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(From left to right) Andy Galicki, Sarah Khan, Danielle Howard, Jason Nguyen and Alex Zoltowski are singing Hareruya as a tradition of ISA's party ending song on the Open-Mic event. Open-Mic is organized by ESL and ISA, held at the SPOT café.

## APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE Deputy Editor

The month of April has been marked as 'Alcohol Awareness Month' since 1987. Founded the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD), the month is meant to bring attention to those who struggle with alcoholism.

Given the name 'Alcohol Use Disorder' by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, alcoholism is defined by drinking more than one intends, feeling cravings for alcohol, and the act of drinking affecting one's daily life.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism elaborates on this definition, identifying a threshold limit for high risk drinking: no more than three or four drinks in one day, and no more than seven to 14

A drink in this case is defined as 12 fl oz of beer, 8 fl oz of malt liquor, 5 fl oz of table wine, or 1.5 fl oz of 80 proof spirits. Above this limit, the institute says, you are at a high risk of developing a dependency on alcohol.

Drinking alcohol is common for people of college age and on college campuses. Studies by the group Monitoring the Future found a correlation between students who drink and their grades, with students who drank less than four drinks a week staying within the A range, while students who drink nine or more drinks a week often fall into the D and F range for grades.

The WCC Counseling Center has put out an information table in the first floor of the WCC library. The table is full of free pamphlets, more statistics, and contact information for people struggling or friends of people struggling with alcoholism.

#### GRADES/DRINKS PER WEEK CORRELATION:



IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS SUPPORT, YOU CAN CALL:

- WCC'S COUNSELING FOR FREE PERSONAL COUNSELING: (734) 677-5102
- WASHTENAW COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH: (734) 544-3050
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: (212) 870-3400

## SUCCESS THROUGH 300 MEN OF COLOR

BY CHANEL STITT Staff Writer

An event being held May 10, encourages participants to join them for one hour in the Morris Lawrence building.

The goal of the upcoming photo event is to collect 300 men of color to participate in photos that will be hung around schools and organizations in Washtenaw County.

After May 10, students will be able to see photos depicting male role models of color who have been successful in the county.

The idea first took place at Jackson Community College, where Anthony Williams, from Parkridge Community Center, decided to bring the idea to Washtenaw Community College.

It is important to the men

who organized this event that vision, be the vision," said young males of color see that Arnett Chisholm, a counselor they can be something in their

The purpose of these photos is to show young males of color that their success can be beyond what they see in the streets. There are many negative influences but there are more positive ones. Young males just need to be shown that the average person a student comes across could be a very successful person.

The event organizers want kids to see that they can be doctors, government officials, teachers, CEOs and even the president of the United States. There are multiple careers that the photographs hope to show that kids that dream about this can make it happen.

"What we want to do is

and former dean of diversity and inclusion at WCC. "It is going to be a poster with any African American male that has completed any degree or trade school."

Chisholm explained that he wants to see more people come to school and finish.

Growing up, kids are influenced by the things they see and what their surroundings are. Derrick Jackson, director of community engagement for Washtenaw County, experienced seeing success take place in negative ways.

"It was the only thing that I had seen," said Jackson. He realized that the world had more opportunities than what he believed as a young male.

Kier McLemore, co-ownsomething we call 'see the er of Bottles-n-Backpacks

Child Development Center in Ypsilanti, had a similar experience growing up in Detroit. Drugs and gang activity was in his environment, but he looked passed that with the help of mentors, later becoming one himself.

"Instead of contributing to the problem, be a part of the solution," said McLemore.

As soon as the event is finished, the organizers plan to post these pictures in schools, recreation centers and nonprofit organizations that students attend.

"They can see an image that looks exactly like their own. The images will be burned into their minds," said McLemore.

"We just want people to see that there are people out there in the types of jobs that they aspire to do and hopefully

make a positive change in the

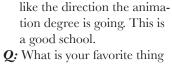
community," said Chisholm.

There are currently 115 of the desired 300 men of color confirmed as attending the event. Anyone is welcome to come and participate and it will last from 1-2 p.m. on May 10 at the Morris Lawrence Building.



