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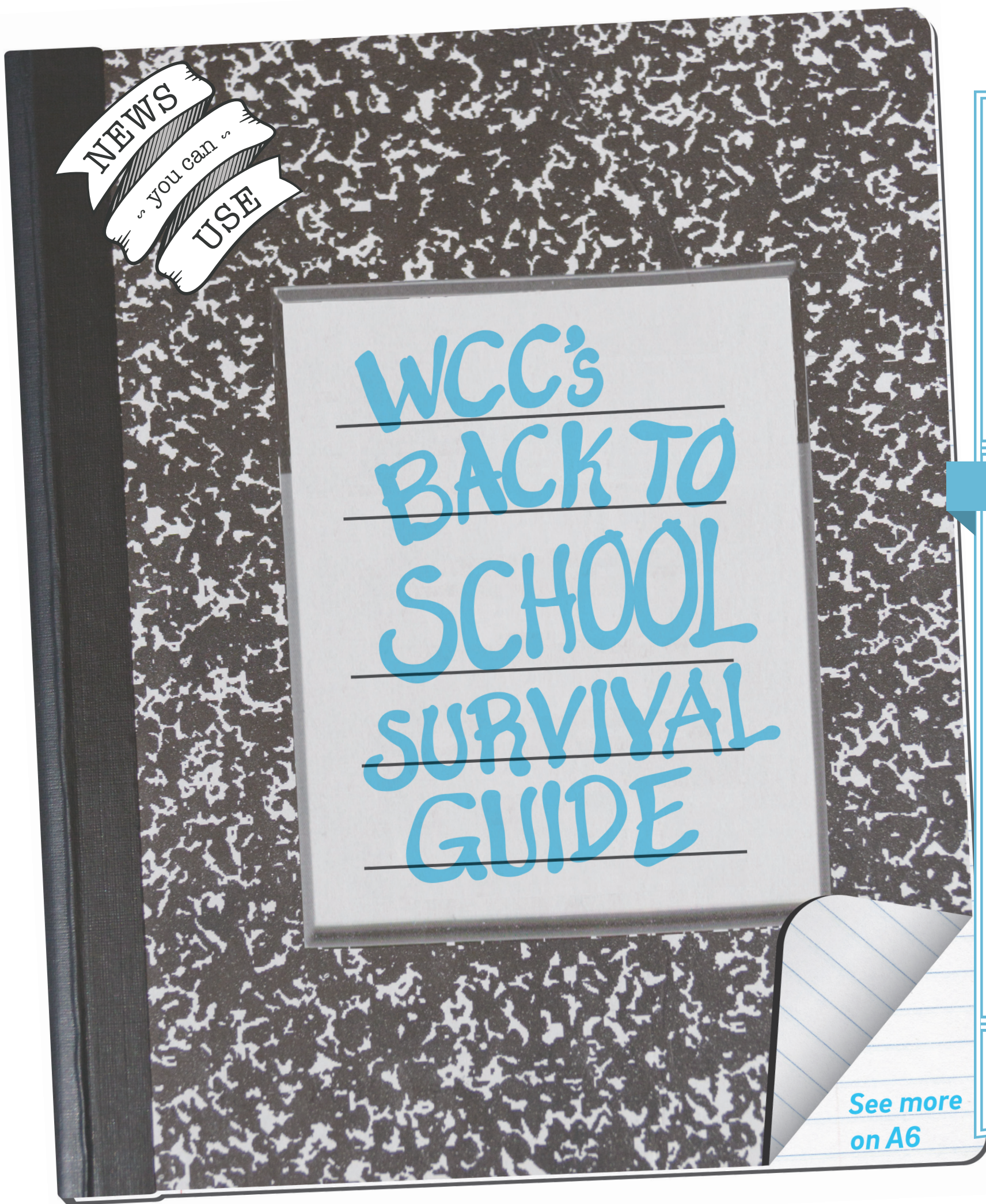
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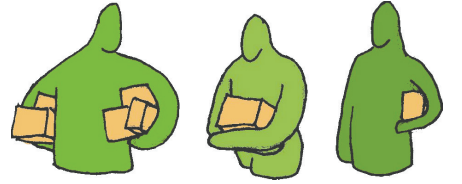
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"All of the different helps here are amazing. The student center, tutoring, financial aid, there are so many resources to help you along the way. When I started here, I just went to classes, not knowing about the resources at hand. This school is top of the line. The teachers are amazing. They actually care about you and want you to succeed. Stay focused and don't get discouraged. If you feel that you're slipping, talk to your teachers and go to tutoring, they're there to help and get you back on track."

