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RSVP for events on
Knight Connect!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Knight's Pantry Donation Drive

11/1 Ends 11/15

Tower III will be hosting a Goodwill donation drive in the Tower III lobby! November is a time to give thanks, and there is no better way to give back to the community than to donate old clothing items to those who really need it. Please make sure to RSVP on KnightConnect and scan the QR code when you donate in order to get credit.

Mon. Candy Sushi Social 7-8pm @ the BHC Reading

11/1 Room

Join us for our Candy Sushi Social in BHC Room 130 right after Symposium on Monday, November 1st and Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. Relax, meet new friends, make origami, and create your very own candy "sushi." The first 50 members to arrive each night will receive candy "sushi" kits (made up of rice krispie treats, sour candy belts, and Swedish fish) to make a colorful and unique sweet treat! Members will receive 1 DM point for attending.

Tue. **11/2**

Wed. Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt Glow in the Dark

11/3 Extravaganza

7-8pm @ the BHC

Looking for a way to get out of your dorm and have some fun? Come on out to our Honors Congress Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt Glow in the Dark Extravaganza! We will have lots of fun stations around campus to challenge your team as you race to the finish, including tests of your creativity and problem solving as well as a little friendly competition. You won't want to miss out on all the glowsticks plus the chance for an extra DM point for our winning team!

Wed. Dia de los Muertos 8-9:30pm @ BHC 130/131

11/3 ¡Hola amigos! We're thrilled to celebrate el

Día de los Muertos on November 3rd, from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the BHC. Put on your sombreros and paint some sugar skulls with us (all supplies provided!). Get ready to chew on churros and cry while watching Coco!! Members are encouraged to donate \$2 to benefit a local charity chosen by our members! Members will receive 1 DM point for attending.

Fri. Crafts, Cupcakes, and Charlie Brown

11/5 5-7:30pm @ the BHC Lawn

Congratulations to all the participants in our Mentorship Program! We want to thank you for your dedication and give you a chance to meet the other members of the program! Come join us for our end of the semester Mentorship Banquet! Free food, entertainment, and memories to last a lifetime! Members will receive 1 DM point for attending!

Sat. Lake Maitland Clean-Up

11/6 9:30-11:30m @ Lake Maitland

Let's cut right to the chase. Free cupcakes. A turkey getting pardoned. Getting to see one of our own committee members dressed as a turkey. And did someone say a Charlie Brown-themed Thanksgiving? Sign up on Knight Connect to RSVP for this can't-miss event happening on Friday, November 5th @ 5 PM on the BHC lawn.

Sun. Mentorship Banquet

11/7 7-8:30pm @ TBD

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Tue. Superheroes for a Cure

8-11pm @ BHC 130/131

11/9

Hop into the world of Marvel Cinema on Tuesday, November 9th for Superheroes for a Cure! Join us (and bring your coziest blankets and pillows) in BHC Room 130/131 to decide which Marvel movie will be shown after a trivia contest all about the multiverse's mightiest heroes! The winner will receive a Marvel-ous prize! A suggested \$3 donation is asked to go towards the Honors College Relay for Life Team! 1 DM point for attending. We hope to see you there!

Wed. December in November

8-9:30pm @ the BHC Lawn

11/10

holidays may be a bit away, but there's no reason not to celebrate early! Grab a friend, a blanket, your best ugly sweater, and come out to the BHC Lawn on Wednesday, November 10th at 8:00 PM. We'll be watching a holiday movie, drinking hot chocolate, and having a contest to decide whose sweater is the ugliest of them all! Wear an ugly sweater and get an extra DM point! A suggested donation of \$2 will benefit our chosen charity for the month of November.

Thu. Second Harvest Food Bank

8-11am @ Second Harvest

11/11

Food Bank

Want to help fight hunger in the Orlando area? Join Honors Congress as we volunteer with Second Harvest Food Bank! This is a special occasion as they have just opened a second location and need help prepping and serving meals for children in need. Help us make this second location a success! Sign-ups will close on Monday, November 8th, and will be limited to the first 8 members. If you have any questions or would like to be put on the waitlist email honorscongress+volunteering@gmail.com. This event will be worth 2 DM points and 4 volunteer hours!

