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Jeff Licciardello is an award-winning writer, photographer, and graphic designer based in Brooklyn, New York. His work has been featured in various publications, including VinePair, Refinery29, Thrillist, and BuzzFeed.

Currently, he is the Director of Marketing at VinePair, overseeing the brand's e-commerce, social media, and email initiatives. He's passionate about using emotional copy and smart design to create meaningful connections.

When he's not obsessing over the perfect coupe glass, Jeff can be found roaming the city, camera in hand, shopping for another pair of Chelsea boots he probably doesn't need.



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Editorial + Lifestyle **Content**

ABOUT:

VinePair is the largest wine, beer, and spirits publication centered on the moments we experience with a glass in hand.

WHAT I DID:

As a weekly contributor, I produced feature, humor, and lifestyle content designed for social engagement on Facebook and Pinterest.



I Worked Cinco De Mayo In A College Town During Finals And Here's What Happened

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO









It's 2:40PM and the waitress I'm shadowing barks to me, "we're already out of frozen margaritas. This is going to be fun."

Cinco De Mayo. The holiday that's basically just a reason to drink margaritas all day long.

I'm a student at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia and just like most typical college towns there's a pretty good collection of Mexican restaurants. But one restaurant reigns supreme above all others as a draw for students looking to quench their margarita thirst. Meet El Jalapeno.

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26 Wine Labels That Have No Time For Your Crap

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO









We all say some crazy things while cracking open a bottle of wine. Maybe we've had a long day, or we've had some bumps in a relationship, or maybe we're just trying to let loose.

But what if wine could talk back? What if the bottle you see on the shelf already knew what was going to happen before you put it in your shopping cart? What if that wine truly didn't care about your feelings and had a filter as great as your grandmother after a glass or two of Pinot Grigio?





Say Yes to the Cocktail: How to **Pick Your Signature Wedding** Drink

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO











Let's just get one thing straight here - dry weddings are the absolute worst. As a transient resident of the self-proclaimed "Bible Belt," it blows me away when I hear stories of old Georgia families hosting dry weddings. How can you not even allow a drop of booze to grace the lips of your guests as they profusely sweat their makeup away in a reclaimed barn? But on the other hand, open bars can be expensive, and overindulgent guests can be wild cards. Beer and wine are always an option, but then how does that match your theme?

WHY EVEN BOTHER?

You might be asking yourself, between the flowers, cake, table runners, centerpieces, entertainment, catering, dresses and suits, who the hell has the time to come up with a signature drink? But just as a gown can be the cornerstone of the event, a cocktail can really be the cherry on top of the metaphorical wedding sundae. "A cocktail can be a centerpiece to a wedding as much as a cake," mixologist Jeff Naples explains. "It brings together all the parts of the wedding - the cake, the presents, the theme, the aesthetic, the feel."





Commerce **Content**

LINK:

vinepair.com/picks

ABOUT:

VinePair's Picks section supports the VinePair Store with content designed to promote conversions.

WHAT I DID:

Wrote and published product pick articles on tight deadlines, driving sales on the VinePair Store.





Why Every Wine Lover Needs A Wine Thermometer

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO









According to VinePair Tastings Editor, Keith Beavers, "a wine at the correct temperature is a direct reflection of what the winemaker wants you to experience. It is at these perfect temperatures that all of the aromas and the structure the winemaker was trying to achieve are in harmony. When you serve a wine too warm or too cold you are not getting the full experience.

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Every Bourbon Lover Needs This Poster

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO









People who love bourbon don't just love bourbon; they are flatout obsessed. They're in the Facebook groups, stalking the secondary market, fishing for info on those limited edition store selections — it becomes a passion that is more than just the juice in the bottle

Any bourbon lover worth their salt should know the details on who owns what brands when it comes to big bourbon. It's a dizzying lineup, and after some digging, you'll quickly realize that many iconic Kentucky brands are owned by companies outside the state (and even the country).





