

**Shimmy Shack, owned by Debra Levan Trosser is rated in the Top 5 vegetarian food trucks in the country, according to PETA.**



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.



# Intersection danger near campus



BY JENELLE FRANKLIN  
*Editor*

Data is collected on traffic accidents and injuries across the state of Michigan. The information is organized in descending order by the number of crashes and injuries at each location.

Washtenaw County was reported to have two intersections included in the Michigan State Police top 50 most dangerous intersections list, Washtenaw Avenue and Hogback Road and the roundabout at State Street and Ellsworth Road.

With 7,631 students racing to

class this summer to take 26,531 credit hours at Washtenaw Community College, driver’s safety is critical.

“Was that you that I saw driving out there?” Allison Fournier, communications instructor said. A student’s hesitant nod was followed by Fournier saying, “You need to slow down.”

Todd Berg, attorney at

Michigan Auto Law, a company who publishes the list of intersections with advice for drivers has the following tips for safely navigating dangerous intersections:

“Second, if you’re injured in a Michigan car accident (while driving your own, insured vehicle), then your No-Fault auto insurance company will pay for your accident-related medical



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Todd Berg, attorney at Michigan

expenses and any wages you lost because your injuries disabled you from working.”

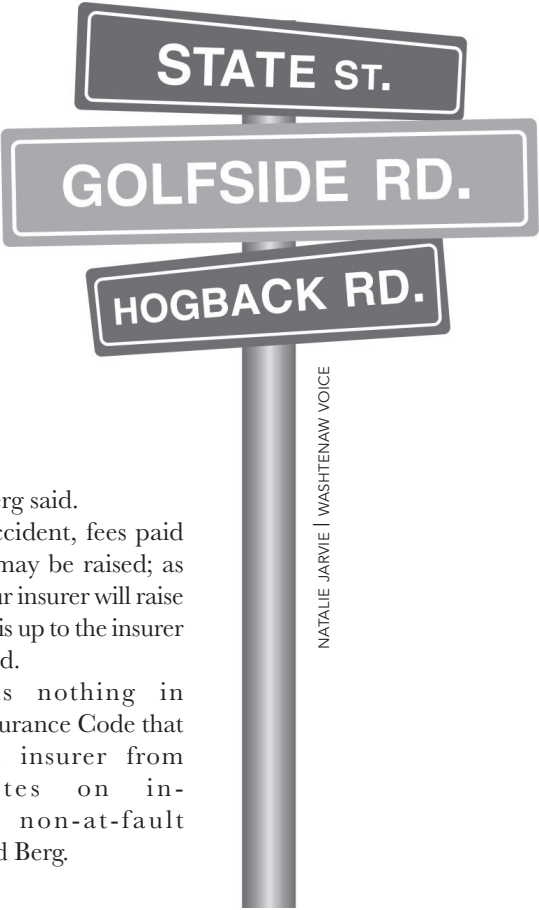
Covering costs for damage to vehicle or person are dealt with separately.

“If your vehicle is damaged, then you will likely rely on your collision coverage to pay for damage-repair costs. Additionally, you may be able to recover up to \$1,000 maximum from the at-fault driver under Michigan’s

Mini Tort,” Berg said.

After an accident, fees paid for insurance may be raised; as for whether your insurer will raise your rates, that is up to the insurer Berg mentioned.

“There is nothing in Michigan’s Insurance Code that prohibits an insurer from raising rates on insured for non-at-fault accidents,” said Berg.



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# Caught between a rock and a hard place



BY IVAN FLORES  
*Staff Writer*

My 2 year-old nephew is given choices: do you want to wash your hands in the kitchen, or the bathroom? Do you want to take a shower, or a bath? Carrots or broccoli? It works well as a parenting technique. But sometimes parents give children an impossible dichotomy: mommy, or daddy?

In recent years, a concept called Parental Alienation Syndrome, has sprung up in custody battles. Proponents argue sometimes a parent may be turning a child against the other parent for arbitrary reasons.

By denying a former partner access to his or her child, or manipulating the emotions of the child, the other partner thus becomes “alienated.” The manipulation is said to take different forms, such as constant degradation of the other partner; ignoring visitation rights, or flatly asking a child to choose between one of the two parents.

According to Live Law, the Supreme Court has recognized parental alienation. However, the American Psychiatric Association has rejected PAS from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental disorders.

Dr. Daniel Saunders is a professor of social work at the University of Michigan who wrote about parental alienation in the Michigan Family Law Journal. He makes a distinction between the phenomenon of a child becoming estranged from a parent, which could happen for any number of reasons, and parental alienation, which is presented as a behavior or condition originating within the alienating parent.



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According to Saunders, while parental alienation is holding water in court, many professionals in social work are skeptical of its existence. For example, the “symptoms” could just be manifestations of other underlying conditions like borderline personality disorder, narcissism, or bipolar disorder. And while a child may become estranged from a parent during separation, it’s impossible to quantify

the effect of alienating behavior on a child’s emotions towards the other parent.

