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Open up and say AHHHH!!!



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**W**elcome to the October, 2018 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the FYC. For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to respond to the question “*What is your favorite band?*” This topic allowed members to share their thoughts on their favorite musicians. 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 October, 2018 edition of *The Noodle*!



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## The Beatles

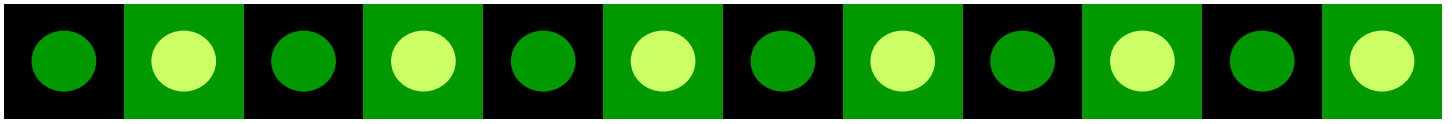
I love The Beatles; they are my favorite band. They have been my favorite for my entire life. I used to listen to “Breakfast with the Beatles” on iHeart Radio every Sunday morning. Now I listen to them in my room, on my cell phone, and in my car on Sirius XM. I cannot carry a tune very well, but that doesn’t stop me from singing every Beatles song I hear! Beatles lyrics and melodies are some of the best in the world. In 1968 after

*The White Album* came out, *Rolling Stone*’s Jann Wenner wrote that the Beatles were “the perfect product and result of everything that rock and roll means and encompasses.” The Beatles wrote more than 200 songs and recorded more than 300 in the ten years they were together, 1960-1970. My favorite work by The Beatles is the medley “Golden Slumbers, Carry that Weight, In the End.” It is from the 1969 album called *Abbey Road*. Paul McCartney and John Lennon wrote it. It was recorded on July 2, 1969, a day after Lennon was in a car accident in Scotland that left him in a hospital until July 6<sup>th</sup>. Paul played the piano and George Harrison played bass guitar. The medley runs for more than five minutes, and I sang it a lot during the time I backpacked at Philmont Scout Ranch. “Carry that Weight” reminded me of the 45 pounds on my back. I sang that part, but the best thing I like about the medley is the ending. My favorite words are, “In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.” I also have a personal connection to the song “Imagine” by John Lennon. I played it on the piano during a house concert that I had last year with the guitarist Larry Mitchell. There were about 60 people listening to us. Larry played his electric guitar and I played “Imagine” while everybody sang. Some teared up as we sang the chorus: “You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. I hope some day you’ll join us and the world will be as one.” These are passionate words about getting together to solve problems.



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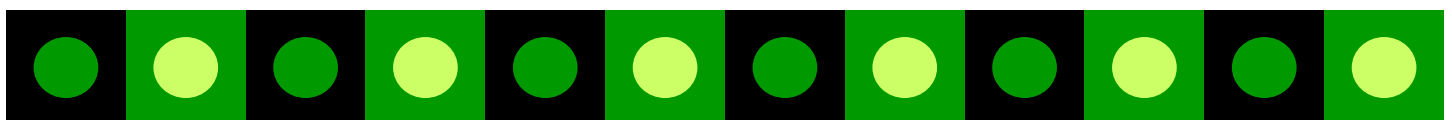
*By John Howard Baldino*



## My Three Favorite Bands

My favorite bands are Lonestar, The Backstreet Boys, and Alabama. When I was little, my family and I got to meet the band Alabama many times. When I moved to Florida, I discovered The Backstreet Boys and Lonestar. Both Lonestar and Alabama are country music bands, and The Backstreet Boys is an American pop band. I have many favorite songs by Lonestar and The Backstreet Boys. Some of my favorite songs include “I’m Already There,” “Not a Day Goes By,” “Amazed,” “I Want It That Way” and “Quit Playing Games with My Heart.” Alabama sold seventy-three million albums since 1982. Lonestar has sold over ten million albums since 1992. The Backstreet Boys have sold a lot of albums over a twenty year period. Alabama started in Fort Payne, Alabama. Lonestar started in Texas but lives in Nashville, Tennessee. The Backstreet Boys started in Orlando, Florida. Alabama started out as cousins. Lonestar started out as friends. The Backstreet Boys had four members when Brian got a call to join the band.

*By Christina Waldron*





## “She Will Be Loved”

“She will be loved” are lyrics from Maroon 5, and the first lyrics that made me love music. Music makes the world go around, and for me it often describes how I am feeling in the moment. Music for me sometimes explains my emotions. Maroon 5 has actually become more of a notable band as time has gone on. The lead singer, Adam Levine, has been shown as a real doer of music. He is one of the judges on *The Voice*. He happens to also be the judge I would really like to turn around if I ever went on *The Voice*. To me, he is the reason the band is so successful. He considers music and the many parts of music as important as air. From a puberty-driven teen to the beautiful woman I am becoming, “She Will Be Loved” reminds me to be confident. Music can change the world.

*By Shevie Barnes*



## Listen To The Music

When it comes to favorite bands, I don't have a particular band that is my favorite, but I did enjoy listening to specific groups when I was growing up. I listened to Breaking Benjamin, Skillet, Avenged Sevenfold, A Day to Remember, Fall Out Boy, Linkin Park, 3 Doors Down, and many more than I can remember. Sometimes I have a little guilty pleasure when it comes to some boy bands like N'Sync or The Backstreet Boys. Yes, you can say that I'm old school, but music has had a significant impact on me. At one point in my life, I thought I wanted to become a songwriter, but that dream is dead and gone. In the end, I will say to this day that I listened to some of the bands that I have listed. It's good to always listen to be sure that you still get enjoyment out of listening to them.

*By Alexander Gonzalez*





## What Makes Me Go?

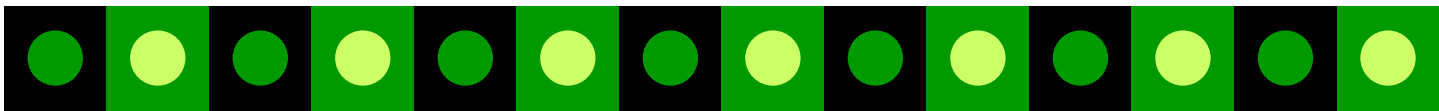
Everyone has their thing that they do that makes them get up and go. Some wake up and drink coffee, others get a quick exercise in and drink a shake and they're ready. Me, on the other hand, I need some music to get ready for my day! From rock and roll to Spanish trap, anything with a good bass drop does the trick for me.

Back in my high school days, I used to listen to System of a Down, Linkin Park, Panic at the Disco, etc. That type of music was the music that got me charged up before a test or a track meet. I even listened to Breaking Benjamin, which is a rock band, as well. I heard my favorite song from them called "Cold" on loop while taking the FCAT and actually passed it. To say they're not my favorite band is weird, but I really don't have one. What I do have is a favorite song or genre that fits the occasion.

What I called Spanish trap is a type of music that is considered a slow Spanish heavy bass type rap music. It's slow and mean and it gets you pumped up. It's like walking in slow motion in a *Scarface* or *Heat* type of movie environment, but you're the main actor and the world is yours. My favorite group is called Plan B. They have been around since I was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, so they've been around forever. They were played at my middle school and high school graduation. Oh, and middle school goes all the way through 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Puerto Rico by the way.

Music is my go to for the jolt to my day. From rock to Spanish music, we all have something that gets us going. What's your something?

*By Josh Tapia*



## 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](http://www.floridayouthcouncil.com). The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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