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Enrollment doubled

TECHNICAL SCHOOL CELEBRATES TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY



Caitlin Do, first year Washtenaw Technical Middle College is a paralegal studies major with future plans to transfer to the University of Michigan.

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Editor

Washtenaw Technical Middle College students are part of the campus landscape at Washtenaw Community College. WTMC is the sole charter school affiliated with WCC, its students share the buildings and experiences of college life with the rest of the student population, creating a more age diverse campus.

WTMC is celebrating its twentieth year in 2017 with 640 students enrolled. In eight years, the student body at WTMC has doubled. At the WCC board meeting on April 25, their contract was renewed for another five years.

“We are the fastest growing

school in Washtenaw County,” Dean Karl Covert said.

Covert has found WTMC to be, “wonderful for students, creating meaningful opportunities for students,” he said.

“Students can come here in their ninth, 10th, or 11th grade years. Some students have never been to high school, they come straight from middle schools,” Katie Glupker middle college English teacher and student council advisor said.

The curriculum and rate of progression in WTMC is different than found in a traditional public high school Glupker mentioned.

“We know that students progress at different rates,” Glupker said. “Some students come in and

they are really strong in a subject so they are ready pretty quickly to take college level in that subject. Some students have a weak subject and so we keep them with us until they are ready to do college work.”

The large load of responsibilities being placed on WTMC students is not overlooked by Glupker. “We are asking a lot of a student to say, ‘before you graduate high school you have to do a college course,’” Glupker said.

WTMC students undergo skills training for assisting in the adult-filled classrooms during their transition period.

These are called “soft skills,” and are taught during the first five weeks of the semester. The system has levels and when completed, the

students progress towards mastering all of the soft skills curriculum.

“These are different than academic skills. Things like: communication, being prepared for class, being responsible for your stuff, how do you talk to the instructor, how do you stay in class and not leave?” Glupker said.

Caitlin Do, 15, is a first year WTMC student. Do is a paralegal studies student with a transfer to the University of Michigan in her future plans.

When it comes to college v.s. high school atmosphere in campus classrooms, “I was surprised that there were more similarities than differences,” Do said,

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Budget proposal would up student aid

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS
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William Johnson, vice president of administration and finance, presented the proposed 2018 fiscal year budget to the board of trustees during the April meeting. Included in the \$100 million-plus budget is \$50.8 million in revenue from local property taxes and \$31.7 million in revenue from tuition and fees. Also, state funding provides \$14.4 million in revenue for WCC. The largest expenditure in the budget is \$79.1 million in personnel costs.

When drafting the budget, Johnson consults departments across WCC to ask them one question.

“Do you believe that you have enough resources in your budget to succeed at the goals and strategies that you are being asked to accomplish?,” Johnson said on his correspondence with departments across WCC. “And, if the answer is ‘no’ then we have some more work to do; so that’s the process that goes on through December through this fall.”

Graduation update

At the board of trustees’ meeting on Tuesday, April 25, the projections for winter 2017 graduates were presented by Linda Blakey, vice president of student and academic services.

“Grades are due May 1, so when grades come in we will be auto awarding approximately 200 students at the end of the fall semester,” Blakey said.

The office of student and academic services says that they expect to hand out 853 certificates of completion and 1193 associates degrees.

The deadline to apply for graduation passed on April 28. Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 9:20 a.m. at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center on Hewitt Road between Huron River Drive and Washtenaw Avenue.

Graduates need to arrive by 8:15 a.m. and may invite as many guests as they wish.

There was 30 minutes of public discussion on the possibility of armed security officers on campus. Presenters revealed mixed feelings on the matter, further discussion has been scheduled. There will be another chance at a public hearing at 5 p.m. on May 23.

SPRING 2017

1569 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO GRADUATE

853 CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN

1193 ASSOCIATE DEGREES WILL BE GIVEN

Internships at WCC

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS
Staff Writer

Getting an internship while in school can set students apart from other applicants when they are ready to apply for jobs in their field of study. Barbara Hauswirth, experiential learning coordinator at WCC, said along with giving students real world experience on different employers and organizations, internships can also help students connect their school work to real world experiences, which can improve their studies.

“The other reason that I suggest students do this early is for academic reasons,” said Hauswirth. “What we see routinely, and I just started to notice this when students would come back to me and say ‘I just feel like after I did my internship things just started clicking more in my program studies.’”

Hauswirth works with students within career services at WCC to connect them with experiences outside of the classroom. Experiences that she connects students with can include co-ops, job shadowing, volunteer opportunities and internships.

Students who are interested in experiences like this are encouraged to make an appointment with career services. From there, Hauswirth meets with students to explore their skill set and what organizations might be a good fit for them.

She encourages students to come to career services as early as their first semester at WCC because she says it’s never too early to learn about real world applications of academic study.

“You may or may not have the skills necessary to get all the internships that employers are offering out there; some have more stringent requirements in terms of how many classes you have to take, how far along in your program you have to have,” said Hauswirth. “But, there are many opportunities that even first semester students pass by because they feel like they are not ready or qualified yet for internships and there are many students who are taking advantage of internships really early on.”

When students meet with Hauswirth, they get the chance

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Cole Burgess, overcame setbacks with the help of WCC, to get a paid internship at Vail Resorts at Mt. Brighton

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BRIEFS

CAMPUS FOOD HOURS

Hours to change for on-campus eateries Tuesday–Friday, May 2–5, the college will be open, but there will be no classes. The Java Spot will be open 8 a.m.–2 p.m., but other eateries will be closed. Spring-summer dining hours then go into effect. The Java Spot will be open Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Subway will be open Monday–Thursday, 9a.m.–6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. The SC Spot and the LA Snack Cart are closed until the fall semester.

SEED LIBRARY

The Seed Library, located in the Bailey Library on the first floor of the Gunder Myran building, is now open. The seed library is sponsored by WCC Sustainability Council. New seed varieties are available. Over sixty varieties of heirloom seeds are available, including vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit from Ann Arbor Seed Co., and Nature and Nurture Seeds.

