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# Class of 2022







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# INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION EDITION:

## A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIFF



The iPulse staff writers and editorial team created a graduation edition that embodies the spirit of the Class of 2022.

This graduation edition features the stories of 2022 graduates who especially excelled during their time at Lynn and shares the exciting plans that members of the 2022 class have following their graduation. In this edition, learn about the favorite memories graduating student athletes have from competing for Lynn and the

seniors who left a lasting impact on Lvnn.

With this being the last iPulse edition of the semester, the staff writers and editorial team congratulate the Class of 2022 for all their accomplishments and wish them luck on their next chapter in life.

In this being my last edition, I appreciated my time working for the iPulse and all the individuals that helped me along the way.



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# CARLO PEZZANA: A LYNN CELEBRITY HAPPY, CHARISMATIC AND BOISTEROUS

For Carlo Pezzana, 2022 marks a memorable year. He will complete his master's degree at Lynn University after creating a significant impact on campus, which made him one of the most notable students.



Almost all Lynn students have run into or spoken with Pezzana. He is often found talking in the cafeteria, creating and hosting events and helping students as a resident assistant.

"Carlo embodies what Lynn University stands for! He brings energy and enthusiasm to campus. He is the most involved student I know, and he is always seeking new ways to get involved and get people involved," said Arthur Oliveira, student.

Pezzana is from a small town in Italy between Turin and Milan.

"I grew up...in Italy, but I have been traveling since I was little with my parents and decided to come to the United States to look for new exciting experiences," said Pezzana.

He arrived at Lynn in Fall 2018, studying for a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management and minoring in Event Management. In those three years, Pezzana didn't just study; he took advantage of all the campus opportunities.

In his first year, he began working in the Office of Admission as a student admission ambassador conducting campus tours. He moved on quickly, joining the leadership team for campus visits and events. Pezzana also spent his free time volunteering on campus to assist other departments.

"Carlo always puts his best foot forward in everything that he does and does so with an enthusiastic and positive attitude. Carlo has an enthusiasm that spreads to everyone around him. Whether he is talking about his study abroad experience, his most recent



Above: Carlo Pezzana pictured at the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester as a senior resident assistant. Photo/Lynn University.

internship or his plans for the weekend, you can't help but get caught up in his joy and exuberance. His passion for promoting intercultural exchange is unmatched. Simply put, Carlo is a truly amazing student and person, and Lynn has benefited from his many contributions," said Morayma James, Erin Garcia and Aubree Compton in a statement from International Student Services.

Pezzana worked with the International Student Services and as an alumni ambassador for Cultural Experience Abroad. He has been a great help in this program, especially after studying abroad in Barcelona. As seen by this example, once Pezzana participates in an enriching experience or activity, he is driven to help others experience the same opportunities.

"I also volunteered as an event assistant at the sports games...interned in the Athletics Marketing Department and I did a lot of sponsorship activations and game experiences," said Pezzana.

If that was not enough, he also worked as a resident assistant last year, and this school year, he got the opportunity to be a senior resident assistant.

"Carlo's impact on the residential community is spectacular. From the moment Carlo entered the Resident Assistant role, he was dedicated to building one-on-one connections with his residence and an incredible floor-wide community. Since serving as a senior resident assistant. Carlo has continued to elevate the residential community and has built an unmatched sense of pride in Trinity Residence Hall. He goes above and beyond to advocate for a positive student experience and we will miss having him, his bubbly demeanor, and endless supply of Nutella on our team next year," said Hannah Link, Director of Housing and Residence Life.

Working as a senior resident assistant for Trinity Residence Hall, or as he calls it, 'T-Town,' is perhaps one of the most significant roles he currently plays on campus. Pezzana has such a big influence on campus, students now commonly know Trinity Residence Hall as 'T-Town.'

"What I enjoy the most about being an RA is building that community within the res hall



Above: Carlo enjoying a photo opportunity with Lynn University. Photo/Lynn University.

and campus community. Being able to make amazing friendships with residents and other staff members is amazing. I love to make a difference in students' college experience to ensure they are having the best time on campus and making the most of it," said Pezzana.

Pezzana will finish his master's degree and graduate this month. One thing is for certain: He will be missed by many members of the university.

## **PARTING WORDS**

# ADVICE FROM A GRADUATING SENIOR ON IPULSE ABOUT THE COLLEGE FXPFRIENCE

This is an editorial article, and therefore, represents the opinions of the writer.