Never Drink Warm Beer With These Chillable Pint Glasses

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO







There are few greater pleasures than cracking open a cold beer

on a warm afternoon. We'd argue it's one of life's most precious moments. However, one of life's not-so-precious-moments is when you're drinking said beer, only for your sip to be a lot warmer than you expected. Nobody likes warm beer on a hot day, and thankfully, there's a way to make sure you never get close to crossing the point of no return.

These Cooler Than Cool Pint Glasses are the simplest way to keep your favorite brew extra frosty, even on a scorching summer day. The double-wall tumbler contains a proprietary gel that

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Everything You Can Order Online To Stock Your Home Bar For The Long Haul

words: JEFF LICCIARDELLO







It can be hard to replicate the magic of going out to a restaurant or bar, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy a good cocktail or glass of wine at home. Here are the essentials for every home bar, and how you should be using them to bring the bar experience to your living room. The best part? You can order all of them online from the comfort of your home right



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Social Copy: Facebook

LINK:

facebook.com/vinepair

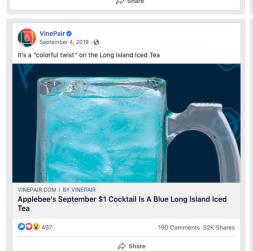
ABOUT:

VinePair's content ranges from viral "booze news" to longform sponsored content, requiring vastly different approaches to copy tone and image choice on social media.

WHAT I DID:

Produced social copy, imagery, and headlines for all Facebook posts. Conducted A/B tests through social scheduling software, Naytev.









We Asked 12 Bartenders: What's the Most Underrated

VinePair 🤣

Bourbon?

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You might discover the next Pappy



VinePair o with Goslings Rum.











Quiz: Which Cabernet Sauvignon Are You?

Looking for the perfect Cabernet for your next steak dinner? Take our...

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147 Comments 89 Shares

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Social Copy: Instagram

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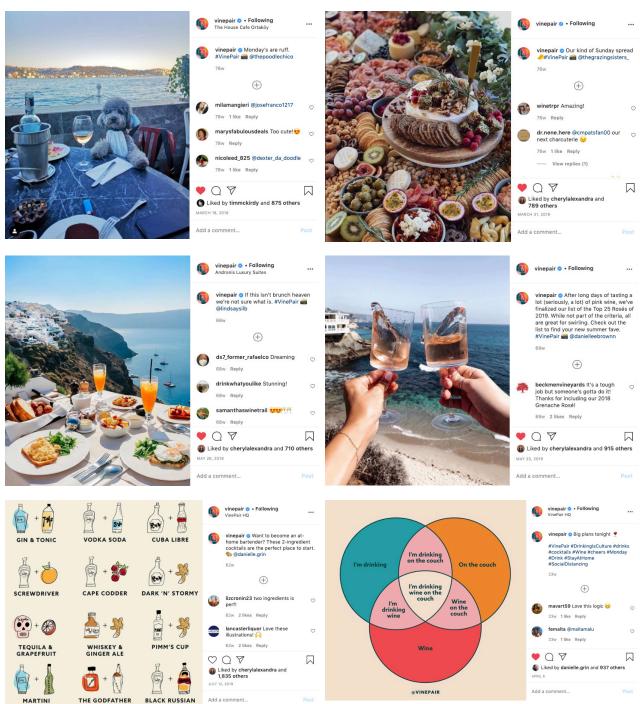
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ABOUT:

VinePair's Instagram is the home of the look and vision of the brand, featuring various content formats including curated photos from readers to original digital illustrations.

WHAT I DID:

Produced social copy, sourced imagery, and directed creation of original assets.





Email Copy

FROM:

VinePair

ABOUT:

In addition to the daily newsletter, VinePair produces other marketing emails for various clients and in-house initiatives.

WHAT I DID:

Wrote, built, and sent emails to VinePair's 250k+ subscriber list. Additionally, wrote and designed assets for clients.



YINEPAIR

Hi there

Some of us really truly like our bourbon neat and at room temperature, no matter the season. Others of us (like me) have choked down warm whiskey with a smile stuck on our faces to try to impress those around me, meanwhile wishing for an ice cube or a splash of cool water in there.