VOTING MAY 2

There will be voting on Tuesday May 2, for residents of the Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Jackson and Clinton public schools. Ann Arbor Public Schools public school officials are asking voters to renew a 2013 tax that would pay for the construction or repair of school buildings, including school security improvements, and similar expenses. The Ypsilanti Community Schools proposal would continue a tax on non-homestead properties. Homestead properties are those occupied by the owner.

TEXTBOOKS

A friendly reminder to return all rented textbooks to the campus bookstore. You also have the option of buying your textbook for a reduced cost between now and the rental return cutoff. The bookstore is also currently doing textbook buybacks at their book information counter. You must present a valid student ID.

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“We hope that regular population students and instructors notice that our students are doing well,” Katie Glupker, WTMC English instructor said. WTMC has a soft skills curriculum for transitioning teens into college class rooms.

“you realize that everyone is just a kind of a bigger high school student.”

The classroom environment of all ages, “is really amazing to me, how much we have in common even though the age difference is so big,” Do said. Do giggled as she reported a classmate she regularly speaks with has a daughter older than her, “We focus more on character.”

“I love (WTMC), the mature environment, the big education focus, not as cliquy as other

schools,” Kaylee Guzi said.

Guzi, 17, moved to Michigan two years ago. Previously from Redding, California, Guzi is in her first year at WTMC, studying 3D animation. Her 30-minute drive is worth the experience Guzi mentioned. She first attended Dexter high school, and admits she has enjoyed her time in Michigan more on WCC’s campus.

“There are classes you can choose yourself, degrees you can pursue and you can pretty much set up your schedule how ever

you want to...It prepares you for college better,” Guzi said.

Guzi has 82 credits to complete at WCC, which will be a three-year process she said. Guzi has gotten advice from staff and has her own wisdom to share after her first semester earning college credit, “Turn everything in early, it gets stressful when you wait until the last minute.”

WTMC students are able to participate in campus clubs and activities. Clubs, family, friends and school work can fill up a student’s plate quickly. Do found that opportunity was also a burden, “I did have a couple clubs going on, but I had to leave those temporarily, it started to get over whelming for me. I had to get in the feel of the college schedule, but hopefully will be going back to those clubs soon.”

“When my grades on specific quizzes or tests started to get a little lower than I wanted them to be, before it got to the point where it would hurt my grade overall, I started to back off. Now I feel like I am so much better at scheduling,” Do said.

Kamal Khatib, 16, is a first year WTMC student, who just completed his second semester

on campus. He is a pre-law student who admires the teaching style and commitment to students he has found with his math teacher Mr.Linford.

“Mr. Linford really connects with his students, I think he is a great teacher, and Ms. Glupker too,” Khatib said.

Khatib spends free-time outside of class on the basketball courts of the fitness center across the street from campus. His attachment to WTMC grew when his older sister attended and he saw her success develop.

“My sister went here, and now she is in medical school and doing really well,” Khatib said. He also sees his younger sister attending when she gets older.

Khatib previously attended Central Academy, where he would have stayed if not for his chance to experience a college-learning environment.

“The students here have more freedom, in my old school you raise your hand, don’t talk, can’t get out of place. Two bathroom passes per semester. You have more freedom and more room to talk here,” Khatib said. “I think you learn better this way.”

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to explain their career interests, but also to prove they have grown from past mistakes, which when those mistakes are a criminal record can limit students in the job market and getting internships.

Cole Burgess was one such student that met with Hauswirth. Burgess is a student at WCC taking prerequisite courses at WCC to eventually transfer to a four-year institution and major in business management, information technology and minor in psychology.

He explained that he was able to use all the work he has done at WCC in order to prove that

he is a different person from the time when he was seventeen and convicted of a felony.

“Barbara had faith in me and put herself out there for me because I showed consistency and integrity to prove my past wrong,” said Burgess.

Burgess’s proven record at WCC include: being a high honors student, a divisional scholarship recipient and a Phi Theta Kappa member.

With Burgess’s lifelong involvement with snowboarding and recent classes in business management, Hauswirth and Burgess looked into Vail resorts

at Mt. Brighton as a possible internship placement, and Mt. Brighton agreed.

Burgess was offered a paid internship with Vail resorts at Mt. Brighton as a Guest Services Management Intern. He said it helped him refine and reinforce his career goals.

“For me, because I had the snowsports background, it solidified my vision of being somewhere in that industry, in the mountains,” said Burgess. “It also made me realize that, first of all, I need to work a lot harder. Even though I already work very hard you have to take the extra step to be better than your fellow employee in order to advance.”

Burgess internship has paid

off and he is planning to transfer in the fall of 2017. He has been accepted to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Flint, Columbia University in New York and The University of Pennsylvania. Burgess also sees Vail resorts in his future.

“I want to be an executive for Vail resorts after this experience because everything that I knew about it was true and everything I loved about it was true, but also I learned a lot of the things I need to do in order to reach that,” said Burgess.

Students can reach career services at 734-677-5155 or email at careers@wccnet.edu

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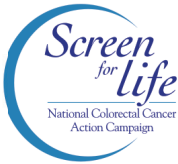


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MARCHING FOR SCIENCE

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE
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“I can’t believe I have to march for this!”
“It’s so bad, the introverts are here!”
And most iconically, “Science, not Silence!”
Signs reading these messages and more were carried all around the country, and the world. Coinciding with Earth Day, a ‘March for Science’ was held on April 22. An estimated 40,000 people turned out in the rain and the chill in Washington alone.
According to their website, the mission of the march was to push for “robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity.” It continues “We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policymakers to

enact evidence based policies in the public interest.”
The Washington march featured a large rally beneath the Washington Monument before the protesters made their way to the Capitol Building. The rally featured dozens of speakers, including science educator Bill Nye, astronaut Leland Mervin and musical performances by Jon Batiste.
There were 600 satellite marches held in cities all over the world, along with the main march in Washington. Crowds gathered in large cities such as: London, Chicago, Berlin, San Francisco, according to the March for Science website
Closer to home, and in much more sunny weather, people gathered to march as well. Crystal Cole, who has studied ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Michigan, was the event coordinator for the Ann Arbor branch of the march. “I thought it turned out really well!” Cole said. “We were thrilled with