As graduation and my time at Lynn University are quickly coming to an end, I wanted to take this time to pass on lessons I have learned throughout my college experience.



- 1. Get ahead so you stay ahead Getting ahead on any work or assignments is always better than having to cram in at the last minute. Working ahead will in the long run give you more free time to do all the things you really want to do as a college student.
- 2. Get out of your comfort zone
  Do not be afraid to put yourself out
  there, try something new or make some
  new friends in the café. At a unique and
  diverse university like Lynn, you never
  know the kind of people you could meet
  or the friendships you could make that
  could last you a lifetime. Get out of your
  comfort zone and experience something
  new; it will help you grow as a person!

#### 3. Take pictures

This might seem like a simple one, but I regret not taking more pictures of myself throughout my college experience. Traveling, having fun with friends, running — I wish I had more pictures commemorating some of my most cherished memories from this time in my life. Take more pictures so you can always look back on all the fun you had. Those are the things you will really remember!

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Above: Brian Ryder with his fellow teammates and friends take a photo to celebrate after their final team dinner. Photo/B. Ryder.

### 4. Be yourself

College is a time where socially especially, you may feel that you must change something about yourself to "fit in." Do not compromise who you are or do something you do not want to do just "fit in" and gain social approval. Try your best to be true to yourself, and you will find the right people.

This list could be longer than four lessons, but these are the most simple and important lessons I have learned during my time as a college student. As I move onto the next phase of my life, I will never forget my experience here as it has challenged me and ultimately changed who I am as a person for the better. Value this time you have now, and do not be afraid to take risks.



Above: Bryan Ryder with his teammates and running friends take a picture after their races. Photo/B. Ryder.

To all my friends, family, coaches, mentors and professors who made my time here memorable, thank you.

# FIGHTING KNIGHTS FOR LIFE

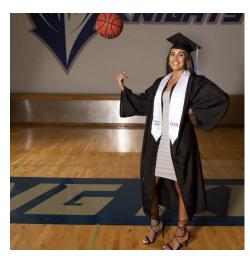
## THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING STUDENT ATHLETES REFLECT ON THEIR TIME AT LYNN

The graduating Class of 2022 has many talented student athletes that wore their school colors with pride as they competed as Fighting Knights throughout their college years. These student athletes have left their mark on



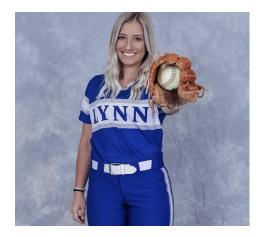
Lynn by dedicating endless hours to growing as athletes and working hard to help their teams be victorious. The student athletes graduating this May have accomplished high achievements during their time at Lynn with the Class of 2022 consisting of student athletes who were a part of SSC winning teams and individuals who are school recordholders. Every Lynn athlete graduating this year played an influential role on their teams and will be greatly missed by teammates. The student athletes within the Class of 2022 made lifelong friendships with those they competed alongside throughout their time at Lynn and have made countless memories as Knights they will forever cherish. Discover the memories that some of this year's graduating student athletes will always cherish as they reflect on their time at Lynn.





"My favorite memory is beating Valdosta State (ranked team) at the buzzer in the 18/19 season," said Dani Lozzi, graduating member of women's basketball. "I will miss the adrenaline of competing and giving the sport my all."

Photos/D. Lozzi.





My favorite part is all the friendships I made throughout the softball team," said Karlie Sweiderk, graduating member of women's softball. "I will miss grinding out the season with my team." Photos/@karliesweiderk via Instagram.





"My favorite moment while competing at Lynn was beating Tampa on their Senior Day. Our team worked extremely hard and battled as a family; by far the most rewarding moment I experienced at Lynn," said Xander Cosenza, graduating member of men's lacrosse. "What I miss most about being a college athlete will be spending time with teammates. Whether it is off the field, team meals, practice or even the long bus trips. Being around my teammates, who are family to me, will be the hardest thing to leave.

Left: Photo/C. Hagberg via Crystal Ayn Photography Right: Photo via X. Cosenza.



My favorite memory for sure was traveling to Sacramento for Division 2 Pre-Nationals my sophomore year," said Bryan Ryder, graduating member of the men's cross country and track team. "I'll miss all my teammates and [the] great relationships I have built during my time here the most."

Photo/ B. Ryder.





