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# Thankful for veterans



(From left to right) Bruce Portnoff was a corpsman in the U.S. Navy. Kevin Chester was Marine Infantry and Bruce O'Brien was Marine Cryogenics Equipment Operator honored at WCC's veterans day.

## Events held on campus to honor service members

BY CHANEL STITT Contributor

After watching the morning sun rise and raising the American flag in salute to the Nation's veterans, students got the chance to hear from those who have served in the armed forces, and WCC staff expressing thankfulness for their service.

"Serving our country is one of the noblest things that you can do," said Brandon Tucker, dean of advanced technologies and

Many people gathered for a ceremony on the second floor of the Student Center on Veteran's Day to honor those are serving and have served our country.

The ceremony included the WCC Chamber Singers, who sang "Thank You Soldiers" and "America the Beautiful."

On the second floor of the Student Center, veterans are able to receive assistance at the Wadhams Veterans Center. This includes counseling, advising, and being able to meet other student

vets at Washtenaw Community Affairs Agency has given WCC detailed speech about what it is some vets come home and don't College.

Rachel Barsch, student activities supervisor, realized in 2009 that WCC didn't have a program honoring student veterans. Since then, it has grown every year and they plan to continue it.

"They [the college] realized that vets need more than just money to help pay for school," said Barsch. "Veterans need to have a place where they can hang out with veterans and they need

their own designated counselors." The Michigan Veterans

the European Union: the wear-

ing of a safety pin. The idea is

straightforward, the safety pin

represents safety and solidarity.

Plymouth, started the "Safe With

Me" Facebook community two

days after the election to promote

the safety pin

Jess Miller, who lives in

a gold rating for the Wadhams Veterans Center.

Dr. Rose Bellanca, WCC president, spoke about honoring our soldiers on a daily basis. Bellanca explained that people of all different religions and races serve our country, she gave words of appreciation, encouragement, and reflection.

"We have American values and we need to show those values." Bellanca said.

Bruce Portnoff, a student at WCC and veteran, gave a

the group got over 1,100 likes.

at Facebook, full of rage, fear and

helplessness. I am queer, poly,

neurodivergent, female and in a

low socio-economic status myself.

Two of my partners are black

"I've been obsessively staring

like to be in the warzone and what it's like to be back home. It has been a year and a half since he left the navy. Portnoff served for eight years starting in 2007.

"There's something that they can't teach you while you're in training, and that's experience," said Portnoff.

He says Washtenaw has made things possible for him and the other veterans. Coming from a third world country, his perspective and experience has been influenced. Portnoff explained that know what to do afterwards. He plans on transferring to the University of Michigan to earn his degree in engineering.

"Here we are on Veterans Day, and the best thing you can do is talk to a vet," said Portnoff.

"I don't know if those of you who have served realize that so many of us thank you everyday," said Bellanca. "Everyday, we thank God for what you have done for us and for what those that are serving now continue to do for us."

wear hijab, I'll sit with you

on the train; If you're trans, I'll

go to the bathroom with you; If

you're a person of color, I'll stand

with you if the cops stop you",

and continues to talk about other

ways to speak out and help. Since

the movement started, there has

been some backlash against it,

with people worried that those

wearing the pin won't actually

stand up for peole when the time

WCC's Out-Space club, had

# SAFE WITH ME' MOVEMENT GIVES HOPE TO DISENFRANCHISED GROUPS

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE Staff Writer

A woman wearing a hijab walking near U of M's campus was forced to remove the hijab after a man threatened to set fire to her. Students at DeWitt Junior High school in DeWitt, Michigan formed a human wall to block minority students from getting to classes.

Stories like these have been popping up all over the country and filling Facebook feeds since the election of Donald Trump on Nov. 8, along with reports in an increase in use of suicide prevention hotlines aimed at LGBT communities.

This uptick is causing a lot of fear in the affected communities. Hanaan Abouzahr, a liberal arts major at WCC, is a Muslim woman of color.

"I'm shocked that we, as a nation, have gotten to the point that we are so divided that we voted in a racist, sexist, homophobic clown, and condone such horrid, backwards views. The most

disheartening thing about Trump being elected is having to cope with the fact that half of my country hates me for existing. Trump is holding up a mirror to this nation, and the reflection is pretty ugly," Abouzahr said.

Because of this fear, a trend has started, based off of similar trends that popped up in Australia after the 2014 Sydney Hostage Crisis, and after the Brexit vote in the United Kingdom,

in which the country decided to leave

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and many, many of my friends are trans, neurodivergent, gender nonconforming, non-christian. We are all feeling equal parts terror, rage and betrayal," Miller

The page's mission statement is simple: "If you feel unsafe here, I will support you in real, tangible ways. You are Safe with Me."

The site's about section quotes an anonymous meme that has been circulating social media sites since the

election: " I f

safety pins available at it's latest group meeting. Chris Wheeler, the club's leader, is optimistic about people who chose to wear the pin. "I can't see why people would assume people wouldn't help. If someone could do something to keep both people safe, I feel they would do it. It's a built in safety net."

"I like the "Safe With Me" system, though it's saddening that we need to have such a safeguard in place. These are tough times; let's all watch out for each other," Abousahr said.

## International Education Week engages WCC community

BY ASIA ALLEN-KING
Contributor

A crowd of students have come out this week at WCC in honor of the International students that attend school here on campus.

There have been a series of events offered such as job seminars, open mic event, study abroad information sessions, and an international potluck. Together, these programs have informed and enhanced International students as well as American students.

On Monday, Nov. 14 there was a job seminar here at WCC to show international students how to get a job, what things are offered here at WCC, and work skills you should have.

Over a year and a half ago, the open mic sessions started here at WCC by the former International Student Association president, Marco Delic.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 was the first open mic done this semester.



Daniela Rivas Balanta, ESL Program, 17, Ypsilanti (middle) explains what dish she brought in. The dish is a coleslaw, also know as "ensalada" in her country of Columbia.

"The ultimate goal of open mic was meant to bring people together through different works of art," Devin Streur, student advisor International Student Services said.

This year the ISA and English as a Second Language club connected to put the open mic on as a joint effort.

"The International Student Association and English as a Second Language club is what has kept this event alive," Devin Streur said.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16 students got to learn about studying

anthropology abroad for a month during an 8-week class.

"The trip is opened for anyone to come with one requirement that they've taken at least one anthropology course" Chris Barrett said.

