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Bump, set, spike!

Community support and awareness key after election

By SUNI JO ROBERTS
Staff Writer

The wave of reported hate crimes sweeping across the United States, has students from the Muslim Student Association at Washtenaw Community College reflecting on the larger supportive community they see around them.

Post-election, people have been asking what they can do to help targeted groups. Sakinah Rahman doesn't have to ask what can be done to help targeted groups, she says she was born to stand up for injustice.

"Yes, let me tell you—born advocate," said Rahman. "I am an advocate for Islam, I'm an advocate for any injustice: for the LGBT+ community, Latinos and any injustices happening to anyone."

"Last week we had a woman and her children standing by our mosque saying 'I'm supporting my Muslim neighbors,'" said Said Aljazeera, a biology major and Vice President of the Muslim Student Association at Washtenaw Community College.

This comment came from Aljazeera while at an event held Dec. 1, where students were invited to walk around different tables with different MSA members explaining hijabs, foods eaten by Muslims, Hajj (the holy pilgrimage) and prayer.

Aljazeera brought up an Mlive report from Ann Arbor, in which a woman was threatened to be set on fire if she did not take off her hijab. Anti-Muslim stories like this did not deter Aljazeera on speaking about the support he feels from the community.

"That is a minority," said Aljazeera. "We have a lot of supporting community members." He also pointed out the email sent to the campus community at the University of Michigan by President Mark Schlissel which stated that he hopes we can all agree that we can not stand silent in the face of discrimination.

Other MSA members also shared Aljazeera's view of a supportive community.

"I do believe our community is supportive but I believe our community is exposed," said Rahman, part time WCC student, part time high school student and social media officer in the MSA.

Ann Arbor recorded a 17.9 percent foreign born population in 2015, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"There are other places in this country that are not exposed to Islam or Muslims in general and so they are easily influenced by the bad stigmas or the negative connotations put on Islam," Rahman said.

During the Winter 2017 semester MSA holds weekly meetings, where anyone is welcome, every Monday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in LA 272.



Washtenaw Community College hosted volleyball tryouts for the men's and women's teams at their practice location in Saline. Tylan Johnson (in white), 18, Belleville, HVAC, Noah Bylski, 18, Pinckney, broadcast arts. Freddy Burke (in grey), 20, Dexter, criminal justice, Nikunj Kumar Patel, 21, India, Canton, computer science. "I had 8 students try out for the men's team on Wednesday. So far we have one tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 4th. We are in the process of getting other tournament and game dates worked into our schedule," Men's volleyball coach Allegra Recknagel said. See VOLLEYBALL, A4.

A mother-daughter bond at work



New trustee, Angela Davis (left) sits with her mother Diana McKnight-Morton who currently is the Board of Trustee Chair.

By CHANEL STITT
Staff Writer

"Don't call me mom," said Diana McKnight-Morton, board chair of Washtenaw Community College.

Morton explained to her daughter, Angela Davis who was recently elected to the Board of Trustees as the secretary, that they should address each other using their names in a professional setting.

Morton has been on the board since November 1994, she previously worked in the field as a special education teacher. She worked in Jackson Public Schools and then in Ypsilanti teaching adult education. Morton decided to work for Washtenaw County in 1984 and got her Master's degree

in guidance counseling.

She retired and took over her family business, DeLong's Bar-B-Q Pit, which was a well-known restaurant located downtown Ann Arbor.

They ended up closing the restaurant in 2001 after her husband, Curtis Morton became sick and a few years later, passed away. Davis became her mother's biggest supporter at that time which is one of Morton's favorite memories with her daughter.

"She supported me mentally to keep me strong, to keep encouraging me, quoting Bible verses, motivational books. Constantly being by my side," Morton said.

Growing up with dreams of being a figure skater and a passion for art, Davis was in a constant search of who and what she wanted to be. She got into modeling,

plays and theater.

Davis went to Bishop College in Dallas, Texas and later moved to California, raising her son as a single parent.

She earned her degree in human resources from Concordia University and moved back to Michigan in 2014. Davis created a jewelry line and made a business out of it, but soon took another turn in her career path.

"I wasn't really fulfilling what I wanted to do, which was to give back to the community," said Davis. "I knew that there was something more to what I needed to do, I just didn't know what it was."

She and her mother had discussed the Board of Trustees, but it wasn't until one day that they actually had a conversation about Davis running for the position.

She had never ran for a position so her campaign was another new step for her. Davis won one of two board of trustee seats open in the 2016 election.

"Even though it wasn't a straight shot, life bent my role in many different directions but I'm in a spot now that I can say I'm truly comfortable and pleased with," said Davis.

