





# Trump’s tariff policy explained

## What you need to know about local, political impact

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President Donald Trump ran on a tariff promise. As tariff policies begin, here’s some information about what they are, effects and how they will impact students.

Political

President Donald Trump signed three separate executive orders, imposing tariffs on goods coming into the U.S. from Mexico (25%), China (10%) and Canada (25% apart from Canadian energy resources, such as oil, gas, and electricity tariffed at a lower 10%).

However, separate negotiations between the president of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum, and the prime minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, resulted in a 30-day postponement of each policy, not concerning the policy for China, effective on Feb. 4, according to the Associated Press.

Already, retaliatory tariffs have been issued from China, effective on Feb. 10, and retaliatory tariffs are likely from Mexico and Canada after the 30-day postponement.

An official White House fact sheet explained the reasoning behind the three tariffs: “The extraordinary threat posed by illegal aliens and drugs, including deadly fentanyl, constitutes a national emergency.”

Trump signed a 25% tariff on all steel and aluminum imports coming into the U.S. on Feb. 10. On Feb. 13, a reciprocal tariffs policy, meaning any foreign countries that impose tariffs on the U.S. should be met with equal and opposite tariffs.

The Trump administration means to foster a reliance on industries in the U.S. by bringing manufacturers to American soil, thus promoting jobs and making the country more self-sufficient.

Economical

To better understand what is happening, a common misconception about tariffs is



Alex Pazkowski demonstrates tungsten inert gas welding technique to students. Pazkowski teaches Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) where the class uses steels and consumables provided by companies in Michigan.

who pays up.

“The company that orders the goods has to pay the tariffs,” said Douglas Langs, professional faculty of economics at WCC.

“They can choose between increasing the price of the product or taking a loss,” and most of the time, it’s the former,” he said.

Langs noted that a reason we impose tariffs is to protect domestic jobs, as this raises the price of foreign goods, thus boosting industries within the U.S., and denoting the industries of foreign countries.

A CFR.org article, written by Shannon K. O’Neil and Julia Huesa, helps us visualize the relationship between recent tariffs and trade: “Canada stands to take the biggest hit as the top U.S. supplier of imported aluminum and steel. Over half of U.S. aluminum product imports come from its northern neighbor, far more than from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and China, the next largest sources.”

In conjunction with this,

the U.S. imports only around 24% of the steel it uses, but most of this accounts for specialty types of steel that can withstand high temperatures and pressures; necessary imports for auto, aerospace, construction and energy industries.

“Mexico is the largest supplier of fruit and vegetables to the U.S.,” according to CNN on the impact tariffs will have on food. Last year, the U.S. imported over 46 billion dollars of agricultural products, in part because climate change has made growing conditions in Mexico more favorable. Fresh fruits alone accounted for 9 billion dollars, close to the amount accounted for beer (5.9 million dollars).

Local

When it comes to steel and aluminum used on campus, a clear example is the welding and fabrication program.

Joe Ortiz, an instructional lab assistant, orders the program’s resources almost exclusively from American manu-

facturers.

“We use a couple different ones, but as far as our metal goes, we use Alro,” said Ortiz, referencing Alro Steel, a nationwide manufacturer in Jackson, MI.

When it comes to price, Ortiz references a time during the pandemic when steel wasn’t cheap, but the program was fortunate enough with their budget to be able to offer materials for students use to learn.

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# TEDxWCC calls for submissions from students



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Bernard’s improv troupe poses for a group photo at 2024’s TedX WCC event. Improv will also be featured in 2025’s event.

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If you are interested in public speaking, either from the audience or the stage, TedxWCC has a lot to offer. The free event will be held in the Towsley Auditorium on April 10th, showcasing poster presentations, interactive improv and the iconic TEDx

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“It’s such a big event; it’s definitely a team effort,” said Sparklin. Sparklin shared that, in past years, the maximum number of people able to attend the event was capped at 100, but, thanks to an upgrade in the license WCC shares with TEDx, the event’s size is now only limited by the auditorium space.

A past speaker, Kacka Cagle, really enjoyed the experience. “A month after the event, I ran into someone who watched it live and they told me how impactful it was,” said Cagle. “That’s when I felt fully that it was a good thing.”

When it comes to speaking publicly, Sukhmani Gill, a student in the nursing program, loves doing it. “I think speakers should let their fear go,” she said. She wants people to know it’s important to practice with people or a mirror, so it sounds okay.

If you believe you have something worth sharing, WCC is currently looking for speakers to apply, whose presentations will be posted to the official Tedtalk YouTube channel. For application details email Claire Sparklin, at csparklin@wccnet.edu.

Join WCC at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, for food and a variety of introspective experiences.



# DEI ban affects federal holidays

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Federal agencies, who ordered a pause in all events and activities related to Black History Month, LGBTQ Pride Month, Holocaust Remembrance Day and eight other “special observances” due to President Trump’s executive orders, were left confused after the White House announced that it would celebrate Black History Month on Thursday, February 20th, according to AP News.

The Defense Intelligence Agency and Pentagon leaders received a memo on Friday, Jan. 31. stating that the banned 11 observances considered to be “identity months” are now “dead” and ordered a pause of all activities and events related to the observances. This memo was sent out to comply with President Donald Trump’s executive order that promises to eradicate DEI policies, signed on the Trump Administration’s first day in office.

The 11 federal holidays on the list, according to ABC News included:

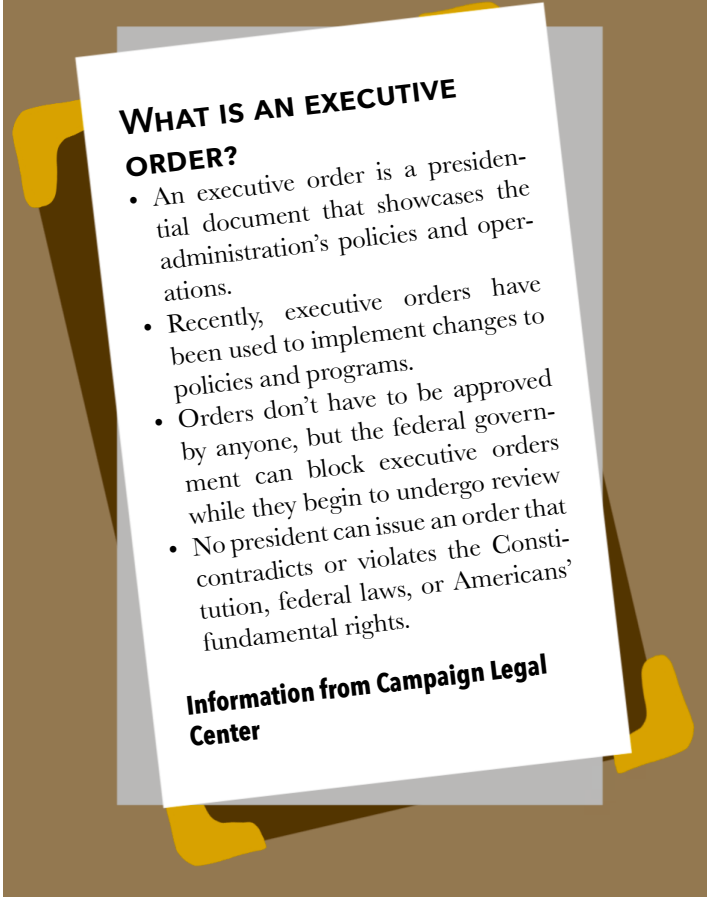
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Black History Month
- Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Women’s History Month
- LGBTQ Pride Month
- Asian American Pacific

- Islander Heritage Month
- Juneteenth
- Women’s Equality Day
- National Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- National American Indian Heritage Month

However, the same day (Jan. 31), President Donald Trump signed a proclamation stating that “National Black History Month is an occasion to celebrate the contributions of so many black American patriots who have indelibly shaped our Nation’s history” and called for “public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.”