WCC classes have been doing anthropology in Peru for the past three years. Over the 8-week course the students obtain information for the first two weeks in class, then they travel to the location to stay for a month and come back to finish with a week of class at WCC.

There is a trip coming up in

June of next year to the United Kingdom, student registration ended in September, the estimated amount for the trip will cost the students \$3,800 dollars. That money pays for airline transpor-

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the International Student Association had their International Thanksgiving potluck style dinner.

tation there, tuition, and other

things such as food.

This is the second year for this event it was started last year by the current advisor of ISA Devin Struer and the former Dean of Student Diversity and Inclusion, Arnett Chisholm.

Each student brought a traditional dish that represented where they came from.

Mahmoud Abdulkarim, 29, of Ann Arbor is the ISA president here at WCC.

Thursday's event was considered to the international students as a Family Gathering that doesn't happen often enough.

"We don't really consider ourselves as a group. I know the experience of coming from my country, Liberia alone so I believe this gives everyone the experience to be accustomed to the environment because we have each others back," Abdulkarim said.

The ISA group stands with over 250 group members now and it continues to increase. Students got to bring another person with them to the dinner. Some students didn't know each other and some who did, but you couldn't tell because of the friendly atmosphere.

The students had a pie eating contest and a game of

international Jeopardy it was a very competitive game with a lot of sense of humor.

"I have felt welcomed coming here from Jamaica; different ladies, different men, and a different place," Javarney James said. The International Student Center, International Student Advisor, alongside the ISA club created a week's worth of events that were engaging and enriching.

Digital Photography Abroad, PHO 150, taught by Terry Abrams will be heading on a study abroad trip to Greece May 20-30, 2017.

There will be an orientation meeting on December 06, Tuesday 5-6 p.m., GM020 in the basement of the library building. Students can get a pre-registration form at the meeting, and go to register after the Dec. 6 meeting.

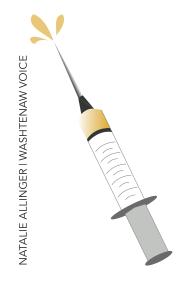
WCC photography faculty will provide Camera, lens, and laptop computers on the trip.

# Area in midst of deadly heroin epidemic

BY IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

On a rainy Friday afternoon, Corporal Jeff Gontarski, a Washtenaw County deputy sheriff, drove his patrol car down an empty neighborhood street in Ypsilanti Township. Within a block, he pointed to three houses where someone had overdosed. One of the houses had burned down. The third one he had been called to three times in 15 months. All of them were fatalities.

"I've never seen anything like it," Gontarski said. "People die of opioid overdoses before you can get to them. Even if you get someone to a hospital, they'll be



out the next day, and they'll overdose again."

Gontarski has been a Washtenaw deputy sheriff for almost 21 years. Adreanne Waller started working as an epidemiologist for Washtenaw County in 1988. Commander Marlene Radzik joined the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office a year after that. She spent two years in the late '90s working to get drugs off the street as an undercover

officer. All of them say the same

thing: Washtenaw County is in the middle of an unprecedented and deadly epidemic. And there are fears that it's about to get worse.

#### THE NEW KILLER

Carfentanil is one of the most powerful synthetic opioids in the world. It's lethal to humans. The drug was designed to sedate large animals like elephants and giraffes, but carfentanil has found its way into the veins of heroin addicts across the country. Cincinnati was hit by a wave of overdoses linked to carfentanil in August. National Public Radio reported that 174 people overdosed in six days, with subsequent incidents of up to 25 ODs every day becoming the norm. Michigan has been spared from such havoc, but not from the opioid epidemic.

Washtenaw County in particular has been hit hard. The number of deaths from opioid overdoses has increased by 1,525 percent since 2000 -- more than three times the state average. More people die in Washtenaw County from opioid overdoses than from alcohol-related incidents or car crashes. Washtenaw County Medical Examiner Jeffrey Jentzen said there were no documented cases involving carfentanil in Washtenaw as of Oct. 2. However, Wayne County has at least 19 cases involving carfentanil dating back to mid-July. Wayne County Medical Examiner Carl Schmidt said the drug was present along with heroin and/or fentanyl, and even cocaine in many

"It is hard to discern the contribution of carfentanil in these cases because the other drugs were present in sufficient amounts to cause death," Schmidt said. "Because this drug is so recent, many toxicology laboratories that do postmortem testing have methods to detect it, but not to quantify it. Most likely, the carfentanil in most of these cases is a contaminant or manufacturing by product, but you can never be certain what is going on with street drugs."

#### SCHEDULE II AND III PRESCRIPTIONS

How do people end up on the path of addiction? According to Ashton Marr, it's a slippery slope. She is an outreach worker for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. She's also the executive director of the Washtenaw Recovery Advocacy Program, and a recovered opioid addict.

"Something like 75 percent of people who end up using heroin start with prescription drugs," Marr said. "They seem safe because they come from a doctor. One of the things with heroin is that you don't know what it's cut with and it's more dangerous. But here you have this nice little bottle that came from a pharmacy and it must be safe. That's just not the case. Within two weeks someone becomes physically dependent on it."

Epidemiologist Adreanne Waller said that among the things contributing to the epidemic, schedule ii and iii drugs are among the most significant.

These are substances that are highly addictive, like oxycodone, morphine, and fentanyl.

Pain used to be treated with medications that were not necessarily addictive, Waller said.

However, pain has become "a

However, pain has become "a fifth vital sign." Narcotics are used liberally to treat pain from sports injuries and surgeries. Their widespread use and presence in homes means that many people are vulnerable to addiction.

The idea that drug addiction is something that happens on the fringes of society is a myth. The national advocacy group Facing

Addiction estimates that 1 in 3 American households are impacted by addiction. While that statistic includes drugs besides opiates, it shows the breadth of the problem.

Marr had experimented with drug use in high school, but the path to addiction started with a surgery.

"In my early 20s, I had an emergency appendectomy," she said. "That's when I was introduced to narcotic painkillers. It seemed like salvation. For whatever reason, something clicked. When my tolerance built up and it became prohibitively expensive, somebody showed me something that was cheaper and relatively easy to access."

Marr's story is not unique. According to Waller's Washtenaw County statistics, every week through 2015 there were three opioid overdoses; two survived, one died. There were four opioid overdose deaths in 2000. In 2014, there were 64.

Commander Marlene Radzik saw the rise of epidemic firsthand.