Thu. Taylor Swift: RED Release

Party

11pm-1am @ BHC 130/131

11/11

Come celebrate the release of RED (Taylor's Version) with Honors Congress starting at 11:00 PM on Nov. 11th, as we party until the album drops at Midnight! There will be themed sections for each of Taylor's Eras and members can participate in Taylor Swift sing-alongs and karaoke leading up to the drop! Then, cry the night away with us (don't worry, tissues will be provided) as

we listen to her re-released album together at midnight! Members will receive 1 DM point for attendance and an additional DM point for coming dressed as their favorite Taylor era.

Fri. Gatsby's Winter Ball

7-9pm @ the Student Union

11/12

A little party never hurt nobody! Come celebrate the end of the semester with our Gatsby's Winter Ball on November 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be a photo booth, an auction, a variety of games to play, holiday themed food, and a roaring time! There will also be a best dressed contest so bring your pearls and bolaman hats and dress in your best 1920s outfit! Make sure to buy your \$5 ticket through our Venmo @honors-congress or with cash for entry! 100% of the proceeds from this event will benefit our Knight-Thon team. Members will receive 1 DM point for attending, but this event is open to all UCF students.

Mon. Design Your Own T-Shirt!

2:30-5:30pm @ the BHC

11/15

Garden

Have you ever wanted to create a shirt that was your own original design? Well now is your chance! Join Honors Congress on Monday, November 15th at 2:30 for the Design Your Own T-Shirt event. You decide when you create your own shirt and wear it for all to marvel at! Don't miss out please RSVP to fill your spot on Knight Connect. 1 DM point for attending.

Mon. Disney vs. Nickelodeon Bingo Knight

7-8pm @ BHC 130/131

11/15

Are you ready kids? On Wednesday, November 3, come to the BHC at 7:00 for a Disney vs. Nickelodeon Bingo Knight! Come prepared to compete for your team! The first to shout "Bingo!" will win a gift card and a point for their team. After multiple rounds, a winning team will be declared. One DM for attending and an additional point for shouting "Bingo!" Suggested donation of \$2 per bingo card. Pizza will be provided! Members will get 1 DM point for attendance, but this event is open to all UCF students.

CREATIVE CORNER

LESSON FROM THE TREES

Photography by Seva Reilly

3rd Year, Communication Sciences and Disorders

When story elements reappear in our classic tales and epics, they must mean something. They speak to some common feelings, fears, or wishes within us. Cultures call them fairy tales and fables; Carl Jung called it the collective unconscious; and authors and storytellers today reuse these symbols, often at the risk of being called trite and cliché.

I think the forest is one of the most mysterious, inviting, and even sinister story elements. In fairy tales like Hansel and Gretel or the Chronicles of Narnia, it's the forest where the heroes get lost, go on wild adventures, and discover previously unknown power within themselves. In the Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings, our heroes have to leave the comfort of the domestic Shire and venture into the vast, unknown forests on an epic adventure, to become heroes in the world - and in the process, to find the heroes within each of them.

I took this photo while my family and I were walking on a nature trail. Despite the Florida heat, the woods were still refreshing and inviting. The trees don't compete with one another, with rules for how fast they need to grow. They don't fall into predictable boxes or lines: they are expansive and free. And the way the path dives and slithers among the trees, seems to whisper and beckon us - "Come, come walk among us. Escape from the ordinariness of your everyday life. But beware! You may not be the same person coming out as who went in."

The characters from our fairy tales would tell us the same thing: when you take a walk in the woods, you never know who, or what, you may discover.