This comes as a stark contrast to the Trump administration’s initiative to go after programs promoting diversity, equality and inclusion within the federal government, calling DEI programs “discrimination.”

According to a report from USA Today, Karsonya Wise Whitehead, president of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, states that President Trump’s proclamation is not enough to ease the concerns raised among employees at local, state, and federal levels.



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President Donald Trump has signed many executive orders within the first few weeks of being in office.

“When our history is under attack, what do we do? We stand up, and we fight back,” Wise Whitehead said.

Terry Pruitt, president of the NAACP Saginaw Branch, believes that the fight is already in progress, according to WNEM TV5.

“I’m sure that our legal people are sitting in rooms right now, talking about how to

challenge these things through the legal process, which is how we got many of the rights and things that we have now,” Pruitt said.

On Valentine’s Day, President Trump issued a two-week warning to colleges and schools to end all diversity initiatives or risk losing federal money, according to reporting from The Guardian.



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Video edited by Inayah Amir Bey

What are you looking forward to for Spring break?

“Going to Florida with a friend who goes here. I’m excited to get out of the snowy weather.”

Grace Ratliff  
General studies, 18



“I didn’t know when break was until my teacher told me. I think I’m going to do some work and see my friends.”

Lauren Sperduer  
Undecided, 19



“Sleeping and going to the movies to see ‘Captain America: Brave New World.’”

Jazzlyn Crawford  
General studies, 17

“Working into a routine, ending school and finish strong.”

Raja Norris  
Fashion Design, 20



“Just to get by, graduate and get a job.”

Jeremy Nicholas  
Welding, 23



“Going to South Carolina. I’ll be in an Airbnb. Probably take photos of alligators.”

Noah Jones  
Digital media arts, 19

Fashion  
WASHTENAW  
Jada Hauser | Graphic Designer



“I picked the sweater from a pile of laundry. I’m wearing a tooth necklace specifically for my anthropology class today because we’re doing a segment on teeth. I got most of it from second hand stores or thrifting. I might have gotten the jeans online just to have them a little better fitted for my body. I really like my teeth necklace, that’s my favorite. I got it from the Artisan Market at the Ypsi Freight-house.”

Cece Roe  
Liberal Arts, 26



“Most of them are gifts from family so I’m not quite sure where they came from. The inspiration for the outfit came from the band tee. I saw it and then just centered the other pieces around the color scheme. My favorite piece I have on is probably the skirt. I like it because of the zipper.”

Eliza Atkins  
WTMC student, 14

Lyric Lane

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What is your cry-in-the-car song?

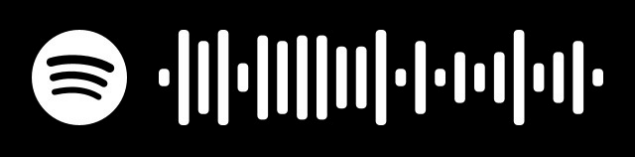
“You’re Gonna Go Far” by Noah Kahan



“It’s about leaving where you’re at to better yourself, which really resonates with me because I had to leave a tough situation.”

Zle Nash  
radiography, 29

“Anything by Gracie Abrams”



“She just sings about her life experiences, as well as her relationships.”

Grace Mendez  
pre-med, 18

“Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen



“It’s just a song I’ve listened to a million times and it never gets old for me.”

Russ Starkweather  
natural science, 18

“2085” by AJR



“It really hits home because it’s talking about their father who has cancer, and their dad actually died before they could finish the song.”

Madison Waldroop  
psychology, 19





COLUMN

# Not everything can be proven: I don’t put my faith in fact alone



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Academic writing felt off limits until I was told to stop hiding myself. When I was new to WCC many years ago, it felt important that I not ask questions for fear of anyone finding out how little I knew—a counterproductive attitude to hold in a learning environment. Having been homeschooled long before the pandemic normalized it, I felt everyone was an expert but me, and so I immersed myself in schoolwork and hoped I would someday have studied enough to be considered human. I was relieved to find algebra came to me easily once I had the structure of a classroom as my life goals at that point consisted of learning to code so I could become a professional hermit. But I found myself distressed and staring at a blank Word document in the computer lab for hours on end every time I was given an essay assignment. I knew the mechanics of writing well enough, but my voice felt void. With my education up until that point having been wholly unaccredited and my social life being online in an age in which the internet wasn’t considered real, I felt no right to speak.

**I felt like I lacked the credentials to be a person**

This began to change when I took ENG 226. In addition to arming me with the tools to form an argument and back it up with sources, I was encouraged for the first and only

time in my academic career to give writing a research paper in the first person perspective a try. Being given the opportunity to defend my thesis without the added psychological torment of obscuring my perspective was an experience that made me feel, for the first time, that I could write. Tom Zimmerman, English faculty and writing center director, said that he thinks the use of “I” has become more acceptable in recent years as people have become less formal in general. “I tell my students that ‘I’ is okay if you appear in the essay.” Josiah Jackson, professional faculty in the English department, expressed similar sentiments, adding, “I am very open to the idea that conventions change and shift. What I’m most interested in, though, is what effectively meets the goal of your piece of writing.” My professor from that fateful summer, Michael Thompson, an adjunct English instructor, pointed out that almost everything that we have from Einstein and Stephen Hawking is written in the first person—a fact I feel like I learned when I took his class, though it had since slipped my mind. “Not anything is purely objective. And I guess maybe that’s why there’s a push towards getting rid of it (‘I’). We want to be more objective. We want to be more unbiased. But, in the end, I don’t know if that’s entirely possible, and recognizing the fact that we’re not necessarily unbiased is the first step in allowing us to be more objective,” said Thompson. I grew to love essay writing, but my growing expertise only made me more skeptical about writing in an objective style or putting expertise on a pedestal as I became ever more aware of the fact that experts are human as well as the fact that the humans in my life all had their own various expertises, whether they had the papers to prove it or not.



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Using “I” is generally discouraged in academic as well as news writing, though it is embraced in creative writing as well as on the opinion page.

**Experts can’t prove love exists**

The scientific method and the birth of expertise have been a win for humanity in many regards—I’m relieved to not be getting a root canal done by someone who learned from YouTube tutorials just because they felt like having a law degree made them qualified for the job. But building society around it has meant that knowledge without credentials or experiences that cannot be measured and proven are often devalued or seen as lies.

**Relying on evidence when inappropriate can also sow seeds of distrust**

My early homeschool science education was informed by Bob Jones University Press textbooks, which were designed with a young-earth creationist telling of science in mind. As a child, I felt disturbed by the fact that, in spite of faith being defined in Hebrews 11:1 (New International Version) as “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see,” some felt a need to prove the existence of God.

I’ve since come to believe evidence is no more important than faith. Facts and data, while important, don’t seem to do as much to counter false assumptions as simply holding tight to the belief that everyone is intelligent and few go about their day with ill intentions. What made me believe in evolution was not facts, but faith in the people who taught them.