## FEATURED TEACHER





the video production and Photography courses. But I

- **Q:** What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?
- A: What's spare time?
- Q: What is the most interesting place you've traveled to and
- A: I'll say Korea. I was in the army for two years there. It was just fun to experience a completely different culture.
- **Q:** If you could ask anyone, living or dead, what would you ask and why?
- A: That's a tough one. Let's go with, I would have to talk to John Lasseter, he's the ultimate person, he's dabbled in everything. He's been with Pixar from the beginning. I would ask him for any advice, honestly. He was just born with talent.
- **Q:** What is your most important life philosophy?
- A: Concerning animation, in life, practice makes perfect. Gotta put in the time and effort, and you have to enjoy what you're doing.

- **Q:** What is your favorite restaurant?
- **A:** It changes from time to time, but right now it's Ichiban.
- **Q:** What is the best book you've read recently?
- A: The Runningman.
- Q: What is the most helpful advice you received growing
- A: This is an easy one. When I went to CCS, there was a teacher who gave advice, saying that giving advice is like taking a toss salad: some advice you get from others and add to your salad, but you also omit some advice because some advice is bad. Gotta make your own little salad of advice.
- **Q:** If you could have any job, without having to worry about qualifications or talent, what would it be and why?
- why?

  A: Animator, because I love to animate. And with Pixar,
- obviously. **Q:** Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
- **A:** Probably still doing the same thing, hopefully.

#### **BRIEFS**

#### **CAMPUS SAFETY MEETINGS**

Open dialogue regarding campus safety will be held on Wednesday, April 19. 12:00pm, 3:30pm and 5:30pm, in the Community Room, first floor of the Student Center building. Hearings will also be at monthly board meetings in April and May.

#### **SEMINARS & SHOWCASE**

Full-day WCC Audio/Professional Career Forum & Student Performance Showcase will take place on Monday, April 24, in the Morris Lawrence building. Guest presentations, seminars and music showcases from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### **GARDEN TIPS**

"Tips for Planning Your Garden" information session will be presented by Monica Mills, master gardener and WCC Community Enrichment instructor. 12 p.m. on Monday, April 17, Garrett's Restaurant.

#### **NEW TRAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Construction started on a paved hiking and biking trail connecting the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens to other trail systems throughout the area, including one to WCC. Besides connecting to the Border-to-Border trail, University of Michigan and St. Joesph Mercy hospitals; the trail is purposed to help the 140,000 current visitors to the gardens, "leave their cars safely behind," Karen Sikkenga, associate director of Matthaei-Nichols said to MLive.

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**Jesse Wiese** 

BY HEBE ORMSBY

Contributor

**Subject: Animation** 

**Instructor since 2016** 

**Q:** What makes you want to teach at Washtenaw?

A: I started as a student at

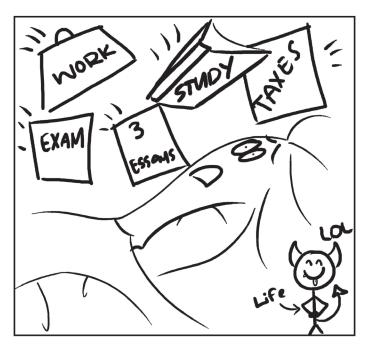
WCC, when I came here

they didn't have an ani-

mation degree, so I took







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## OICE BROUGHT HOME 11 AWARDS



Community College Press Association Conference, hosted at Central Michigan Univeristy on April 8.

The Washtenaw Voice has won 11 Michigan Community College Press Association awards for work published between March 1, 2016 and March of this year.

Presented at a conference at Central Michigan University April 8, the awards include firstplaces in overall newspaper design, in serious column writing and in photo essay.

The first in overall design reflects on the entire Voice team, said editor Jenelle Franklin.

The judge commented that the Voice featured "great use of photos and typography; wellwritten headlines and coverage overall.... Overall, it's a well-balanced newspaper and is covering the community really well in all aspects."

The Voice's design team this

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school year includes Dorothy Gacioch, Natalie Jarvie and Charlie Strauss.