Correlation does not imply causation.

There could be underlying emotional, physical, or sexual abuse that goes undetected. There could just be quirky and innocent but wrong perceptions that lead a child to stray from one parent.

This leaves some people in a very awkward situation.

Undoubtedly, there are parents who are losing access to their children unfairly because their former partners have big egos. But it is also possible that the parents claiming parental alienation are themselves the alienating parent, or worse.

But the biggest losers are the children.

I was nine years old when my parents separated. I thought I had it figured out; mom was

good, dad was bad, and that was all there was to it. When my mother asked me to choose, the choice was obvious.

It was only in retrospect that I saw how unfair that decision was, and the true nature of the dilemma. Children can’t be the moral judges of their parent’s relationships, and the adults in the court system often don’t know better either. While my mother certainly had a hand in estranging

me from my father, had he taken her to court on the grounds of parental alienation and won, the separation would have been traumatic.

There is no painless resolution to domestic disputes. The well meaning efforts of advocates of estranged parents and children are often fruitless because the wounds caused by the destruction of a family can only be healed with time.

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15 Modernists, informally

16 Part of NYSE: Abbr.

17 \*Handyman's forte

19 Rich person's suffix

20 \_\_ about: circa

21 Sty calls

22 \*Sports industry mogul

24 Kitchen invader

25 Youthful bar patrons are usually asked for them

26 Cows' milk glands

29 Whence chocolate

32 Has lunch, say

35 Organ knob

36 Gray hue

37 \*Frolic unrestrained

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46 For the most part

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QUALITY CONTROL LAB OPERATIONS

Riverview, MI Help in maintaining the operation of the QC lab. Maintain the QC inventory system (logging in samples, ordering new materials, disposing of expired re-

agents, annual inspection). Package reference standards and preparing appropriate paperwork. Testing of DI water and QC water (monthly) and writing summary reports. Calibrating the balances daily. Performance checks on the pH meters. Environmental monitoring of temperature/humidity in QC stability chambers, QC fridges, QC freezers and preparation of monthly reports. Testing of TOC samples. Inspection of stability samples. Preparation of test solutions, mobile phases and discarding expired solutions. Weekly testing of incoming nitrogen. Replacing/maintaining gas cylinders.

SHOW CAR AUTO BODY & PAINT TECHNICIAN

Livonia, MI Project scope ranges from one-off customer vehicles

to niche volume specialty vehicle programs. Responsibilities include surfacing prototype automotive components and vehicles. You will also be working with a variety of materials to meet customer needs. Paying close attention to details and procedures to maintain high quality standards for painted parts. Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Must have own tools. Must have strong attention to detail. Must be available to work overtime/weekends. Must be a self-starter and self-motivated. Must have good organizational skills.

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Ann Arbor, MI Interns will gain hands-on, real-world experience and they have fun doing it! As an Information Technology Intern you

will work closely with our Helpdesk Team to analyze and improve upon current helpdesk support process and procedures. You'll also gain real-world experience troubleshooting technology questions from team members. What you'll need for this role: Working toward a degree in IT, Information Sciences or Computer Science related degree. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Strong attention to detail and organizational skills. -Self-motivated with an innovative mindset. The ability to handle multiple projects and multi task appropriately

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Ann Arbor, MI Do you have a love

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# SOQ's changes

BY AMANDA THOMPSON  
*Contributor*

Washtenaw Community College recently made changes in the student opinion questionnaires(SOQs),but does the student body feel they were effective?

Every semester SOQs are handed out during a two-week period at the instructor's convenience in hopes to obtain students' opinions on courses and the instructor. This is done for both online and on-campus students in hopes to improve the overall curriculum.

There has been a 68 percent increase in online SOQs being completed since implementing

new software last semester, according to the executive director for online learning, Peter Baccile,

“This past semester was also the first semester I was involved in the SOQs, and historically we were getting only 16 percent of the online population’s feedback through them,” said Baccile. “We’re now up to 84 percent.”

A few seemingly common concerns among students is that they’re not sure they’re being heard on an individual basis, or that the surveys aren’t being handed out at the best time.

“I didn’t feel like I knew my professor at the time, so maybe offer them a little later,” said Olive Cianciolo, a 3D Animation major.