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# Fruits are a-peel-ing. Candy can’t beat the original sweet treat



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More than three years ago, I decided to stop eating processed sugars on a whim. That meant no candy, no dessert, no soda and a lot more checking nutrition labels. A big part of continuing my decision for so long was a gain of mental clarity and self-discipline. I’m here to tell you that fruit helps me with sugary cravings, sweet flavors and affordability. Although I don’t mind vegetables, fruits are my favorite because they are the closest thing to a sugary treat. My favorite fruit is definitely bananas, and a close

second are pears. I also love ants on a log, which combines celery, peanut butter and raisins. “When you think about fruits and vegetables nutritionally, your body needs both,” Susan Fenn, a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) who teaches part time at WCC said. According to Fenn there are different vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and phytochemicals that come from the balance of vegetables and fruits. So how do we know what a fruit or vegetable is? Categorically, “a fruit develops from the flower of a plant, while the other parts of the plant are categorized as vegetables,” Rachael Ajmiera, on the Healthline website, said. “You need carbs, protein and fat in terms of macronutrients,” notes Fenn on fruits and vegetables. Comparing the two, fruits don’t have much protein or fat, and, instead, provide lots of antioxidants, vitamins, fiber and carbohydrates, while vegetables can provide that as well as fat and protein, assuming variety. That said, fruits are a sweeter option. Being someone who likes the gym, carbs are important to me from a fitness standpoint

Editors from Muscle & Fitness magazine, explain that a good time to eat fruit is about 30-60 minutes before a workout, particularly if you haven’t eaten a high-carb meal for several hours. When posed the question, “do you prefer fruits or vegetables?” Most students interviewed chose fruits, although several also liked vegetables. Lolav Zeb who goes to WTMC, is a part of the dentistry program and loves fruit. “Fruits are the juiciest and the sweetest,” she said. When asked about vegetables, she responded with cucumbers, which are botanically fruits and culinarily a vegetable, according to Danielle DeAngelis, in her “Eating Well” Article. “Fruits are sweeter,” says Hailey Knox, a nursing major at WCC. Knox loves strawberries and bananas. “It’s like natural candy” shares Cyrus Cook, member of the health and fitness center, who digs mangoes and strawberries, and prefers broccoli as a vegetable. Hannah Pham, a chemical engineering major, likes vegetables. “I’m more of a savory person,” said Pham, whose favorite vegetables include mushrooms and Bok choy. “I



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Beck Elandt shows off his lunch snack of ants on a log. The healthy snack is typically made with raisins, peanut butter, and celery.

like to Sauté them with garlic and soy sauce.” When it comes to fruit, Pham enjoys cherry tomatoes, which, like cucumbers, are defined as a vegetable culinarily.

All in all, lots of people who like fruits also like vegetables, and it’s a good idea to have both included in your diet. But something about the sweet flavor of fruit tends to win peo-

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# Students find opportunities with employers at Career Fair

WCC hosts a career fair every semester, where local businesses can interact with students who are looking for future employment and students gain more experience on how networking works. This year's career fair was hosted on Feb. 12 in the Morris Lawrence building. Even with the cold weather, many still came to the fair to learn how they could succeed.



Lynette Richard, industry engagement coordinator, and Stephanie Sikorski, Elitek Vehicle Services and LKQ Company Talent Acquisition Manager, bump elbows instead of a handshake.



Lauren McBain, Illuminate ABA Therapy's Michigan operations manager, speaks about opportunities one would have with the company. Illuminate's Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy program is accompanied by speech, language and physical therapy as well to help each child individually.



Rachel Lorenc, an educator at Leslie Science and Nature Center and Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, holds a cockroach from the tank on the table.



Brett Hutcheon, a WCC alumni, shakes hands with Joshua Moore, a senior manager at City Year, after Moore shares what opportunities Hutcheon might have with the company.



Preet Patel (left), an electrical and computer engineering major, discusses job opportunities with Andrew Gary, senior controls engineer at Automated Control Systems, and Matt Hackerd, the company's vice president. Automated Control Systems builds the training kits that automotive employees use to train on factory control panels.



Glen Shaffer (left), a community member and computer science student through the University of Maryland's global campus listens as Duncan Aviation's senior talent acquisition specialist, Dave Sturdy, shares job openings.

# Storytelling event to highlight lived experiences of campus community

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Deputy Editor

Living Stories debuts next month in the Bailey Library, wherein members of the WCC community will have the unique opportunity to “check out” someone and hear a bit about their life story. Claire Sparklin, professional faculty in communication, described it as a “distinctly WCC event because it’s hyperlocal and focused on meeting the needs of our students, faculty and staff.” Early iterations of the event began around 2015, after Sparklin was inspired by The Human Library, an international “not for profit” organization which uses library analogy to encourage participants to have conversations

they might not otherwise have had. The college partnered with The Human Library for a number of years, but part-ed ways after the organization changed its mission statement to be more corporate-focused. Sparklin explained that “the focus of The Human Library was no longer meeting our campus’ needs.” Last year, the event was put on pause to re-brand. “Living stories is definitely inspired by The Human Library, but at Living Stories we are looking more at the story as like what a book would be, said Sparklin, noting that Living Stories puts less focus on labels while striving to be a “holistic, interactive experience.” This year’s event will be the first for Josiah Jackson, professional faculty in the English department. He is looking forward to being a story as well as getting to interact with

other stories on display. Jackson hopes to speak about the mental health struggles that he faced during his teen years, in the hope of reducing stigma for those struggling with suicidal ideation. “I think that it’s really important to talk about because, especially when you are in a suicidal state yourself, it’s very easy to think that you’re the only person who’s ever felt this way,” said Jackson. Much of Jackson’s community involvement entails suicide prevention, especially among youth and teens, and so he sees Living Stories as “a cool way to meld my professional life and the advocacy I do outside of school.” Molly Ledermann, a WCC librarian, described the event, saying that, upon arrival, participants will see a wall of the currently available “titles” and be able to say, “Hey,

I’d like to listen to this story.” After that, she said, a group of, usually about two to five students who are interested in reading that story will sit down as the story tells “about a five to seven minute” arc of their experience before moving on to ask questions and have an exchange of dialogue. Calls for submission are currently closed. But the event is held annually in March, with preparations starting in September and the form to apply to be a “story” opening in January. Living Stories will be held in the Bailey Library on March 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All members of the WCC community are welcome to the event. Attendees are encouraged to bring their student ID to check in.



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Surrounded by books, Josiah Jackson, a professor in the English department, writes to contribute to Living Stories. Jackson is writing about his teen years with mental health and is encouraging others to discuss about reducing stigma around those who struggle with suicidal idea.





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# Coffee with a Cop invites students to learn more about campus police

The WCC Public Safety hosted Coffee With A Cop on Feb. 12. This event is hosted every semester allowing students to grab a coffee and a donut while getting to know the people who keep campus safe. Many students came to the Java Spot in the Student Center to ask questions and say thank you for the officers that keep our campus safe.



Coffee with a Cop was held in the Java Spot in the Student Center. The first Coffee with a Cop event was launched in March 2011 in Hawthorne, California by the Hawthorne Police Department Community Affairs Unit.