Other awards went to:

- Brittany Dekorte, first place, serious column for a writing about the Trans Day of Remembrance and her partner's transition this past December.
- Evans Koukios, first place photo essay for photos of former President Barack Obama's visit to Ann Arbor this past October.
- Ivan Flores, second-place, in-depth reporting for a story exploring the heroin epidemic in Washtenaw County.
- Chanel Stitt, second place, feature story for a November article about a "Read to a Barber" program
- Gacioch, third place. inside page design, a presentation of news about womens' marches in

Washington, Lansing and Ann Arbor this past January.

- Flores, third place, serious column for a 2016 column about his experience as a Mexican-born young person in the U.S.
- Taylor Robinson, third place, news story for 2016 coverage of efforts to restrict bottled water sales on campus.
- Honorable mention for news photo and for photo essay, Carmen Cheng, for a photo of a Trump protest in September and images from a Portfolio Projects exhibit n campus in December.
- Honorable mention online newspaper, digital editor Haily Hastings and the team.

The Michigan Community College Press Association has information about all the award winners at https://mccpa2017. wordpress.com/

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- 9 Massage targets
- 14 Together, musically 15 Chips \_\_!: cookies
- 16 Formal-sounding will?
- 17 Friends of man's best friend
- 19 Columbus craft
- 20 For each one
- 21 Diving lake bird 22 Knight's title
- 24 Sport involving some rolling
- on the grass 28 QB-to-receiver six-pointer
- 30 Rent-a-car giant
- 31 Landed
- 32 TV show shown before
- 34 Banned bug spray 37 Forgetting the unpleasant
- 41 "Good" cholesterol initials
- 42 Wishes

Students and WCC employees

Classified ads in The Voice are free.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

Looking for help? As a service to our students, you

may place "help wanted" ads in The Voice for free.

- 43 Sitting on
- 44 List of computer options
- 45 "Movin' right along ... "
- 47 Tidy sum that doesn't sound
- like much 52 Overhead trains

#### 53 Steak order

- 54 Contemporary radio station named for its former "easy lis-
- tening" playlist
- 56 Leaves out
- 58 Highway segment for slower traffic ... and, literally, what 17-, 27 Cellar reds and whites 24-, 37- and 47-Across each has 29 Gobbled down
- 61 Used up
- 62 "So THAT'S what you mean"
- 63 Physics particle
- 64 Bacon work
- 65 Lysol target
- 66 Drive-\_\_ window

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- 1 Craze
- 2 Knot-tying words 3 Drug test placebo
- 4 Beatles' second film
- 5 File-renaming command, at
- 6 "Supernatural" network 7 Oscar winner Sophia
- 8 Kvetching cries
- 9 Nile snake
- 10 Flu symptoms
- 11 Asian capital
- 12 "Tiny Dancer" singer John

- 13 Much street talk
- 18 Many Rembrandts
- 22 Squirrel away 23 Loafed
- 25 Exposes
- 26 Reproductive cell
- 32 Tear to pieces
- 33 New Year's \_\_
- 34 "Duh ... figure it out!"
- 35 Slobber
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- 38 Newscaster Huntley
- 39 Broadway award
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- 45 Song before the game
- 46 Vladivostok veto
- 47 Narrative writing 48 Boat launching aids
- 49 Great Lakes natives
- 50 Beethoven dedicatee
- 51 Algeria neighbor
- 55 London apartment 57 Muddy pen
- 58 Fix, as a fight
- 59 Neither here \_\_ there 60 Down Under bird

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

• The deadline is 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication.

- Send ads to wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com
- **Career Services**

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.

#### **Global Internship** Program:

Nationwide The Global Internship Program (GIP) is an award-winning volunteer internship program that trains leaders to make a global impact. In the program, you will receive leadership resources and gain tangible experience in the global arena. Global interns are also connected with mentors who have experienced success in business, philanthropy, education, and the nonprofit world. Current mentors include: founders of publicly traded companies, non-profit executives,

marketing executives, and more. At the end of the program, some interns may have the opportunity to go abroad on a Vision Trip to see first-hand the positive change they have contributed to.