Karen Scott, 37,
Pittsfield Township, Nursing

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WCC hires new Vice President for Instruction

By TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

A self-described "life-long learner," Washtenaw Community College's new Vice President for Instruction Michael Nealon says he's been going to school every day since pre-school and he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think that's what really keeps us growing as individuals, growing within the communities in which we live, and growing within a broader perspective of what I think our cultural experience is just as human beings," Nealon said.

His passion for learning blossomed primarily through music. Member of a professional boys choir in New York at age eight, Nealon was recording albums just two years later. At age 11, young Nealon sang with the New York Metropolitan Opera in their Central Park productions.

As a student, he wanted to "unlock" the mysteries of music's history. Nealon started with obtaining his bachelor's in humanities and music history from St. Michael's College in Vermont and worked his way toward a doctorate in musicology from Northwestern. His educational journey not only provided the facts he longed for but also paved his career path.

Although Nealon was the only child out of six in his family to not attend a community college, Lansing Community

College is where he held his first full-time teaching position beginning in 1998.



"I experienced at LCC, a transformation," Nealon said. "Not only in my experience, but in an experience that I knew was transforming the lives of the students that I got to share moments with every day."

Prior to teaching at LCC, Nealon was an adjunct instructor at three universities. While Nealon enjoyed teaching at the university level, he didn't feel as though he was impacting his students quite as much as he could for students who were just starting out or looking to fine-tune their skills.

"Meeting with students who realize for the first time were having adult conversation and their whole life was opening up and you saw nothing but raw potential, it's some of the most exciting moments a

teacher can have," Nealon said. "And it's the greatest blessing community college students can give, just by being the diverse, inquisitive, learning, loving people that they are."

During his many years at LCC, Nealon was not only a professor, but also a chair, a dean, and an associate vice president for student learning. President of LCC Brent Knight is in his eighth year of presidency and this will be his first year not working with Nealon.

"I think highly of Dr. Nealon," Knight said. "He's very accomplished, works hard and works well with faculty and students."

Coming to a new college offers the opportunity to not only create a new working relationship with WCC's President Rose Bellanca but also the students, faculty, staff, and community. At WCC's July 28 board of trustee meeting, Nealon was introduced and so began another educational journey.

"His commitment to students and student success, his experience in a large academic organization and his ability to maintain strong working relationships," all contributed to his joining of WCC, according to Bellanca.

WCC has been without a vice president for instruction

for two years while Bill Abernethy stood in as interim VPI. Bellanca commented that searching for a replacement has not been an easy process and also a long process. After receiving a warm welcome, Nealon addressed the board and its meeting's attendees.

"I am very, very impressed by everything I've seen," Nealon said. "This is probably the most exciting time to be in higher education and to be part of reimagining what teaching and learning is all about in America. Congratulations on all of the awards. We all see you as a leader in the state and it's wonderful to be joining such an exciting and distinguished team."

A vice president for instruction, in Nealon's eyes, is someone who creates and maintains an environment that encompasses all the characteristics for the most useful learning possible for students and that nothing less would be a disservice to those students.

"It was really in my interest to join a team that understands what the challenges are that face community colleges in America today who are willing to meet those head on and who will always have at the center of what they do, student success," Nealon said. "That's what I think WCC already represents and that's what I'd like to be able to maintain, nurture, and grow to an even more exciting tomorrow."

Who's on
Campus?