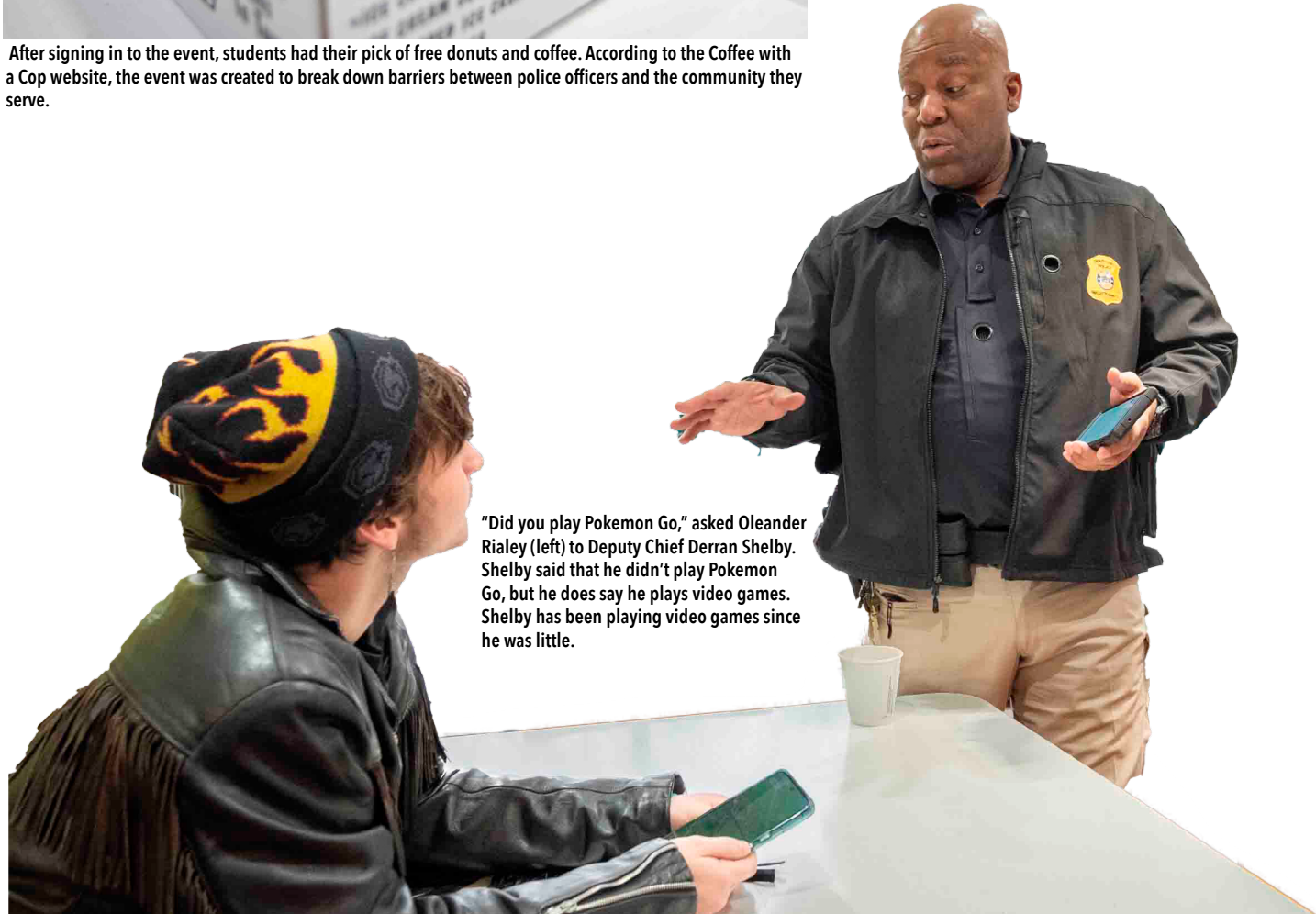
Derek Self (left) discusses with Officer Paul Gomez a wide variety of questions, ranging from how the hiring process works for police officers to how to take responsibility for people and their actions.



Officer Paul Gomez (left) and Anastasia Mitchell, a WTMC student, start having a small conversation just by saying hello. Coffee with a Cop is a national event that happens in all 50 states and has even expanded to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa and Latin America.



After signing in to the event, students had their pick of free donuts and coffee. According to the Coffee with a Cop website, the event was created to break down barriers between police officers and the community they serve.



"Did you play Pokemon Go," asked Oleander Rialley (left) to Deputy Chief Derran Shelby. Shelby said that he didn't play Pokemon Go, but he does say he plays video games. Shelby has been playing video games since he was little.

# Explore the cosmos of connection with aerospace club

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Contributor

The Space Explorers Club is a place where students who are interested in the stars and cosmos come together and explore space from the comfort of their homes.

At 6 p.m., on the first Friday of every month, Space Explorers Club members log onto Discord—no cameras, just voices. Club founder, Logan Tanner, a 28-year-old pre-engineering student and business owner, explained that “having cameras on is optional,” so everyone can participate in whatever way they feel most comfortable. Typically, one member presents a research paper or article about anything to do with space, sparking discussion as others raise questions. Sometimes, they reach out to the research paper’s author for answers, which are covered in the next meeting.

Jean-Patrick Selo, 23, a pre-engineering major interested in chemical engineering and dedicated member, has always shown interest in astronomy. “My goal is to present a research paper at every club meeting,” he said.

The club was established last semester by Tanner, who is also the founder of Mage Dynamics, a company focused on space-based nuclear fusion reactor design and manufacturing, combining his interests in aerospace and nuclear engineering. He established the club with the goal of finding other students like Selo to collaborate with about space in

general. Tanner said his goal for this semester is to, “figure out something we can do on campus like setting up a telescope in the Student Center to spread our presence.”

Pre-engineering major and Space Explores Club member, Logan Underwood, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing his goal of bringing more members into the club as well. Underwood joined Space Explorers last semester, “to find a collective of people who are interested in aerospace engineering.”

“A plus is that I can put this on my resume as well,” he added.

As the club continues to grow, Tanner and other club members are especially excited about an upcoming event.

One of Space Explorers’ biggest plans for this semester is to take a trip to the University of Michigan’s Planetarium, located on the first floor of the University’s Natural Museum of History. Tanner said the club is currently coordinating with the university to set up this special event.

Students interested in joining the Space Explorers Club can contact the club president Logan Tanner at [lotanner@wccnet.edu](mailto:lotanner@wccnet.edu). The club meets on the first Friday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. via a Discord voice chat channel.

Those who wish to join the club’s Discord can scan the QR code below or use the following link: <https://discord.gg/invite/3uY5SZFnXm>.



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Students interested in aerospace should join Space Explorers.





Executive Orders

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“Chances are they’ll be rescinded,” she said.

A couple of weeks ago, a memo about a federal funding pause caused nationwide confusion in lower and higher education.

After two days, President Trump’s budget office rescinded the memo.

Officials said a pause was needed to determine whether spending matched Trump’s executive orders on climate change and diversity programs, according to reporting by the Associated Press.

A statement issued by President Rose Bellanca’s office about a month ago ad-

ressed possible changes in policy under the new presidential administration

Blakey said the federal funding pause executive order was when WCC got the most phone calls. “There were students across the United States making panic calls about this impacting aid ... we (WCC) really felt that we need to put something out.”

“There’s different ones (executive orders) coming out almost every day,” Blakey said. “We’re just trying to say we’re aware these are happening and we’re collecting the information.”

It’s important to note that Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other grants awarded for federal student aid are still accessible to students.

“It’s easy to say, ‘don’t worry about it,’” Blakey said. “You have to take a step back and say, ‘Okay, take a breath.’”