all of the people that came out, it was a beautiful sunny day after a week of rain, and there were a ton of kids that I was happy to see getting involved,” Cole said.
The event started at noon. Thousands of people were at the University of Michigan campus waiting to march.
The local march featured speeches from researchers at the University of Michigan and state Rep. Yousif Rabhi D-Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor march went from the Diag to the Ann Arbor Federal building.
Haley Amemiya, a Ph.D. candidate and the president of the Association of Women in Science at University of Michigan, welcomed everyone and introduced the first speaker: Dan Ezekiel.
Ezekiel is a retired science teacher and founder of Recycle Ann Arbor. He started his speech by talking about the importance of science in society and his experiences as a science teacher.
“Our job as scientists is to

humbly seek the truth, not to try to dictate it,” Ezekiel said. He also talked about the history of Earth Day and the positive legislations passed as the result of celebrating such a day.
“We need more science today not less,” Ezekiel said. He gave a few examples in support of policies that target climate change and explained the importance of them in today’s critical situation.
The second speaker was Chiamaka Ukachukwu. A Nigerian-American graduate student and researcher at University of Michigan. She started by talking about her work and explaining why she marches for science.
Chiamaka referenced her mother being the main person who inspired her to be a scientist. She talked about how it feels to be an African-American scientist.
A strong advocate for diversity in science, Chiamaka talked about her passion and her role in advocating for increasing the number of minorities and women in the

sciences fields.
Yiran Emily Liu, the third speaker of the day, had interesting remarks about the history of science and its pertinent ethical issues.
“Science has done so much good for this world, but science has also done a tremendous amount of harm,” Liu said. She gave a few examples and mentioned that her intent is not to denounce science, “but to embrace the spirit of presenting truths especially those that are often concealed.”
She described science as a non-neutral endeavor that is subject to human prejudices. Similar to Chiamaka, Liu talked about diversity in science and advocated for just and ethical science

practices.
“Today I march to hold science accountable,” Liu said. Her speech seemed to provoke thought within the audience and revealed her understanding of the real, practical concerns in scientific research.
The fourth speaker was Yousif Rabhi. His energetic opening changed the thoughtful mood of the previous speech.
Rabhi talked about the current political issues, in particular his work to shut down line 5, which is a major oil pipeline going through the Great Lakes. Rabhi also spoke about the lack of scientists in politics. He closed his remarks by encouraging everyone to take action and to fight for a better future.

Editor's note:
Brittany Dekorte traveled to D.C. to participate in the April 22 march
Ala Kaymaram attended the April 22 march in Ann Arbor.



Theresa Goneril, an alumna of University of Michigan, showing off her protest sign



Chiamaka Ukachukwu, who is studying cellular, molecular, and developmental biology at the University of Michigan, speaks to the crowd in Ann Arbor



Protesters of all ages hold signs in support of the environment at the Ann Arbor March For Science



Thousands gather on the University of Michigan's campus during the rally for the March For Science in Ann Arbor.



Cordell Greenaway is a WTMU student. The Ann Arbor March for Science is his first march.



Protesters descend on the Capitol Building at the end of the rally.



Dan Ezekiel, a retired Ann Arbor public school teacher, and founding member of Recycle Ann Arbor speaks to the crowd gathered at the rally for the March For Science in Ann Arbor.



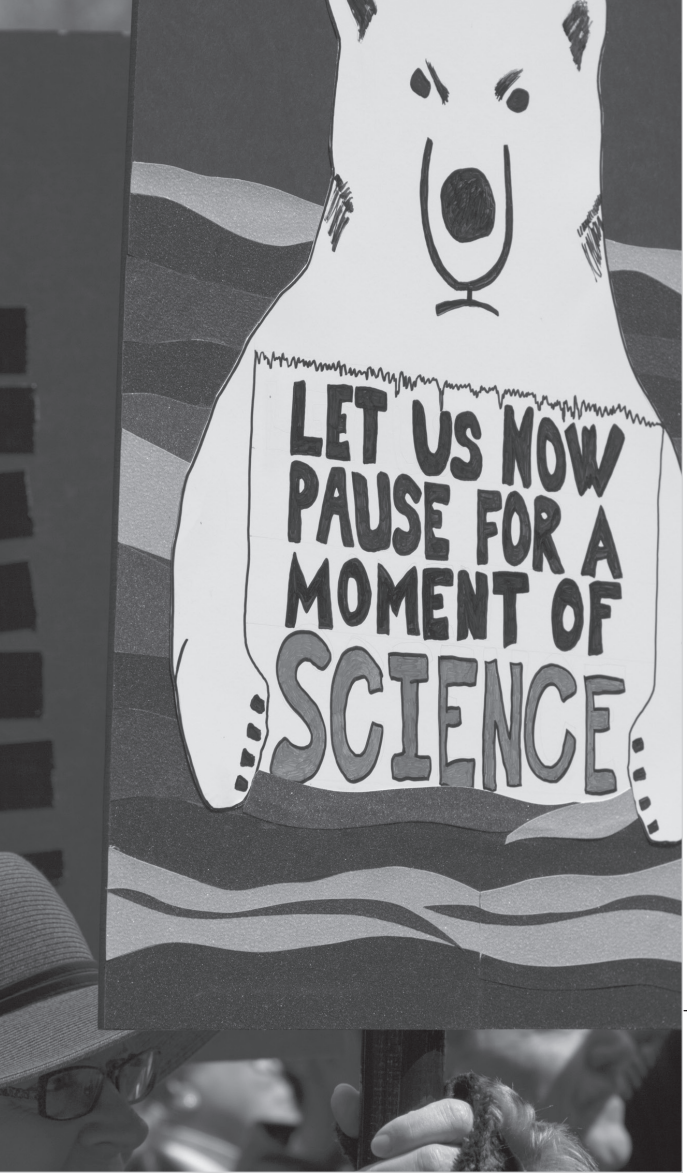
Yiran Emily Liu, an undergraduate researcher at the University of Michigan, speaks to the crowd gathered at the rally for the March For Science in Ann Arbor.