Many people have known Davis for her hair, from having a perm to having a large, natural afro. It has sparked conversations with new people who have asked her if she was Angela Davis, the political activist.

On their days off, they have the typical mother-daughter connection where they talk a lot and discuss things in greater detail.

"As much as mother and daughter, we fight and fuss and

carry on, 'oh I don't want to be like her when I grow up.' I'm happy that I am like her, I'm wanting to continue her legacy," said Davis.

They both have a connection to WCC, which they have both attended in their education years. Morton believes it is rewarding to see what the faculty and students are doing that is positive around the school, statewide and nationwide. She says it makes her proud to be from WCC.

"I have not regretted one day of being on the board," said Morton.

Davis says that her mother will still continue to inspire her with her last two years on the board.

A fresh look at bolstering campus safety

Head of safety wants to provide quick response to any emergency

IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

Last year, the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees considered bolstering security by contracting with the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department for school resource officers, or SROs. The discussion came against a backdrop of high-profile attacks on college campuses, including a mass-shooting at a community college in Roseburg, Oregon. The \$250,000-a-year plan ultimately faded from discourse at the college, but it has not disappeared.

However, the contract is just



Scott Hilden

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and spent 15 years supervising Canton’s SRO unit.

“I’m in the process of assessing the security department,” Hilden said. “(WCC) has 12,000 students. It’s larger than some cities, and it makes sense to allocate the appropriate resources.”

Hilden mentioned some of the options he will consider include:

- partnering with a police force
- creating a WCC police force, like those at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan
- a contract with the sheriff’s office
- and maintaining the status quo

Hilden said he was worried that the school did not have the resources to respond quickly to an emergency. He said that incidents like the one in Oregon, or the 2016 car-ramming attack at Ohio State University, are rare.

However, he also pointed out that these attacks happen in generally safe environments. Hilden credited OSU’s police force with stopping that attack in under two minutes.

Dave DeVarti, a member of the board of trustees, has been a critic of contracting for Student Resource Officers, and of having armed police officers on campus.

“I think we have a safe campus,” DeVarti said. “We spend \$1.5 million on campus security, and (the board) just voted on another commitment to contract for a remote lockdown system for staff and faculty areas.”

DeVarti said he would rather build relationships with emergency response services to facilitate any intervention at WCC.

DeVarti also noted that campus security has other useful functions besides just providing security, including opening locked rooms and helping people find lost items.

“I think we should keep doing what we’re doing,” DeVarti said.

One of the concerns was that there would be tensions between the student population and police officers and arrests for minor infractions. Hilden insisted this need not be the case. Should there be police officers on campus, Hilden said he would draw on his experience running Canton’s SRO unit to properly vet, train, and integrate the officers with the community.

The debate about having police officers on campus is not new. In 1998, the Voice reported on a proposal to deputize some members of campus safety. The concern at the time involved being able to recover stolen property. Because campus safety personnel had, and still have, no authority to enforce laws, investigations had to be turned over to law enforcement and got delayed in the bureaucracy. However, the 1998 article also mentioned personal

protection orders, five of which involved the risk of the abuser going to campus with a firearm.

Michigan law prohibits guns in school buildings, and WCC policy bans them anywhere on campus. The college is relatively safe, as reflected in the annual safety reports published on WCC’s website. But firearms do make it to campus. Earlier this month, there was an incident where a student had a gun brandished at him in a parking lot.

The Washtenaw Sheriff’s Department did not respond to a request for comment. In an earlier article about the subject, spokesman Derrick Jackson noted that WCC and the Sheriff’s Department have conducted active-shooter training for staff, faculty and interested students. He also said that while the presence of police officers on campus would not deter someone bent on causing destruction, it would be a deterrent for others.

Winter Welcome Day

Winter Welcome Day was held inside the student center on Jan 24. Tables from various organizations and businesses had free food, raffels for items and information available to students. There were also activities being put on by the Office of Student Activities, including making wax hands and getting airbrush tattoos.