She also recommends that students focus on their studies and use resources, such as WCC counseling or tutoring services if they feel stressed. Blakey wants students to be aware that WCC is here to support them.

**WCC Personal Counseling services**

**Location**  
Student Center, SC 206

**Contact info**  
734-677-5223  
For after hours, 833-WCC-4-YOU (833-922-4968)

**Hours**  
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**WCC Tutoring services**

**Book a tutoring session**  
<https://www.wccnet.edu/succeed/academic-success-center/tutoring.php>

**Location**  
2nd floor GM building in the Academic Success Center

**Fall/Winter Hours**  
Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Immigration

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Wadood said that local law enforcement agencies do not have to do ICE’s bidding. The federal government can’t force them to do anything.

“Local law enforcement around Washtenaw County has the duty of protecting the rights of the people.”

Alyshia Dyer, Washtenaw County’s newly elected sheriff, confirmed to MLive that the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department will not assist ICE, saying “federal immigration matters are federal immigration matters, and we are local public servants.”

**Know Your Rights**

When it comes to protecting your rights, Wadood said he “always suggests to all of my clients’ two main points if they are pulled over by any federal law enforcement asking about immigration status. One, you have the right to remain silent. And two, collect and keep important documents such as birth certificates in one place in case something happens.”

Wadood advises that, if you have a federal officer at your door, you do not have to open the door. First, ask if they have a warrant. If they do have a

warrant, read it closely to clarify if a judge signed it. If the warrant wasn’t signed by a judge, you don’t have to open the door for them.

You can find additional information at the ACLU of Michigan website, call them at 313-578-6800 or email them at [aclu@aclumich.org](mailto:aclu@aclumich.org).

“I think it is important to stay informed, with information being so readily available, but not so easily checked to be accurate or truthful. Find those sources of information. I would go to more than one, and the ones that you trust, to stay on top

of things and then make whatever informed decision is best for you,” Leacher said.

Center for Immigration Studies describes a sanctuary jurisdiction as cities, counties or states that “have laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE—either by refusing to or prohibiting agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated

aliens, or otherwise impeding communication or information exchanges between their personnel and federal immigration officers.” As of Feb. 13, 2025, Lansing and nine other Michigan counties, including Washtenaw County hold sanctuary city status.

If you are feeling distressed or worried about all of this uncertainty, WCC offers counselors to help students through this emotional process. You can call 734-677-5223 or make an appointment online at WCC Counseling Schedule Appointment.

CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety between Jan. 22 and Feb. 6.

**Warning: The following contains mentions of sexual misconduct.**

MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On Jan. 22, public safety responded to a report of a flat tire from an employee of Creative Dining Services. The employee had gone to work with a full tire. After the shift, the employee noticed a flat tire and a razor blade next to it. Public Safety reports no unusual activity on the cameras, but trees were obstructing the view. This case has been closed.

LARCENY

On Jan. 31, public safety received a report of a 75-year-old woman who stole blueberries and ciabatta buns from the Health and Fitness Center (HFC). When questioned, the woman thought the food was free. No charges were made, but her membership to the HFC was canceled.

CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

On Jan. 31, public safety responded to an incident of criminal sexual conduct (CSC). Two WTMC students, male and female, were reported in a study room at the Bailey Library. The male was vaping in the room. The female took the male’s vape and he responded with, “I will touch your boob if you don’t give me that back.” When she didnt, she put her hands crossed on her chest. He went to grab the vape and brushed her breast, Public Safety determinted the touch was accidental.

LARCENY

On Jan. 31, public safety received a report of a 16-year-old WTMC student who stole a fountain drink from the first floor of the Student Center. According to the student, staff told her she could take it. There are no charges.

GROSS INDECENCY

On Feb. 4, public safety responded to an incident of gross indecency from two WTMC students who were performing sexual acts in a study room within the Bailey Library. Public Safety said this case will be handled through the WTMC disciplinary process.

LARCENY

On Feb. 5, Public Safety received a report from a faculty member who reported a paintball gun missing. The gun was found the next day.

TRESPASSING

On Feb. 6, Public Safety responded to an incident involving a 29 year old female who consumed food and had not paid for it in The Spot in the Student Center. The woman was identified as mental health patient from Trinity Health across the street. There have been no charges.

NEWS BRIEFS

MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION NOW NEEDED FOR PAYMENTS

On Feb. 26, WCC will require students to use Microsoft Authenticator to secure access to the TouchNet payment system.

This is to enhance security and protect student financial information. This layer of security helps prevent unauthorized access by ensuring that only you log into your account, even if your password is compromised.

You can set up Microsoft Authenticator by using the step-by-step instructions provided by WCC: <https://tinyurl.com/38hd956n>.

If a parent or guardian has been granted access to a student account, they will not have to use Microsoft Authenticator.

More information and support are available from the WCC ITS HelpDesk at 734-973-3456 or [help-desk@wccnet.edu](mailto:help-desk@wccnet.edu).

STEAM WEEK BEGINS AT WCC

Are you looking for interactive workshops, presentations, and scientific documentaries? Visit WCC for STEAM week from Feb. 25 to 27!

Virtual sessions will be offered Feb. 25 and 27. In-person student poster presentations and exhibit tables will be on display on Feb. 26 in the ML building in rooms 103-121.

You will receive the Zoom link when you register. For more information about sessions and registration, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2wn6zrx5>.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

Yana Mcguire | Staff Writer

Like it or not, movies have helped shape our society. Some filmmakers have used this fact to their advantage in a positive way by bringing awareness to social issues, telling stories that were meant to be hidden, and invoking empathy in order to produce change.

In honor of Black History Month, here is a list of movies that creatively bring issues that African-Americans face to the forefront and impact society and/or the film industry.



**"Get Out"**  
Year: 2017 Length: 1h 44m Rated: R  
Director: Jordan Peele  
Stars: Daniel Kaluuya and Allison Williams  
Where to watch: Amazon Prime (plus fee)

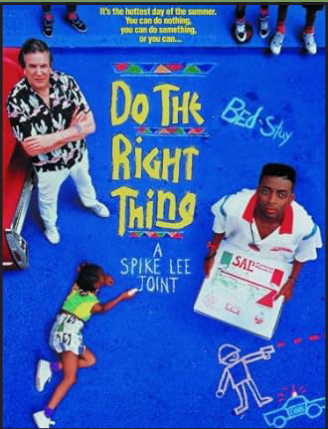
Vibing on that new relationship energy, a black man agrees to spend the weekend with his white girlfriend and her family for the first time. A series of awkward events leads to an unforgettable discovery. WCC Film Instructor and horror movie enthusiast, Darrick Lee, recalls the feeling of underrepresentation in his youth during the 1990s horror scene.

"If they had a black character, the black character would die, or it would be like the black character would be some kind of joke or comedic relief," Lee said. "When you're that age, and you're seeing that, it kind of just shapes your worldview." Since the release of "Get Out," Lee has noticed that casting for horror movies has been more inclusive in a positive way. "I think 'Get Out' sort of changed the way that filmmakers look at casting," Lee said.