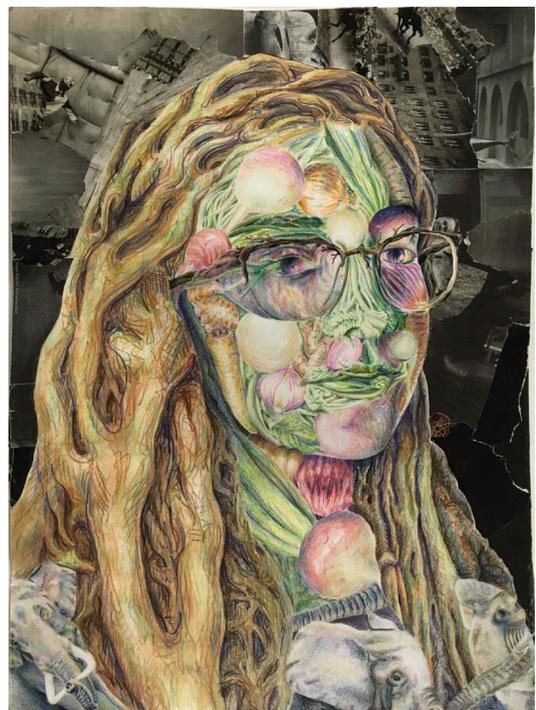


GROUNDED

Art by Samuel Pabon

2nd Year, Mechanical Engineering

She's rooted like a tree. She's unshakeable like an elephant and just as kind. Her presence is sustenance itself- a hearty parsnip tucked away under the ground, ready to provide. But strongest of all are the tendrils of hair that spring from her scalp and extend like roots. When I'm with her, I'm grounded.



LA SAGRADA NATURALEZA

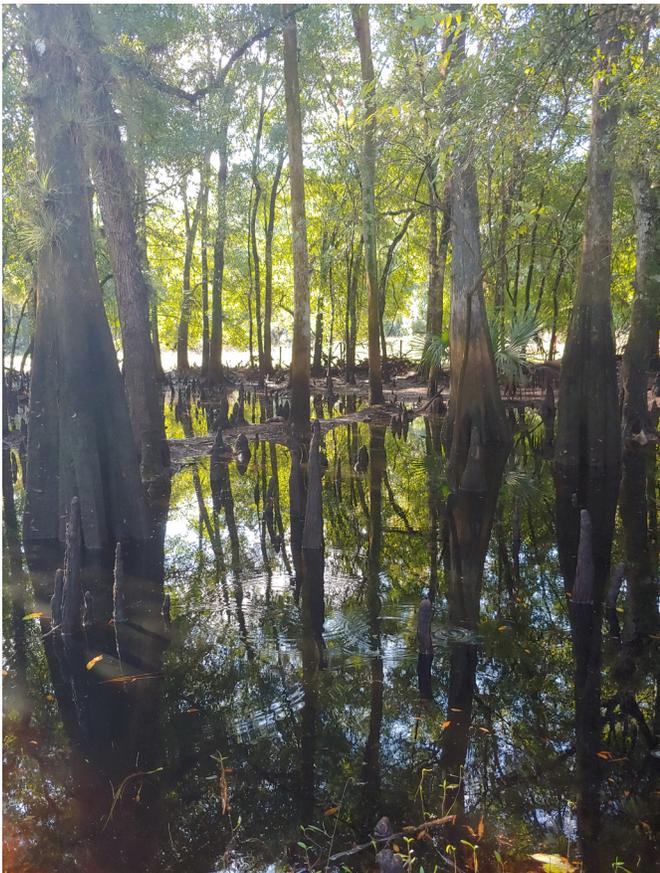
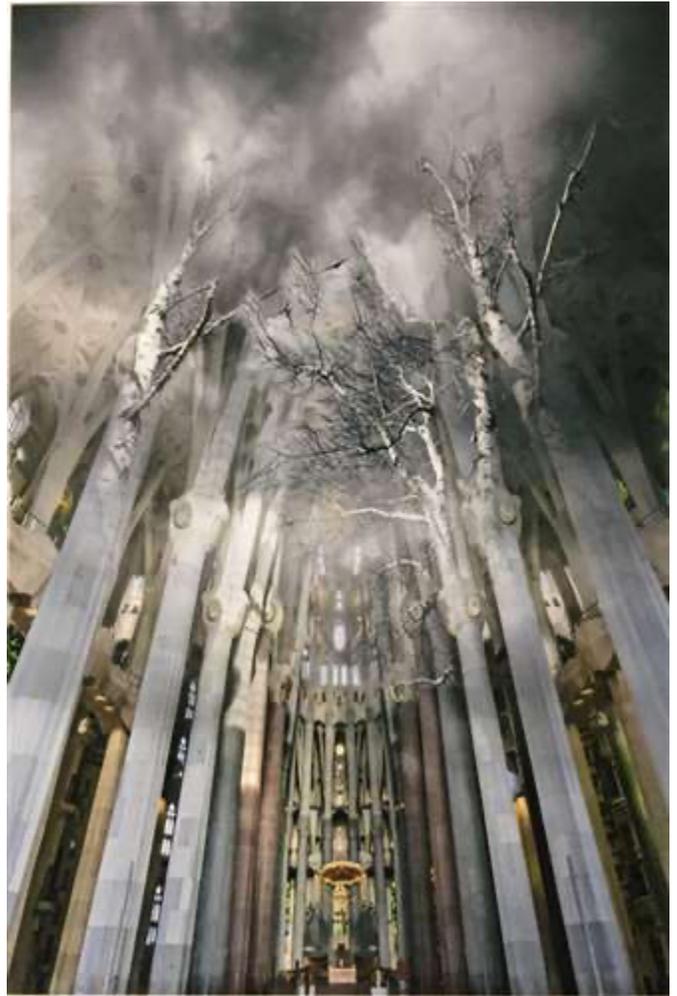
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Art mimics nature. It's as simple as an equation, really; art mimics life and life is derived from nature. If a varies as b and b is re-written with c, then a and c are undeniably linked. It's a relationship too often overlooked in the isolating self-glorification of human civilization. But a closer peek reveals it's as primal as the cave paintings of Lascaux, as precise as Fibonacci's spiral and as awe-inspiring as a cathedral.