"My favorite moment/memory would have to be beating Tampa to win the SSC Championship in 2019. It was the first time in Lynn history and something I wanted to win since I came to Lynn in 2017," said Lauren Odom, graduating member of the women's volleyball team. "What I will miss the most about being a college athlete is simply doing what I love. I love playing volleyball. I love working hard to achieve a personal goal or team goal and there is nothing better than the feeling that goal."

Left: Photo/@lynn\_knights. / Right: Photo/L. Odom.





"My favorite memory at Lynn was playing in the Sweet Sixteen. It was a great experience and something that I will remember forever," said Brandon Ellis, graduating member of the men's basketball team. "I will miss the people here the most."

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## A SENIOR'S JOURNEY

## FOUR YEARS AS A YEAR-ROUND ATHLETE WHILE THRIVING ACADEMICALLY

Taryn Super, a senior majoring in Advertising, Social Media and PR, looks back on her fouryear journey at Lynn University.

Super was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. After receiving

a scholarship for cross country and track and field, she traveled cross-country to begin her career at Lynn.

From being a part of the track and field and cross country teams to becoming editor in chief of iPulse, Super had a memorable four years at Lynn.

Super's running career played a significant factor in her time at Lynn. She is a year-round athlete, running cross country in the fall and track and field in the spring. During Super's senior year, Lynn's cross country team placed 4th in the Sunshine State Conference championship, the highest in program history. Super also broke Lynn's 10k race record, something that she takes pride in.

"I feel like I had a full journey on both teams," said Super. "I am so glad to be able to end on such a high note."



Although Super's athletic career has taken up ample time at Lynn, she still managed to thrive academically. Super maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her four years. She also started writing for Lynn's iPulse as a junior, becoming editor in chief later that year. iPulse allowed Super to grow her social skills by interacting with many students while strengthening her writing skills simultaneously.

"I learned a lot about journalism, and I grew stronger as a writer," said Super. "I also interacted with people I would have never met and was pushed out of my comfort zone."

Super urges current and upcoming Lynn students to utilize all of the university's resources. She advises students to get involved with extracurricular activities and make the most out of their time at Lynn.

"These four years went by extremely fast," said Super. "I recommend students get involved in programs as soon as possible and get involved with the community as well."

Through her athletic career, serving as editor in chief of iPulse and thriving academically, Super is a prominent example of the success one can achieve at Lynn.



Above: Taryn Super enjoyed her time at Lynn, but is excited for what the future holds. Photo/Brooke Mullins.



Above: Taryn Super is graduating with a BA in Advertising, Social Media, and Public Relations and a minor in Multimedia Journalism. Photo/Brooke Mullins.

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Above: Super running the 10k and breaking the school record by a minute. Photo/Taryn Super.

## THE LEGACY OF SETH HOJNACKI

## A LYNN GRADUATE WHO HELPED HIS FELLOW STUDENT ATHLETES

Seth Hojnacki is from Nicholasville, Kentucky, and will be graduating this spring with an MBA in International Business. Hojnacki has been a catcher on Lynn's baseball team for the past five years and is glad that



his final season completing as a Knight was filled with many victories.

"I felt we have had the strongest team top to bottom in all of my five years with Lynn University. I'm happy that we [have] an overall winning record and I'm hoping that we'll also be selected for Regionals this year," said Hojnacki.

For Hojnacki, being a student athlete at Lynn impacted him and his time at Lynn in many ways, such as him building lifelong relationships with other student athletes and learning essential life lessons.

"I believe being a student athlete at Lynn was a positive experience that benefited my time at Lynn. Being a baseball player introduced me into a family I will cherish forever and being a student athlete introduced me to a community I'll always hold close to my heart," said Hojnacki. "The biggest lesson for me is that you have to hold yourself accountable. You can't expect your coach to follow you everywhere or hold your hand every step of the way. You need to be honest with yourself and make sure you're making the right decisions and putting in the extra effort when no one's watching."

While at Lynn, Hojnacki dedicated his time to improving the lives of Lynn student athletes by him being involved in Lynn's Student Athlete Committee and becoming the president of SAC during his junior year. Hojnacki became president during the height of COVID-19 and led SAC for three years.

During his time as president, Hojnacki helped bring forth important changes for student athletes, and during his final year, he helped establish a snack bar area for commuting athletes and helped get Lynn team approved to have their own official Instagram account so future recruits can see the team's day-today activities.