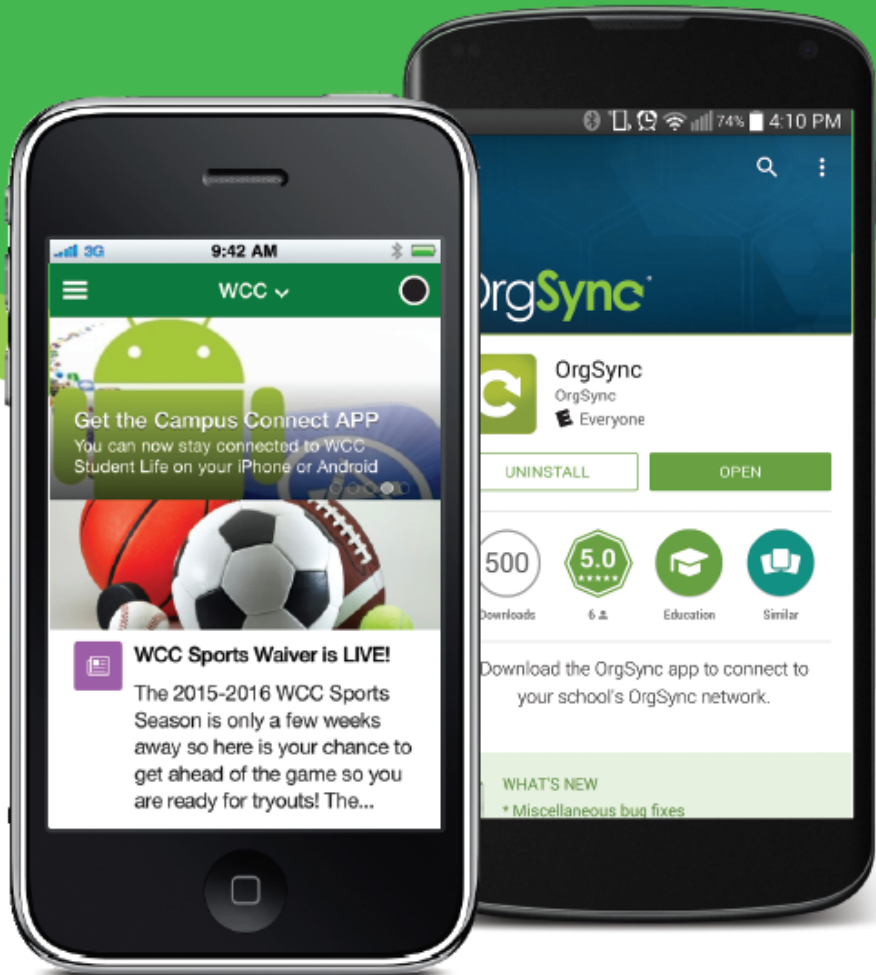
Service personnel were among those offering students information on Winter Welcome Day.



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— GUEST COLUMN —

Strange Quarks

BY JENNIFER WILAND

The WTMC Robotics Team is part of the FIRST Robotics Competition, or FRC. Our official team name is Strange Quarks, and our official team number is 6101. We are dedicated to helping students learn and grow in STEM and business fields. Our team was started only last year and has quadrupled in size since the end of last season. Each year consists of a build season, a competition season, and an off season.

During build season, which we are in right now, teams have 6 weeks to build a robot that is designed for the competition, which changes each year. This year's competition, known as FIRST Steamworks, is centered around a steampunk theme. Robots score points by placing plastic "gears" on pegs, which are lifted by a pulley inside a structure called the "airship," and also by throwing "fuel" or wiffle balls into the high or low goal of the "boiler" structure.

Competition season involves three different levels of competitions: District Events, State Championships, and World Championships. During District Events, 30–50 teams from a certain region compete in a series of matches, going through



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qualification and playoff matches and earning ranking points in order to determine which teams go to states. Our team is going to two District Events: one at Pioneer High School from March 9–11, and one in Howell from March 30–April 1. If all goes well, we hope to make it to States or even potentially Worlds.