A cathedral, with its stone columns, is a mockery of the timelessness of towering trees. Echoing choir melodies will never reach the height of a songbird's tune and the even grandeur of stained-glass beams is outshone by a simple sunrise.

Art mimics nature. Art speaks to us. It's only logical that nature does, too. Nature speaks. Are you listening?



TALE OF THE TREES

Photography by Avery Chan

1st Year

As the sun glimmers through the canopy, I can admire the beauty of the swamp today, yet the bald cypresses of the swamp tell me of their history in a time long gone. They simply said to look around. With some closer scrutiny, I find the dark marks on the trees that tell stories of when the water level was high; the cypress knees stick out like sore thumbs gasping for air out of the anaerobic depths of the swamp. Taking this photo, I envisioned being chest-deep in the water of the Econlockhatchee River, standing still as though I were a cypress too. The trees didn't say much, but they helped me discover a whole new story with just a little imagination and a small look around.

FALLING LEAVES

Writing by Brielle Young

1st Year, Marketing

She sat under their falling leaves
Their words whisper in the wind
And during her stay, she could not speak
For she did not want to leave

She sat under their falling leaves
Their tales on tips of tongues
Telling of the great times when
Autumn ushered in

She sat under their falling leaves
Colors orange, red, and brown
As they reflected, sighing with a frown,
“Oh, how I wish these leaves would stick around”

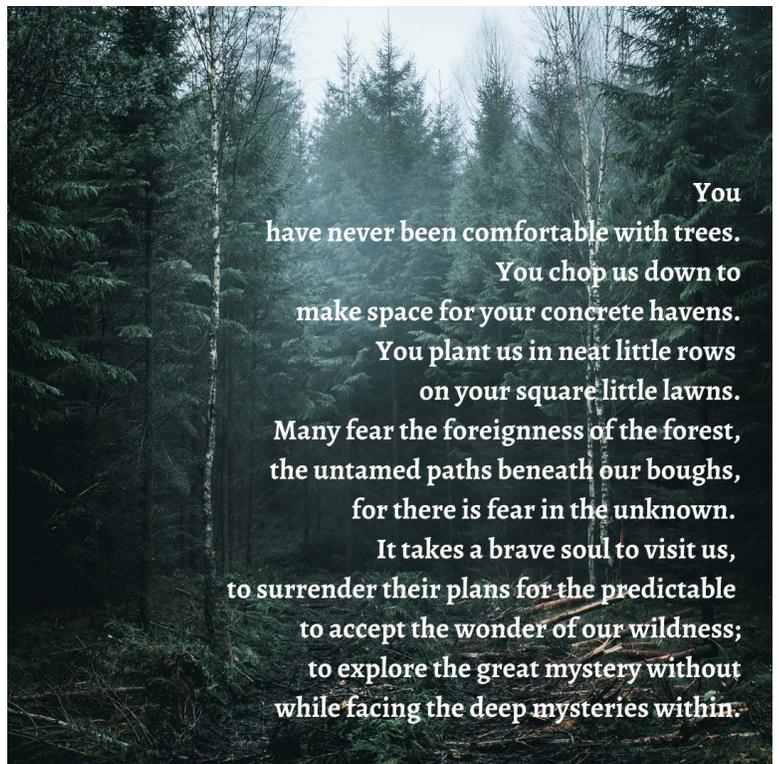
She sat under their falling leaves
Making a carpet on the ground
“Soon your friends will come again”
“Just wait for better days”