I'm not saying there is a wrong or right way to enjoy bourbon, but for most of us, a cool glass of the good stuff is where it's at.

That said, I can't stand picking up my glass of bourbon and realizing that it's mostly melted ice. That's where this set of <u>Cooler than Cool Chilled Whiskey</u>. Glasses comes in.

Pop the glasses in your freezer and take them out when you're craving a cool dram. The proprietary gel inside the BPA-free plastic glasses, when frozen, keeps your whiskey cool all night without the risk of dilution. The silicone band acts as insulation and makes the glass more comfortable to hold as you're enjoying your evening.

Each glass holds 9 oz, so if you're feeling more like a tall pour or even a cocktail, your <u>Cooler than Cool Chilled Whiskey Glass</u> has you covered. All you need to worry about is <u>which bourbon</u> to fill the glass with.

Cheers,
Jeff Licciardello
VinePair Director of Marketing
Prefers his Old Forester Single Barrel slightly chilled



GIFT THE UNEXPECTED — GIFT CHILEAN WINE.

Skip the stress of hunting for the perfect bottle of wine for everyone on your list.

This holiday season, bring home the taste of Chile with some of the best Cabernet Sauvignons of the Maipo, Maule, and Colchagu valleys for some high-end (and wallet-friendly) wine.

WHEN GIFTING GO BOLD & TOASTY

During our food festival tour this past year, you took our quiz to find out which Chilean Wine Profile was your favorite, and 57% of everyone we met discovered that Bold & Toasty was their Cobernet of choice. That's why when gifting this holiday season, reaching for a Bold & Toasty Chilean Cobernet is the best bet.

These rich, full-bodied Chileon Cobernets are a favorite among wine lovers alike for their well-integrated oak and refined structure. Whether you're looking for a wine to pair with your holiday spread or simply the perfect glass to sip around the fireplace, these wines deliver begrond expectations. You'll love these wines if you like bitersweet chocolate, roated coffee, dark red fruits, and just a hist of vanilla.

QUICK WINE AGING TIPS.

While plenty of Chilean Cabernet Sauvignons are ready to drink as soon as you bring them home, they truly shine after being cellared for a few years.

Here are some quick tips and tricks to aging your Bold & Toasty Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon:

1. Always store in a cool, dry place.

The temperature should be 70 degrees fahrenheit or less.

2. Store the wine on its side.

This keeps the wine in constant contact with the cork which maintains the seal and protects the wine

3. Age the right wine.

We recommend bottles that are \$20+.

4. It's better to not risk it.

When in doubt, use a wine refrigerator or even your standard kitchen fridge.

5. Have fun with it!

We suggest getting a case of the same vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon and tasting a bottle every year to see how the wine grows and develops. Write your notes in a journal so you can look back on what it was like the years prior!

WING WRITING

Product Copy

LINK:

store.vinepair.com

ABOUT:

The VinePair Store is an expertly curated collection of drink essentials, accessories, and apparel.

WHAT I DID:

Write and optimize product descriptions for conversions and SEO.











Cooler than Cool Chilled Smoked Whiskey Glass (Set of 2)

★★★★★ 7 reviews



\$36.00

Add to Cart

Why We Chill With These Glasses:

- · Proprietary gel keeps whiskey chilled throughout the night
- . Silicone band insulates your booze and is comfortable to hold

Nobody really loves an excessively warm dram of whiskey, which is exactly why we always have one of these glasses at the ready in our freezer. When frozen, the proprietary gel inside the glass keeps your whiskey or bourbon at the perfect temperature throughout the night without any dilution. Watered-down bourbon, begone.

Product Details:

- Set of 2
- Holds 9 oz comfortably
- · Silicone band for comfortable handling

The Aficionado's Wine Thermometer

★★★★ 15 reviews

\$14.00

Quantity

ometer

Add to Cart

Why We Chill With This Thermometer

- Accurately determines temperature without having to open the bottle
- No batteries required and it's mercury-free

To really experience the nuances and aromas of your favorite wine, it should be properly chilled. This isn't just for white wines either, as red wines such as Burgundy or Bordeaux benefit from a light chill. That's why a wine thermometer is a necessity for all winos to have in their toolbox. We love this thermometer because unlike most thermometers, it doesn't require a battery or use mercury. Meaning this little buddy will always be ready for action.