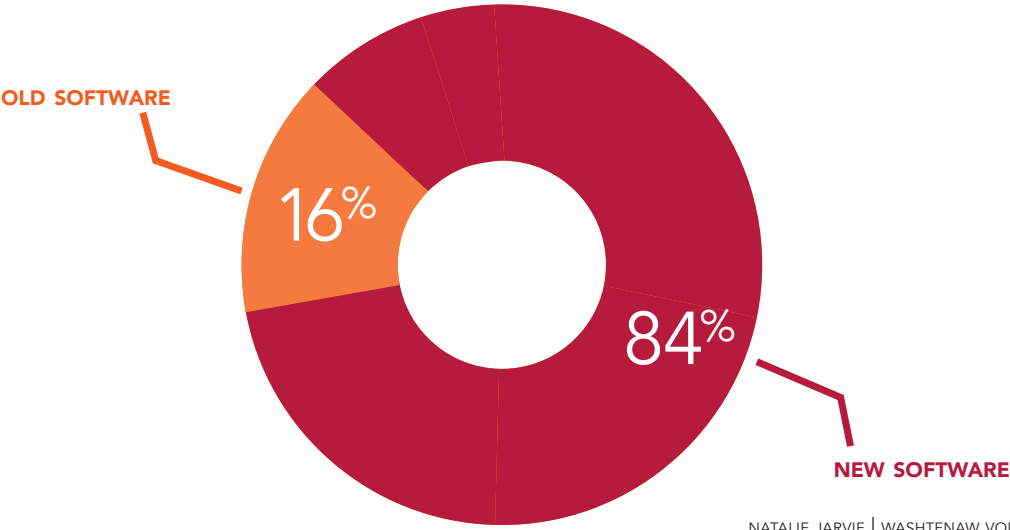
Mr. Baccile would like the students to know that staff are here as a support mechanism, and are working hard to make sure the students’ needs are met.

“I feel like we should have gotten comment back because it may not be paid attention to,” said Abigail Zimmer, a Biology major.

According to Mr. Baccile, this was a pilot and the college is now analyzing how the administration of the SOQs for online courses were received and are developing the standard for fall 2017.

“The whole idea of SOQs is about ongoing improvements,” said Baccile.

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## HEARING

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“I myself have not seen any problems on this campus that I believe warrant bringing guns on campus and I believe for every time there might be a benefit of having someone with a gun on campus and it saving us from something horrible, there could be 10 events where people are more frightened and more afraid,” Garcia said.

Joyce Nelson, director of public service training at WCC, approached the board as a parent and former police officer, not a WCC employee.

“Today I would like to address you as a mom of two boys starting here in the fall, and as a 19-year law enforcement officer,” Nelson said.

“I was shocked to find out that we (the campus) are not armed here,” Nelson said. “Schoolcraft, armed; Mott, armed; Oakland, armed. As a mom of two boys who are going to come here I think about ‘What if.’”

“What if something happens and we do not have the ability to respond quickly or efficiently? I mean we as in this college family,” Nelson said.

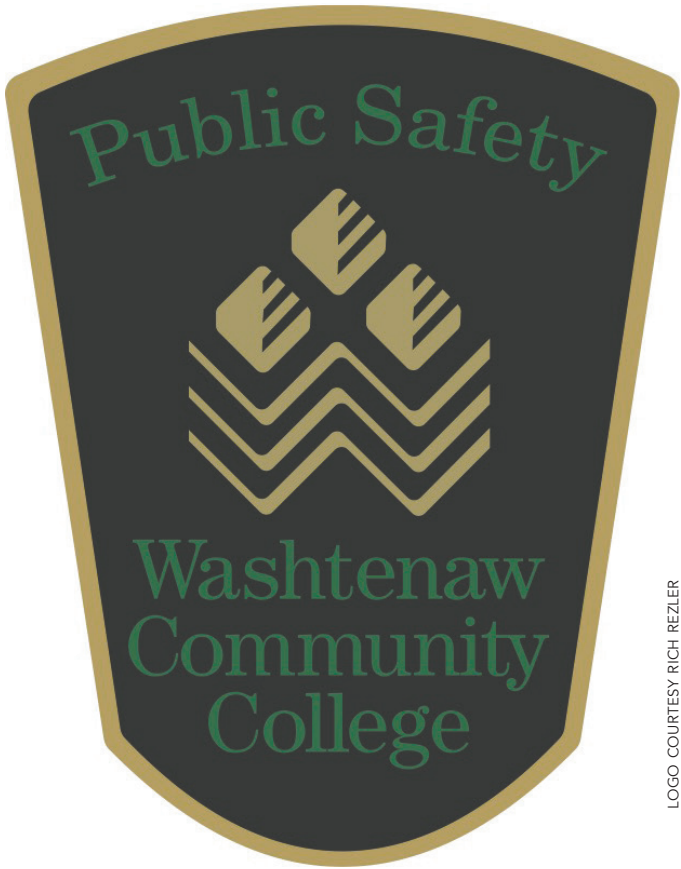
Nelson has experience that has shown her there are always obstacles, even when you try your hardest to get to a location in crisis. “I have been the responding officer that has gotten there too late,” Nelson said. She mentioned that traffic, manpower issues and other unforeseen challenges are a cost of calling officers to campus.

Campus Resource Officers with proper training, proper support and a proper vetting process are what Nelson recommends.