"The biggest achievement SAAC has made this year has been the snack room for student-athletes," said Hojnacki. "Lynn has numerous student-athletes who do not live on campus & do not have swipes. This combination makes it hard for some of our athletes to get snacks before practice or after practice on their way to class. With the new snack room, all of our athletes can fuel up before a practice or game. I'm happy to be leaving SAAC with many positives, but especially that food is more easily accessible and available for Lynn's student-athletes."

After serving SAC for so long, Hojnacki is proud of everything SAC has been able to accomplish and appreciates his time working with his fellow Lynn athletes to bring forth change.

"Being SAC president the past few years has been an honor and I'll definitely miss the people the most," said Hojnacki. "SAC wouldn't be what it is without so many active and motivated student athletes who want to be leaders both on their teams and in the Lynn community. I wouldn't trade my experiences with these people for the world. As for a legacy, I only want Lynn to be the best D2 school for student athletes. I hope that my efforts have contributed to that goal, and I hope the next SAAC President continues making Lynn an amazing place."



Above: Seth Hojnacki is a catcher on Lynn Baseball team who has been influential on the field and off it by him working hard to help improve Lynn athletics for his fellow Lynn athletes. Photo/S. Hojnacki.

While Lynn will miss Hojnacki, he has big plans as he is attending Penn State Law in University Park, Pennsylvania, in the fall to begin studying for his Juris Doctorate.

"I'm hoping to use the tools and knowledge that I've learned the past five years and apply them to learning about the legal field," said Hojnacki. "Although I will miss Lynn University dearly, I'm very excited about this next step in my academic career."



Above: Seth Hojnacki and this year's members of SAC take a picture to celebrate their final meeting of the year. Photo/T. Super.

# LYNN UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATING SENIORS ON THEIR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

Lynn University's graduating Class of 2022 worked tremendously hard over their years as Fighting Knights.

But where will they end up after receiving their degrees?



Every senior has had a lasting impact on Lynn University. From writing for the newspaper to mentoring underclassmen, the Class of 2022 influence by wearing blue and white will always be remembered.

The hundreds of students graduating this May are finally approaching their long-term goals, and each of them has ideas as to where they want to be in the future.

Learn what the Class of 2022 has planned for their futures as Fighting Knight alumni.



Photo/C. Haskin.

"Take a break and find myself. Look for internships and jobs," said Cody Lawson, graduating senior. "I have a film degree and I worry that I didn't pick the most practical of degrees. My long-term goal is to hopefully get a job that's film-related and while here, I have learned a lot about film, but not a lot about jobs, so I guess that's my next step."



Photo/C. Haskin.

"When I graduate, I plan to do my OPT here in Boca or in Miami," said Juan Amaya, graduating senior. "I want to become an airline pilot and also someday be able to manage an aviation corporate business."



Photo/A. Barcenas.

"My plan after graduation is to get approval for my OPT and start working in the United States," said Ana Barcenas, graduating senior. "My long-term goal with my degree is to keep working and move up as a human resources manager."



Photo/B. Ryder.

"After graduation, I am planning on heading back to school to earn a master's degree in exercise science with a focus on human performance. This summer and next fall, I will be working to earn a couple of prerequisites that are required for my degree and attend Southern Connecticut State University, where I will be finishing the remainder of my athletic eligibility," said Bryan Ryder, graduating senior. "Ultimately my career path has changed for sure over the course of my college education. Originally, I thought I wanted to enter the journalism field, but now I have hopes of being a track and field coach at the collegiate level."



Photo/G. Villarreal.

"Starting my MBA in Aviation Management at Lynn," said Geraldine Villarreal. "Utilize it as a backup plan in order to stay in the aviation industry, in case I do not end up becoming a pilot."

# TWO DOWN, TWO TO GO

## MY TIME AT LYNN SO FAR

This is an editorial article, and therefore, represents the opinions of the writer.

I am Jeremy Scott, better known as JT. I'm a 20-year-old sophomore at Lynn University and staff writer for iPulse. I am



currently studying Multimedia Journalism with hopes of one day being an ESPN sports analyst.

I was born and raised in Wellesley, Massachusetts, by two loving parents Stacy and Jeremy (JP) Scott. My younger years consisted of lots of sports, spending time outside fishing and swimming and time with friends and family.

I graduated from Wellesley High school, and in the summer of 2020 as a 19-year-old freshman, I stepped on to Lynn's campus for the first time.

I was a little scared when I first got to campus. I went to a high school of 1,400 kids total, so a college campus was a big jump for me.

