

GLOBAL COMPASS

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AUSTIN MILLER

Austin Miller authored and co-authored two articles for the *Global Compass*: "Be Kind, Unbind your Mind" and "School. Work. Sleep. Repeat." He has learned a lot in Media Communications class, such as interviewing people and selecting the right quotes to help tell a story.

Initially, he was not sure he wanted to take the class. However, he does not regret staying on the team. One thing Miller has found interesting about class is he gets to interview people; no other class offers that. He believes the newsletter is powerful because students and administrators can voice their opinions of ongoing issues at school, and their peers are reading it and actually thinking about the topics because of the newsletter. Miller believes these publications can help the school find better solutions to problems.

Miller loves the reactions of readers. When people compliment his work, his face lights up and he feels like he accomplished something. He looks forward to covering more school issues and learning more technical skills.

Upcoming events

**Feb 08 Open House/
Enrollment 5-7pm**

**Feb 14 Student Council
Candy Sale**

**Feb 17 Early release and
February Dance
7-10pm**

**Mar 23 A Midsummer
-25 Night's Dream 7 PM**



LOGAN RIVERA

Logan Rivera has covered sports for the *Global Compass* this winter, writing articles such as "Championship Goals" and "Global on the Gridiron." He has also taken photos for the newsletter and wrote "Spirit Week 2022." He has learned the rules and techniques to take quality photographs and the proper construction of writing an article.

Rivera says what makes Media Communications class unique is how the material is presented and how the extra writing practice can help a student if they go to college. Writing for media is more straightforward than the typical essay

writing. He also learned about how to research and validate topics of interest.

Rivera's favorite part of the class is taking and editing photos because he feels it's an interesting, relaxing, fun, and useful skill to have. He is looking forward to covering Gator basketball in the near future and discovering new ways to tell a story.



BREADEN PEOPLES

Breaden Peoples has authored articles in all three winter editions of the new *Global Compass*, writing articles such as "In with the New" and "New Principal Among Us." This experience has helped him learn how to be a journalist and photographer while developing his time management and interviewing techniques.

Peoples finds the Media Communications class to be a great experience. Through collaboration with his peers and teachers, he is developing technical skills in design, photography and writing. He was especially surprised that only four students have proven they can collectively promote and

write an effective newsletter each month. The challenges the class faces each day force the students to wear many hats for the many tasks necessary to create it. He feels as though there is always something to do and every new edition is an accomplishment.

Peoples has found photography to be his favorite part of the publication, from taking the pictures in the field to editing the final product. He has found photography helps him connect his ideas and stories with the newsletter's audience.



GREY MARTINEZ

Grey Martinez has worked a lot with writing and photography for the Global Compass, contributing to the articles "Duck Days" and "School." Work. Sleep. Repeat."

They are now doing more creative writing with the new column, "Zen Zone."

Martinez says they have learned a lot about interviewing. It is a major part of the newsletter, as the team brings others' opinions and experiences to light. Initially, they had a difficult time interviewing people they didn't really know, but preparing questions ahead of time in class helped guide them and made things easier. Martinez found the easiest way to make interviewing less awkward is to make some

small talk beforehand to develop a rapport. Media Communications class is way different than most other classes because most classes focus only on one subject, but in this class, a lot is incorporated. It's a class that reports, interviews and talks about many different subjects and topics. It is very engaging with how much work is needed to get the story just right.

Martinez's favorite part of Media Communications is taking pictures. They said, "Photography is very calming and opens your mind. When you take pictures, you have to focus on an area to find an image in such a way where you can make anything breathtaking." They added the perfect lighting, the perfect angle and a great view together will provide the most rewarding image of something that not many people can ever get.

"A story can truly hold a lot, but pictures can show you a different perspective to something already there," they said.



**STACEY KLIMCZAK
& SPENCER LEE**

Media Communications is a newly designed CTE (Career Technology Education) class at Global Concepts, combining digital art, production and journalism into one

exciting opportunity for the staff and students alike. The students have learned valuable skills, such as interviewing, storytelling, and an objective mindset thanks to their two committed teachers, Stacey Klimczak and Spencer Lee.

Klimczak has been the digital design, advanced art teacher at Global Concepts High School for the past 18 months, but this new class has tapped into her 10 years experience from the publishing, advertising and public relations world and her college degree in Graphic design. She loves how responsive the students are about what they are learning in class and how the monthly newsletter has taken on a mind of its own, capturing the attention of the entire school.

Lee, her co-teacher, brings 18 years of experience in journalism, broadcasting, and video production to teach the students in class. Truthfully, his career made him want to become a teacher in the first place, training a new generation of journalists and video producers at the high school level. He hopes his efforts continue to keep the school and administration informed as well as capture the imaginations of potential new students who want to discover a hidden talent they never knew they were interested in.

"Not in doing what you like, but liking what you do is the secret of happiness"

— J. M. Barre