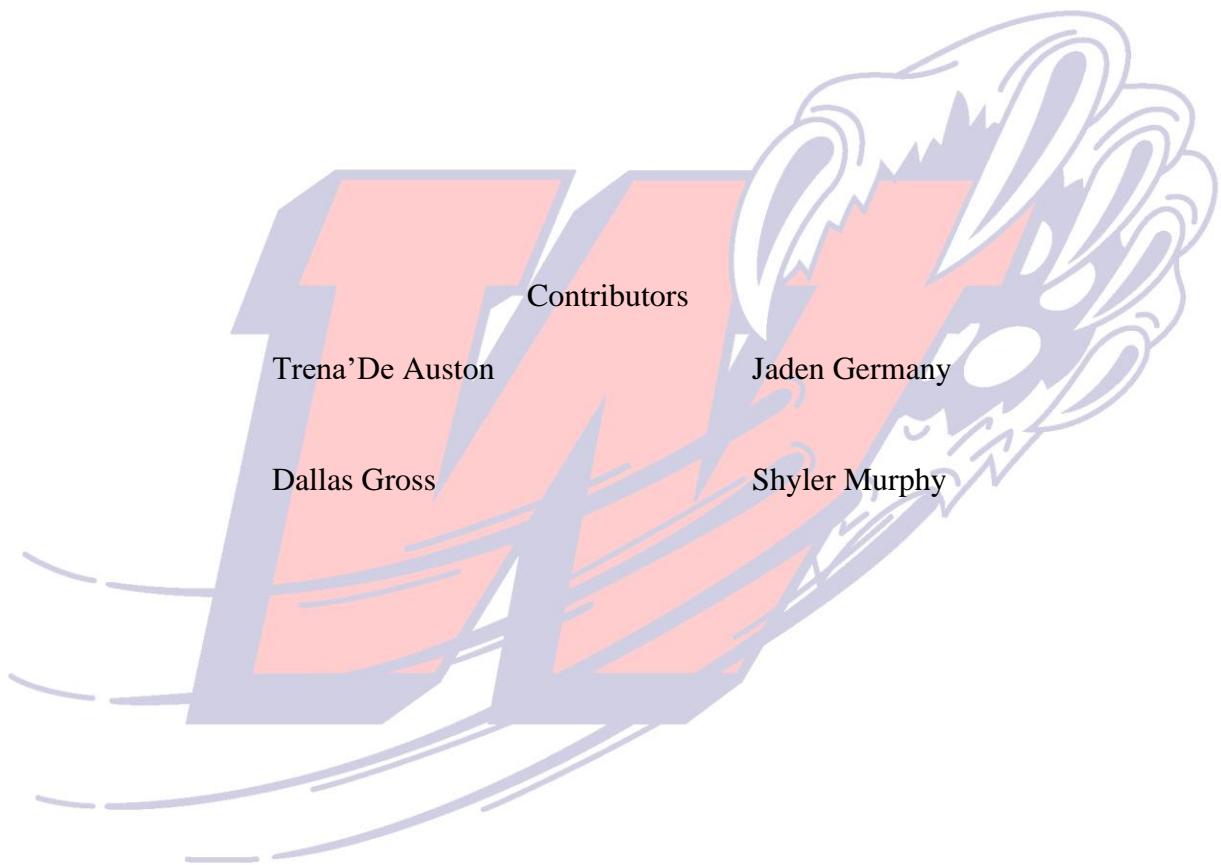




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Looking for New Experiences

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Ms. Brown, Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Assistant Principal and DASA Coordinator, finds traveling to be her idea of enjoyment.

Brown favors taking trips to explore different cultures and, especially, to enjoy those hotter climates. Brown says, “The hotter the better.”

When traveling to other states, Brown tends to look for bookstores so she can add some newly found books to her collection. She mainly searches for Black or Female owned.

Brown’s favorite trip happened this past summer when she traveled to Houston, Texas. She had indulged herself in patronizing quite a few restaurants from different cultures: she tried foods from Mexican cuisine all the way to Louisiana’s offerings... all in the same state!

During her trip to Austin, she found *Black Pearl Books* which turns out to be one of her favorite bookstores that she’s visited (other than *Sister’s Uptown Bookstore* in Harlem, New York).

Brown also enjoyed her stay in Houston by attending an arts and crafts social where she made some fairly interesting crafts.

She plans on a trip to Senegal, which will be her longest trip maxing out at 10 days, making this by far one of her most extravagant trips. Her itinerary is going to consist of visiting art museums, beaches, exotic markets, doing a photoshoot, and visiting *The Museum of Black Civilizations*.

This trip is significant to her since she's visiting her father’s homeland, making this her first cultural home visit.

Brown became hooked on the idea of travel after her first trip outside the city. Now, she tries to recapture that feeling by visiting new places, trying new foods, and looking for new bookstores.

But, of course, the climate better be hot.



Spooky Season

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In late October and in the beginning of November, two well-known holidays are celebrated throughout the world: Halloween and Day of the Dead. Both happen around the same but have many different aspects.

Halloween, very popular in the United States and in Canada, is celebrated on October 31st. Halloween originated from the Ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, a religious pagan holiday celebration. Historically, people celebrate by lighting bonfires, children would dress up as ghosts [to scare evil spirits], and go trick or treating.

According to Mrs. Vargas, administrator at Wilson Magnet High School, she and her family make their own costumes, carve pumpkins, and go to her friend's house to pass out candy on Halloween day.

Vargas states, "I celebrated Halloween as a kid, so I celebrate it with my family to keep my mother's family's tradition going," which includes making pumpkin seeds and binge-watching old-school movies.

On the other hand, Day of the Dead, which is celebrated on November 1st and 2nd, is a popular celebration in Mexico.

Day of the Dead took place during pre-Hispanic times in central Mexico. The holiday was celebrated to honor and welcome the departed as a remembrance of their loved ones. People believed that it was important to have a strong relationship with the dead.

Mrs. Cadin, Spanish teacher at Wilson High School, said, "It's not about being scared, it's not about wearing costumes, it's not about candy...it's about celebrating life and understanding relatives may not be there physically but still alive emotionally and spiritually."

Cadin and her family cook food that their relatives liked, play cards, and go to the cemetery to remember the dead.

While most people think these holidays are similar, they are very different. While both seem to deal with the dead, they celebrate them in different ways.



The Few. The Proud.

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Four months after graduation from UPrep, Private Mathis has already secured a career as a Marine.

It started in high school where Mathis didn't know what he wanted to do with his life.

During his senior year, he decided to become a Marine because he wanted to have, "Money, nice cars, and nice houses," like his family.

Mathis also didn't want to go to college after high school.

In the Marines, Private Mathis will be in the Security Forces which, according to MCSFRFMarines.mcc, organizes, trains, equips, and provides anti-terrorism in support of combatant commanders.

They also provide security to strategic weapons, says Private Mathis.

Mathis states that the Marines were not as he expected: "Once you get through the physical part, it's super easy. It's just the mental obstacles that you have to get over."

He believes that being in the Marines is 90% mental and 10% physical because you have to make sure to think before you do things.

The Marines give Mathis a better future because, down the road when he finishes his enlistment in the Marines and wants to go to college, the years that he spent in the Marines would be on his resume. Most colleges would be way more interested in a veteran... and he may not have to pay.

He can get a scholarship, and the Marines will help pay for it through the Montgomery GI Bill.

Mathis recommends to all students that, if you don't know what to do after high school, the Marines is a great option. You will prepare yourself for the real world and, when you finish, you'll have a lot of life experiences and options for whatever comes next.