State Representative Yousif Rabhi speaks to the crowd gathered at the rally for the March For Science in Ann Arbor.



Young protesters hold signs at the rally for the March For Science in Ann Arbor



Protester uses art to convey their message and love of science.

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ONE PARTNER
BUT I STILL GET
TESTED FOR STDs

Get yourself talking. Talk to your partner. Talk to your health care provider.

WTMC was the school for me



BY CHANEL STITT
Staff Writer

The time is near for 2017 graduating seniors to finish our long journey at Washtenaw Technical Middle College. The past three years seemed to go by so fast, but day to day, it went by so slowly. We are in the home stretch and it is almost time to part ways.

When I first started attending the school, I became completely invested. Learning had become my first priority and I went the extra mile on my school work. Teachers helped us to meet new people, some being ones that we wouldn't normally talk to on a daily basis.

It was a completely different world for me. I had went from walking the short distance of two hallways in my old high school to walking an entire campus at Washtenaw Community College.

We had to spend time in each class learning the concept of "Soft Skills," which is how we should present ourselves in the real world. If credentialed, we were able to move forward to begin our college courses.

So there I was, winter semester

2015 a 16-year-old in a college course. It was quite intimidating at first and I felt like everyone else was old.

I felt like I blended in with the class until it was time for K-12 Count Day. The bold green and red release papers had to be signed by professors by a certain deadline twice a semester. Everyone would ask what it was and suddenly, my cover would be blown.

During each semester, I was able to find at least one WTMC student in every class due to previous events of meeting people. Most would stick with me for the whole semester, creating study groups and staying friends afterwards.

The most important thing that I have learned while attending WTMC is to make friends that help me study to make sure that I stayed on track. Friends that have motivated me over the years are the ones that kept my positivity high.

While attending WTMC, I was able to figure out my place in the college world early on in life, just like every other student there. It is possible that one might be

only 14-16 years-old deciding the program that you are entering to complete, either an associate degree or certificate. Many students find that they end up maturing quickly because we are given the task of deciding our futures.

If one finds that they no longer like the degree program that they are a part of, with the help of the BASE advisors, they can make a smooth transition into a new program. Assistance was always there when needed and it felt like a community. Having advisors to back us up has made it easy to be this young and in college.

Advisors have helped me get to the end, and now that I have reached it, I'm in shock. Everything is about to change as I move forward to a four-year university, fully prepared at the age of 19.

I've been through thick and thin with my friends at this school, but it was worth it. I will be graduating with my high school diploma, journalism associate and liberal arts certificate in a few weeks.

I've never come across a better opportunity than I found at WTMC.

Meditation techniques for busy students



BY DOM DAUGHERTY
Contributor

Meditation is a simple and positive way to destress for these final days of the semester and beyond.

Although it may take some time to get used to, meditation is a habit you want to form because the more consistent you are, the more beneficial the practice becomes. Research shows that meditation can help minimize stress and even boost your mood if practiced regularly.

Here are 3 methods to help you get started on your journey to mindfulness.



Minaka Okabe demonstrates sukkhasana pose, while meditating.

METHOD 1:
"CLOSED EYES, OPEN MIND"

This is by far the most simple method and can be performed anywhere. Whether you are between classes, waiting in line, studying at the library, or just at home on the couch, this method can be utilized daily.

As stated by Emerson Delacroix, an Ypsilanti resident and Yoga instructor, "Meditation is simply seeking stillness in yourself".

- Find a quiet place you won't be disturbed.
- Close your eyes and try to clear your mind of all thoughts.
- Sustain this mindful silence for at least 5 to 10 minutes.

As easy as it is to get started, it takes practice to master. You may find getting your mind to come to a standstill isn't as simple as it sounds. Still stay consistent and it will become easier.

METHOD 2:
"MANTRA MEDITATION"

This method is also easy to do, although I don't recommend doing this one in the library. It's still quite easy to perform wherever you may be. With mantra meditation, you want to find a sound or even a phrase you can repeat as a way to assist you in disconnecting from any thoughts that may arise and stay focused on your intention to clear your mind.

- Find a quiet place you won't be disturbed.
- Come up with a phrase, word, or sound you can repeat. One of the more basic sounds used in Mantra meditation is "Om" which is as effective as it is simple. It helps create strong relaxing vibrations with your vocal cords that you should be able to feel all the way in your lower abdomen.
- Maintain for 5 to 10 minutes.

METHOD 3:
"GUIDED MEDITATION"

This method of meditation is for those who do better with instructions and those who struggle to find quiet places. This is the most effort free method to begin meditation because you simply put in your headphones and listen to someone walk you through the entire meditation process.

- Find a guided meditation you like. You can find them on places like Youtube, Spotify and Google Music with a simple search.
- Find a place that you won't be disrupted.
- Follow the instructions of your chosen Guided Meditation.

"Remember that meditation is about self-care; feeling empowered, peaceful and energized. Keep searching for the style and guides that work best for you and have fun," Delacroix said.

The (Accidental) Graduate



BY BRITTANY DEKORTE
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On April 10, I got a large cardboard envelope in the mail, white with big lettering and addressed from Washtenaw Community College. Inside was a green folder, a letter of congratulations, my transcripts and a diploma for completing my 'liberal arts certification'.

My response was simply, "What?"

I mean, it's great; except that's not what I'm going to WCC for. My major is journalism and web development. Before that it was radiography. I didn't apply for graduation, either, I wasn't planning on applying for graduation for another year.

I spoke to friends around campus, including people who had been going to WCC just as long or longer than I have, and none of them had heard of this happening before. One friend told me to "Take it and run, don't ask questions!" And my partner told me it was time to, "Update my resume".

But I do have questions. For one, how did this happen exactly?

As it turns out, WCC has recently started sending out a 'Certificate of Liberal Arts Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)' to any student who completes the requirements, without needing to apply for the certification, or graduation.