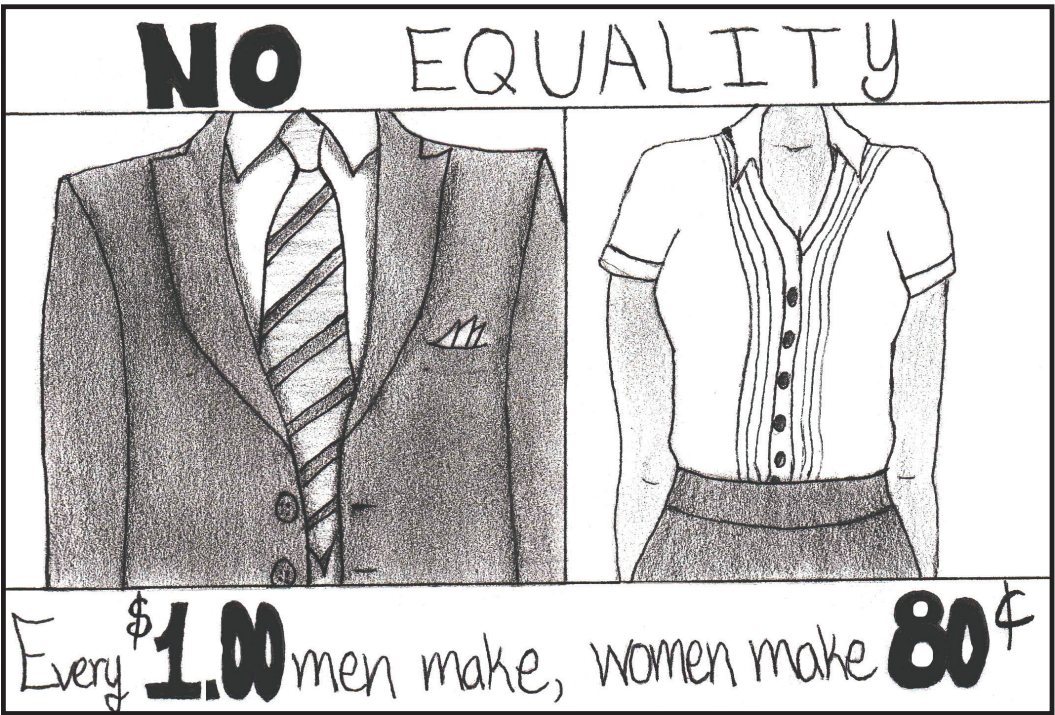
We participated in two District Events last year as well, when we were still a Rookie team. Although we did not make it to State-level matches, we received the Rookie All-Star Award at a District Event and were invited to interview for the State-level award. As stated on the FIRST website, this award "Celebrates the rookie team exemplifying a young but strong partnership effort, as well as implementing the mission of FIRST to inspire students to learn more about science and technology."

Aside from our work in engineering and efforts towards

competitions, our team has also been working toward the goals of building business partnerships and connecting with our community. Through this hot chocolate sale, which will take place in the Student Center on January 30–31 and February 1 from 9am–4pm, we hope to both strengthen our ties with our school community and provide the necessary funds to register for our competitions and purchase various materials for our robot.

Being a part of Strange Quarks has been an incredible experience for me. It's been a lot of hard work, but it's been exciting to see all the ways our team has learned and grown since we started. At the beginning, we were just five students and a teacher at the kickoff event. We didn't have the same sort of money or publicity or number of people as the older, more experienced team, but we had a passion and an idea. Through the help of a grant that covered our registration costs, the mentoring we received from Team 66/420, and the brilliance and dedication of all our team members, both those who started and those who joined since, we built a robot that competed effectively, learned a lot and had lots of fun along the way.

Wiland is the Humanities Director for Strange Quarks.



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Voice Box

What do you hope the Trump administration will do, or not do, over the next four years?

BY HEBE ORMSBY
Contributor



"I hope they decrease tax on the middle class, increase jobs in the United States, hopefully find a solution for the national debt, and find a way for safety networking programs to not be abused."

Tristin Gambrel
17, Ann Arbor, business



"I hope it will actually bring manufacturing jobs and bring more labor for lower-class citizens. It's a big market, especially for immigrants. Most of all, I hope they don't screw over the environment and the road we're going down."

Gordon Mahoney
17, South Lyon, C++ programming



"Wow. I'm hoping they realize that it's for the people as a whole, rather than the group they're in and themselves."

Leah Mousigian
18, Manchester, biology



"There was a massive separation because of the election. He embodies the U.S. majority, but majority doesn't bridge gaps. The election separated everyone; it separated family, friends, and communication with respect. So, in the next four years, I want to see someone who bridges that gap."

Marita Nitkiewicz
17, Ypsilanti, human services



"I hope they create and return jobs back to the United States. And I hope that they are a little more cautious with world activity."

Brendan Palkowski
18, Pinckney, computer science



"Haha. I don't pay attention to politics. I hope he doesn't make national debt. It's pretty crazy. That's all I got."

Rachel Pard
18, South Lyon, liberal arts



"I hope that they are going to benefit the American people and realize we're all in it together, so it doesn't matter who we are. I hope, as well, that they can bring positivity to the state of our country."

Kelsey Stone
16, Ann Arbor, philosophy



"Oh, God. I hope they don't screw up and make it worse than it already is. I mean, I thought the U.S. was improving, whether that was Obama or not, but I thought it was getting better. But, I don't think that he knows what he's doing."

Kiara Vann
27, Ann Arbor, culinary arts



"I hope the United States is still standing after his presidency, and that they don't destroy anything. I hope they develop a health care plan that works, and not start a war."