"Back in 1998 until 2000 I was an undercover narcotics officer," Radzik said. "Back then, the majority of the stuff we saw was powder cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, a little bit of meth. Heroin was very rare."

"Fast forward now. Probably about eight years ago, I started seeing very young people overdosing on heroin. It was very disturbing... I would see these tenagers. I think the youngest was 15... I finally got the courage to ask the parents, how did it start? Every single story was the same. Well, they were in a car accident, or they had a football injury. They went to the doctor and they were prescribed an opiate. They went through physical therapy, they got off their opiates, but by that point

they were addicted."

"We've gone to overdoses where people thought they were buying heroin and it's pure fentanyl. If you get pure fentanyl, the minute it hits your veins, you're dead. That's what we're dealing with now."

#### THE SURVIVORS AND THE WAY FORWARD

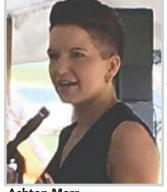
By the point someone becomes addicted to opioids, it's no longer about getting high, but taking the drug not to get sick.

"Withdrawal is not something like a bad flu," Marr said. "It felt like my bones were glass. As soon as I would get the sniffles, feel that horror creeping in... there was no choice. You're a slave to it. Opioids are cough suppressants, they constipate you, they make you fall asleep... Whatever they do, the opposite occurs. I would cough so hard that I would throw up. You get diarrhea and shakes and chills, I still can't figure out how someone can be hot and cold at the same time but it's incredibly uncomfortable. It's hell."

There is so much stigma around being an addict that it makes it difficult to reach out for help. While Washtenaw County has more resources than other places to treat addiction, it's still not enough to cope with the epidemic.

Marr said that the decriminalization of addiction would go a long way in helping to curb the epidemic. Treating addiction as a chronic health problem instead of a criminal one would open up more resources for treatment and recovery. It would also reduce the shame attached to addiction, encouraging more people to look for help.

Education is also key. Radzik said that the youth drug education campaign D.A.R.E failed



Ashton Mar

because it had no substance behind it. It taught children the effects of drugs on the human body, but not the nature of addiction. Radzik would like to see comprehensive education about addiction begin in middle school. However, education administrators have largely ignored the problem. She recalled one instance where superintendents and principals were invited to see a film about addiction in schools. Only one came, and he suggested that the film be shown to seniors in high school.

"By the time they're seniors," Radzik said, "they're already addicted."

One key component of subsiding the epidemic will involve education among healthcare professionals about how to manage the prescription of synthetic opioids. Individuals can mitigate the risks by talking with their doctors about the dangers of addiction when they are prescribed narcotics. Getting rid of leftover medications safely is another way of reducing risk. Several law enforcement agencies around Washtenaw County have programs to take back narcotics. There are also resources for people already struggling with addiction. **SEE BELOW** 

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# Remarks on a cliffhanger of an election

Economic club hosts post-election discussion

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN Editor

Washtenaw County was one of only eight counties in the state of Michigan that had a Democratic majority vote. The rest of the 83 counties reported a Republican majority.

Tim Skubick, Senior Capitol Correspondent and Michigan Public Television news anchor spoke at Washtenaw Economic Club luncheon held in the ML building two days after the election. His remarks were detailing the, post election.

Skubick's remarks come after what he said was, "the most divisive, nasty, ugly, personal election I have ever seen."

Voters who went to the polls on Nov. 8, were Donald Trump supporters Skubick pointed out, not directly saying that Hillary Clinton had lost support toward the end of the election, but Skubick mentioned scandals had an effect on her final voter turnout numbers.

"In the democratic party, there were 230,000 people who voted four years ago that were 'out playing golf' on election day this year who didn't vote," Skubick said.

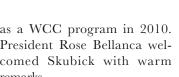
When you couple that with the 150,000 Republicans who showed up this year that hadn't voted last election there was "a



382,000 vote shift in our state," as he witnessed Donald Trump Skubick said, "It was all about succeed in gaining his spot in the White House. Other projected blue states

"Young people asked how this could be, and I tried to explain

as a WCC program in 2010. President Rose Bellanca welcomed Skubick with warm



He kept his speech on his

#### "...I tried to explain the electoral college and it was a waste of time,"

the electoral college and it was a waste of time," Skubick said.

The Washtenaw Economic Club, founded in 1998, refocused

schedule, he started promptly and after a fact-filled question and answer session, Skubick ended ahead of schedule.



"A lot of people are scared," Tim Skubick, Senior Capitol Correspondant said, "but for Washtenaw County, life

#### Allocation of electors

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Texas	38	661,725
New York	29	668,210
Florida	29	648,321
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Washington, I	D.Ç. 3	200,574
/ermont	3	208,580
North Dakota	3	224,197
Alaska	3	236,744

# Board seeks more funds after grant spent

#### CCSTEP grant and project follow up

turnout."

voted against the Democrats,

"Wisconsin hasn't voted red since

gotten, "27,000 votes less than

President Obama (in 2008),"

appearance at the Washtenaw

Economic Club, two days after

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BY BRITTANY DEKORTE Staff Writer

The long process of updating and replacing equipment with money from the Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program, or CCSTEP, grant is coming to a

In September, Gov. Rick Snyder visited the college's Occupational Education building to unveil its new equipment that was bought and installed with the grant funds.

William Johnson, the vice president and chief financial officer of administration and finance, spoke at the Nov. 15 Board of Trustees meeting during the discussion and final vote on the use of the CCSTEP money.

"We're tying in what we do with what employers need their employees to know, and those businesses are excited about this. We're closing the skill gap," Johnson said.

According to a report presented by Johnson, CCSTEP gave the college almost \$4.4 million to support the Skilled Trades

Equipment Capital Project. The additional welders that would be Skilled Trades project was set at a budget of a little over \$6.4 million originally, which the college funding the gap. Back in February, the Board of Trustees pledged an unforeseen additional \$1.1 million to the project, bringing the budget up to \$7.5 million.

The report continued with the highlights of the project thus far: All but two pieces of the equipment bought, equipment such as welders, lasers to cut steel, and 3D printers, have been delivered to the college, and three pieces are in the final stages of installation. The last of the equipment is set to be installed by the end of December 2016.