#### **Assistant Restaurant** Manager

Ann Arbor, MI This full time position is responsible for every aspect of the guest and staff experience. This individual will oversee the Bar along with Dining Room leadership responsibilities. Responsible for hiring, training, coaching, and performance reviews for dining and beverage service staff. Schedules staff based upon anticipated volume and coordination of balanced service teams. Resolves any customer complaints that are "passed up" from staff and/or asks for help from a Restaurant Manager or Managing

Partner. Provides hands-on help if needed by any of the service teams, including facilitating the resolution of conflicts between or within teams. Greets guests and delivers the Zingerman's Roadhouse experience to

#### **Infant/Toddler Teacher**

each guest.

Ann Arbor, MI This position will be responsible for developing lesson plans, meeting the individual's needs of the children, parent communication and participation in staff and training meetings. In addition, you will design an appropriate room arrangement to support the goals and developmental level of the children in the classroom, interact with the children to support play, exploration, and learning, present expectations that are appropriate to the child's age and developmental level. Planning and implementing activi-

ties that develop self-esteem and social skills will also be expected.

#### **Heavy Engine Technician**

Plymouth, MI The qualified candidate will need the ability to diagnose and repair engine failures the candidate will also need good communications skills to work in a team. The ideal candidate will have ASE certifications or a minimum state licensing. Full time position.

IT Support Internship Southfield, MI Our internal firm services focuses on the firm's critical business needs. technology opportunimarketing everything in between, integrated solution approach is designed to help enable and manage growth, leverage resources, and mitigate firm operations. Your work will include providing gen-

eral technical support over the telephone or in person. Receipt, configuration and deployment of hardware. Opportunity to participate in multiple team projects. Ongoing tracking & management of IT assets

#### **Staffing Coordinator**

Royal Oak, MI- This position requires a high degree of customer service, computer literacy, and proficiency in both Microsoft Word and Excel. Staffing Coordinators properly schedule field staff members based on matching the field staff member's clinical experience with congruent client needs. The Staffing Coordinator schedules appropriate field staff based on the nursing supervisor's assessment and the plan of care. The Staffing Coordinator is responsible for the coordination of client visits, maintenance and upkeep of scheduling records and log books, and the accurate and timely communication of scheduling changes between the office and field staff, operations staff. Enter data to generate daily reports and operating logs; record reading readings and observations and

analyze them against previous readings; prepare periodic and/or special reports. Recommend process control strategies. 2 Full-Time Positions available.

#### **Mechanical Designer** Intern

Southfield, MI- Seeking a creative Mechanical Designer Intern with the ability to produce original and unconventional designs and capable of applying the principles of science and technology to create innovative manufacturing methods, components and support equipment. This position requires strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work in a team. The candidate must multi-task and meet deadlines. The intern will require to support the Mechanical team through hands-on development of designs, presentations, calculations, studies, investigations and participation within team meetings.

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#### **COLUMN**

# Just take a moment and breathe

WHY WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEEDS A REFLECTION ROOM

BY ALA KYMARAM Guest Writer

As college students, we have a wide variety of responsibilities. Most of us work part time, some even full time while trying to get a degree. Some of the students have kids or a family member that they need to take care of.

I find that the demanding responsibilities and obligations we have are overwhelming and lead to stress and anxiety.

Washtenaw Community College has taken necessary steps by providing personal counseling and stress-reduction workshops on campus.

These resources have been invaluable to students helping to create positive outcomes. That's why we support



NATALIE JARVIE | WASHTENAW VOICE

establishing a reflection room on campus as the next step to further strengthen WCC's commitment to the mental health of its students and employees.

By establishing a reflection room on campus, we will give students, faculty, and staff the space where they can relax and relieve stress. Practicing daily meditation not only relieves stress but also increases productivity and learning.

According to an article in the Harvard Gazette, people who practice short daily meditations show signs of "increased gray-matter density in the hippocampus, known to be important for learning and memory, and in structures associated with self- awareness, compassion, and introspection."

campus also makes WCC more student-friendly.

For many students, campus is their home. They eat, study, and workout on campus. Establishing a reflection room would be the next step to make our campus even better for all students.

A reflection room is a sanctuary for people of all faiths and backgrounds to practice mindfulness. The reflection room will not be specific to particular group or practice.