I spent my first year at Lynn focusing hard on my grades with the goal of making the dean's list. My hard work helped me make connections with professors like Dr. Stefanie Powers, who recommended me for classes like TV production and the iPulse newspaper and podcast.

I would finish my freshman year with the best grades of my academic career along with making dean's list.

It was a huge accomplishment for me. In high school, I was a terrible student and didn't think I would get accepted to college, so this is a reminder of how far I have come as a student and as an individual.

These accomplishments would give me the motivation to continue working hard into my sophomore year at Lynn.

In my second year, I would join the iPulse newspaper as well as the TV production team. These would help me push myself and take my future career to the next level.

I began writing sports articles for the school newspaper along with being on set for the TV production group. I had a passion for writing sports articles and was good at it. I also

found that I was quite confident on camera and could carry my sports articles over to the TV side.

I will continue to write for the iPulse and occasionally help with the TV production team for the rest of the year. My writing and TV work would also eventually help me land an internship with ESPN in Orlando.

Now, as we get into the last month of our time this year at Lynn, I enjoy looking back at how far I have come.

When I came to this school, I had no idea what I wanted to do in his life. Now, here I am, a sportswriter and TV production team assistant with a clear goal in mind of what I want to accomplish in my career.

Since coming to Lynn, I have made the dean's list both years, received internship offers from major sports companies and have become the student I always knew I could become.

I still have two more years at Lynn and plan on continuing to work with the newspaper and TV production team. Who knows what is in store for me in the coming two years?



Above: Scott (far right) pictured with his friends, Alex, James and Nicolas. Photo/JT Scott.



Above: JT Scott on move in day freshman year. Photo/@stacyanna via Instagram.

## FIGHTING KNIGHTS FINISH STRONG AT SSC INVITATIONAL

## STRONG PERFORMANCES FROM LYNN TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

At the SSC Invitational hosted by University of Tampa, Lynn's men's and women's track and field teams both placed 4th amongst rival conference schools in a competitive postseason meet. This year marks the first graduating class for



the men's track team after being founded four years ago.

Several Fighting Knights had podium finishes and set school records and personal bests facing off against the best competition the SSC has to offer. In the longer distances, senior Hunter Dobbs was able to win the 5,000-meter run in 15:19.61, his second fastest time ever in very hot and humid conditions. Already the school record holder for the distance, Dobb's performance secured 10 points for the men's team score.

All the seniors on the men's team ran fiercely for their last time as Knights. The seniors that represent Lynn's first men's cross country

and track & field graduating class and are departing Lynn are Hunter Dobbs, Julian Yescas, Eric Silva, Moise Cook and Bryan Ryder. These men have built the foundation of Lynn's distance running program and helped the program grow tremendously throughout their time at Lynn.

The women's track and field team also had great races overall with the seniors racing strong for the last time as a team.

The Fighting Knight's 4th place finish was spearheaded by Taryn Super's commanding win in the 10,000-meter run, which scored 10 points for the team score. In the sprints, senior Rachel Ramirez put up an impressive time of 1:00.86 in the 400-meter dash. Ramirez's time was good for 3rd place and puts her second all-time in school history.

"It was amazing to get the opportunity to wrap up my college career with all my friends and family watching," said Ramirez following her 3rd place finish. "I am very much looking forward to retirement!"

To cap off the meet, the women's 4x400 meter relay team of Blair Vignes, Brooke

Mullins, Payton Yoder and Lily Koch finished 5th with a time of 4:31.05. This was Yoder's last race as a Fighting Knight, bringing a satisfying end to her running career as at Lynn. While senior Emmanuel Le Tertre did not race at the SSC Invitational, she leaves Lynn with the school record in the 5k and the achievement of racing at nationals in cross country during her freshman year. All four of the graduating women's cross country and track team runners have greatly contributed to Lynn's running program and will be missed.

After a successful meet, the team and its coaches are proud of how their last meet of the year went.

"Our athletes performed extremely well top to bottom everyone came ready to compete today," said Head Coach Chris Wood. "We knew how competitive this meet was going to be and everyone showed up and performed to the best of their ability, which is all you can ask for as a coach."

While the team has many runners graduating this year, the returning runners are excited to build off of the legacy that this year's graduating class created.



Above: This year graduating runners take one last picture together after their final team dinner together with their team. Photo/@lynn\_xc\_track.

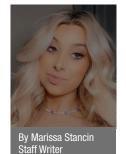


Above: Hunter Dobbs taking the lead down the home stretch of the men's 5,000. Photo/D. Dreibelbis.