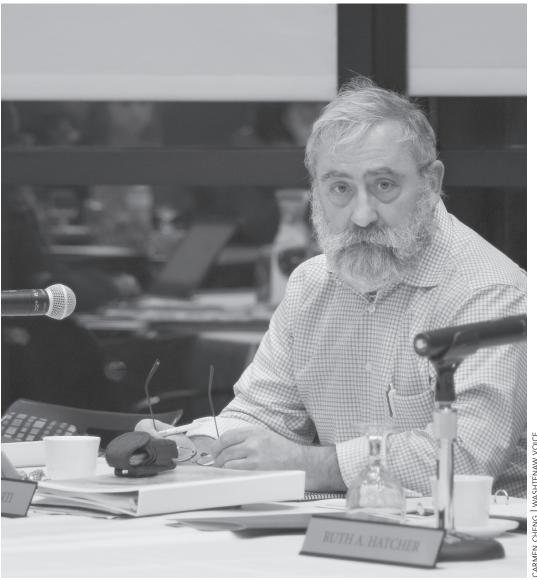
Johnson's presentation wasn't only about updating the current progress, it was about expanding the program. The state of Michigan has increased the availability of money through the CCSTEP grant, due to some schools returning money that was not spent.

"We've identified a number of projects that would be next in line and also in line for the eventual replacement of equipment, such as three automobiles and up for replacement in the next two to five years," Johnson said.

Trustee Dave DeVarti summed the expansion up, "So you're basically saying, you're asking us to ask for money that we won't have to spend, but someone might give to us if we ask for it. That's generally a non-controversy," DeVarti said, causing laughter in the crowd.

Trustee Ruth Hatcher was concerned about adding to the budget, and pushed for extra language to be added to the budget motion. "Having been, for lack of a better term, burned by the additional match that we had to do for \$1.1 million, I would like to add sentence 'WCC will not incur additional funding requirements in support of this incremental state grant funding, just to be sure I'm not going to be asked for another million dollars," Hatcher said during the discussions.

The Board of Trustees passed the amendment, unanimously. This increases the budget of the project by \$390,000 which should save money that would have otherwise come out of the school's general fund.



Trustee David DeVarti talked about the plans to expand to the budget with funds available from the state.

# Meet the new head of safety

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College now has a new chief of public safety and emergency management.

"The position has been revamped, rebranded," said Damon Flowers, the vice president of facilities management who had been acting as the interim security director.

The position is replacing the director of campus safety and security. Scott Hilden, formerly of the Canton Police Department,

stepped into this position on Nov.

Q: Are you from the Ann Arbor/ Canton area? Where did you go to

A: I grew up in Livonia, I went to school at Livonia Churchill. I've lived in the area all my life. Q: Why did you go into police

A: When I was a kid, I had a neighbor who was a Livonia police officer, and I got to know him pretty well. I saw his career in law enforcement and I became

interested in it, I thought it would

be a great opportunity to try and

do a career where you can help people and ensure people in your community are safe. My love of police work really started when I was a kid.

Q: What made you interested in the job here at WCC?

A: I spent my career in Canton, as a police officer and while I was in canton I spent a portion of my job as a school resource officer, so I worked in the school district, at our high schools, in an academic environment, working with the students and the staff. When I rounded out my career in Canton, I was

looking for additional employment opportunities and I saw this job opening. Those experiences kind of roll over into this environment and I had such a great time doing that job and working that environment so I thought this would be a good match.

Q: What would you like to accomplish during your time at WCC?

A: I just started, I'm only on day two, so I'm currently in the process of evaluating the situation on campus but the bottom line is I want to create an environment that is as safe as possible for the students and staff and any visitors.



Scott Hilden, a former chief deputy of the Canton Police Department, stepped into the position Chief of Public Safety and Emergency Management on Nov. 14 replacing the position of Director of Campus Safety and Security.



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# Moving forward?



BY JENELLE FRANKLIN

An unknown man ran by a woman on Liberty street in Ann Arbor, striking her cheek with a safety pin and leaving injuries Ann Arbor Police reported as "minimal, and the superficial wound over her cheek didn't require stitches."

An attack on a community member may not have been as random as it would appear. After racial and cultural tensions post election escalated as Donald Trump secured the position of President-Elect, a movement was started to use a safety pin on one's clothing to represent a safe person for LGBT community members to turn to.

"Safe With Me," the community created on Nov. 10 to show support for diversity via Facebook

building.

has been a rally cry for those who feel vulnerable, especially post

Jess Miller, who lives in Plymouth, started the Facebook community two days after the election to promote the safety pin movement. Within the first day, the group got over 1,100 likes, according to their Facebook account information. The community has more than doubled size since its creation.

Ann Arbor has experienced threats towards a woman in her hijab, Dewitt students blocked a Mexican student from accessing her locker by building a human wall.

These acts are despicable and do not move America forward, or help to establish greatness, as our president-elect has preached in his campaign.

The speech given after the election results were tallied and Trump had secured his spot in the White House showed a glimmer of hope in finding a resolve to the bigotry America is embracing, but it's still just a hopeful outcome. Jan. 20, 2017 will start the regime of what could be our most divided in history, we can only wait and see.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is facilitating a community education session titled, "Strategies for Responding to Alleged Ethnic Intimidation or Discrimination Related **Incidents in Washtenaw County"** – here at WCC.

The discussion will cover the following topics:

- Criminal Elements of the Ethnic Intimidation Statute (Hate Crimes)
- Michigan Department of Civil Rights—responding to allegations of discrimination
- Helping our children and adolescents navigate an intimidating climate

The session will be held on Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence

Courtesy Dr. Rose Bellanca



# Voice Box

"What do you think our next presidential term will be like for college students if higher education institutes are forced to take accountability for their spending or lower tuition as promised by our president elect?"

BY MICHAEL MISHLER AND CHANEL STITT



"Honestly, I don't think it'll make any difference. I think it's just a platitude that politicians throw out there to garner votes and support. Unless he presents a coherent plan to enforce this, it doesn't mean anything. Until I see a plan that actually lays out a strategy to keep schools accountable, if that isn't already something that's happening anyway, it's just another empty promise."

28, undecided, Ann Arbor



"Honestly, I would rather the tuition drop because it is so expensive and so many people are going into debt because they can't afford it, so they're forced to take out loans, which puts them in more debt later on in life and they're still paying it off. Either way, it [Trump's promise] has it's own pros and cons. I don't feel that we should take on a full payment all upfront and not be able to take out loans but I feel like the tuition cost should also be dropped."