Callie Blanche is one of the graduation technicians at WCC, who I inquired with when I got this certificate in the mail. Blanche explained to me that the school began rewarding the certificates to any student who completed them to make it easier for them to go on to other colleges and universities.

"We began awarding this certificate to students who have

completed it because if you choose to go on to another college or university it could be of benefit and then you would not have to come back and request it later. This however, does not mean you are graduating, just that you have completed that certificate. It does not change anything with regard to the degrees or certificates you are pursuing," Blanche told me.

But what is this piece of paper I got in the mail?

The liberal arts MTA is, according to WCC's website, a program that "allows students to design a program of study to meet individual needs, and is a good option for students who are undecided about a major, or simply want to explore various areas in the arts and social sciences." It's actually an associate degree, and the

MTA means it will let you transfer fully and easily to Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Savannah College of Art and Design, and Siena Heights University.

To receive the liberal arts MTA certification, a student must complete over 60 credit hours in various classes that fit into the categories of natural sciences, math, humanities, computer literacy, and social science.

Oops. I guess it is time to update my resume.

Pictured here, Brittany DeKorte, Deputy editor, holds her accidental accomplishment she recently received in the mail. Her resume updates will have to wait until after finals.



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Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

A: I've always wanted to be a teacher. I can't pinpoint anything specific that inspired me to know that I wanted to be a teacher. I did have a really impactful middle school English teacher and that submitted to the fact that I wanted to teach and teach something that had to do with reading and writing.

Q: Why do you think programs like WTM are important?

A: They give students choice. They allow students to move through the program at a pace that is right for them. they allow students to explore different careers and paths that I think will help them make decisions down the road.

Q: What powers you through the work day?

A: Caffeine and really supportive colleagues. I'm really lucky to work with the people that I do. We're very supportive of one another. I also think our students are awesome. I work with students that are motivated,

trying hard and respectful, so it's a pretty amazing gig.

Q: What is one thing that you want your students to take away from your course?

A: To ask questions and to not accept what somebody is telling you as fact without having asked some questions.

Q: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?

A: The Azores. That's where my mom's family is from. I've never been and she's never been. It's my dream trip at some point down the road to have enough money saved up to take her there.

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Pitch for cash

Student entrepreneurs competition heats up Towsley Auditorium

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Editor

Students braved stage fright to compete for a share of \$3500 at the second annual Pitch @ WCC event April 20. There was a gain for everyone in the Towsley Auditorium; the Entrepreneurship Center received verbal accolades from the participants, the panel of judges and the audience learned of local entrepreneurs.

“Pitch @ WCC is by far our largest event of the year,” said Kristin Gapske director of the Entrepreneurship Center at Washtenaw Community College.

The EC building is on the north end of campus, across from

Community Park.

The contestants worked with staff to build their brand, get advice and assistance from start to finish, something they mentioned on stage was crucial to their success.

The five judges who participated in the contest were:

Joe Licavoli, SPARK; April Davis, Breakout Marketing Group; Garrett Sammons, Nice Shirt Media; Rosemary Wilson, WCC business administration faculty and Kim Kachadoorian, WCC business faculty.

All contestants received typed comments from the judges on their products and presentations after the event.

During the judges’

deliberation, there was a vote for audience favorite— \$ won by Brad Vredeveld and Haiying Gan of Sunshine Recumbent.

The competition was split into three categories, Start, Build and Grow. Each represented a level of progress of the contestant.

First place winners:

Xavier Clemons of Credit Card Shavers— competed in Start, the first round of competition winner of \$450.

Khalid McDowell and Lamar Turner of AXC Apparel (American Exchange)— competed in Build, round two winner of \$600.

Alicia Myers of A’s Custom ESL Tutoring LLC— competed

in Grow, final round, winner of \$1,000.

All first place and runner up winners were awarded a giant check, reminiscent of a visit from Publishers Clearing House.

The AXC team ended with a unified, “We want this to be your brand as well as ours.”

Other contestants, like round two runner up winner Paige Jones of Cake It Up delivered strong selling points as well.

“You want a Superman cake tomorrow? I got you. A gluten-free or Sponge Bob cake? I got you on that too,” Jones said. Jones took home \$300.

Karen Diggs, a contestant who is designing and producing

her custom jewelry with cost in mind mentioned her previous experience with success from a past Pitch @ WCC event. “My first inbound lead was directly because of this Entrepeunership Center event,” Diggs said.

Myers took life experience and made a custom-designed business to secure her target market.

“I moved to Japan for college,” Myers said. She currently specializes in Japanese tutoring and translation, designing her own worksheets and recently becoming multi-platform on the web. She continues her face-to-face sessions as well as looks to expand with tutors from other language specialties.



“I am so proud of the growth of this (Pitch at WCC) event,” Dr. Kimberly Hurns, vice president of instruction said at the April 20 “Pitch @ WCC.”



Khalid McDowell and Lamar Turner of AXC Apparel (American Exchange), an online youth centric trendy fashion store competed in Build, round two winners.



Round two runner up winner Paige Jones of Cake It Up took home \$300.



Xavier Clemons of Credit Card Shavers, happily is all smiles with his big check after winning first place.



Alicia Myers of A's Custom ESL Tutoring won the first price of \$1,000.



Brad Vredeveld and Haiying Gan of Sunshine Recumbent were the audience favorite.



A group photo of participants and photography advisor in the Gala. (Back row) Denae K.Wlice, Terry Adrams (advisor), Adam Karr, Rory Jerome McDonald, Isabella Ingendahl, (Front Row) Stephanie Prechter, Eli Lindauer, Adam Saunders.



Linette Lao, owns a studio in Ypsilanti, reviews Jaosn Nyuyen's graphic design portfolio work. The Gala provided opportunities for students to be reviewed by potential clients, instructors and employers.



Johanna Kayser, graphic designer and illustrator, showing her works combining various influence such as retro design, Japanese animation, ceramic arts.

Digital Media Arts

STUDENT GALA



Isabella Ingendahl, photographer and graphic designer, shows her whole series of work inspired by multiple exposure and random color layering techniques.

