

Lucky Strike with the Jr. Strikerz

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With school slowly winding down for many, we say goodbye to fall and winter and hello to spring and summer.

As we may have noticed, most sports are seasonal. Football is primarily a fall sport, while basketball takes place during the winter and baseball begins during the spring/summer. *How about bowling season?*

For some like me, it's year round bowling with one of the best bowling leagues out there: *Jr. Strikers*.

I have been bowling with that organization since the age of 12 now into my 20's. It has been a great escape for me, because I truly do love bowling. I have been bowling since the tender age of 2, with my only desire being to become better at the sport.

During my life, I have bowled in all the bowling alleys across the south suburbs trying to improve my game. I have competed in state competitions both near and far, winning them, but it wasn't enough. I felt like something was missing from what I loved. When I got to Jr. Strikerz, I found that missing piece. Bowling united us, and we became a family, instead of teammates. Bowling developed into so much more than a Saturday event.

Being a member of Jr. Strikerz has taught me so many leadership skills, how to be a better and supportive teammate, and it has truly taught me how to make friends from all walks of life. Not only has Jr. Strikerz helped me get through school, they have awarded me a scholarship opportunity which will be paying for school when I transfer from PSC; A lucky strike towards my future.

To anyone interested in seeing the Jr. Strikerz in action or would like to have the opportunity to join a youth or adult league, contact Pioneer Reporter and Jr. Strikerz member, Avery Manuel, via his email at amanuel@students.prairiestate.edu

Everyday Hero: Jennica Rodriguez

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I recently had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jennica Rodriguez, many of our readers may know her from her role as an enrollment advisor here at PSC, and others still may know her from her role as the Hispanic outreach specialist for students. But I got to know Jennica a little bit better than that. So who is Jennica Rodriguez really? Well to put it simply, she is an amazing person and someone you should know.

Growing up as one of three sisters to her immigrant parents, Jennica knows firsthand the struggles that may be plaguing our fellow students, both new to the school, and new to the country. Jennica and her three sisters all strived to be as educated as they could be, as their parents only had grade-school educations from Mexico. So one could see how important obtaining a higher education was to their whole family. All three sisters not only attended college but graduated as well. Jennica was chosen to attend DePaul's honor school because of her great academic achievements in the classroom; she was a hardworking student that excelled in what she did. Not only was Jennica admitted to this prestigious school, she was awarded multiple scholarships as well. This was a blessing indeed for Mrs. Rodriguez, one which she did not waste.

After she graduated from DePaul Jennica found a job with Trio Educational Talent Search. Does the name sound familiar to you? Well it should, because that is the organization that has an office set up right next to our cafeteria. After some time at Trio she was offered her current position here at Prairie State of Enrollment Advisor. This of course came as an amazing opportunity for Mrs. Rodriguez,

as through her time with Trio she discovered that many of the students clung to her. Due to her friendly nature, constant understanding, and Bi-lingual abilities she established good rapport with those she had been charged to help. She assisted in bridging the gap for many students here on campus and continues helps them to achieve their educational goals.



Here at PSC she helps all students get through their daily struggles. Whether it be through her work with the All Latin Alliance, or her day to day work in her office, she blindly takes on the weight of the world for her students, and she does so with a smile and an unrelenting passion to strive for the right thing. Jennica truly personifies the compassion and care that PSC wants to instill on all of our students. For these reasons and many others Jennica is just another everyday hero walking the halls of PSC, and if you ever need a kind smile or an open ear, I assure you, her door will always be open for a student in need.

Her friendly nature and willingness to help anyone in need quickly captured the admiration of the student community here at PSC and Jennica could not have been happier. Jennica Rodriguez is someone you should know.

Where To Next?

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Graduation is just around the corner, so many of you are moving on to better and bigger places. Many students, including myself, will be transferring to a university after Prairie State College.

But before you do transfer, make sure you have the following list checked off. Before you decide what university you should attend, you should take campus tours and schedule an appointment with a counselor. You should ask many questions about the school, programs, clubs, and extracurricular activities that will pertain to your decision. Make sure you fill out all the necessary paper work to get admitted to the university you have chosen.