#### **Brianne Bigelow**

20, Photography, Gregory

"I think that it will be more difficult for kids to afford college. I feel like at least community colleges should be affordable and there shouldn't be as many of these responsibilities on the students and the teachers shouldn't have to be worrying about this stressful situation."

#### **Alec Seestadt**

19, Advertising, Milford



"I think students would be happy. Residents wouldn't like this that much because they would have to pay taxes. I would like lower tuition. It depends on how they find a way to pay for it. The higher institutions might be able to stay together."

#### **Quadriyyah Williams**



"If they have lower tuition, it would help college students a lot. There's less pressure on them while they're in college. I think they would do better then because they don't have to worry about the money in the future as much. I think it would just be easier."

**Travis Wardell** 



"I guess it depends on how quickly they have to cut funding. There's gonna be some drastic changes and I don't think it will help the structure of our education system. In order to be competitive, there are some things we need to buy that are expensive and when you have to cut your spending, you can't buy some of this equipment. Like at Denison University, there was some equipment we used that, when visiting other colleges, they just didn't have it. It allowed us to learn certain things that we couldn't learn anywhere else. That costs money. There are some things that the colleges just won't be able to afford."

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BY MICHAEL MISHLER Contributor

**Instructor:** Adrian Miller **Subject:** Spanish, Instructor since 2011.

#### Q: What made you want to teach at Washtenaw?

A: Well I started here as a student and I studied Spanish and had wonderful teachers, and I went on to learn spanish and get a major in it as an undergrad and also got a master's degree in it and I really feel like this is a place that's a home away from home for me. I've been here as a student and as a staff member in the writing center so it's a huge part of my life.

#### Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?

A: I play rugby and I consider myself a wannabe film buff and I really like TV and cinema and the arts. I'm also a huge museum nerd. I'm also a huge fan of Liverpool Football Club.

#### Q: What is the most interesting place you've traveled to and why?

A: I spent year non-consecutive a year and a half as an undergrad in Madrid, Spain. I desperately want to return there and I think about it every day and it's what I'd call my second home.

#### Q: If you could ask anyone, living or dead, any question, what would you ask and why?

**A:** Oh that's difficult, but I'd certainly like to meet world leaders. I'm a big politics junky, so I'd like to meet Barack Obama for example, or any other political leader like that.

#### Q: What is your most important life philosophy?

**A:** Now that I can answer. I have three values that I find very important: curiosity, imagination, and empathy, and I think those three things guide who I am and who I want to

be. I try to carry those values here as a teacher at

#### Q: What is your favorite restaurant?

**A:** That's funny because I used to have multiple favorite restaurants, but to be honest, I've started to learn how to cook, and I enjoy cooking a lot more than going to a restaurant. I feel like the bestcooked meals are home-cooked meals.

#### Q:What is the best book you've read recently?

A: I've just finished The Origins of the Urban Crisis by Thomas Sugrue (a Princeton professor). It's about the social history of Detroit. I really like to read a lot about history and I'm a big history nerd.

#### Q: What is the most helpful advice you received growing up?

A: As cliché as it may sound, I think the Golden Rule sort of is something that I took head-on: "Treat others as you would like to be treated." That's a goal of mine every single day.

#### Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

A: Well, through my mom, I have a British passport and I'm getting an Irish one. I'd really like to return to Spain one day. If it weren't for my student loan debt, I'd probably be there right now, teaching English. But my goal is to return at one

#### Q: What is your reaction to the results of this election?

A: Personally, I'm certainly very disappointed, but I think that I tend to be a glass-half-full type of guy, so I think this may be a call to a new type of civic engagement. Since we live in sensitive political times, I want to emphasize that I usually keep my personal politics private and never endorse particular candidates or parties in class, so I think the main worrying thing about this country going forward is a lack of civic engagement and apathy. I think if we can really work on those things, we can really turn things around. I understand there's a lot of people for whom the economy is not working, so I guess that's my personal opinion, though I try not to openly involve politics too much as a teacher.

# FEATURED TEACHER Ending student suffering over the holidays

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN Editor

"Every year we reach out to the campus community and ask if they would like to adopt a family for christmas or the Holidays, right now we have been collecting students that have a (WCC) case, that have come to us over the year, and we select students who need this service," Elizabeth Orbitz said.

Departments are sent an email asking if they would like to contribute and "Adopt-A-Family" for the holidays. Each student fills out a form explaining their likes, needs, appropriate sizes and colors, these lists are then sent to the departments who volunteer to help one of 10-12 families per

Each department that volunteers has time to coordinate their purchases, "we try to match the students with the departments before the Thanksgiving holiday, some people like to shop on Black Friday," Orbitz said.

Starting in 2010, Washtenaw Community College faculty and staff have helped a total of 120 families and 340 children, according to WCC's most recent data.

In Michigan, "The mean age of a community college student is 25.7 years old," according to the Michigan Community College Association demographic enrollment data.

By 25, a student has voted, driven, and it is probable that they have become a parent as well; 25 is the reported average age for first-time mothers of all races in Michigan, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The Student Resource Center noticed that student-parent families coming to campus were suffering over the holiday, struggling to buy gifts for their children," Orbitz said.

WCC has a diverse student body, "Some student-parents and student-grandparents raising their grandchildren, were unable to afford those luxuries over the holidays. We decided to develop a program where we used the campus as a resource to provide that service to students. I think it's really worth publicising, we have been doing this six years now," Orbitz said.

When departments are small, they often partner with another department to garner the most for the family.

Each year, other forms of contribution are offered, such as a staff member's family taking the program on as a personal holiday goal, or staff members who are involved with outside non-profit agencies ask if they may contribute and sponsor a family as well. "We've had that happen," Orbitz said.

Julie Catanzarite, manager of new student programming at WCC has volunteered her department for the second time.

"We did it last year, primally my staff is students and I was unsure of how much money they would be willing to donate. I was shocked at how generous they were," Catanzarite said. "We were able to provide a really nice gift." The student who received the gift was moved to tears, "They were overwhelmed that someone would be so generous," Catanzarite said. "That was very inspiring, so I challenged us this year with a family of two."

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The goal of her department is to help new students with the resources they need to be successful, and this program is, "an ultimate way of being able to do that," for the holidays Catanzarite said.

In 2015, Catanzarite saw her seven student staff members, which can change every year, as "humble, they were really giving people and generous. They didn't realize the impact (their help) made," Catanzarite said.

Rosie Van Alsburg, current WCC Political Science Club president, was on Catanzarite's 2015 student-staff.

