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elcome to the December 2017 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the Florida Youth Council!!! For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to write about time travel. This topic allow members to share their thoughts about time travel. We

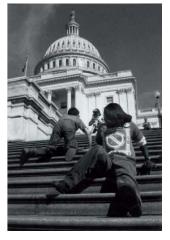
hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this December 2017 edition of *The Noodle!* 

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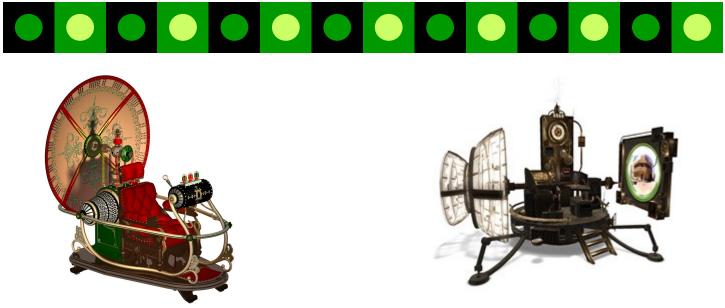
## **Crawling to Equality**

Time travel. Where would you want to go? Some might say they would want to go see Rosa Parks' famous sit-down protest on the bus. Others would say they would want to go to the American Revolution against the British. But me, I would like to see the Capitol Crawl. A lot of you might be saying, "What is the Capitol Crawl?" Well, it was a day of protest in Washington, D.C. where the people with wheelchairs and crutches and other disabilities were protesting for equal access and equal rights. The building had no ramp or elevator that would allow them to get in, so they crawled up the steps of the Capitol, and that was one of the big events that led to what we now know as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Why do I want to go there? I want to go there to meet those people and find out what drove them to make the incredible

effort of climbing those steps. It's what the steps represented, the obstacles they faced, and how they overcame those obstacles and the ignorance of people who didn't understand or didn't care, that makes this a place I'd want to go. Nowadays, we have other ways to protest. We have the internet, public and private schools, and other resources. Now it is easier to advocate for all the rights that people with disabilities have. But that is not to say that we do not still have our work cut out for us. Not every person understands. Not every building has disability access. Not every employer is nondiscriminatory. But we still have the one thing that the people at the Capitol Crawl had: determination. So, go out there, get on the internet, and talk to people about our struggles and solutions. Most of all, have the determination to never give up fighting for your rights!

By Serena Wetmore













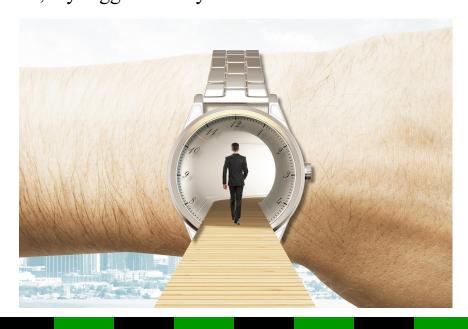
### **Time Stands Still**

If I had the power to time travel I would go 15 minutes ahead in time to make sure I don't say anything to dumb. The fact is that it would be nice to be able to counter any stupid actions that could possibly get me in some serious trouble, and that way I can probably prevent it from being said from my own mouth. I mean, I have to face it, my biggest enemy is



myself, and my words are a possible way to make a bad day for someone who doesn't want one to start out with, so I would love to jump and skip time to make sure that I do the right thing. The only thing that would make it worse is if I messed with time itself. That could be dangerous if you don't know what you are doing.

By Dakota Smoot





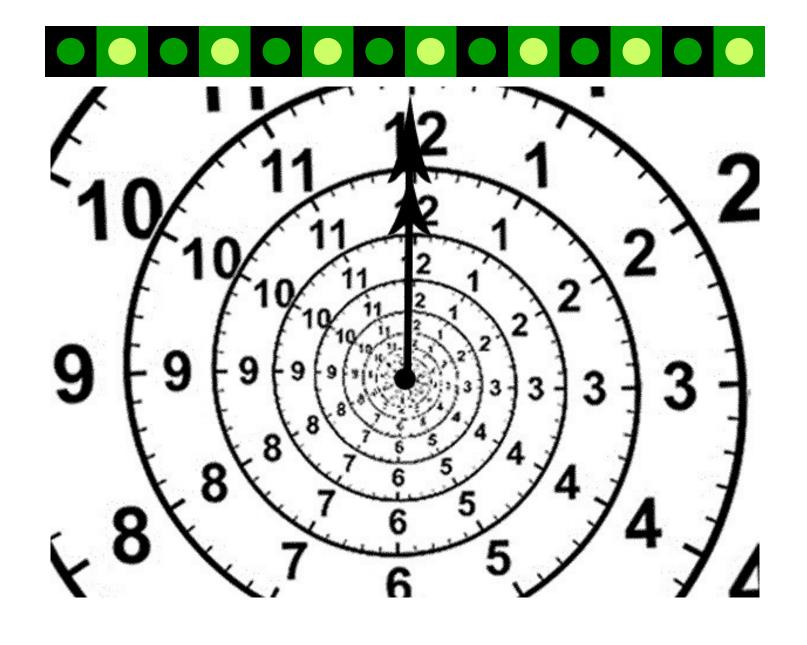




WE ARE ALL TIME
TRAVELERS IN A SENSE.
WE ENTER A NEW
TIMELINE WITH EVERY
CHOICE WE MAKE OR
REFUSE TO MAKE. WE
ALTER TIME WITH EVERY
MOVEMENT, THOUGHT,
AND EMOTION. THEY ARE
ALL RIPPLES IN THE
COSMIC SEA OF ENERGY.







## If You Could Turn Back Time

Growing up, I would always be asked the question, "What if you could turn back time?" The truth is, I am not fascinated by time travel or going back. The reason is because I feel that we get one life to live and experience, and that is what we are supposed to do. We shouldn't dream of going back. Even in movies, every time that people step back for a moment, it does something it shouldn't to the future. This has always told me one thing: I am happy with the life I have, and I take my time making decisions, so I would not have to ask for a do over.

By Shevie Barnes





"A Quote by William Shatner"

A quote by William Shatner: "I find the whole time travel question very unsettling if you take it to its logical extension. I think it might eventually be possible, but then what happens?"

Upon reading Mr. Shatner's quote I started to consider the endless possibilities of time travel. We could possibly travel to the future and find the cures to all of the deadliest diseases plaguing mankind. We could also discover the answer to world hunger, cure our environment and provide our world a greater possibility of survival. Despite all of the great things time travel may provide for our society, the scary truth is, in the hands of the wrong person the outcome could be catastrophic. One man could travel to the future and discover a disease that can wipe out the human race or possibly start a zombie apocalypse (which in my mind would be kind of fun). That same man may travel to the past and perpetuate such catastrophes as the holocaust and the use of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is simple to see that the use of time travel could bring the one thing that our world needs to be perfect, or on the other hand, could be the world's untimely end.

Personally, I know that I would travel to the past to spend time with my grandmother, who I truly love and miss.

By Rocky Castro,

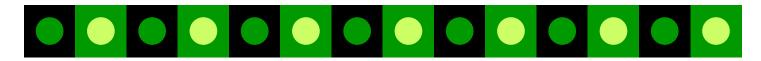
# TIME TRAVEL DEVICES

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TIME TUNNEL
MAP
TIPLER CYLINDER
PHONE BOOTH
WABAC MACHINE

POCKET WATCH WORMHOLE Can you find them all in time? It's a wibbly-wobbly puzzle, with words moving backwards, forwards, diagonally... and they're all in there. Promise!





#### **How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?**

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at www.floridayouthcouncil.com. The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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