Now that you have decided what 4-year university you want to transfer to, you should make sure all of your credits transfer to that school. It will be very awkward when you petition to graduate and find out that a credit you earned at Prairie State College didn't transfer. Now that you have received your acceptance letter, you will have to figure out how you will be paying the school. So file your FAFSA if you haven't done so, and definitely apply for scholarships. I personally will be applying for so many scholarships that I will probably lose count. There are millions of dollars out there to help you pay for your schooling, you just have to take the time and effort to look for them.

Now that everything has been filled out, the final check is deciding if you're going to stay in a dorm or rent an apartment. There are many pros and cons to both situations you just need to sit down and contemplate what will fill your needs. These are some of the things you need to do and think about, now that you are graduating from Prairie State College. Congratulations, and good luck.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Throughout the month of April the Matteson Area Public Library District we host a series of events that bring awareness to the topic of sexual violence. Here is a list of the planned activities throughout the month.



- April 1st – 30th **Library hours:** Stop- in and Write a Postcard to legislators to speak-out about this issue. Make your voice heard. Write a postcard to your state/local representatives that insure stronger laws will be enforced for this crime.
- April 5th, 2017: **7:00 PM** YWCA Sexual Violence Awareness Program Counselors will be discussing consent, prevention, and what to do in the aftermath for the survivors of this crime.
- April 8th, 2017 : **1:00 PM** Movie Showing : The Hunting Ground Emmy winning documentary highlights the crisis of sexual assault on college campuses. Registration required
- April 10th, 2017: **7:00 PM** Write a Love Letter to Yourself. Stop in and write a letter to yourself and express yourself about this issue.
- April 22nd, 2017: **10:00 AM** Self Defense Program One Light Self Defense team will be teaching self-defense and safety awareness in this 3 hr program. Registration required
2:00 PM Silent No More SPEAKOUT! In a closed safe place a sexual violence crises counselor will be available along with provided materials to draw, write, or just speak to others about this issue and your feelings.
- April 26th, 2017: **4:30 PM** Wear Denim for a Purpose Make & Make a Denim Craft
National Denim Day is a campaign that was originally triggered by a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court, where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove them, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Participate in National Denim Day in our library and community by wearing jeans and make a craft from denim to take home. Registration required.

Every Monday, the library will post a new Ted Talk that focuses on this crucial issue. Look for the link on the library's webpage, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

1. Violence Against Women: Jackson Katz
2. A Call to Men: Tony Porter
3. How We talk about Sexual Assault Online: Ione Walls
4. Find Your Voice Against Gender Violence: Meera Vijayan
5. Our Story of Rape & Reconciliation: Thordis Elva & Tom Strange

Matteson Public Library District located at 801 School St. Matteson IL. 60443. For more details about specific events visit www.MAPLD.ORG, call 708-748-4432 ext 203 or email @ ASDEPT@MAPLD.ORG.

End of the School Year Events

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Spring started on March 20th. If you're looking to enjoy spring, here are some fun events to do. A jazz-themed exhibit started on April 12, 2017 and will end on May 5. The exhibit is being held at Union Street Gallery & Art Studios, 1527 Otto Boulevard, Chicago Heights, IL. Also, Prairie State College will host a clean air event in the atrium on April 17, 2017 at 11 AM - 1 PM and 4 - 6 PM. Learn about Prairie State College's

polices concerning tobacco, and play games for a chance to win prizes. Students who turn in a full pack of cigarettes and pledge to quit smoking will receive a turkey sandwich and a Subway gift card. There will be a raffle for the pledges and the winner will receive four one-hour sessions with a personal trainer at the Prairie State College Fitness Center. On April 20 at 7:30 PM in Prairie State College Conference Center, "From The Holocaust To Today a Story of Surviving" will be

presented. The author and Holocaust survivor, Julia Erdely, will be attending the event. Come and hear her story of courage! Admission is free, so bring your family and friends. On April 22 at 9 AM, there will be the Pioneer Bowl, which we be held at the field across from the baseball field. Any Prairie State clubs are eligible to participate. At the Pioneer Bowl, clubs will play against each other in a flag football game. Refreshments will be served. On April 28, there will be a job fair in the atrium of Prairie State College from 9 AM to 12 AM. Bring your resume to be able to fully participate. Finally, don't forget that the last day to drop your classes will be soon. Enjoy your spring. .