The Digital Media Arts Stident Gala was held on April 25. The Gala provided opportunities for students to be reviewed by potential clients, instructors and employers.
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Ingrid Ankerson, Graphic Design Faculty, co-chair of the Digital Media Arts Department, organized the 2017 Student Gala.



Randy Van Wagnen, animation advisor, Business/ Computer Technologies, Digital Media Arts Department, celebrating the biggest graduating class he has ever taught. The class has 17 students.



Animation students and public audiences gathered in ML 128 for viewing the 3D animation movies from the graduate class instructed by Randy Van Wagnen.



Josiah Delnay, an animation student ready to transfer to EMU. He dreams of working as a toy designer, proudly showing his original design character "Empiera Faere."

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10 “__ of Green Gables”
14 Geometry calculation
15 Largest city in Africa
16 Yule song
17 Some toy dogs, for short
18 Llama habitat
19 Weekend-starting letters
20 Bygone airplane area
23 Subsided
24 Statutes
25 Electric car brand
29 Apple music players
33 Home for mil. jets
36 Line up
39 Be concerned
41 “Cut corners” or “slash prices”
42 Landlocked African republic
43 Position behind the steering wheel
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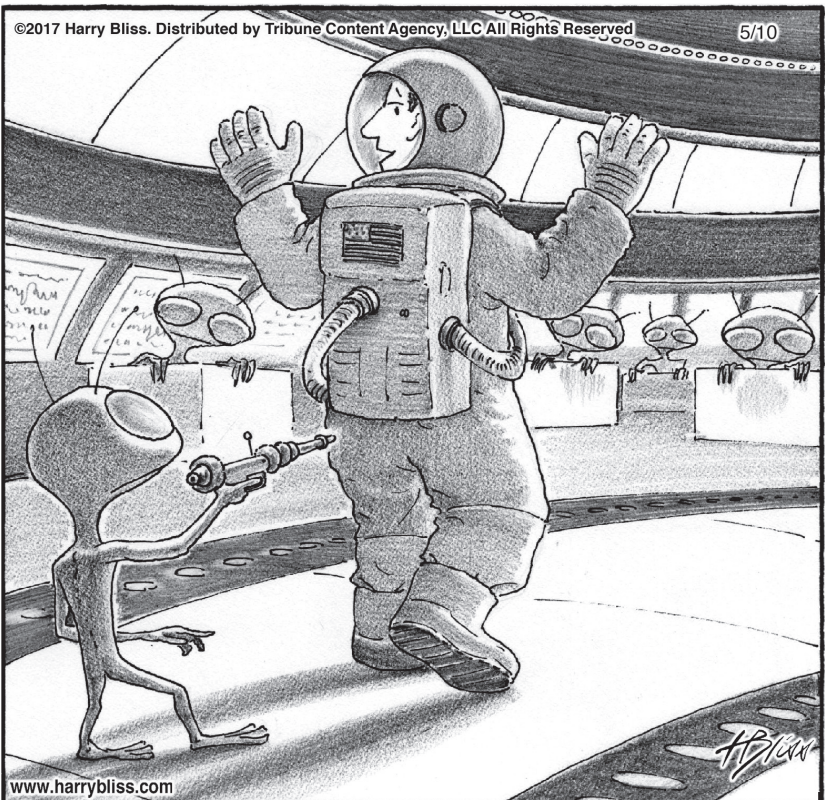
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67 Info
68 Composer Stravinsky
69 Pass, as a law
70 Wide-spouted pitcher

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2 Cinnamon roll lure
3 Notes to staff
4 Slam dunk or lay-up
5 Read electronically
6 Twinge of hunger
7 Tupperware covers
8 Staggering
9 Puccini opera
10 Designed to minimize junk email
11 Scrubbed, as a NASA mission
12 Nuremberg no
13 North Pole worker

21 “Beware the __ of March”
22 Bed size
26 Mix
27 Chaps
28 Licorice-flavored seed
30 Spoken
31 Big name in pineapples
32 Big gulp
33 Band with a voltage symbol in its logo
34 Jamie of “M*A*S*H”
35 Soft French cheese
37 Not just a talker
38 “__ idiot!”: “Doh!”
40 “Green Acres” co-star
44 Radiate
45 Word with bar or torch
49 Make cryptic
51 Back of a hit 45 record
52 Patriot Allen
54 “No need to tell me”
55 Phoenix suburb
56 Take the wheel
57 Bird’s nest component
58 Symbol of sanctity
59 Mexican “Hi!”
60 Grand-scale film
61 Experiment
62 Schuss or slalom

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“I’m just gonna reach in my pocket real slowly, get my phone and take a few selfies with you guys. Cool?”

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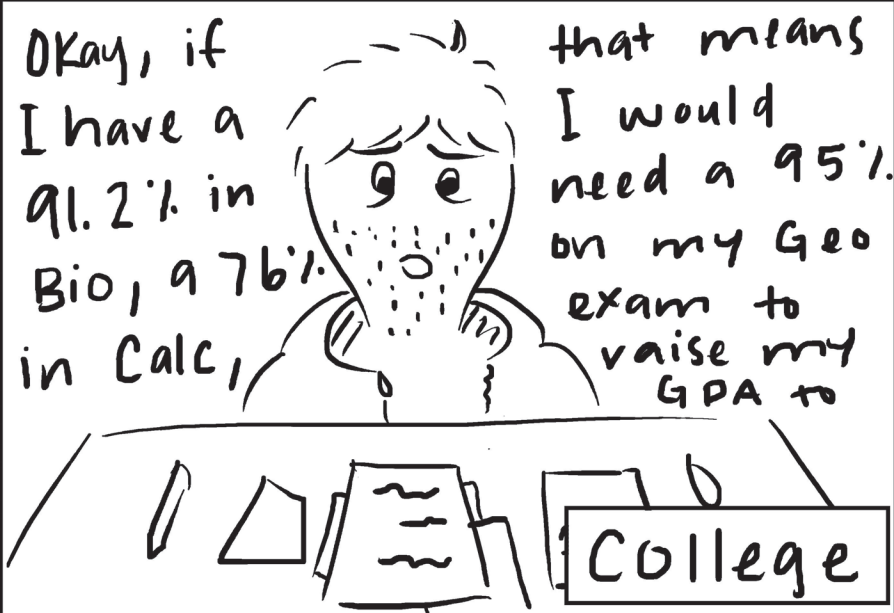
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that means I would need a 95% on my Geo exam to raise my GPA to

College

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

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.