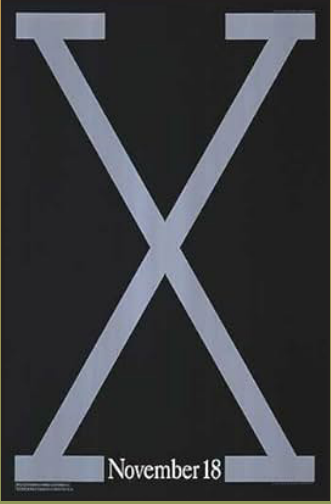


**"Hidden Figures"**  
Year: 2016 Length: 2h 7m Rated: PG  
Director: Theodore Melfi  
Stars: Taraji P. Henson and Octavia Spencer  
Where to watch: Apple TV

Based on the true story of three African-American NASA mathematicians who fought the odds of gender and racial discrimination of 1940s society in order to provide vital information that helped launch astronaut John Glenn into orbit. This movie was nominated in 2017 for three Academy Awards, including Best Motion Picture, and helped encourage a new generation of women interested in STEM, according to Forbes.



**"Do the Right Thing"**  
Year: 1989 Length: 2h Rated: R  
Director: Spike Lee  
Stars: Danny Aiello and Ossie Davis  
Where to watch: Amazon Prime  
Throughout the hottest day of the summer, tension between Italian-American owners of a local pizzeria and African-American residents slowly progresses into violence on the streets of New York. Spike Lee's clever use of comedy and drama landed this movie in the top 100 movies of all time, according to The American Film Institute.



**"Malcolm X"**  
Year: 1992 Length: 3h 22m Rated: PG-13  
Director: Spike Lee  
Stars: Denzel Washington and Angela Bassett  
Where to watch: Max

This biographical epic follows the life of the intelligent and influential civil rights activist, focusing on the key moments from his childhood all the way up to his untimely death. Denzel Washington received an Oscar nomination for Best Leading Actor for his role in this movie. Spike Lee did a wonderful job of humanizing the historical figure and invoking empathy for the struggle Malcolm X went through.



**"BlacKkKlansman"**  
Year: 2018 Length: 2h 15m Rated: R  
Director: Spike Lee  
Stars: John David Washington and Adam Driver  
Where to watch: Amazon Prime (plus fee)  
Colorado Springs Police Department's first African-American detective, new to the position, teams up with an experienced coworker to go undercover and eradicate the Ku Klux Klan. This movie is a perfect example of creatively bringing a lesser known story to light.

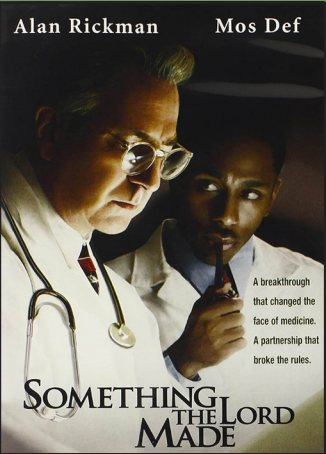


**"Carmen Jones"**  
Year: 1954 Rated: Not Rated Length: 1h 45m  
Director: Otto Preminger  
Stars: Harry Belafonte and Dorothy Dandridge  
Where to watch: Amazon Prime (plus fee)

A brilliant, visually pleasing, modern portrayal of Georges Bizet's legendary opera "Carmen," with an all-African-American cast. The tale of temptation and its consequences is still relevant 70 years later. This movie is a cultural milestone that changed the film industry, making the other movies on this list possible.

"Carmen Jones" also provided the world with a view of African-Americans other than the typical Hollywood maid or butler character.

"One of the reasons why I love Carmen Jones is just like, you know, people say black excellence and I just look at that (movie), I'm like, that's what it is," Lee said.



**"Something the Lord Made"**  
Year: 2004 Length: 1h 50m Rated: TV-PG  
Director: Joseph Sargent  
Stars: Cliff McMullen and Yasiin Bey (AKA Mos Def)  
Where to watch: MAX

The only made-for-TV movie on the list follows the true story of a black man who started off as part of the cleaning staff, yet proves himself suitable to assist doctor Alfred Blalock with his cardiac medical research, landing them both at Johns Hopkins University. Both men face multiple racial hurdles of 1930s society. Yasin Bey was nominated for the 2004 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Miniseries or a Movie.





Jazz gets a little bit sweeter with Esperanza Spalding



LILY COLE  
Editor

People always ask, “What kind of music do you like?” Ah, the classic icebreaker to get to know someone. For the longest time, I’d bounce between indie and pop, trying to find the “right” answer to fit whoever I was talking to. But recently, I had a lightbulb moment and thought, “Wait, why am I trying to fit into someone else’s box when they’re trying to get to know ME?” So, now, I proudly say—jazz.

Since high school, I’ve been an avid jazz fan. In 2022, I sang with an all-female jazz ensemble at Henry Ford College, which opened my eyes to the genre as a whole and introduced me to a ton of new artists, one being the amazingly talented Esperanza Spalding.

Spalding, sometimes known by her stylized name, *esperanza spalding*, is an Ameri-

can bassist, singer, songwriter and composer. She released her debut album, “Junjo,” in 2006 and her self-titled album in 2008 under the independent American label Heads Up.

She earned critical success with “Chamber Music Society” in 2010 and “Radio Music Society” in 2012, which won multiple Grammy Awards. She later explored the funk rock genre with “Emily’s D+Evolution” in 2016 and topped Billboard’s Top Jazz Albums with “12 Little Spells” in 2019, which also won a Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album. Some standouts from her self-titled album are “Ponta De Arcia,” “Fall In” and “Precious.”

Spalding’s sound is a wild, genre-blending ride. She mixes smooth jazz, funky basslines, soulful vocals, and a splash of rock, Latin and classical vibes. She’s a master of fusing acoustic and electronic elements, making her music feel both experimental and polished. Her music has plenty of unexpected twists and grooves that’ll keep you hooked—especially in “Emily’s D+Evolution.”

Because she’s been playing bass for so long, she has a way of making the lines both the



PHOTO FROM ACADEMY OF ACHIEVEMENT | SANDRINE LEE

Esperanza Spalding is a Grammy Award-winning bassist, vocalist and songwriter best known for her albums “Esperanza” and “Radio Music Society.”

back and heart of her songs. She weaves in intricate fingerpicking, slaps and grooves that add a rich, almost melodic tone. The basslines are just as rich as her voice as she blends her quiet vocals with belting

notes that just feel organic and textured. It’s one that lingers in your ears—soothing and memorable.

In an interview with NuSoul Magazine in 2008, when asked why she chose the bass

over other instruments, she explained that it wasn’t a conscious decision; the bass “had its own arc” and simply spoke to her. She also described the experience of discovering the bass as similar to “waking up

one day and realizing you’re in love with a co-worker.”

I hope that if you’re looking to wake up one day and fall in love with something, it would be Spalding’s music. She does not disappoint.

REVIEW

‘Captain America: Brave New World’ couldn’t get out of the basic Marvel box



HENRY SINCIC  
Contributor

RATING:

★★★★☆

REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS

There are worse ways to spend two hours than “Captain America: Brave New World.” As far as your standard superhero-action fare goes, it gives you most of what you want in the movie. There’s a lot of action and a lot of fun moments with your favorite characters and superheroes. The problem is, there’s no elevation. Nothing special is done to make this movie stand out from those of its lineage. Now, with more than 30 other Marvel movies preceding it, is when this movie’s lack of an identity becomes a major problem.

From the outset, the biggest problem of “Captain America: Brave New World” is apparent: the dialogue. There hasn’t been a film filled with more unnatural exposition since M. Night Shyamalan’s “Old.” It’s as if every screenwriter on this movie thought that their audience was filled with Marvel neophytes who had to constantly be told what was going on, or else they’d be lost. Granted, with a plotline that has been woven between dozens of films, that amount of hand-holding probably seemed like a necessity to the writers. But one wishes that some of the exposition was worked in more naturally.