Colin Wilson
16, Milan, computer science



"I hope they won't kick people out, like immigrants and disabled people, because I have family who have disabilities, so I don't want them to get kicked out. And, I hope they make things more peaceful, especially with all the wars and stuff going on at the moment."

Megan Zienert
18, Belleville, 3D animation

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Coach's Q&A

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Q: What games are you looking forward to?

A: I'm really looking forward to all of our tournaments this semester. Last semester was the transitional stage where everyone was getting used to the new system, this semester is where it will really start to show.

Q: What schools have you played before?

A: Most of our opponents are much larger division I schools. It's awesome walking into a gym knowing we can hang with these teams.

Q: What great plays have you seen or have there been any epic wins for WCC?

A: Winning the first match in program history is something I'll never forget. We just had to get over that hump, and then we were ready to go. The same day we earned our first win, we went on to win the silver bracket at a very tough tournament.

Q: When did you start coaching here?

A: This is my first year with WCC.

Q: Are there any other sports you are apart of?

A: I also coach track at Tecumseh High School, I'm the pole vault coach.

Q: Does WCC's sports office supply you, as a coach, everything you need to build a successful team?

A: Yes, Matt does an outstanding job in making sure I have all the tools I need. I think it helps a lot that he was also a coach, so he knows how important some things are. He's also very supportive of our athletes.

Q: How does the comment, "WCC athletes are lucky to have dedicated coaches," made by one of your players make you feel? (from the sports article in previous issue).

A: It really means a lot. It's important that both coaches and athletes are 100% dedicated to the team. Once we have everyone believing in themselves and each other, there's no limit on what we can do.

Q: Have you coached other places to compare to your time here?

A: I've coached the freshman at Tecumseh high school for the past 4 years, I've also coached club volleyball for the past 4 years. I currently coach two girls club teams and a boys club team for Glass City, as well as being here at WCC.

Q: How important is the opportunity to be involved with sports in college?

A: Very important. It's my dream to eventually become a full time collegiate coach.

Q: What is a goal of the team this season?

A: We have quite a few goals and very high expectations for this season. One goal we are really chasing is to win gold at a tournament. Another is to not just be happy with winning the first match in program history, but to continue working just as hard and finish as strong as possible.

Q: What is your current team record?

A: After last semester we are 5-6-2, and we're looking to improve upon that this semester.



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"I am so proud of every one of the girls for their commitment to the program. Nothing would have been possible without every player believing in what we're doing every week," coach Kenny Brokaw said.



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Left: Devon MaQuade, 19, Pinckney, applied science. Freddy Burke (jumping, in grey), 20, Dexter, criminal justice.

"A standout athlete for my team would be Freddy Burke, he is a natural athlete and very 'coachable.' It will be his third semester playing for me at WCC and I look forward to what we have in store this semester," men's volleyball coach Allegra Recknagel said.



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Tryouts for women's volleyball, held at Huron Valley Volleyball Club starts off with warm-ups.

BRIEFS



If you are a currently registered student club or interested in registering a new club for the upcoming semester, club registration closes on Feb. 5. Club president or leader must submit form on Campus Connect website.



WTMC Robotics Fundraiser Jan. 30–Feb. 1 to support the team currently in their 6-week build season, preparing for upcoming competition starting in March. Find out more about the WTMC Robotics Team, see guest column on page A3.



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Sleep safety

Students write to save lives

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE
Deputy Editor

A group of nursing students at WCC took the time to write a children's book to try and help new parents remember safe sleeping habits.

The book, titled 'Because I Love You', is in an initial print of 3500 copies. It is being produced by Sleeping Bear Press, an Ann Arbor book publisher. The project was funded in part by WCC's service learning program.

Adam Robinchaud presented the book's concept to the WCC Board of Trustees in December. "In Nursing 131 we researched infant health and a major concern was safe sleep practices. The American Academy of Pediatrics has clear guidelines about safe sleep and there's been many campaigns put forth to new parents, they receive lots of literature and the hospital's brochures, things like that, but the incidence of crib deaths aren't seeming to go down."

Theresa Dubiel, professor of nursing and childbearing at WCC, "I was inspired by the nursing students who were concerned about the rate of

infant deaths related to unsafe sleep practices and were passionate about the Safe Sleep campaign. Their enthusiasm and genuine concern was contagious," said Dubiel.

Mary Mullalord, a professor of children's literature, was invited into the project by Dubiel after they received the grant to fund the book project, "I was super excited to help with the project. I offered to show examples of baby books and talk a bit about what makes a good book," Mullalord said.

