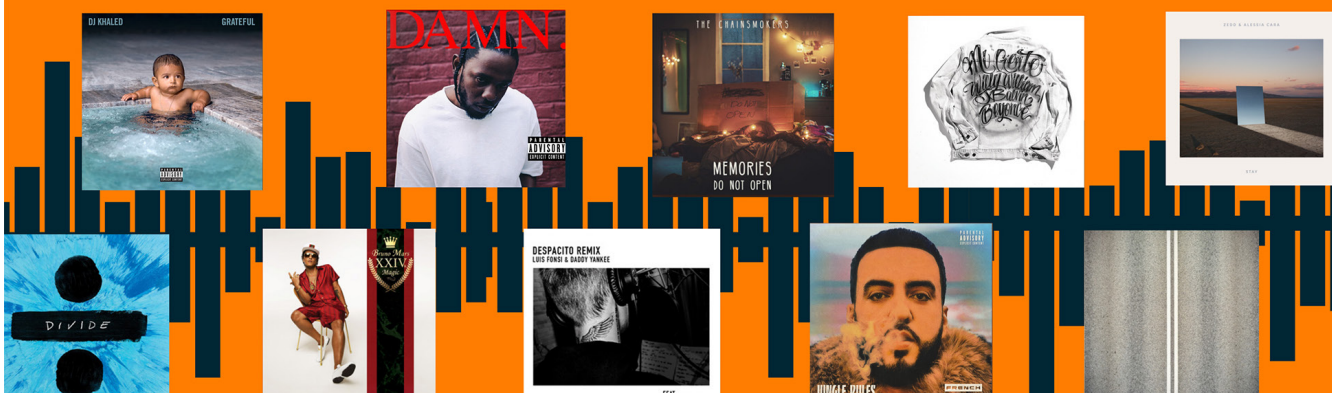


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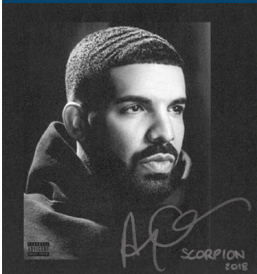
TOP SONGS OF 2017

- "HUMBLE" BY KENDRICK LAMAR
- "SHAPE OF YOU" BY ED SHEERAN
- "DESPACITO" BY LUIS FONSI & DADDY YANKEE FEATURING JUSTIN BIEBER
- "THAT'S WHAT I LIKE" BY BRUNO MARS
- "WILD THOUGHTS" BY DJ KHALED FEATURING RIHANNA & BRYSON TILLER
- "BODY LIKE A BACK ROAD" BY SAM HUNT
- "MI GENTE" BY J BALVIN & WILLY WILLIAM FEATURING BEYONCÉ
- "STAY" BY ZEDD & ALESSIA CARA
- "UNFORGETTABLE" BY FRENCH MONTANA FEATURING SWAE LEE
- "BELIEVER" BY IMAGINE DRAGONS



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TOP SONGS OF 2018



– “GOD’S PLAN” BY DRAKE

– “THIS IS AMERICA” BY CHILDISH GAMBINO

– “MEANT TO BE” BY BEBE REXHA & FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE



– “HAVANA” BY CAMILA CABELLO FEATURING YOUNG THUG

– “ROCKSTAR” BY POST MALONE FEATURING 21 SAVAGE

– “LUCID DREAMS” BY JUICE WRLD



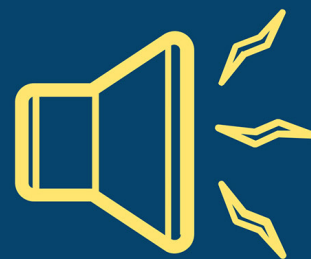
– “TEQUILA” BY DAN + SHAY

– “TE BOTE” BY CASPER MAGICO, NIO GARCIA, DARELL, NICKY JAM, OZUNA AND BAD BUNNY

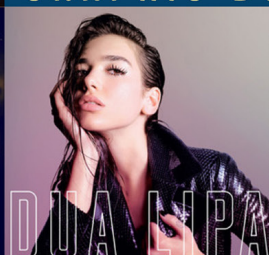


– “NEW RULES” BY DUA LIPA

– “I LIKE IT” BY CARDI B, BAD BUNNY & J BALVIN



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TOP SONGS OF 2019



- "OLD TOWN ROAD" BY LIL NAS X FEATURING BILLY RAY CYRUS

- "WITHOUT ME" BY HALSEY

- "WOW" BY POST MALONE

- "SUGE" BY DABABY

- "CALLAITA" BY BAD BUNNY

- "TALK" BY KHALID

- "WHISKEY GLASSES" BY MORGAN WALLEN

- "SICKO MODE" BY TRAVIS SCOTT

- "SUCKER" BY JONAS BROTHERS

- "HEY LOOK MA, I MADE IT" BY PANIC! AT THE DISCO



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