Construction Intern

Washtenaw County, The intern will assist in estimates for new jobs and assist in expediting materials on job sites. CAD experience is a plus. This position is full time and starts at \$11/hour.

Computer Systems Technician

Ypsilanti, MI Under the supervision of the Technology Manager, the Computer Systems Technician performs routine tasks to support the technology needs of staff and patrons at all Ypsilanti Library facilities. Will work with PCs, tablets, printers, library automation, wi-fi, RFID, self-check, copier/faxes, A/V equipment, UPS systems, payment solutions, telephones and server room/data closet management.

Operations Intern

Redford, MI Assist in updating vehicle fleet records. Sourcing mechanical repairs and new vehicle purchases. Support the sub-contractor hiring process. Coordinate tool and vehicle delivery to locations across the country. Updating customer portals to ensure accurate information. Create key performance reports for management. Support the Operations group. 24-30 hours/week. \$12 per hour.

HVAC/Maintenance Technician

Ann Arbor, MI The technician will complete all maintenance service requests. Work with a variety of hand and power tools, in a safe and responsible manner. Complete make-ready process of vacant apartments as directed by the Team Leader. Assist in monitoring all work being performed by outside contractors. Responsible for 24-hour emergency maintenance service. Monitor and maintain all building systems. Responsible for alerting the Team Leader of any unusual occurrence, potential safety hazard, and/or damage. Assure safety standards are used which comply with

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Bookkeeper

Ann Arbor, MI- The ideal candidate is a self-motivated, quick learner suited for our fast paced construction business environment. Book-

keeper Responsibilities: Accounts Payable. Match purchase orders with invoices. Vendor relations, lien waiver generation and collection. Accounts Receivable. Project set-up & budget entry. Filing.. Prefer experience working in accounts payable and receivable, general ledger. Strong knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles. Organized, detail focused & task oriented. Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Excel and internet/computer applications.

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Ann Arbor, MI- The schedule requires working a variety of evening (until 9pm) and morning shifts (beginning 6am), 40 hours a week with either Saturday or Sunday availability, and flexibility to work with other Baristas schedules to accommodate full Café coverage. We are seeking a dynamic and outgoing individual who is looking to settle down at one coffee house and make it their career. Full time position.

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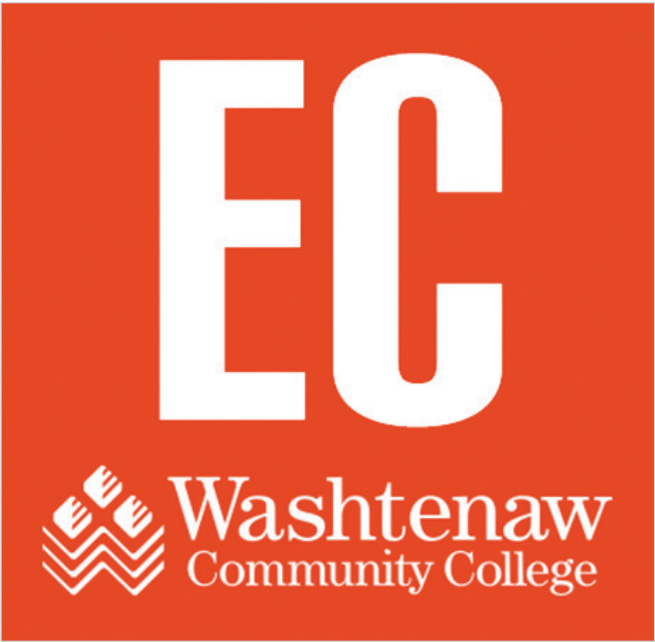
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GRADUATE

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“I have flown with a female pilot exactly once,” Kikkert said. While flying in the Middle East, it was difficult for Kikkert to direct a crew to pack the plane to her specs when they refused to take order from a woman. “I was Chris the pilot, and I knew there was only one way to balance that plane.”

Kikkert grounded herself after the birth of her son Connor. “I was still Chris—but now what?”

Connor was born with Trachea Malaysia, a congenital heart defect. Kikkert and her son spent months at the hospital in Grand Rapids. Long walks in the evening brought them inside the halls of Kendall College of Art and Design, where Kikkert found herself admiring the aesthetic and how pleasant the halls made her feel at such a chaotic time in her life.

This was something she wanted to do for others, help them have an enjoyable environment to be in.

“I remember my mom saying, ‘Chris, no matter where you live you always make it look nice,’ whether that was a small apartment, a five bedroom house in the Pocanos, or rearranging furniture in the hotel room,” Kikkert said.

Near the hospital and hotel where Kikkert and her son were staying after he was born, Kendall College became a place of refuge for the pair, “The college is only two blocks from the hospital,” Kirrert said. Kikkert

and her son relocated to Ann Arbor, where he was being treated at the University of Michigan.

After being inside Kendall college and comparing the warmth of that space with the starkness in the Ann Arbor hospital PTCU waiting room, Kikkert desired to attend Kendall and inquired as to what it would take to finish a design degree.

The tenth-floor room she waited in while Connor was in surgery became a project of design, one she used as her observation assignment for applying to Kendall. Kikkert wanted to redesign a more welcoming version of the space, meant to comfort patients’ families.

“This is where the nurse practitioner comes up to tell you your son is on bypass, where the doctor comes up to say, ‘I’m sorry,’ this is a momentous place,” Kikkert said.

“I called Kendall to see what classes I would need and was told I needed studio art classes; but not to worry; ‘You have a gem in your backyard, Washtenaw Community College’s Studio Art department is second to none’ the admissions contact told me,” said Kikkert.

It was because of the esteem of the program that brought Kikkert through the doors of WCC. The relative location to Connor’s Michigan Medicine healthcare providers sealed the deal.