Visitors to the reflection room can quietly pray, meditate, reflect, or practice other forms of mindfulness based on their own beliefs. In addition, the reflection room might encourage understanding and interfaithdialogue. I hope that WCC does

Having a reflection room on establish the reflection room to create a better environment for all students, faculty and staff.



#### **COLUMN**

## The 'S' word

#### I realized I didn't know enough about Shariah Law



BY IVAN FLORES Staff Writer

I'd spent time in the Islamic Center of Ann Arbor with a couple of kids from WCC, whose religiousness reminded me more of the evangelical/ non-denominational kids I grew up with than anything else. But I'd never had the chance to ask a Muslim cleric about what is probably the most feared and misunderstood aspect of Islam in America.

I drove to Dearborn to meet with an imam. The man I met was Ibrahim Kazerooni, and he is a Shiite. I thought it was a little odd that the Islamic Center of America, which I think is the biggest mosque in the American continent, would be a Shiite. After all, they only make up 10% of Muslims worldwide.

The Imam was well educated and knowledgeable about Western thinkers. He understood my references to Edmund Burke and Thomas Hobbes' social contract theories. And actually, he was the one who started the obscure references to Plato, Aristotle, Voltaire, and Descartes. Admittedly, I hadn't heard or used those names in a conversation, much less their ideas, since

high school humanities. Kazerooni unapologetically dismantled the idealism of American values with clear and concise arguments using the writings of the aforementioned Western philosophers. He was particularly cynical about American democracy, which he called, "a superficial system of democracy that is merely procedural."

What I really got out of the meeting were his actual apologetics of Shariah, which is what I would expect from any religious leader. (And restaurant suggestions).

He said that Muslims should respect secular laws as long as they do not contradict ethical or moral objectives. That would probably freak a lot of people out. Especially, those who don't understand what the ethical and moral objectives are. (Come to think of it, Kazerooni didn't make that clear). But really, how is that different from Martin Luther King's approach to law and social change? It was St. Augustine who said an unjust law is no law at all.

"But what is Shariah law anyway?"

Few words triggered my Lutheran boss last summer more than "Shariah." When my coworker and I planted an English copy of the Qur'an in his work truck in hopes that he would read it, he gave us a look that said he might've fired us if he had more than two employees.

"Shariah is a set of moral and ethical values Muslims abide by, reserving the right to navigate based on context," Kazerooni said. "Shariah law has flexibility and fixed doctrine."

Interpretation of Shariah law is not is not black and white. The two main sources are the Qur'an, which Muslims believe to be the verbatim word of God, and Hadiths or Sunnahs, which are sayings attributed to the prophet Muhammad.

Shariah law everything from religious doctrine, to interactions with other people (marriage, commerce, crime, etc.) and personal growth.

However, there are passages in the Qur'an that raise alarm in Western cultures. For example, the command to kill "infidels," apostates, and the condoning of Muhammad's marriage to a seven year-old girl.

Muslim apologists argue that these passages are taken out of context, and have parallels in other religious traditions. For example, there is human sacrifice, stonings, polygamy, and religious war both in the Torah and Old Testament.

Shariah law is interpreted differently across the Islamic world. In places like Saudi Arabia, which has a particularly fundamentalist interpretation, Shariah is harsh. Women are famously forbidden from driving or going out unaccompanied by a man. There are floggings, amputations, and beheadings as punishments for crime.

In Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country, interpretation is much more relaxed. Some people don't even fast for the duration of Ramadan. They consume alcohol and smoke, both things traditionally prohibited by Shariah. Then there's Turkey, which is a secular country in which Shariah technically has no place in the legal code.

However, Kazerooni believes Shariah is not the real issue in American discourse. He said the word "Shariah" frightens people because humans dislike anyone perceived as inherently different.

#### **COLUMN**

## False Dichotomy: Earnings vs. Mother Earth



BY BRITTANY DEKORTE Deputy Editor

With multiple choice exams, you often see choices laid out like

A. Blue

B. Red

C. Both A and B D: Neither A or B

For some reason, when it comes to the politics of business regulation and climate change, voters are relegated to A or B, almost never given the follow up option

Last month, President Trump was at the Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti and in Detroit. While he was visiting, the Detroit Free Press reported Trump speaking about peeling back auto regulations in order to create more automotive jobs.