"It was really great to be able to participate in that program last year. WCC is a community, and I think they do a really wonderful job of helping their students," Van Alsburg said.

Families that are chosen for participation in the program are not disclosed, exchange is handled by the case managers.

# EMPTY BOWLS



Empty bowls encourages participation in their drive for Food Gatherers. On campus opportunities are available to show thankfulness while helping those less fortunate. Empty Bowls offered soup made at Garrett's and hand crafted bowls of all sizes are available for a \$20. Empty Bowls funraiser is held each year, with the profits going to help end local homelessness through the Student Resource Center and Food Gatherers.



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# The Youmacon Experience: 2016

BY ESIBAN PARENT

Contributor

Youma - a generic Japanese word for monster, is a fitting prefix for the Japanese pop culture based convention, called Youmacon, which is held the first weekend following halloween every year. Youmacon is also host to several varieties of cosplay including Marvel, DC and Steampunk.

The convention started small in 2003, just outside of Detroit, because of creator Morgan Kollin.

Even with its humble beginnings, Youmacon has now grown to be one of the largest anime conventions in the midwest. In 2005 Youmacon had 1,078 attendees, which grew to an estimated 19,200 attendees in 2015, according to

animecons con

Youmacon events are located within The Renaissance Center and Cobo Center in downtown

"I just really like seeing how much Youmacon has grown and seeing everyone super excited and super happy," said Karianne Gottschalk. Gottschalk is a professional steampunk and leather crafter originally from Dearborn.

"The first time that I walked into a convention I was like yeah, yup, this is it; this is what I want to do," said Gottschalk, a member of the cast of Steampunked, a show found on Netflix. She makes her living by attending conventions and selling her crafts.

Steampunk is a genre of science-fiction that revolves around Victorian Era style and steam fueled technology.

"I was going to every single

convention that I could go to and a friend of mine asked me if I wanted to go (to Youmacon)," Gottschalk said. "Youmacon is where I started my steampunk."

During the 2016 Youmacon, Gottschalk could be found in the vendor's room at The Cobo Center, where she paired her ware's with creator Kollin's merchandise. Of Gottschalk's work, large leather dice shaped purses stood out the most.

The planning side of Youmacon can be a tedious thing.

"We had multiple events surrounding the convention; there was also a Hillary event, there was a Red Wings game," said Brandon White, 29, of Ypsilanti, a digital video production major at Washtenaw Community College.

White is the Community Manager of The Fan Art Theater for Youmacon and started working towards the 2016 convention in September 2016.

Trouble came with equipment difficulties and people having trouble finding their way around due to transportation congestion, lack of parking and events being moved.

"After 13 years Youmacon has learned very well how to pivot and find our center and put out the best quality show that we can," White said.

"I'd say the best part was the fact that we had a lot more variety of guests this year. We brought in a silks, like hanging in the air sort of like 'Cirque du Soleil' sort of group called The Iluminar," White said, looking at the bright side of things.

Iluminar is an aerial group out of Broomfield, Colorado that mixes drama with aerial dance.

"I was really excited that we had Tom O'Grady AKA Tom Fawkes, he's a live-streamer," White said. "We had him, Toothpickvic and Jelloapocalypse in our department coming in to talk about 'here's how you do your Youtube, here's how you do your Twitch channel, here's how you can make yourself more marketable from the amateur standpoint,' because these guys are professional, they make their money off of Youtube."

For some people, Youmacon is a new experience that gave a sense of belonging.

"Youmacon was a rather, very exciting experience for me, especially for it being my first time," said Matthew Smith, 20, a culinary arts major at WCC. "People were extremely nice [and] there was always something to do."

"The feeling of being able to actually talk to people about some of your favorite comicbooks or animes and people being actually able to understand you [and] know where you're coming from. That was a very, very, exciting experience for me." Smith said

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For Youmacon goers, after the weekend is over, it's time to

look to next year's event.

"Next year I will be going as a Black Lantern, if not a Green Lantern," said Smith, the secretary of the Comic Book Club, said. He wasn't able to cosplay this year due to costume complications.

To anyone trying to decide if they want to go, "Pre-register and as early as you can, get your hotel room, because if you want to be there for all three days, the hotels sell out really fast and you can always transfer your name to the room block. So get your badge, get your room early, if you can, have your badge mailed to you," White said.



Karianne Gottschalk, originally from Dearborn, professional steampunker and leather crafter shows off her custom work.



Brian Bolchi and Taylor Scherman, dressed as Soul and Maka, from the anime series Soul Eater, enjoy their visit to Youmacon

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# CULTURE

# Bravo 51 was held in the dorris Lawrence building's

Morris Lawrence building's Towsley Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 11. The event, now in its third year, is titled after the age of Washtenaw Community College, which was established in 1965. Bravo 51 is an annual event held here at WCC that invites the community to celebrate its diverse culture and its community member's great talents. Noonie Anderson, performing arts department chair, who conceived the event, recognizes the great talents of this community and continues to orchestrate the event each year.



Jake Kitley performs one of his original pieces titled, "Fuel the Fire Burnin."



Morgan Foreman performing an original dance to, "Toxic" by Yael Naim.



Morgan G. McMillon performs the piece, "Aria" by Eugene Bozza on the saxophone.



Heidi Loubser, Melissa Ulmer and Madeleine Rivard finishing their, "Paper People" improv performance. "Paper People" is a poem by Harry Baker.



Jonas Berzanskis performing his original song titled,
"Jonas Mekas."



Jerry Partovich plays the song, "We Believe in Music," which is a variation of the song, "I Believe in Music" by Mac



Noonie Anderson an instructor of dance and yoga at WCC performs an original dance to the song, "Torn" by Nathan Lanier.



Spencer Michaud performs one of his original songs titled, "Boom Town."

# Read to succeed while getting a trim

## Local barber shop helping to improve reading skills with kids in the community

BY CHANEL STITT

Contributor

Open the red door and walk into 307 Ecorse Rd., there is more than just a barber shop inside; two kids in chairs read aloud from donated books.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men," one of the children read a book about Frederick Douglass as they sat for their \$ 11 haircut.

As the barbers snip away, the children read aloud and answer questions about their chosen books, gaining self confidence and experience speaking in front of others.

An Ypsilanti barber shop, Fuller Cut, has been conducting the Read to Your Barber Program

for ages up to 12 years old.