Product Details

- Size: 2.5"w x 2.5"d x 1.5"h
- Fits most 750ml bottles, even Champagnes
- No mercury or battery





Witches Be Sippin' T-Shirt

*** 2 reviews

\$24.00

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Add to Cart

The witches brew is exceptionally hot today! This Halloween tshirt is soft and lightweight, with just the right amount of stretch. Perfect for all of the witches (and warlocks) looking to wreak havoc this fall, although we wouldn't judge if you wore it all year long!

Product Details

- 100% combed and ring-spun cotton
- Fabric weight: 4.2 oz
- Shoulder-to-shoulder taping
- Side-seamed
- · Sassy witchy design (some might say "iconic")

Size guide

		XS	S	М	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
	Length (inches)	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
	Width (inches)	16 1/2	18	20	22	24	26	28	30











Marketing Materials

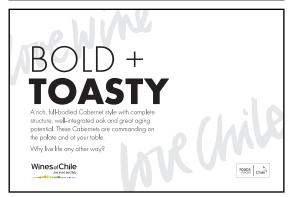
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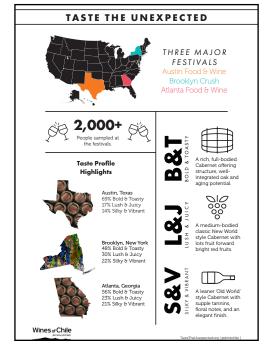
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WHAT I DID:

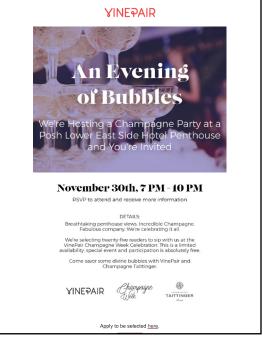
Designed and produced copy for event collatoral, promotional emails, and more.













Apparel Design

CLIENT:

The VinePair Store

WHAT I DID:

Created T-Shirts to be sold on the VinePair store, ranging from humorous to thoughtful.















Infographics

CLIENT:

VinePair

WHAT I DID:

Created photo illustrations showcasing the different aromas and flavors in drinks. Staged, shot, and produced the final images.













PHOTO

Studio Photography

CLIENT:

The VinePair Store

WHAT I DID:

Staged and shot photos for products listed on the VinePair Store.













PHOTO

Editorial Photography

CLIENT: VinePair

WHAT I DID:

Shot and edited photos for various social media and editorial initiatives.













SPECIALIZATION SPECIAL PROJECTS CASIMIOROJECIS

NRF 2017

Project Management, Product Design, Branding

ABOUT:

I was recruited by a marketing professor to compete in the National Retail Federation's annual Student Challenge. The goal of the project was to create an original theme for the client STORY. Our team won the challenge.

STORY is a innovative retailer, recently acquired by Macy's.

WHAT I DID:

Served as project manager, lead creative, and graphic designer through the three stages of the project. I created our theme, pitch video, website, subscription box, and designed our proposal.

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LETTER FROM THE

COITON

Story time.

Once upon a time, a child had an idea. But this idea wasn't just any idea, no, this was an idea that would change the world. This was an idea to get excited about. Before the parents knew it, the child was running all over the house grabbing every piece of construction paper they could find and looking high and low for the 64 crayon pack (with the sharpener) to properly sketch this idea to perfection.

Sound familiar?

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This summer, STORY, is teaming up with JPMorgan Chase & Co. to celebrate all of the marker-stained tables and scraps of paper. These American kidpreneurs took their ideas and made them a reality — all while maintaining a strict bedtime.

They're the upcoming trendsetters, designers, and CEO's — these kids came to redefine the "American Dream." These young entrepreneurs came to be the next big phenomenon.