Joe Chapman, president of the political science club spoke of their view of CROs on campus. “As a club, we feel it is unnecessary to have a police force on campus because of the low crime rates on campus and our biggest problem with this whole proposal is that we feel that you as a board have not done enough outreach to us as students recently,” Chapman said. “I do like that it will be a college sanctioned police force and the college will be in charge of prosecuting students.”

Sophia DeVries, a WCC student since 2008 shared her opinion against the armed officers on campus.

“I would like to say that I strongly oppose the police



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force,” DeVries said. “I don’t see any problems with the current security. I take night classes and have never felt unsafe. I feel a police force would make my fellow students feel more insecure. I am afraid that students with criminal records would be targeted and I am also worried that minority students would be unfairly targeted.”

Mark Engstrom, Lieutenant, Schoolcraft College Police Department spoke in support of a police force. He discussed the fact that every second in the minutes after an incident starts matter most, something campus officers can be quicker to handle.

“I am here to offer support of this proposal,” said Bob Heighes, Chief of Police at Eastern Michigan University.

Heighes believes that there is an important factor with being a self-policed campus, “You have total control. The real key to this whole crux is the people that you select and put in place,” Heighes said.

Liz Orbitz, dean of student support services at WCC read a letter written and signed by WCC counselors in support of the current CRO initiative.

“We the licensed professional counselors on campus agree that hiring CROs would be in the best interest of WCC at this time,” Orbitz said. “We do know that a combination of mental health services and physical security safety services are needed.”

Jim Stephenson, campus safety director at Concordia

University Ann Arbor and retired Ann Arbor police officer helped Concordia transition into a private police force. The campus has both armed and unarmed officers.

“Armed individuals are retired police officers, with a great deal of experience,” Stephenson said.

He estimated the distance between Concordia’s campus and WCC at around one mile “as the crow flies.” “We also recognize that the response time from the Ann Arbor police department would considerably be five to seven minutes in a stressful or life threatening situation,” Stephenson said. “With armed personnel on our campus we can respond to any threat in less than two minutes.” Concordia’s experienced officers tutor and train the less experienced officers on a daily basis, something he calls a “win-win.”

Judy Bonnell-Wenzel, a local resident, returned to speak on the subject and offered her insight that a good counseling center is more important than armed officers.

“I believe that we could shore-up our counseling center, since we have, not that I know of, increased the number of counseling people,” Bonnell-Wenzel said. “I really believe that people need someone to talk to if they are disturbed.”

The next chance to participate in a public hearing about CROs will be May 23, 5 p.m. in ML 150.



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# WCC Students bring home four awards

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE  
*Deputy Editor*

The 2017 College/University Student Production Awards of Michigan were announced on April 29. Of the 11 projects entered into various categories by WCC's video production students, four of them won first place in their respective categories. The students attended an awards ceremony and took home trophies.

*Dan Haushalter won first place for Commercials with his piece "FabFood"*

**Q:** So what was your project about?  
**A:** The project was a commercial for Fabulous Food, a company that caters all of the food on campus. It was a 30 second short commercial.  
**Q:** How does winning the award feel?  
**A:** I was kind of surprised. It really made me felt like I accomplished something before I graduated.  
**Q:** What are your future plans/projects?  
**A:** I just finished a lot of projects, three for the entrepreneurship center. I have a few music videos that I'm working on now. I just finished school, and maybe I'll take a few more classes in the future but that'll be a bit off. I'm looking forward to a break over the summer.

*Johannes Pard won first place for Short Form Nonfiction with his piece, "Benton Harbor"*

**Q:** So what was your project about?  
**A:** Bob Weber, or Robert, and his time in Benton Harbor during the riots in 2003. He

lived there at the time, and the riots were race riots. No one really knows about these riots, and he was a white man living in the city. He dressed in dark clothing and went out at night, trying to see and understand what was going on in his neighborhood.

**Q:** How does winning the award feel?  
**A:** It really just solidifies that I'm on the right track. It justifies it. I really didn't expect the audience to like it, but they really must have. It was inspiring. I really want to thank the WCC video production program, I feel like the accelerated learning they do, where from your first class you have equipment in your hands and you get to actually film, it's great, I owe it a lot.  
**Q:** What are your future plans/projects?  
**A:** I'm thinking about going to Benton Harbor to see if I can find more stories. Work on a sequel, to explore the evolution of that city. I just finished my video production certification, I'm going to stay at WCC to get my associates, then take a break from school to do personal projects. I have a lot of video that I've taken that I just haven't gotten to edit and work with right now.

*Helica Durren won first place for Arts Entertainment/Cultural Affairs with his piece, "Seven Mile Music"*

**Q:** So what was your project about?  
**A:** I have a friend with a boyfriend who is a music student at U of M. He heard that the city of Detroit cut all its funding for their art and music programs. He decided to bring a bunch of other people in the music

program at U of M to the city to give students free private lessons, and I documented that and told that story.