Currently, Providence Park Hospital in Novi, distributes the Safe Sleep book to new parents in the Birthing Center. Dubiel and her students are currently looking for other local nonprofit agencies who would like to share copies of the book with families. "We wanted to give back to our clinical partners who educate nursing students in clinical courses," Dubiel said.

Other departments are looking into similar projects: according to Dubiel, the dental department is planning on writing a similar book for parents about baby teeth.



Guide to Safe Sleep

- Always place babies to sleep on their backs during naps and at nighttime.
- The safest place for a new baby to sleep is in the room where you sleep, but not in your bed.
- Crib or bassinet should be free of toys, soft bedding, blankets, and pillows.
- Don't place babies to sleep on adult beds, chairs, sofas, water beds, pillows, or cushions.
- Breast-feed baby as much and for as long as you can.
- Practice "tummy time" (playtime when infants are awake and placed on their tummies while supervised).
- If you have questions about safe sleep practices, please visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at healthychildren.org.

Passages from "Because I Love You."

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CULTURE

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE
Deputy Editor

While the Women’s March on Washington was the country’s main event, it’s estimated that millions of women marched in more local events around the globe. Ann Arbor contributed an estimated 11,000 bodies to that count. Men, women, children and pets walked the blocks from the Ann Arbor Federal Building to the Diag in weather that was better than one could hope for on a late January day.

The Ann Arbor sister march was a joint effort, put on by Michigan to Believe In and Progressives at the University of Michigan. Michelle Deatrick, a former Bernie Sanders staffer, helped found Michigan to Believe In in August 2016 and is the group’s lead organizer.

“A lot of people in Ann Arbor are going to DC, but for students it can be hard with finances and scheduling to travel so far. This a way for students to participate,” Deatrick said ahead of the march.

March participants ranged in age, race and gender expression. From elderly women in pink knit caps carrying signs that read “Nanas for Equality,” to a man with his infant daughter strapped to his chest, a sign on her reading “Babbling for Rights, Hear Me Roar,” to a dog walking with it’s owner bearing a sign that read, “Accept All Breeds.” Some of the women there had planned on being at the march in DC; one group from Cheboygan carried signs that said, “Rally Busses Suck,” along with their march themed sign, because the company overbooked and left them without transportation between

Ann Arbor and DC.

Businesses, such as Encore Records on Liberty St, supported the march as well, shutting their doors for the duration of the march and letting employees stand on the sidewalk with their own signs. Representatives from Common Language, the only feminist and LGBTQ+ specific bookstore in the state, carried a sign that marched in multiple

LGBTQ+ and women’s marches over the past 30 years.

The rally at the end of the route included multiple progressive speakers, from UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada, to Detroit poet and LGBTQ+ activist Michelle Elizabeth Brown, to Ashley Wilson of U of M Students for Choice.

Speakers also included the racial justice and immigration

rights activist Maria Ibarra-Frayre; Claire Ceupran and Robert Joseph, Co-Founders of Progressives at the University of Michigan and Deatrick herself.

The crowd especially responded to Brown, who spoke with passion about a wide arrange of topics that covered the platform of the march.

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A girl holds a hand made sign at the Women’s March in Ann Arbor.

MARCH ON AMERICA

The day after President Donald J Trump’s inauguration people gathered in major cities around the globe for a Women’s March. Initially, the march was only going to take place in Washington DC. With a platform emphasizing civil rights for women, LGBTQ+, and immigrants, the message of togetherness quickly attracted hundreds of thousands and spawned sister marches around the globe. Estimates for participation range between three and four million participants, making it the largest protest gathering in recorded history.

Washtenaw County isn’t what someone would call ‘Trump Territory’; the Clinton/Kane ticket won 67.59% of the vote, according to the Washtenaw County Elections Division. This lead to mass participation in Ann Arbor’s march, and locals traveling to Lansing and DC for marches, as well.

The movement continues even past the march as well, encouraging those who participated to keep up the momentum by joining groups and continuing their efforts. With the announcement of pro- Planned Parenthood and a March for Science announced last week, it appears this momentum will continue.



Group of protesters hold signs at the Women’s March on Washington.

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WASHINGTON

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS
staff writer

A diverse set of issues both concrete and abstract were seen among the sea of posters at the Women’s March on Washington in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 21, which took place one day after the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump.

“Attend your security briefings,” a sign read, representing the more concrete. “Protect Kids Not Guns,” said another. “Climate Justice Now,” said a sign. Crowd scientists estimate that 470,000 people were in D.C. for the march at 2 p.m.,, according to the New York Times.