This problem ties into



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“Captain America: Brave New World” came out on Valentine’s Day, starring Anthony Mackie as Sam Wilson.

one of the biggest traps that a comic book movie can fall into, especially those of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU): trying to set up too many future films. In the case of this movie, as with many others, it’s clear that they’re trying to set up the next “phase” of the MCU, with characters like Bucky Barnes making painfully forced cameos that don’t serve the story of the movie at all, but rather make an entry point for future films like this spring’s “Thunderbolts.”

If anything, comic book films should strive to have as focused a narrative as possible, not only because this is a better practice for filmmaking, but because it would better serve to pay tribute to the often-condensed narratives of comics.

Some of the very best comic book films of the last 20 years, such as “The Dark Knight,” “Dredd” and “Wonder Woman” used smaller, more focused narratives to great benefit. Even the Disney+ show that preceded this movie, “The Falcon and the Winter Soldier,” was much better in this regard, featuring an overarching narrative that felt just big enough to be cinematic without ever feeling bloated like this movie does.

“I want to go see a movie, and I want it to be one unit that I can enjoy, and I don’t need any backstory,” said Hope Bernard, a film instructor at WCC. “The Marvel movies started getting to where, now, not only do you have to see the other movies, but the TV

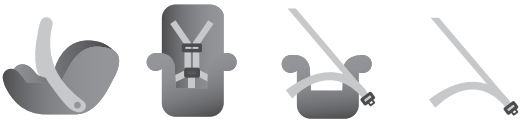
shows too.”

For all of my ragging on this movie, there still is a lot to like.

The actors do great a job with their respective roles. Anthony Mackie is still ever-likeable, and the MCU’s newest veteran addition, Harrison Ford, does a surprisingly good job as President Thaddeus “Thunderbolt” Ross.

The action is solid, though, as is common in the MCU, it feels overly reliant on CGI. Really, this movie should’ve been slipped in between other, better MCU movies as a summer release. As is, it’s a solid action flick; something to make the kids happy and to keep the fans tide over. Let’s hope they can clean these movies up and give us something better soon.

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"UH-OH" BY JADA HAUSER



CLASSIFIEDS

WCC students and employees can place classified ads in The Washtenaw Voice for free.

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

THE DEADLINE in 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication.

SEND ADS to wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com

JOB POSTINGS

Center for Career Success

Below are recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Center for Career Success. WCC Students and alumni are invited to read these ads and to apply on Handshake™. For more information or assistance with applications, contact the Center for Career Success, SC 112 at careers@wccnet.edu or 734.677.5155. Follow us on X: @WCC\_Careers | Facebook: @WCC. CenterforCareerSuccess | LinkedIn: WCCCenterforCareerSuccess | Instagram: @wcccenterforcareersuccess

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Summer Internships. Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.

Calling all current college and university students! The University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum is excited to announce a wide variety of paid internship opportunities! We're looking for enthusiastic changemakers who are passionate about social and ecological resilience, equity, justice, sustainability, climate-forward practices, and biocultural diversity to join our team.

Shakespeare in the Arb Production Assistant Summer Intern. Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.

Within the Visitor Experience department, the SITA Production Assistant position is a 6 (six) week position working closely with MBGNA staff and SITA directorial teams to manage the operations of staging a Shakespeare play for the complete run of the show. This position will be based primarily at Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor, MI and will run for six weeks beginning Wednesday, May 28, 2025 through Sunday, June 29, 2025. Work hours are 2pm to 10pm, Wednesdays through Sundays.

Accounts Payable Clerk. Gift of Life Michigan

. Understand and apply basic accounting principles relating to accounts payable. Obtain required information to support donor and vendor invoices including management approval. Prepare all invoices for payment

in the accounts payable module of the accounting software. Enter invoices into the accounting system on a daily basis. Enter and prepare, on a weekly basis, payables for disbursement. Run and file weekly payment register. Establish and maintain relationships with new and existing vendors including prenotes and vendor qualification tasks. File, organize, and maintain vendor files either electronic or hard copy.

HVAC Technician. Enviro-Clean Services, Inc.

We are seeking an experienced and dependable HVAC Technician to join our Enviro-Clean team. This role involves working at Lincoln Consolidated School District to install, maintain, and repair heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. This is a full-time position on 1st shift with a pay of \$30 per hour.

Infotainment Radio Reception Engineer. Hyundai America Technical Center, Inc.

Will be tasked with improving and developing, defining, and implementing System Level validation of hardware and software test plan of test cases, test processes, methods, and documentation for Radio systems. Identify tools needed for successful development such as hardware/software development tools and test equipment including alternatives to manual testing for Infotainment Radio systems. Complete full testing of the In Vehicle Radio tuner system, Radio Reception of FM/AM/SXM for weak & strong reception areas of analog and HD radio, Antenna, DTS Auto-Stage and Radio features for all Vehicle Platforms before Start of Production (SOP). Execute both in-vehicle and bench validation for functionality and specification compliance. Thoroughly test systems to identify issues and continuously strive to improve the system

Assistant Teacher Intern. Doodles Academy.

Seeking 2-3 interns to act as assistant teachers in a district-wide art program. Preferred applicants will be enrolled in either a teaching program or be a fine-arts major. A specific focus in art education is not required from either, although if you have a history or interest. Interns will have the opportunity to work in our after-school programming. The upcoming term commitment is for the Fall Term. We are looking for someone from the week of September 17- November 17th on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm.

Rework Welder. Labor

Rocket.

As a Welding Technician specializing in rework, you will play a crucial role in ensuring the quality and integrity of exhaust systems by identifying and correcting surface defects. Your responsibilities will include examining parts, filling holes and gaps through Mig welding, performing sub-assembly and final assembly welding, and addressing any additional defects through Tig welding as per specifications.

Finance Specialist. City of Ann Arbor.

To support a variety of financial aspects of the organization including but not limited to, assisting in procurement activities, accounting, auditing, budget development tasks, financial performance reporting, researching regulations, and strategic planning initiatives. In addition, this position provides analytical support for decision analysis.

Coffee Shop Associate. Kroger of Ann Arbor.

Create an environment that enables customers to feel welcome, important and appreciated by answering questions regarding products sold within the department and throughout the store. Gain and maintain knowledge of products sold within the department and be able to respond to questions and make suggestions about products.

Wind Energy Project Coordinator. Bat Conservation International.

Bat Conservation International (BCI), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to ending bat extinctions worldwide, seeks two Project Coordinators to join BCI's Science Team. This opportunity is for two Project Manager positions. Each will lead a 3-year project investigating potential bat fatality reduction measures at wind energy facilities. While Project Coordinators can live anywhere and will work remotely, each Project Coordinator will be responsible for on-site field research at a wind energy facility for approximately July through September. Housing will be provided during fieldwork.

Water Science Intern. Huron River Watershed Council.

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) seeks a paid summer intern to assist with water quality, water quantity, and aquatic ecology monitoring across the Huron River watershed. The intern will support maintenance of a sensor node network, data collection to develop a watershed flow model and its use, the organization's long-term Chemistry and Flow

Monitoring Program, as well as other field, lab, and data processing activities that arise throughout the summer.

Service Delivery Coordinator. IRIS Software Group.