**Q:** How does winning the award feel?  
**A:** I had been stressing about all my projects, but right before I got the news I was hired into the job of my dreams, so it feels really good that I can go tell my new employer that I won this.  
**Q:** What are your future plans/projects?  
**A:** A professor at WCC got me the internship at Nice Shirts, which has turned into a dream job, right here in Ann Arbor. With that job we're going to be helping rebrand sports teams and videos. I really enjoy working on opening title sequences, making them aesthetically pleasing, and I am going to start learning CGI to help do that.

*Basil Sharp won first place for Short Form Fiction for his piece "Down"*

**Q:** So what was your project about?  
**A:** My project was a short film about a guy whose best friend is a balloon, and they go on adventures, but then the balloon dies and he has to move on from it. I came up with the idea in class right after we were told about the Student Emmy project, it started as just the story of the balloon and gradually turned into the balloon and his friend.  
**Q:** How does winning the award feel?  
**A:** Honored, I'm really super happy about it, it really validates everything I've been doing and is the ultimate recognition of my work so far.  
**Q:** What are your future plans/projects?

**A:** I have ideas, nothing in production right now, I'm more working on writing the

ideas down. I have two more semesters here for the video production program, then I'd

like to go to Wayne State or Madonna after that to finish my BA.



(From Left) Dan Haushalter, Matt Wilken, Johannes Pardi, Brian Puninske, and Basil Sharp pose together after the Student Emmy Awards. Haushalter, Pardi, and Sharp won first place awards in their categories, while Wilken and Puninske had projects nominated. Helica Duron was unable to make the ceremony.



A still from Helica Duron's short film, "7 Mile Music", showing Kasey Brunson tutoring his student, Kavoy.

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# SUMMER FUN SPECIAL SECTION

Summer is a time for lighter class loads, longer and warmer days, and tons of chances to get out and try new things. As author Charles Bowden once put it, “Summertime is always the best of what might be.” What follows here is a compilation of things to do for the next few months, many of which are in Washtenaw Community College’s backyard. From music and art festivals, to fundraisers for marginalized

groups and animals, and all sorts of exhibitions in between. Keep an eye out for the stars in the calendar for the Editors’ Top Picks! The Washtenaw Voice hopes that the students of WCC can find plenty of time for relaxation this summer, recoup for the fall semester, and maybe cross a few things off their bucket lists. Stay safe and have fun!





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FOOD TRUCK RALLY

A monthly showcase of food trucks offering made-from-scratch foods, as well as live music and free face painting.  
*Ann Arbor Farmers Market | 315 Detroit St, Ann Arbor*  
**First Weds. of Every Month | 5:00-8:00 p.m.**



YOGA FOR EVERY BODY

A yoga space that honors collective well being. Body positive, gender inclusive, yoga put on by mental health care professionals.  
*Saniyah Center | 2488 Golfside Drive, Ypsilanti*  
**Every Weekend | Saturday, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday, 1:00 p.m. | Free, donations appreciated**



WALK, WAG AND RUN

The area's biggest dog-friendly event, featuring games, a 5K run and a one mile walk. Proceeds the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of local homeless animals.  
*Rolling Hills Park | 7660 Stony Creek Rd*  
**May 20, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | \$30 registration fee**



MOTOR CITY COMIC CON 2017

A gathering of multi-media exhibits, art, comic books, geek and pop culture. Discussions, merchandise tables, and celebrity guests including actors from The Walking Dead and Guardians of The Galaxy.  
*The Suburban Collection Showplace | 461000 Grand River Ave, Novi*  
**May 19-21 | Friday, 12:30-7:00 p.m. | Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. | Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | \$75 Full Weekend Pass**



COLORING WITH CATS

Destress with two things everyone loves: Coloring and cats! Proceeds go to helping shelter cats. Preregistration required on the Humane Society of Huron Valley's website, cost of entry supplies coloring sheets/utensils, popcorn and soft drinks. This event is ages 12 and up.  
*The Tiny Lions Adoption Center and Cat Cafe | 5245 Jackson Rd, Suite A1, Ann Arbor*  
**May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | \$10**



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WASHTENAW COUNTY OCED LEGISLATIVE FORUM

A live talk from local politicians, including Rep. Ronnie Peterson, Rep. Donna Lasinski, Rep. Yousef Rabhi, Rep. Adam Zemke and Senator Rebekah Warren. The panel will discuss issues impacting both our local community and the nation at large, such as human services, economic development, racial equity and affordable housing.  
*EMU Student Center Auditorium*  
**May 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Free**



JIM TOY LGBTQ+ BOARD GAME FUNDRAISER ★

A team up between the Jim Toy Community Center, The Vault of Midnight, and Literari Coffee. Open play of games from Vault of Midnight, refreshments supplied by Literari Coffee, and a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses. Proceeds go to the Jim Toy Community Center.  
*Literari Coffee | 204 S 4th Ave, Ann Arbor*  
**May 26, 6:00-9:00 p.m. | \$10**