The issues and demands that brought women to the march were vast. But one unifying force brought them all together: the election and inauguration of President Donald J. Trump.

The March’s initial name, Million Women March, drew criticism from people that

thought this was another example of mostly white organizers co-opting a march that took place in 1997 in Philadelphia, organized by black women, that sought to shed light on issues the black community face, according to CNN.

The organizers took that criticism seriously and quickly changed the name to, “the Women’s March on Washington.” Three women of color (and experienced organizers) also came on as co-chairs for the event.

This drive to be more inclusive could be seen on many signs at the march. “Intersectional Feminism,” a card with the logo of the National Organization of Women on it read. “I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own,” said a poster—a quote from the black feminist theorist Audre Lorde.

Civil Rights activist, Angela Davis, spoke at the Women’s

March on Washington. Her speech mirrored those ideas that women have intersecting identities and that in order to be a unified force women need to recognize the struggles of women who are dealing with not only sexism but with racism as well.

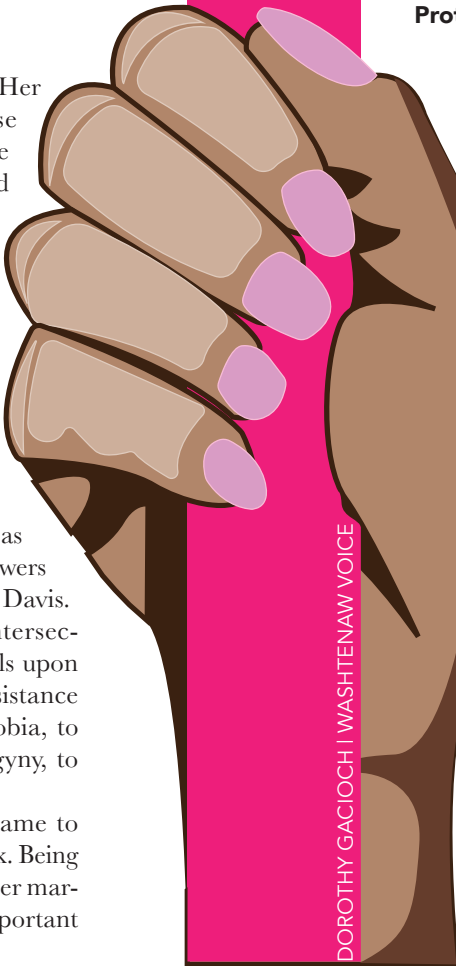
“This is a women’s march and this women’s march represents the promise of feminism as against the pernicious powers of state violence,” said Davis. “And, inclusive and intersectional feminism that calls upon all of us to join the resistance to racism, to Islamophobia, to anti-Semitism, to misogyny, to capitalist exploitation.

Alex Prediger, 26, came to the march from New York. Being there for women and other marginalized groups was important to her.



Protesters wear costumes at the Women’s March on Washington.

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“Being a woman, there are many ideas that Donald Trump has promoted that has potential legislative changes,” said Prediger. “Affecting women’s health and stuff regarding our bodies and our decisions could be taken away from us. I feel strongly about his views on minority and marginalized people and immigrants. I come from a point of privilege but would like to support those groups as much as possible.”

One day after taking office, President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order known as the Global Gag Rule or formally as the Mexico City Policy which bans foreign NGO’s receiving certain American aid from counseling people about abortion, according to Slate.

Prediger also had thoughts on President Donald Trump’s ability to lead.

“I mean regarding any issue I think that if you are going to be a leader of a country you need to have a level of consideration for all perspectives instead of just going into it with the close mindedness that he has,” said Prediger.

Lynne Giles, 76, from Santa Cruz, California was hopeful this march was only the beginning step in continued political action.

“We can really hope it’s a new era,” said Giles. “When I was feeling despair I happened to read [former President Barack Obama’s] last address and he finished with hope. And I thought, ok he is telling me what I need to get up and do. And [former First Lady Michelle Obama] also, that talk that she made after the horrible thing Trump said about women. And she was so outraged and the final thing she said is ‘we have got to roll up our sleeves.’”

FROM MARCH B1

“We have worked to build a world that our children can see. A world where every man, woman, and child has the right to health care, where access to procedures, medications and research isn’t driven by big pharmaceutical profits, but by the needs of the people. Where women are the keepers and decision makers for our bodies. A world where every person has a right to equal opportunities for employment, with a fair living wage.”

All of the speakers shared a similar line of thought; that the momentum of these events had to continue. “There is a real need for people to see a positive way forward and engage positively with the political process,” Deatrick said.