"It was necessary (to resume the review) because the standards were set far into the future," Trump said. "If the standards threaten auto jobs, then common sense changes could have -and should have - been made."

Trump has also focused a lot on coal in the last month, meeting with coal miners and pledging to open federal lands to coal extraction, in the name of bringing back jobs.

Lance Vought is an economics professor at Washtenaw Community College. "From an economic perspective, private businesses see environmental regulations as an added cost. If it costs more for a business to make a good coal jobs employ less people than amusement parks, or Arby's, or even car washes.

Meanwhile, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the growth in jobs like wind turbine technician will outpace health care and the tech center in job growth through 2024.

Why are matters like this always posed as one or the other, though? It often comes down to a mix of politics and short

"If the economy decides to go all-in on renewable energy, it would likely foster innovation in the form of new technology and new infrastructure to build," Vought said.

or service, it will tend to produce less. If it produces less, then it hires fewer employees to complete the task, and that results in more people out of a job," Vought said.

Except the experts seem to agree, even opening these lands and rolling back regulations won't bring back these jobs, in the same way subsidizing fax machines wouldn't help them replace emailthey're technologically out of date.

More than outsourcing to get around regulation, the automation of factory jobs is replacing workers, according to researchers at MIT, and the Washington Post did an extensive report on how

sightedness.

"In terms of the job creation argument, this belief may actually be counterproductive in terms of the current structure of the economy. By focusing on deregulation so firms can stick to the low hanging fruit of fossil fuels and what they are familiar with, they fail to benefit the country as a whole, stunt our acceleration into the future, and create external costs that we pay for and they potentially profit from," Vought said.

So, if there isn't a true link between the regulation and job loss, and there are fast growing fields elsewhere, what should we do? Reeducate workers, help with the transitions, and embrace green technology to improve the economy, and our environment.

"Those whose manufacturing jobs in the auto or steel industry that have gone overseas or across the country can now, with minimal vocational training adjust to a career in producing solar panels, wind turbines, and installing them all over. By creating a new category, you create a new market with job opportunity and wealth opportunity for both businesses and private citizens. This allows for the economy to grow and to move into the future," Vought said.

## WASHTENAW VOICE

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# Voice Box

How do you feel about having a reflection room on campus, a place dedicated to collect thoughts and quietly sit?

BY ABIGAIL BICKEL
Contributor



#### Luke Huff

16, audio engineering

"I feel like that'd be really helpful with testing, especially with finals week. I feel like that might be really helpful for some people. Maybe if it was something you could do during those times it might be a little bit more helpful than just in general because there are seminars and stuff that the counselors do for stress reducing. So they already kind of have that. I feel like it might be a good investment for the end of the semesters."



David Howard

17, psychology

"I think it's a good idea because school is super stressful, and the college has the mental wellness seminar and all that. So I think it would just correspond with the direction they're already going and be super positive because college is stressful."



Vince Palermo

18, secondary education

"I feel like it would benefit a lot of people because while there are some times during the day when you can get away and find a quiet place on campus, it's rare. So I think it would be, overall, a beneficial thing."



**Daniel Pratt** 

32, nursing

"I would say my ideal reflection room would be a tranquil setting, maybe some light music playing in the background, maybe some dim lighting, a chair or recliner you can sit in for 5 or 10 minutes and just kind of reset. I do believe productivity can go up if you are able to destress throughout the day."



## have to maintain it. Chelsea Mack

**Bryn Hodge** 23, accounting

21, criminal justice

"I feel that it would be a very good thing to have on campus because it gives people time to destress and think things through a little bit."

overall, I think it would be a good idea for the school. But they would

"I think it would be a positive addition to the school. I can see how it could become a problem. I've been to conventions where they had quiet rooms, and they would turn into not quiet rooms. And then the people who did need to get away from it all for a moment were put into a more stressful space because they're safe space was taken away from them. So I can see how it could become a problem, but



Nicole Golden

19, business

"I think it would be fine because life is stressful, so if you have a place to go and you know that, I think that would be good for anyone. I don't see an issue with it. It's not like there's a bad thing about it."