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Convention Season Kicks off in Chicago

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C2E2 is an annual Chicago event that celebrates comic books and pop culture. It stands for Chicago Comics and Entertainment Expo. C2E2 2017 is scheduled for the weekend of April 21st through the 23rd. That's Friday, Saturday and Sunday. C2E2 is located at McCormick Place in Chicago. If you live in the south suburbs, as many Prairie State students do, the Metra Electric train will take you right there.

This year will be the last C2E2 that the famed Marvel writer Stan Lee ever attends and it will most likely be the last time he ever attends a convention in Chicago. The legendary Batman, Daredevil, Sin City and 300 writer, Frank Miller, will also be at the convention. He will be signing autographs and doing photo ops with fans. On Saturday, at 11AM, there will be a panel with Frank Miller and Stan Lee together on the main stage.

Famous actors will also be at C2E2 2017, so get your cameras and merch to be signed ready. This includes celebrities such as Evanna Lynch (Luna Lovegood from the Harry Potter movies), Mike Colter (the star of Netflix's Luke Cage) and several of the stars of Netflix's Stranger Things. They will be autographing, doing photo ops with and doing panels for the fans.

All weekend long, many different C2E2 panels will be happening. This will include panels from Cracked's After Hours, Rotten Tomatoes, and various members of the comic book and entertainment industry. You can sit in the audience and listen as they give insight into your favorite books, comic books, movies, YouTube videos, and TV shows.

After hitting up the panels you can visit Artist Alley. Many creators will have booths or tables set



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up showcasing their work. The creators will be selling their artwork "prints", selling comic books, and signing their prints and/or comic books.

Looking for somewhere to wear that Spiderman costume you have in your closet? Look no further. Cosplay is also a major part of the event. Many people will be dressed up as one of their favorite fictional characters. While walking the con, you can politely ask to take a picture with a cosplayer. Most will be happy to do this for you. Remember, it

isn't polite to photograph cosplayers without their consent, so ask permission before snapping that picture of Harley Quinn. If you are looking for a cool group shot phot op, several cosplay meetups will be going on throughout the convention. If you're feeling lucky or proud of your cosplay, there will be a Cosplay Contest on the main stage at 7PM on Saturday night.

Interested in attending this year's convention? You will need a C2E2 badge to attend. You can purchase a Friday badge, a Saturday

badge, a Sunday badge or a weekend badge. Go to www.c2e2.com to pre-order badges and find out more information about the convention. Download the C2E2 app to see a complete listing of panels, guests and to plan your own schedule for the convention. If there is a panel or autographing session you're dying to attend, you can use the C2E2 app to alert you 30 minutes before the panel or autographing session begins. So have fun and geek out. Excelsior!

Lobby Day 2017: Thought-Provoking Fun

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On Wednesday, a group of students left at 5:30 in the morning to drive to Springfield, Illinois. They went to the state capital to be part of a state-wide event called "Lobby Day." The event encourages college students to learn and discuss what is going on with Illinois government. During the event, Kyle Brodnick, a student of PSC, gave a speech as the President of the Illinois Community College Student Advisory Committee. He did

an amazing job and showed what Prairie State College students are made of. We also had the chance to meet with Dr. Terry Winfree and Representative Anthony DeLuca to discuss the financial crisis the state is facing. While

some students talked with Representative DeLuca, another group of students sat down with Senator Toi Hutchison. both discussions were as enjoyable as they were educational. Prairie State's very own Mathematics Professor Kifowit's wife is a State Representative. Her name is Stephanie Kifowit and she was very helpful and informative. This event is very enjoyable and comes highly recommended from all of the students.



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Soft Spring Make up Tutorial

Spring is a lovely time of the year. Birds are chirping, flowers are growing and the world is brightening. Spring is also when Easter happens. Regardless of religion or opinion, it is a great time to bust out the spring shades and light clothing. Also, now is the time for fun, springy make up.