Kathy Bateman proudly displays her sign in the women's March in Down Town Ann Arbor.



Estimated crowd of 11,000 people filled the streets in the Women's march in Ann Arbor, chanting for rights and against fascism.

BY CHANEL STITT
Staff Writer

LANSING

The weather was perfect, the positivity was flowing and everyone was pumped for the rally. A speaker came to the podium and the crowd erupted in cheers. All of their signs went up into the air and they began chanting “Women unite, save our rights!”

The Women’s March on Lansing was held on the steps of the Capitol building, with thousands of people standing in the walkways leading up to the Capitol.

“Each individual city has their own individual problems that they face,” said Chad Michael Guerrant, one of the event’s staff members. “Inequalities and injustices that are happening against women, African Americans and Latinos. Those equalities need to be addressed.”

Speakers and government officials such as Gretchen Whitmer and Dr. Farha Abbasi gave their motivational speeches about how to take action for women’s rights.

Whitmer, who is running for Michigan governor as a Democrat candidate, spoke to reassure people that even though we may currently be full of fear, we can all stand up and fight for what’s right. She says that we should not root for the president to fail.

“We have a president who is a man who through his own actions and words has shown such disrespect for the rule of law, our core constitutional principles of

equality for everyone of us, for the freedom of speech, for your freedom of religion, for the freedom of the press, and behavior that we know is downright shocking and dangerous,” said Whitmer. “Behavior that we never want our children to emulate.”

She also told the women’s rights supporters that the crowd at Lansing was twice as big as the inauguration attendance.

Dr. Farha Abbasi, MSU Psychiatrist and Muslim Mental Health editor and conference coordinator, had the supporters full attention during her speech. The crowd loved her personality and cheered after every sentence.

“They say a political storm is brewing,” said Dr. Abbasi. “I say look up...The storm is already here. We are the storm.”

Deeper in the crowd were multiple individuals who had a story about why they came to participate in this march. Many inspirational stories of people conquering their fears and standing up for others.

Mare Martell, a resident of Grand Rapids representing her church in Tennessee, came to the Women’s March on Lansing with her sign attached to her body that read ‘This is not a good sign.’

“I’m a human being, everybody here is a human being,” said Martell. “I’m terrified of everything getting taken away, our health care, our women’s rights,

our LGBTQ, Black Lives Matter. It’s human rights. That is what I’m here for.”

Cybil Liberties goes to many events dressed in a full patriotic outfit but she recently received negative responses to her unique look. Negative things were said about her after being put on a newspaper and some responses were rape and death threats.

“I thought the only way to really conquer that fear was to go head on with it. I decided today it was maybe the most important day of protests that I’ve been involved with because I feel like my turf is being invaded.”

She has been dressing up for 20 years and the crowd in Lansing seemed to enjoy her. Several pictures surfaced on Facebook with Liberties posing with the supporters.

The crowd dispersed several hours later and left everyone to reflect on what progress can be made in the future. More marches are being planned across the nation every month with different themes. The month of February will be focused on Planned Parenthood.

The women’s march on Lansing has now created a ten day plan in which every ten days, there will be a new step that Michigan residents can help to take action. More information can be found on their website at marchonlansing.org.



Participants in the march carried handwritten signs with individual messages about the current state of the U.S.



A march participant in Lansing advocating for civil liberties, ignored the temperature and donned this patriotic outfit.



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55 Request for the latest update
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68 Disdainful grin

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Entry Level Computer Sales/ Repair Tech -

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Jan. 31-Mar. 16 | Free

I HEART MUSIC - ART OPENING & VINYL LISTENING PARTY

An art show with pieces relating to the theme of music. Bring your own vinyls.
Grove Studios | 1145 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti
Feb. 3, 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. | Free

DRAWING FOR ADULTS: STILL LIFE

Learn new techniques every week using various mediums for all skill levels.
Ann Arbor District Library | Downtown, 4th Floor Meeting Room
Feb. 12, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Free

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Comedic improv performed by experienced local performers.
Pointless Brewery & Theatre | Ann Arbor
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RACIAL JUSTICE FILM & DISCUSSION

During black history month, racial justice topics will be discussed after watching a film.
Ypsilanti District Library | Whittaker
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ICE CARVING FESTIVAL

Watch many college students in Michigan compete to create the best ice carving.
County Farm Park | Ann Arbor
Feb. 4, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | Free

GO RED DAY!

Receive a free health screening, tips on having a healthy lifestyle, and personalized help for health insurance.
Student Center | 1st floor
Feb. 2, 9:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Entrepreneurship Center
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