Javairia Johnson

19, liberal arts

"I feel like that's a great idea to have people go to a certain place for them to collect their thoughts. Sometimes somebody doesn't have that opportunity to do so in other environments, so for Washtenaw to establish a place designed for that--that would be a pretty healthy thing for people who need it."



Maddie Mifsud

18, accounting

"I think it would be a good idea to have somewhere other than the library that's quiet and doesn't have a lot of noise and the bustle of the hallway. I think it would be a good idea."



Ayveri Smother

21, criminal justice

"I feel like it would be beneficial, especially with it being college, and college is super stressful. Sometime people just need that moment. You can't really do it in the student center because it's loud. There's not really a place for you unless you, like, go to the bathroom, and even then it's kind of awkward. And if you want to feel at peace, you don't want to have to worry about someone coming in and interrupting that peace."



## ART FUN CAMPUS

#### HAIKU EXHIBIT AND CONTEST

Read and vote for haikus written by Japanese students who have attended U of M for three years.

Language Resource Center, 1500 North Quad, Ann Arbor

April 17-Apr 20, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Apr 21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. | Free

## DRAWING FOR ADULTS: COLOR & CONTRAST

Learn new techniques every week using various mediums for all skill levels.

Ann Arbor District Library - Westgate Branch, West Side Room

April 30, 3–5 p.m | Free

#### FESTIVAL OF RESISTANCE

A march focusing on immigrants, women and Black Lives Matter followed by a workshop, performances and speakers. A block party will follow.

Meet at Liberty Plaza, end at the UM Diag in Ann Arbor

May 1, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. | Free

#### COLOR VIBE 5K-ANN ARBOR, MI

Run, jog or walk and enjoy several blasts of color while donating to a local charity.

Briarwood Mall, 100 Briarwood Cir, Ann Arbor

April 23, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. | \$65

#### EARTH DAY FESTIVAL: CITY OF ANN ARBOR

Exhibits and educational presentations showcasing live animals along with family-oriented activities.

Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor

April 23, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. | Free

### 37TH ANNUAL CLASSIC BICYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

Get the opportunity to sell, swap, or show bikes with more than 9,000 bikes to choose from.

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Ann Arbor April 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | \$5



#### BLOOD DRIVE

Donate a pint of blood for a good cause and be entered to win prizes.

ML Building

April 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS SEMINAR**

The Student Veteran Association hosts a seminar recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

LA 375

April 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Free

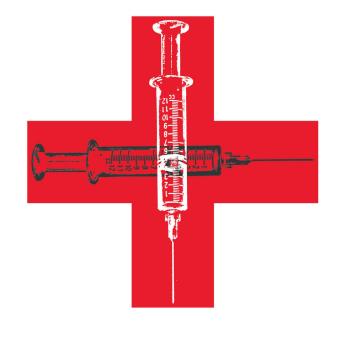
#### **DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS STUDENT GALA**

A gala displaying the work of students from the Digital Media Arts program.

ML Building

April 25, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. | Free





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## **OPEN MIC**

International Students Association, and English as a Second Language Club host Open Mic in the Student Center.

Pictured here, students perform their favorite songs from YouTube, and enjoy free coffee and cookies in the SPOT Café. Audio sound assist by WCC event technican. Students show their variety interest in different genres of music, including reggae-pop, jazz, melodic rock, or even perform their original song.



Students sing "Bohemian Rhapsody."



Left to right: Jason Nguyen, Alex Zoltowski, Ricard Moreno, Sarah Khan and Danielle Howard.



Javarney James performs a reggae-pop song.



JC Jurado (Left) and Richard Moreno



Jake Kitley performs his original song "Low life."



Danielle Howard, Ty Tejadav and Sarah Khan.



Students enjoy free refreshments while watching the Open Mic performances in the SPOT Cafe in the Student Center.



On April 10, the grass is being burned to ready the wetland at Ann Arbor's Buhr Park for seed planting.

**CONTROLLED BURN** 



Andy Brush photographed a time lapse during the controlled burn at the Wet Meadows of Buhr Park



A fire setter monitors the crackling fires of the controlled burn at the Wet Meadows of Buhr Park.



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