Welcome to The Next Generation. Welcome to Made in America.

VRF 2017

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

Everything has an origin, a moment in time where a strike of inspiration evolves into something more concrete. It may be a doodle drawn in the margins of a notepad or even something as simple as saying it out loud for the first time.

People love origin stories. We love taking the time to think about where it all began. For some it may be a company that took a chance on a new graduate, 96,77,18,4 | 64,33,12,0 | 33,7,0,0 | 0,78,62,0 |

or even the time where they knew a person was "the one."

This origin story begins with the team sitting in a coffee shop trying to escape the south Georgia summer heat. While brainstorming concepts for the STORY theme, the team learned about the journey of a young girl who started her own company to help save the bees. While sipping on half-melted iced coffees, the team began

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searching and discovered that all across the country, kids were starting companies left and right to take their ideas to the next level.

After reading their origin stories, the team was so awestruck with inspiration that they knew it was their obligation to share the origins of these American kids redefining what the American Dream truly is by sharing their stories and products with STORY's customers.

WHY "MADE IN AMERICA"

As STORY has used the Made in America theme, the team wanted to the apply the theme with a more abstract angle by featuring products made by these American kids. America is a place where the tiny seed of an idea in a youth's mind can blossom into a bright concept turning a child into the next big phenomenon. The epitome of Made in America is an American kid with an American dream.

The team found the stories of the Next Generation to be so inspiring and they wanted to share them with STORY to inspire others into coming up with the next big thing.

OUR INSPIRATION

When conceptualizing this story, the team wanted to highlight the idea of Made in America without making it so patriotic that a customer gets the feeling of a party store instead of a

boutique. To do that, the store has a more modern patriotic color palette that features darker blues, richer reds, and accents of orange and sky blue. The team also found inspiration from children's museums across the country for their use of color and immersive design. This helped create the layout of the store which takes the consumer through the many different places where inspiration may strike, such as at the kitchen table or on a building's stoop.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

When deciding on a strategic partner for this story, companies needed to meet the following criteria:

- 1. The partner would support the social responsibility angle of the story and expand STORY's reach.
- 2. The partnership could realistically be mutually beneficial.

For this story, the team chose to partner with JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPMC) because of its global consumer reach and organizational size. As a bonus, its status as a financial institution provides them with the perfect opportunity to showcase a personal side to its business by supporting young entrepreneurs. In addition, JPMC is an institution rooted in New York and by working with companies like STORY and the vendors featured in the theme, JPMC can then stay current with younger generations.

OVERALL VISION

The Made in America story is designed to show how the American Dream is being redefined. This Next Generation of inventors and trendsetters are using their ideas and products to make the world a better place. They're fighting for inclusion, they're fighting for change, they're fighting to make a new American Dream. They're showing how it's impossible to be "too young" to make a difference in the world. It's for this reason that this is a story worth telling.

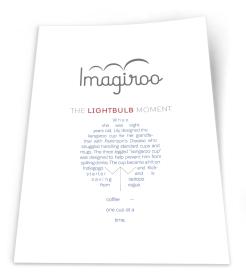
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Get The Full STORY

Visit our <u>pitch website</u> to learn more about our theme, see the full document, and our 90-second pitch video.











COLLEGE

Georgia Southern Student Media

ABOUT:

During my time at Georgia Southern University I worked for the campus news organization in many capacities.

WHAT I DID:

Conceptualized and managed award-winning magazines. Reported on campus life and developed new products.

SPECS:

- 2,500 circulation,
- digital readership of 40k uniques
- Awards: 7
- Events hosted: 8









OLLEGE

Georgia **Southern Student Media**

ABOUT:

Feature story for the print edition Reflector Magazine. This story won "Best Magazine Spread" at the College Media Association conference in Spring 2016.

WHAT I DID:

Wrote feature. Directed page design and infographic creation.