Fuller Cut barbers, Alex
Fuller and Ryan Griffin decided
to start this program after reading an article about three other
barbershops that were doing the
same idea. They have been doing
the program since August 2015,
making an impact in young children's lives.

With the media not notified about this program until a year later, a reporter from Channel 4 News claimed they were legitimately trying to be involved with the community.

Washtenaw County's illiteracy rate ranges up to 11.6 percent, according to the National Center for Education Statistics in 2003.

"Kids come in [the shop] that are lagging behind in their reading skills, so he felt the obligation to set this program fourth," Fuller said about Griffin.

The barbers have noticed improvement in the reading skills as kids come into the shop regularly. Some kids are reading below grade level and Fuller Cut's goal is to make them feel comfortable

to be able to read in front of the class and read proficiently.

"We look for them being more comfortable, focused, able to articulate and comprehend what they're reading," said Fuller.

The incentive for reading is either giving a child \$2, or taking \$2 off of their haircut in the end.

Fuller explained that the reading program idea came to the shop at the right time. Things had started to change in the shop, then the program went viral. Read to Your Barber became a local news story, then reached international news in Australia.

There have been new customers, some with books in their hands ready to begin reading during their turn. They have also gotten many large donations of books. Fuller Cut is willing to provide a bookshelf and books to any shop that wants to start the program as well.

Based on negative events happening in the country, such as police shootings and hate crimes, the books that these kids read talk about positive role models and good things that people have done. The clientele of the barber shop is about 85 percent African American and it is important to Fuller Cut barbers to show that there are many positive things in the black community.

"I think that this program is a good addition to the shop, and to the community," said Shawn Lewis, a customer at Fuller Cut.

Kids end up asking questions while they are reading and have positive reactions during their reading experiences. When the kid is done reading, they are given a pop quiz to make sure comprehension had taken place the barbers mentioned.

In the WCC Child Care Center, reading skills, are among the skills being taught to the

preschool students that attend.

"Helping children gain the skills needed to become good readers enables them to succeed in future academic pursuits," said Trudi Hagen, the director of the Family Education Building.

Fuller has called this a "reading revolution" within the community to further education in kid's lives. If a child connects to a book and there was a duplicate available, Fuller Cut has given these kids the book. This experience has impacted the barber shop in a great way.

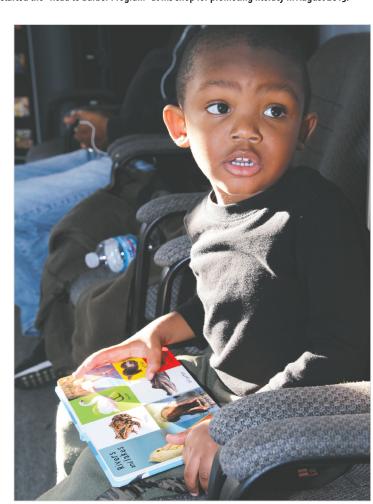
Fuller Cut services all hair types and textures, they are located on Ecorse Road in Ypsilanti, Michigan.



Alex Fuller, barber and owner of Fuller Cut, started the "Read to Barber Program" at his shop for promoting literacy in August 2015.



WCC English Teacher Danny Meyerend is a customer of Alex Fuller.



A 3-year-old is trying to share what he learned from a children's animal photo book while waiting at Fuller Cut.

# Traveling soon?

make it through security, so planning ahead will make the se-

it to make sure that it won't cost extra money, or the

embarrassment of unpacking and jamming heavy items into

the carry-on. Most airlines have a weight limit of about 50 lbs.,

an application from the airline or already printed.

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Make sure that tickets are easily accessible by email, or by

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#### Some words of advice

BY JENEE GREGOR

Deputy Editor

The holiday season beckons some to get out of dodge to go exploring in the world, and for some to visit far off family and friends. Some are just taking a small drive over to family's houses and some may even been leaving the country. No matter how far students go this season, these things are always good to know.

"I'm 87 and still traveling," said Julia Ann Thomas, resident of Ypsilanti and traveler to six of seven continents and still going. Going out into the world and seeing how people are the same, make you feel like it is all one world, she said.

#### **Before Booking**

Look around to more than one website to gauge the cost of the ticket. Websites like Orbitz, Priceline and Hotwire are all third party websites that search all the airlines, hotel and rental car agencies, and look for the cheapest deals.

The next step passed that are sites like Kayak and Sky Scanner, that are more comprehensive sites that search all of the third-party sites. SkyScanner is more geared toward international flights and Kayak is generally for more domestic in the U.S., they have the ability to do both.

If there is no travel planned, both of those sites allow you to search from U.S. to "Everywhere," so if there isn't wanderlust, it will manifest.

#### Before the Airport

Clean out that old bag that is going to be used for carry on, make sure that nothing sharp is in there that can be a weapon. All of the strange things that could be considered troublesome should be put in checked baggage or left at home.

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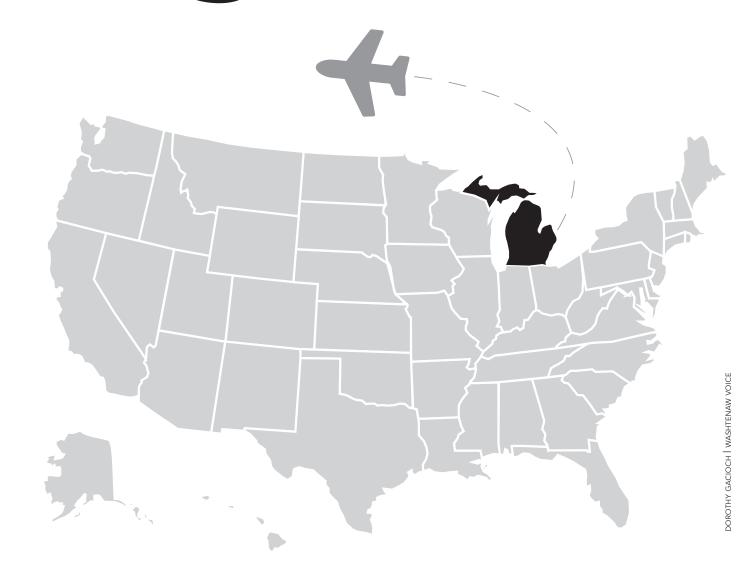
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When the bags are packed and the liquid items are all under the restricted sizes, the rest is waiting in line and a breeze.