“Connor comes first,” Kikkert said. She decided to research what opportunities were available to allow her a second chance at finishing her degree while keeping them

close to the people she trusted most with his care.

As she spoke of the anniversary of briefly losing her son and a month they spent in the ICU after, a time she has coined, “The May Fiasco,” Kikkert reflected on the nurses and care team her son has in Ann Arbor.

“The people I have met have been life changing. I don’t know how those nurses do it but we are so, so thankful,” Kikkert said.

Moving forward with a dedicated care team and opportunity for education, Kikkert enrolled herself and Connor at WCC. “I was trying to figure out how to do school with him, daycare was \$46 per day.”

“I was very proud to bring my dad on a walking tour of campus after the Phi Theta Kappa ceremony,” Kikkert said, “I took him by the children’s center where Connor goes.”

The WCC children’s center was critical in allowing Kikkert to attend classes with no family close by and babysitters who come and go. She found a place that could teach and care for Connor that was close enough Kikkert felt secure spending her time on campus.

“You can’t buy a better education for Connor,” Kikkert said.

As a bonus, she was able to purchase study time, when Connor is at the children’s center, Kikkert works on her studies on campus.

Kikkert will be around campus until her EMU adventure begins this fall.

“One of the best parts here is the validation for your hard work, you have to earn your grades, they are not handed to you, and that feels great,” Kikkert said.

FOUNDATION

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we have in the fund and then we will continue to open it up wider and wider,” said Snyder.

As part of their goal to do just that the Foundation just launched its #GiveStrong2017 campaign which has the goal of expanding the Student Emergency Fund because Snyder has observed this as a growing need among students at WCC.

“This is an emerging problem for our students,” said Snyder. “We are trying to understand that and as we are doing that we are trying to raise more money

and the board themselves have already expressed their desire to grow an endowment so we can take care of it long term.”

The foundation communicates with the faculty, staff, counseling and student center which has helped the foundation learn about students’ needs’ for basic necessities while they attend school at WCC.

“We are actively seeking to understand our student population,” said Snyder. “It’s very difficult because most of the time to find out about a student’s food

insecurity or their transportation needs or utility problems you have to self select.” He continues, “A day doesn’t go by that I don’t hear about another student who is deep into their utility bill and now it’s going to get shut off so they have to get out of school and get another job. We’ll pay that.”

In addition to the Student Emergency Fund, the foundation also provides scholarships to students who are preparing to enroll at WCC as well as grants to faculty members for classroom projects and field trips.

SECURITY NOTES

Sexual Assault: On May 12, a security alert was sent out following the sexual assault of a man in the men’s locker room in the Health and Fitness Center. The suspect is a white male. **Sex Offending:** On May 11, there was an incident of non consensual fondling that took place at the Health and Fitness Center. The police were called, and the WCSO was informed.

Lewd Behavior: On May 8, the WCSO took a report on an incident of lewd behavior. The incident took place at the Health and Fitness Center.

Property Damage: On May 8, there was an incident of property damage in Lot 6. A person fled the scene of the damage. The incident was reported to WCSO the following day.

BRIEFS

SPRING/SUMMER CLUB REGISTRATION

The Office of Student Organizations will begin taking registration and reregistration forms for new and existing clubs starting April 17. The deadline for register and reregister is June 4. To start a club at WCC, one must find four students interested in the potential club, and a faculty member to advise the club. The form can be found on Campus Connect, at <https://orgsync.com/108998/forms/140693>

FREE ICE CREAM SUNDAES

Celebrate the coming of warm weather with a cool treat. Student Activities is putting on a free ice cream social on Wednesday, May 24 from noon to 1 p.m. This event will be held on the first floor of the student center.

SUMMER DAY-TRIPS

Tickets are on sale for summer day trips to Cedar Point and Mackinac Island, being put on by the office of Student Activities. The Cedar Point trip will take place on Thursday, June 15 and the \$40 ticket pays for travel by coach bus, park admission and a non-alcoholic drink pass. The Mackinac trip will take place on Thursday, June 29 and the \$50 ticket pays for travel by coach bus, ferry ride, and lunch at Mama Mia’s Pizzeria. Limit two tickets per buyer, tickets can be bought at the Cashier’s office on the second floor of the SC. Tickets will be on sale soon for a trip to a Tigers game in July.

FOOD TRUCK

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Some vendors provide vegetarian and vegan options alongside more classic fares, while others still, provide vegan-only options.

“We want to show as many people [as possible] that you can eat your veggies without compromising on taste,” said Eric Schultz, Nosh Pit Detroit vendor.

Some vendors have been participating in the Food Truck Rally since day one, like The Pita Post. Others, like Hero or Villain, are joining for the very first time. Veteran or newbie,

every food truck was a hit according to customers.

“It was all really, really good,” said Veronica Ellis, area resident. Ellis sampled food from three vendors: Delectabowl, Crepe Day-Twah, and Marconi’s Pizza. The opening day of the season was her first food truck event at the Farmers Market.

“It was a lot of fun,” Ellis said. “It’s cool. There’s lots of people here. The music was cool. It was a good time.”

Facebook is to thank for many of the younger attendees, a group

of University of Michigan students mentioned they realized the rally was kicking off again after seeing friends post about it on the social network.

Two in their particular group had known of the event prior to attending.

“I’ve been to one or two before,” said Nick Vrahoretis. Vrahoretis had tried the fare from Matt & Mo’s, while his friends had explored food from each vendor attending the rally. They will all be returning next month when the rally is held on June 7.



The Pita Post, who has participated in the food truck rally for 3 years, serves up the crowd favorites; Chicken Schnitzel and Falafel.



Ann Arbor’s Farmer’s Market, located at 315 Detroit St. in the heart of Kerrytown hosts the monthly food truck rally, bringing in crowds to enjoy the food.



A sign for Drifter Caboose coffee, the sole beverage-only vendor participating in the food truck rally this year.



Cosa Sabrosa, Spanish for “Tasty Thing”, is an Ann Arbor based food truck, easily found on facebook and at the Farmer’s Market each month.