Wanderlust. The desire to travel. A feeling so strong, so demanding, that it can make one feel like a bird locked in a cagejust waiting to fly away. We live in a world where the screens in our pockets connect everything and you can experience the diverse cultures of this world without even rolling to the other side of the bed

But no filter can compare to actually tasting that perfect dish you've only seen in your dreams. And no Snapchat story can give you the same feeling of being there at that concert. It's time to get up, get out, and go explore.

Being in Statesboro, it can sometimes feel like there is nowhere to travel. Sure, you can go to Savannah, or if you want to go edgier you can head out to Atlanta or even Jacksonville, but after so many SCAD plays and high-budget restaurants it's time for a change of scenery.

per-person are based off of rates provided during time of writing. Hotels fluctuate and so do gas prices, so this number may change as you approach booking your stay We suggest booking as far in advance as you can to get the best deals. Also, if you stray from the itinerary, this bottom line number will change, but it's your trip, take advantage of your time in Nashville and do what you want!

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Sky Blue Cafe,

the flossy, flossy) that can get expensive very quickly. If you have the connections or the cash. check out Hotel Indigo or one of the spacious For those of us ballin' on a budget, give the Club Hotel Nashville a chance. It's not sketchy,

downtown might be the that's your thing, plus it \$65 a p you have gas, because it turns your trip into a commuter experience Uber is always an option. chain hotels in the area. too, if you're not looking to drive, just make sure you count that into your

Honestly, who doesn't home with the awesome love food? There are staff. Saint Añejo on tons of restaurants in McGavock Street has Nashville for you to explore. Barbecue is for. Horchata french king; so make sure to toast, dark chocolate take in some of the local cinnamon waffles and fares. Hog Heaven BBQ drool worthy huevos is a town favorite, and rancheros, oh my. After its location gives you a late night that is bound the perfect opportunity to happen, this is just the to have a picnic by The meal you need to keep you going. Each meal is is the perfect place for decently priced and it's breakfast or lunch. The space is super quaint restaurant for under \$15, and you will feel at including the tip

Explore, Shop, Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, Jack Daniel's Distillery

let your creativity shine shops and ask the locals is it a gorgeous venue, in Nashville. There is so what you should add to but also the chances of that it's hard to stuff it all in just three days. The first some of the local art to day in town, you should make sure to throw out Nashville state of mind. an itinerary and simply wander around. See what's your excursion, check out respects in the Country going on around town, who's performing at the Music Hall of Fame. A per person

This is where you can stop into some coffee Grand Ole Opry. Not only student ticket will cost you your Nashville bucket lis getting a good deal on an really get inspired by the

Before you leave on

performance are high. If country music is your preferred genre,

your Eagle I.D. when you the Jack Daniel's Distillery you've obviously come to in Lynchburg, TN. You can the right place. Pay your take a walking tour with a tasting at the end for \$10

This list isn't definitive either. This is your trip and if you do some research and find an awesome art gallery or restaurant that you and your friends want to hit up-go for it! Make the most of your destination and enjoy the break from student life

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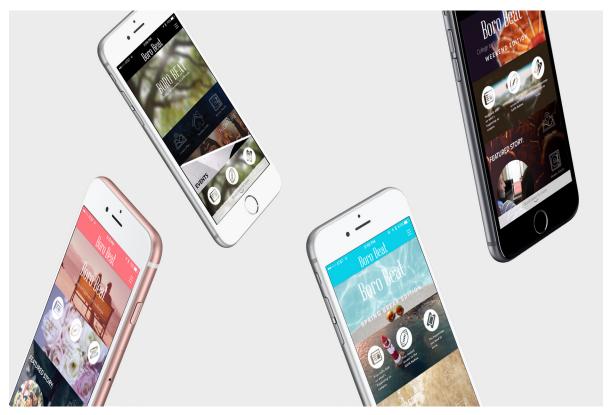
BoroBeat Mobile App

ABOUT:

BoroBeat was a special project from Georgia Southern Student Media, designed to connect students with their community.

WHAT I DID:

Worked in a team to design a mobile application using Connect Publisher Solutions. Created final brand design and assets. The app, "Boro Beat" is available for download on the iOS and Android app stores.







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