Unless the flight is delayed, overbooked or worst case, cancelled, in which there is some digging to be done, to remedy.

In some cases, an overbooked flight can mean some free travel to somewhere else when volunteers are asked to give up seats for travel vouchers.

Even a delay can have rewards with a travel voucher. When flights are delayed it is possible to get reimbursed for the flight, which in a lot of cases is a ticket to somewhere else in the world.

"Keep it simple," said Phil Boos, WCC student, musician and filmmaker. Minimize your plans so there is less stress. Most of all, relax! Things are going to go however they go, that's the point of travel; experience.





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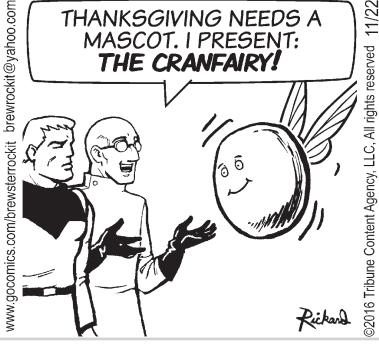
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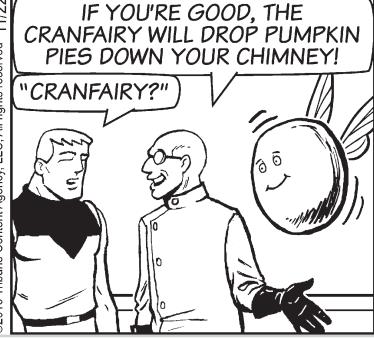




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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to find out how to apply for the openings.

#### Looking for help? As a service to our students, you may place "help wanted" ads in The Voice for free.

-The Services Specialist, under supervision, will interview and investigate defendants; makes oral and written recommendations for bonds and conditions; supervises defendants released

**Pretrial Services Specialist** 

on bond; provides preliminary sentencing guideline assessments, and prepares various statistical reports.

#### **Guest Service Representative**

-Organize, confirm, process, and conduct all guest check-ins/check-outs, room reservations, requests, changes, and cancellations. Secure payment; verify and adjust billing. Process all guest requests and relay messages. Run and review daily reports/logs. Complete designated cashier and closing reports in the computer system. Process all payment types, adjustment vouchers, paid-outs, correction vouchers, and miscellaneous charges; provide change. Speak with others using clear and professional language;

answer telephones using appropriate etiquette.

#### Reservations Agent

-Motivated, friendly individuals with experience in customer service to join our call center team. This is an inbound call center environment focused on making reservations and providing support for campers visiting our beautiful State parks. 10-15 hours per week.

#### **Automotive Project** Coordinator

-The Automotive Project Coordinator will manage all aspects of automotive builds, vehicle retrofits and component repair projects. This is a day shift position and is located in Livonia, MI. Must have well-rounded automotive mechanical experience - full vehicle knowledge. Must have vehicle component replacement knowledge. Excellent communication,

organizational and planning skills. Able to execute projects effectively and efficiently. Able to communicate with customers in a professional manner.

#### DJ Assistant/MC-

The MC/DJ assistant will perform for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, parties and school dances. You will be talking on a microphone in front of a crowd, provide high energy enthusiasm while motivating and encouraging people to dance, take requests, coordinate details with clients and other event vendors, host games, set up/take down equipment, load/unload equipment.

#### **Associate Technician**

-Performs measurements and qualifies containers for production by utilizing volumetric, dimensional, mass, and functional testing as requested. Accurately documents qualitative and quantitative data. Communicates results of findings with Corporate Quality, Engineering, Innovation, and the Advanced Development Plant Technicians in requested data packs. Assists with project execution by validating results with multiple variables. Follows written Work Instructions and other documented test procedures. Participates in validation of lab

equipment by performing weekly calibration audits

#### Pre-K Teacher-

Develops lesson plans. Meets the individual's needs of the children. Parent communication. Participation in staff and training meetings. Designing an appropriate room arrangement to support the goals and developmental level of the children in the classroom. Interacting with the children to support play, exploration, and learning.

#### HR Intern-

Assists with compensation market analyses for current and new positions, including compiling all survey request results. Completes compensation salary survey requests from other municipalities and other organizations requesting data. Assist the HR team with creating and editing union progression documents. Assist Compensation & HRIS Supervisor with non-union compensation study. Assist the HR Technology Team with ad hoc reporting and data manipulation in Excel, data entry, process mapping, and system configuration. Will support other HR team members, as necessary.

# events

#### **WORKSHOPS MUSIC & FUN ART**

#### KARIN WAGNER CORON, "FROM ABOVE"

Karin takes in the viewpoint of overhead images and paints them with oil on canvas.

WSG Gallery | 306 S. Main St., Ann Arbor

Now through Nov. 26

#### 3RD ANNUAL ART OFF THE WALL EXHIBIT OPEN MIC WITH THE MARTINDALES

Support local artists with shopping at the gallery for holiday presents.

117 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Now through Jan. 7

#### ANN ARBOR WOMEN ARTISTS FALL 2016 **JURIED EXHIBIT**

330 female artists belong to the AAWA group and are showcasing their 2D work from selected artists.

Downtown Library: 3rd floor exhibit, lower level display, and multi-purpose room | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Now through Nov. 29

#### **JAZZ NIGHT**

Every Thursday evening, Depot Town gets jazzy at the taphouse and with weekly performers.

Cultivate Coffee and Taphouse | 307 N. River St., Ypsilanti

Every Thursday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Each Thursday the stage is opened up for bands and musicians to come and play three songs.

Tap Room | 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

Every Thursday, 9:00 p.m.

#### FIRST FRIDAY YPSILANTI

A guided art walk will take place on the first Friday of the month with music and activities.

All over Downtown Ypsilanti and Depot Town

Dec. 2, 5:00-10:00 p.m.

#### PITCH @ WCC KICK OFF

Learn about how the Pitch @ WCC works, the rules and how the Entrepreneurship Center can help.

Morris Lawrence Building | Room ML105/101

Nov. 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Free for students, registration required.

#### PENNY STAMPS LECTURE SERIES

Roland Graf, and his lecture on "From the Ground Up," each week there is a different speaker and this one is about a design and public space.

Michigan Theater | 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Dec. 1, 5:10 p.m.

#### **SELF-CARE MASSAGE: LOWER BACK & BODY WITH BRIAN M. TRUSKOWSKI**

Brian will teach how to use myofascial massage to help against pain.

Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor Nov. 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m





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