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COSMOGONIC TATTOOS: EXHIBITION AND WINDOW INSTALLATION

Part of a celebration of their bicentennial, UofM and the Kelsey Museum of Archeology are bringing in artist Jim Cogswell to instill vinyl images on windows within the building. An accompanying exhibit will be shown inside the museum from early June to early September.  
*Kelsey Museum of Archaeology | 434 South State Street, Ann Arbor*  
**June 2-Sept. 10, 2017 | Free, donation appreciated**



LIVONIA SPREE

Hosting the birthday celebrations of the city of Livonia, the spree offers food, live music, family carnival, and a firework extravaganza its final night.  
*Henry Ford Field | 33841 Lyndon St, Livonia*  
**June 20-25 | Free entry, attractions vary**



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AFRICAN AMERICAN DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL

Enjoy performances, art, small businesses, health information and activities in the streets of Ann Arbor celebrating African American culture.  
*E. Ann and Main St, Ann Arbor*  
**June 3, 9:00 a.m.-8 p.m. | Free**



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THE COLOR RUN 5K YPSILANTI

Help support local charities while running through paint and foam. Giant inflatable unicorns have been added to this year's run. Tickets available on thecolorrun.com. Cost of registration gives a tee shirt, headband, finisher's medallion and color packet.  
*Riverfront Park | 5 E. Cross St, Ypsilanti*  
**June 24, 8:00 a.m. | \$45 for individual runner**



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ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

A collection of 150+ events over the course of 4 weeks celebrating arts and entertainment.  
5 locations throughout:  
*Power Center | 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor*  
*Top of the Park | 915 E. Washington St, Ann Arbor*  
*Hill Auditorium | 825 N. University Ave, Ann Arbor*  
*O&W Acoustic Stage | Top of the Park, Ann Arbor*  
*Rackham Stage | Top of the Park, Ann Arbor*  
**June 9-July 3 | Top of the Park Free entry, others vary**



3RD ANNUAL WEST MICHIGAN WINE AND JAZZ FESTIVAL ★

Featuring happy-hour wine tasting, a Sunday Jazz brunch, and pre- 4th of July fireworks.  
*The Book Nook & Java Shop | 8744 Ferry St, Montague*  
**June 29-July 4 | \$15 day passes, \$60 for whole festival**



LIBERTY FEST

Enjoy carnival rides, games, food, and live performances with a finale firework show celebrating Canton's 26th anniversary.  
*Heritage Park | Canton*  
**June 15-17 | Thursday and Friday, 1:00-11:00 p.m. | Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. | Free entry, others vary**



ANNUAL SALUTE TO AMERICA

Picnics, games, and family fun, rounded off with a joint show between the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the United States Army Fields band set to fireworks and cannon fire.  
*Greenfield Village*  
**June 30-July 3, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. | \$25 for 12 and up, \$16 for under 12, under 2 is free**



# JULY



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## MICHIGAN ELVISFEST

People come from all over the country to see performances by several professional Elvis tributers. Also includes activities for kids.

*Depot Town, Ypsilanti*

**July 7-8 | Visit [mielvisfest.com](http://mielvisfest.com) for ticket prices**



## ROLLING SCULPTURE CAR SHOW ★

A variation of 300 classic, antique and exotic cars will be available to see in the streets of Ann Arbor hosted for the 23rd time. There will be music and activities.

*Main, Liberty and Washington St., Ann Arbor*

**July 14, 2:00-10:00 p.m. | Free**



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## ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

Four separate art fairs featuring more than 1,000 artists, musicians and food stands.

*Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, Ingalls Mall between North University, and W. Washington | State Street Area Art Fair, shopping districts around State and Liberty streets | Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, Main and Liberty, and S. State | Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair, State St. to S. University, branches on E. University and Church streets*

**July 20-23 | Thursday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. | Sunday 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Free**



## KISSME IN ANN ARBOR

Back for it's 9th year, KissME is a Jazz and Swing dance event put on by Ann Arbor Swing and the Ann Arbor Community for Traditional Music and Dance. This year's event will feature live music from 'Alex Pangman & Her Alleycats' and 'The Boilermaker Jazz Band'.

**July 21-23 | Cost, venue and time vary by day, see <http://www.kissmeinannarbor.com/schedule.phtml> for schedule**



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## 37TH ANNUAL HURON RIVER DAY 2017

Rent a kayak, canoe or paddle board while listening to live music and watching performances. Food from local restaurants will be available to try. There will be activities for kids as well.

*3000 Fuller Rd, Ann Arbor*

**July 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m. | \$5**



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## TOWNIE STREET PARTY

A family event to appreciate local talent and food in Ann Arbor to start off the Art Fair. There will be a Kids' Art Fair of students' work from grades 4-12 in Washtenaw County. Those who wish can also participate in the 4th Annual Ann Arbor Mile - Dart for Art for an additional price, taking place before the party.