## MAKING TIME TO GRIND

## LYNN ALUMNI DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING OUT

Being a college student comes with a lot of responsibilities, and finding time to better yourself is something that seems to get pushed aside easily. Yet for some college students, like Lynn alums Zack and Adam



alums Zack and Adam
Stancin, a workout is a great way to relieve

College is a time when you are officially on your own and taking on the world. It goes by faster than you can imagine, so taking in every moment and creating amazing memories that will last a lifetime are some of the key aspects of the college experience.

the stress that comes with being in college.

According to the Stancins, who are both Lynn alumni, college students need to find the perfect balance of putting time aside for school and finding time to hit the gym to momentarily escape reality.

"Getting into college is the easy part, but staying in college is the hard part," said Stancin. "Taking that time to go to the gym and really disciplining myself helped structure the student and young man I was."

Stancin spent most of his time at the beach and the gym, taking time out of his busy schedule to focus on himself as a whole, even if it was just for an hour or a few minutes.

"Sticking to a strict and organized schedule landed me on the dean's list every semester and I don't think I could have done that if it wasn't for being driven inside the classroom and out," said Stancin. "The best project you'll ever work on is you."

According to Stancin, the gym has been a place where he has met some of his closest friends and built the strongest relationships with the people who motivated and pushed him the most. The thought of leaving this gym when senior year came to an end was not easy for him. As a college student, this was the place he went to when things got tough and stressful.

For many graduates, it is difficult having to re-adjust to a new gym or to no longer

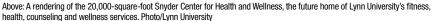
have their go-to workout buddy to join them once they graduate. Student athletes could especially struggle with post-graduation workouts after no longer having set practice times, pre-planned workout made by their coach and no longer having their teammates daily encouragement.

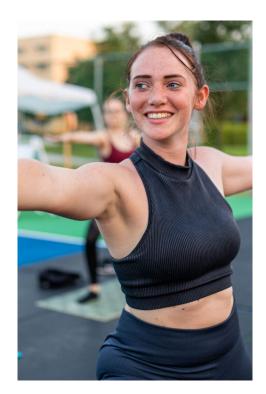
While it might be difficult for recent graduates to adapt to new workout environments, they should strive to continue finding ways to work out since working out is very beneficial for overall health and can prevent people from feeling the effects of post-graduation depression, according to Psych Associates of Maryland.

Those returning to school in the fall should strive to dedicate time to working out next school year since school can sometimes be overwhelming. But having a getaway place like the gym can help college students succeed.

"If there is one piece of advice, I can give to any college student is that it's okay to take a break; mostly everything works again if you unplug it — including you," said Stancin.







Above: Student enjoying a sunset yoga experience. Photo/Lynn University.

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# LYNN UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES ROB SCHEER KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR ITS 2022 COMMENCEMENT

Lynn University announced that Rob Scheer, founder of Comfort Cases, will serve as the keynote speaker and receive an honorary degree during its annual commencement at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on May 6 at 10 a.m.

More than 40 years ago, Scheer entered the foster care system carrying his few belongings in a tattered trash bag. When he decided to become a foster parent and start a family, he was shocked to discover children in foster care were still provided nothing more than a trash bag for their personal items. In response, Scheer established Comfort Cases, which provides backpacks filled with essentials to children in foster care across the United States, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom.

Comfort Cases has been featured on a multitude of national media including "The Ellen Show," the "Today" show, "The View," and "NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt." In 2018, Scheer was named one of CNN's Heroes and featured in "Dads," an AppleTV+ documentary directed by Bryce Dallas Howard.

In 2018, Scheer partnered with Lynn to pack Comfort Cases for Palm Beach

County's foster children through the university's Citizenship Project. Since then, students and alumni have delivered 3,400 to local organizations. Many of the class of 2022 graduates participated as freshmen in Lynn's inaugural year with Comfort Cases.

"Servant leadership and social responsibility are two key values we work to instill in our students. Rob's story demonstrates how our Lynn community can use their passions and skills to make an impact on the world," said Lynn President Kevin M. Ross. "We're honored to have him join us at our commencement ceremony."

Along with his advocacy work, Scheer is the author of "A Forever Family: Fostering Change One Child at a Time," a memoir that details his inspiring journey from foster care to foster parent and drive to rebuild a broken system. He is the host of "Fostering Change," a weekly audio and video podcast highlighting foster care, adoption, and LGBTQ+ issues.

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Above: Rob Scheer. Photo/Lynn.edu.