There are sales all throughout the year, including spring. Customers can find great deals on nyx, revlon, maybelline and L'Oréal as well as other inexpensive brands at ulta, cvs or Walgreens. Ulta frequently has buy one get one 50% off on most drugstore brands.

Nyx is a great brand for finding light and bright colors. The look that is being created today is made possible by nyx.

Look:

1. Prep and prime your face with a moisturizer and a primer. A great drugstore moisturizer is the cetaphil moisturizing lotion. It may be inexpensive, but celebrities swear by it. As for primer, many brands have come out with new ones. L'Oréal and maybelline have primers that create a flawless base for makeup.

2. Next, apply your favorite foundation to the face with a brush, sponge or fingers. Wet'n'wild has a great new foundation that looks flawless under any lighting called the photo focus foundation. It is 6 dollars and youtubers have been raving about it. Other options are L'Oréal true match, maybelline fit me matte and poreless, revlon colorstay, and covergirl ready set gorgeous.

3. Set the face with a translucent powder, many brands have them. Also, use some powder to prep the eye lids. If you want you can put a nude shadow on the lid, or just leave it colorless. I also like to add a neutral brown in the crease to add some depth.

4. Even though it's spring, we still need a little drama, so we are going to line our eyes with black liner. Nyx has multiple great black eyeliners, choose one that suits your fancy. Every other drugstore brand has a black liquid eyeliner, but I've heard great things about nyx liners. We are going to line the eyes then wing it out at the end. Start in the middle of the eye, go slightly outwards and wing it out, then gently back into the inner corner.

5. After that, take any brightly colored pencil liner you would like and line the lower lash line with it. We want a bright pop of color for the new season. I actually use nyx lip liner in "live in pastel". It's a light lavender shade. Nyx has other eyeliner shades as well.

6. Curl your lashes and apply mascara. Maybelline had some great ones, so does covergirl and revlon.

7. You can stop here, but I like to add some blush and highlight. The blush I use is the wet'n'wild blush stick in floral majority. I dab a little on my cheeks and blend it out. I find that cream blush looks a lot more natural and dewy. I finish it off with wet'n'wild cushion highlight. I dab a bit on with the included sponge on my cheekbones, nose, Cupid's bow and chin. This adds a subtle radiance to my face.

8. Lastly, I finish off with some tinted lip balm. Pixi has some great lip tints for all skin tones that are sheer yet buildable. I used the lip balm in the shade honey nectar.

That is the finished look; it really lets your natural beauty shine through for the warmer months.



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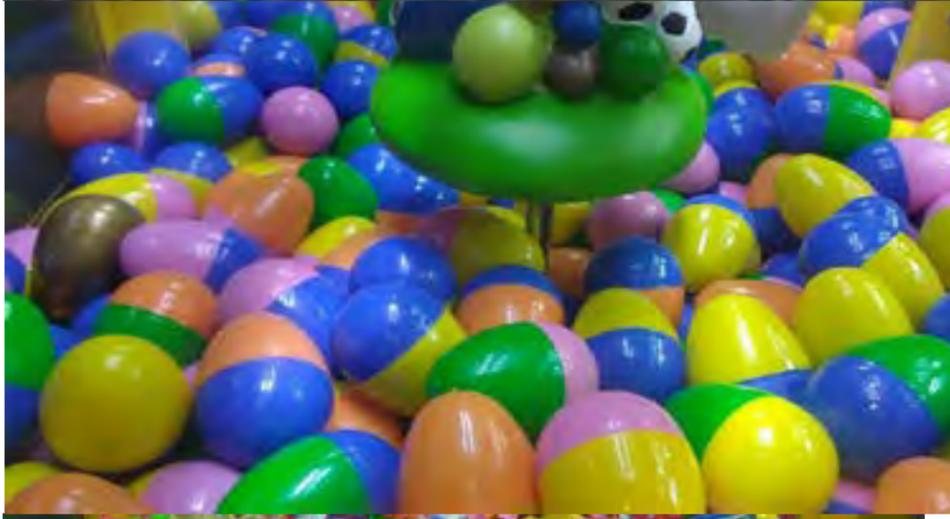
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