*North University & Ingalls Mall, Downtown Ann Arbor*

**July 17, 5:00-9:30 p.m. | Free entry, vendors vary**

# MICHIGAN SUMMER FIREWORKS

### WAYNE COUNTY

#### FLAT ROCK SUMMER BLAST

Date: June 9, 2017 at 10:00pm  
Where: Huron Park 28700 Arsenal Flat Rock, Michigan 48134

#### CANTON LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS

Date: June 17, 2017 at 10:15pm  
Where: Heritage Park  
46202 Heritage Park Rd. Canton, Michigan 48188

#### BELLEVILLE / VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS

Date: June 24, 2017 at 10:00pm  
Where: Beck Ballfields Beck Road Belleville, Michigan 48111

#### THE FORD FIREWORKS DETROIT

Date: June 26, 2017 at 9:48pm  
Where: Hart Plaza - Detroit River 1 Hart Plaza Detroit, Michigan 48201

#### ROMULUS COMMUNITY FIREWORKS

Date: June 29, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Behind Romulus Middle School and Wick Elementary  
Wick and Ozga Roads Romulus, Michigan 48174

#### GREENFIELD VILLAGE ANNUAL SALUTE TO AMERICA

Dates: Every night June 30 - July 3, after the DSO concert!  
Where: Greenfield Village Dearborn, Michigan 48124

### WASHTENAW COUNTY

#### MILAN COMMUNITY FIREWORKS

Date: June 2, 2017 at 10:05pm  
Where: Wilson Park (Over Ford Lake) Main street Milan, Michigan 48160

#### SALEM FLAG DAY

Date: June 3, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Salem Elementary School 7806 Salem Road Salem, Michigan 48175

#### HUDSON MILLS METROPARK FIREWORKS

Date: June 28, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Hudson Mills Metropark 8801 North Territorial Road Dexter, Michigan 48130

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY

#### HAMBURG FAMILY FUN FEST

Dates: June 16, at 10 p.m., June 17, at 10 p.m.  
Where: Bennett Park 10405 Merrill Road Hamburg, Michigan 48139

#### KENSINGTON METROPARK FIREWORKS

Date: June 24, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Kensington Metropark 4750 Huron River Parkway Milford, Michigan 48380



### JACKSON COUNTY

#### START OF SUMMER FIREWORKS

Date: May 27, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Cascade Falls Park  
1401 S. Brown Street Jackson, Michigan 49203

#### JACKSON SUMMER CELEBRATION FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

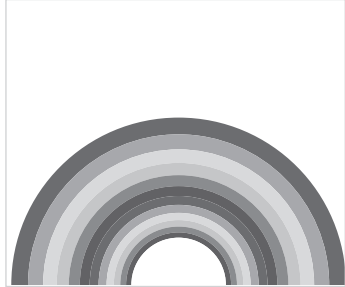
Date: July 3, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Cascade Falls Park  
1401 S. Brown St. Jackson, Michigan 49203

#### LAKE COLUMBIA FIREWORKS

Date: July 1, 2017 at Dusk  
Where: Over Lake Columbia Brooklyn, Michigan 49230

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# AUGUST



## OUTFEST 2017

The Jim Toy Community Center is hosting a festival in celebration of the LGBTQ community for the whole weekend. There will be entertainment such as music, games, food and much more.

*Jim Toy Community Center | 319 Braun Court, Ann Arbor*

**Aug. 4-Aug. 6 | Free**



## PURE MICHIGAN 400

The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series ends in at the Michigan International Speedway. Pull out the mobile homes and head to Brooklyn, Michigan for a racing show, camping and a free concert to conclude the day.

*Michigan International Speedway | 12626 US-12, Brooklyn, MI*

**Aug. 13 | Tickets available at [misespeedway.com](http://misespeedway.com)**



## SALINE SUMMERFEST

A festival to come together for art, games, live music and a craft show.

*Downtown Saline*

**Aug. 11-Aug. 12 | Free**



## KEEPSAKE COLLECTION ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Antiques, crafts and collectables, for show and for sale.

*Zehender Park | Frankenmuth*

**Aug. 18-20, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | Free**



## SLEEPING BEAR DUNES STAR PARTY ★

Bring a telescope and join other amature astronomers to view late summer constelations, the planet Jupiter, and the peak of the Pleiades meteor shower.

*Sleeping Bear Dunes State Park*

**Aug. 12, 9:00-11:00 p.m. | Park pass required**



## YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Local vendors, entertainment, artists and food gather in Riverside Park. Historical presentations and machines are brought to the festival as well, giving a true learning experience. Minors are no longer admitted without an adult.