As a Payroll Analyst, you'll be at the forefront of delivering exceptional client service, ensuring smooth onboarding for new clients, and managing their payroll needs. If you thrive on client interaction, have an eye for detail, and are passionate about providing top-class service, this role is perfect for you.

Emergency Department Registrar. Michigan Medicine.

Interview patients to obtain/verify correct mailing address, phone numbers, other personal/demographic information, emergency contacts, primary-care physician, insurance information and the person who is financially responsible for treatment. Input all information into the Michigan Medicine electronic health record called MiChart. Contact insurance companies via online resources or by phone to ensure health insurance coverage is active, and that our information is correct. Work collaboratively with patients and insurance companies when a potential billing issue exists. Facilitate lines of communication between admitting staff, Emergency Department staff and Social Work to ensure seamless registration and admission process.

Sales and Management Intern. College Works Painting.

College Works Paintings provides college and university students a unique, life-transforming opportunity to build business management and leadership skills, hands-on. The internship empowers students to run their own local businesses, manage their own crew of people, and provide a much-needed service within their communities - while earning money as well as invaluable experience.

Information Technology (I.T.) Intern (Livonia, MI). RAM Construction Services. As an I.T. intern, you will collaborate with our Information Technology team in all stages of software implementation and support. Your insightful contribution will help develop, expand and maintain our I.T. channels. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

Manufacturing Intern – Summer 2025. Stellantis – FCA Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Interns will be assigned to a department based on the candidate's background and skill set. The assignments are project-oriented, meaningful to the department and allow the intern to provide valuable contributions. Interns experience a sense of personal accomplishment and learn about the corporate business culture through work assignments, structured activities, and exclusive intern networking events. Interns that demonstrate outstanding qualities may be invited back for a return internship the following summer or may be considered for full-time positions.

Certified Medical Assistant. FasTemps, Inc.

The University of Michigan is seeking a qualified Certified Medical Assistant to join its healthcare team in Ann Arbor. This is an on-site position offering a dynamic work environment where you will provide support to medical staff and help ensure the smooth operation of patient care.

Medical Laboratory Scientist. Michigan Medicine. Responsibilities include performing waived, moderate, and high complexity patient testing and quality control using automated and manual methods and following Michigan Medicine policies and procedures. Opportunities are available various laboratory specialties including Transfusion Medicine, Biochemistry, Hematology, Microbiology, Molecular Diagnostics, Cytogenetics, Histocompatibility, Flow Cytometry, Point-of-Care Testing, Toxicology.

Office Administrator. Bean's Best LLC

The Office Administrator at our powder coating application facility is responsible for record keeping, office management, data entry, payroll, basic customer support and financial administration. The ideal candidate is reliable, hardworking, and an effective communicator, who possesses good time management skills and thrives under clear direction with defined deadlines.

GIG Opportunities in University of Michigan Dining Halls. FasTemps, Inc.

Are you looking for a flexible job with great pay, where YOU control your schedule? Look no further! Fastemps is hiring for GIG work in the dining halls at the University of Michigan! Whether you're a student, someone looking for extra income, or just want to set your own hours, this is the perfect opportunity!

Sustainability Coordinator - Circular Economy. City of Ann Arbor.

Performs responsible administrative and professional work of a complex nature, including co-developing, co-leading, and supporting the identification, development, implementation, and evaluation of municipal and community-facing sustainability and circular economy-focused programs for the City. Includes co-starting and supporting the start-up of new projects and managing projects with significant internal and community involvement. Administers, plans, coordinates, staffs, organizes, and monitors the activities of the assigned programs. May potentially oversee interns.

Customer Service Representative. University of Michigan Credit Union.

The University of Michigan Credit Union is currently searching for bright, professional and friendly service minded individuals to provide first in class customer service to our members! Customer Service Representatives at UMCU come from a wide variety of backgrounds, from recent graduates to experienced retail and food service professionals. Our Customer Service Representatives foster positive member relationships by providing exceptional service, anticipating member's needs, and exceeding expectations.

Bookkeeper. SG Solutions Group.

To maintain the financial records by recording financial transactions on daily basis and keep the records organized. Processing vendor's invoices for all properties. Paying accounts on behalf of SG Company – online / over the phone payments upon approval. Bill back expenses to all properties from managing company – SMG. Recording payments and adjustments. Preparation and submission of miscellaneous bank deposits. Reconciling account balances between properties.

CNC Programmer and Operator. Special Projects.

We are looking for an outgoing, energetic, get-the-job-done-right individuals. If you are CNC knowledgeable, ambitious, able to multi-task, team driven and willing to work hard and apply yourself, this is a perfect opportunity. This position is for programmer as well as operator. If you have the right attitude and possess the basic skills in these area's but are willing to learn more, we can provide additional on the job training.





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events

MUSIC & FUN

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**ANN ARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**Mar. 14 | Doors open at 7 p.m.**  
*The Blind Pig | 208 S. 1st St., Ann Arbor*  
18+ event featuring performances from Larkin, Dark Hawk, Echoes of Eden and more.

**DEPOT TOWN COMEDY OPEN MIC**  
**Wednesdays | 7:30-10:30 p.m.**  
*734 Brewing Company | 15 E Cross St., Ypsilanti*  
If you're a big fan of stand up comedy, go down to Depot Town on Wednesdays to watch some local stand up comedians. Sets last anywhere from 5-10 minutes, and anyone is welcome to sign up.

**DRAG MUSIC BINGO FOR YPSI PRIDE**  
**Feb. 26 | 6:15-9 p.m.**  
*The Tap Room | 201 W Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti*  
A fun bingo event run by drag queens to celebrate Ypsilanti pride. There will be a chance to win prizes.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS | DVSROSS  
Drag as an art form existed in the days of Shakespeare.

**BLACK ARTIST EXHIBITION**  
**Feb. 28 | 6-8 p.m.**  
*Riverside Arts Center | 76 N Huron St, Ypsilanti*  
Join for the closing ceremony of an exclusive art show featuring works by local Black artists. There will be live music, refreshments and a chance to meet some of the artists.

**ANN ARBOR FARMERS MARKET**  
**Mar. 1 | 8 a.m- 3 p.m.**  
*315 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor*  
Looking for something to do on weekends? The Ann Arbor farmers market happens every Saturday. Winter hours run until April 26.

**ARTIST OPEN STUDIO**  
**Mar. 6 |9:30-11 a.m.**  
*Ann Arbor Senior Center | 1320 Baldwin Ave., Ann Arbor*  
18 and older. If you're interested in doing a creative art project head on down to the artist open studio! Free for members and \$2 for non-members.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS | MISSVAIN  
Locally grown produce often contains higher nutrients due to being fresh from the farm.

**REVOLUTIONARY LOVE: OPEN MIC**  
**Feb. 26 |11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
*Bailey Library | GM building*  
Join for a spoken word poetry event. Students can choose to perform a poem they wrote, choose one from the basket or just sit back and enjoy the poems performed by others.

**THERAPAWS: THERAPY DOGS**  
**Mar. 12 | 12-2 p.m.**  
*Bailey Library | GM building*  
Therapaws of Michigan will be on campus with therapy dogs. Take a break from studying and take some time to visit the dogs!

**NBA 2K TOURNAMENT**  
**March 13 | 1-3 p.m.**  
*Esports arena | TI 239*  
Join WCC Esports in the NBA 2k tournament! Compete against and dunk on other students in this tournament. Join for prizes, fun and more.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS | LALIV G  
Just a few minutes spent with dogs has been shown to boost oxytocin levels.

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