She sat under their falling leaves
As their heavy hearts began to change
Anticipating the season’s slip away
Soon hoping to welcome the spring

THE FOREST

Writing by Seva Reilly

3rd Year, Communication Sciences and Disorders



You
have never been comfortable with trees.
You chop us down to
make space for your concrete havens.
You plant us in neat little rows
on your square little lawns.
Many fear the foreignness of the forest,
the untamed paths beneath our boughs,
for there is fear in the unknown.
It takes a brave soul to visit us,
to surrender their plans for the predictable
to accept the wonder of our wildness;
to explore the great mystery without
while facing the deep mysteries within.

LEAVES

Writing by Brielle Young

1st Year, Marketing

I passed by a row of trees
Each one speaking to me
Their branches red, brown, yellow with leaves
Listening as they spoke to me

They told me tales of times before
When green decorated their branches
The birds would chirp, and squirrels would scurry
Now, the winter season seems to be in a hurry

As their leaves fall to the ground
A sheet of color engulfing the grass
The trees reminisce on the spring times they had
Waiting for the season to return again

Walking past them I felt sorrow
They told me, however, there was no reason to fret
Since the winter season would pass and no longer be a threat
Since Spring would come shortly, they bet

YELLOW, GREEN, AND RED BRICK ROADS

Writing by Myli Sangria

1st Year, Literature and Legal Studies

Words from the wise, a
Journey despised, the
Failed-and-advised, the
Laughter and cries, the
Words from the heart that help us realize
That we're more than bark and we're more than eyes.

We're more than the hate that we incorporate to relate
To the others we debate at our junctions and our dates
For a paradigmatic state of energy, inner rebate
About our errs, detours, the mental murder that makes us once more blank slates
"Seen them, learned him, heard her" during freak outs, during breaks
We can finally begin a journey we love finding power in our mistakes.

CITY IN THE SKY

Writing by Myli Sangria

1st Year, Literature and Legal Studies

Trees; extravagant, gallant and righteous. They represent a world untouched; all things original, as they should be.

Then, they are uprooted.

A tree knocked over reveals a horror of roots and growth hidden in the dirt. Imperfect spirals of chicken-wire. Roots bring life, but trip on them at night and they are punishing.

We see uprooted trees, and it brings sadness. We marvel at how different the roots look from the top, but take a closer look at that tree on the side of the road and, without leaves, the roots and the branches will likely look the same.

We are not trees, but we can take a good look at ourselves and see certain elements similar to one: what we present as opposed to our roots, our gallantries, whatever we deem our beauties or features worthy of explanation, are our failures in different forms.

A person can walk up to the mirror and tell themselves “never again”, but doing so and ignoring their failures and ties them to that binary forever. Ground your roots into the dirt and use them to propel yourself upward. With that, you can build a forest.

Your forest will be a town in the ground, but a city in the sky.

LOST FOREST PATH

Writing by Sandra Ford

2nd Year, English Creative Writing

Trees hunched over the faded dirt path, like weary, beaten soldiers. Their ashen branches hung low, bare of the flame-colored leaves that now covered the ground. A smell of rot filled the air, with the faintest undertones of something burning, as the wind lifted the leaves in a fiery whirlwind, shaking the trees as it went. The forest was dead, all life burned away, replaced by an eerie silence, save for the rustling of the wind. But do not think the path was all forgotten. A ghost forever walked up and down its length, her pale eyes always searching but never finding. Her chosen curse. But every so often, on a cool autumn night, the moon would hit her form just right, and in the glimmer of her pale eyes, one could glimpse what once was. Vibrant green trees stood tall and proud, mighty columns holding up a clear blue sky. Flowers bloomed in every color, their sweet aroma filling the air, waiting to be plucked. And a young girl strolled down a well-beaten path, humming a tune.

*Thank you all for you submissions and a fantastic semester!
I'm so glad to have had this opportunity and I hope you all continue to embrace
your creativity, no matter where life takes you.*

- Sandy

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