*Riverside Park | Ypsilanti*

**Aug. 25, 12:00-10:00 p.m. | Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. | Aug. 27, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | Free**





### Fantasy, children's literature

"Harry Potter series"  
J. K. Rowling  
Fantasy  
suggested by *Michael Thompson*

"Lamb"  
Christopher Moore  
Comic Fantasy  
suggested by *Michael Thompson*

"The Higher Power of Lucky"  
Susan Patron  
Children's Literature  
suggested by *Michael Thompson*

### NON-FICTION

MEMOIRS, BIOGRAPHIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

"Born to Run"  
Bruce Springsteen  
Autobiography  
suggested by *Maryam Barrie*

"Me Talk Pretty One Day"  
David Sedaris  
Essay  
suggested by *Lisa Veasey*

"Unbroken"  
Laura Hillendbrand  
Non-Fiction  
suggested by *Heather Zettelmaier*



## Turning the pages of Summer

Summer is a great time to read non-curricular books. The included books have been suggested by WCC faculty members. Thanks to all the instructors and staff members who recommended these books; In alphabetical order: Maryam Barrie, Dr. Kimberly M. Jones, Sharareh Khosrovaneh, Carrie Krantz, Molly Ledermann, James Obrecht, Hava A. Levitt-Phillips, Michael Thompson, Lisa Veasey, Dave Waskin, Heather Zettelmaier, Tom Zimmerman

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### Novels, fiction, sub-genre fictions

"The Fifth Letter"  
Nicola Moriarty  
Fiction  
suggested by *Dr. Kimberly Jones*

"Station Eleven"  
Emily St. John Mandel  
Post-Apocalyptic fiction  
suggested by *Molly Letermann*

"The Handmaid's Tale"  
Margaret Atwood  
Speculative fiction  
suggested by *Molly Letermann, Carrie Krantz*

"She's Come Undone"  
Wally Lamb  
Drama (Novel)  
suggested by *Heather Zettelmaier*

"Thirteen Moons"  
Charles Frazier  
Historical Novel  
suggested by *Dave Waskin*

### Poetry

"100 Selected Poems"  
e.e. cummings  
Poems  
suggested by *James Obrecht*

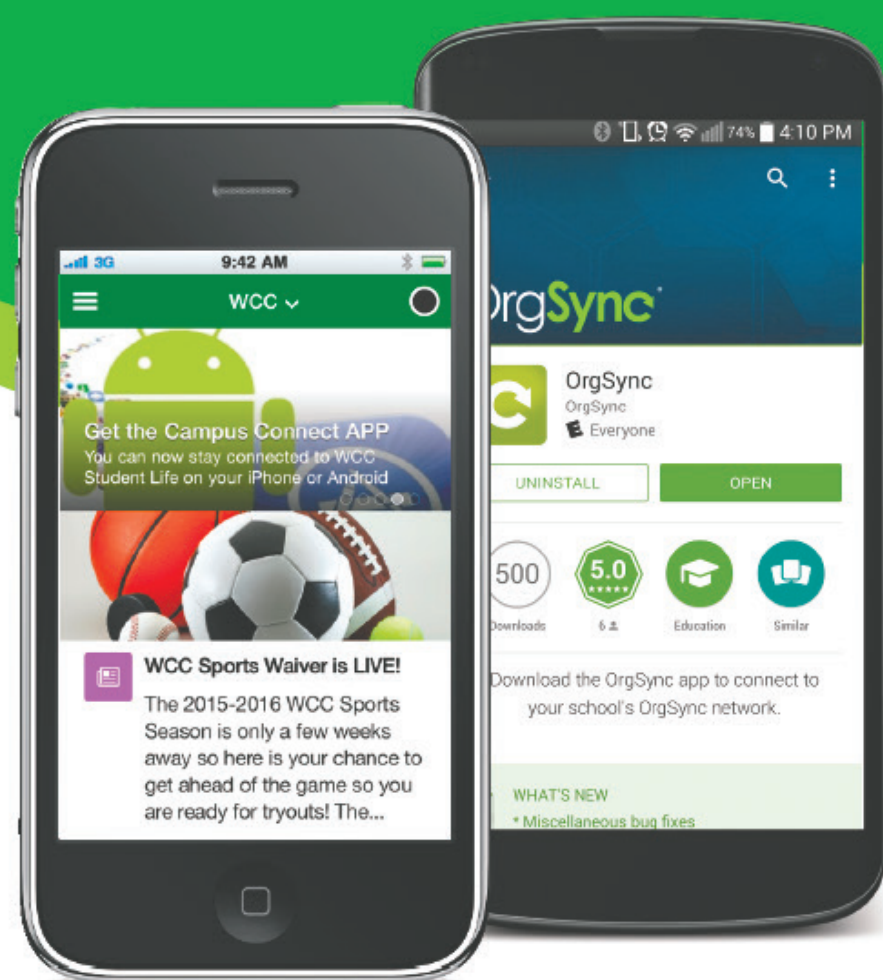
"Night Sky with Exit Wounds"  
Ocean Vuong  
Poetry  
suggested by *Tom Zimmerman*

"Dog Songs"  
Mary Oliver  
Poems  
suggested by *Dave Waskin*



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