10,517
STUDENTS ENROLLED
FOR FALL CLASSES,
TAKING
93,581
CREDIT HOURS

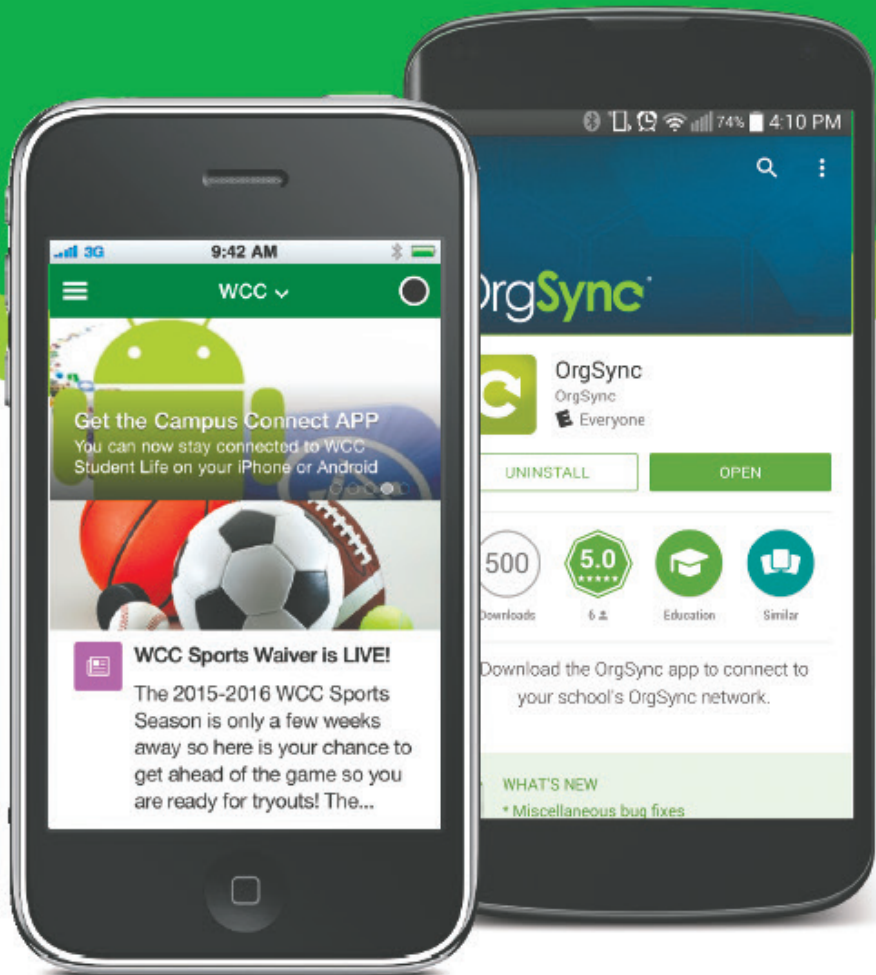
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<p>Renaissance Festival August 22 to October 4 Weekends Only 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine) 12600 Dixie Highway Holly, MI 48442</p> <p>Have a magnificently medieval time at Michigan's Renaissance Festival! Watch historical reenactments, listen to dozens of rock bands and feast on medieval food! A 16th century extravaganza awaits! Price: \$5</p>	<p>Welcome Day Tuesday, September 15 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Community Park</p> <p>Swing back into fall with a FREE fun-filled day on campus. Welcome Day features dozens of vendors – from college clubs to local businesses. Grab freebies, make wax hands, enjoy cool tunes and much, much more! FREE!</p>	<p>Toledo Zoo Friday, September 18 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Toledo, OH</p> <p>Join us as we visit lions, tigers, bears and other animals. Tickets include college van transportation. Space is limited. Tickets: \$8</p>	<p>WCC Free College Day Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, September 26 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Variable Shifts Available) WCC Main Campus</p> <p>Give back to your campus by volunteering at Free College Day! Volunteers will receive dinner the night before the event, lunch at the event and a t-shirt for your service! Sign-up in Campus Connect's Service Opportunities: https://orgsync.com/102704/forms/153209</p>
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STUDENT CLUBS

Build your leadership skills, meet new friends and get involved in student life through the Office of Student Organizations! Here's how:

Join a Club:
Each fall semester, WCC has over 35 active student clubs on campus. Visit Campus Connect to find a club where you fit in:

https://orgsync.com/browse_orgs/776

Start a Club:
If you don't see a club that meets your interest, you can start a club at WCC. Register your club here:

<https://orgsync.com/102704/forms/140693>

WCC SPORTS

With the fall semester fast approaching, that means sports are about to begin! Starting the week of August 31st, our club sports teams will begin tryouts. For information on times and locations, join our Office of WCC Sports portal page on Campus Connect:
<https://orgsync.com/108999/chapter>

Sports Offered Fall 2015 Include:

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| • Men's Soccer | • Hockey |
| • Women's Soccer | • Running |
| • Men's Baseball | • Dodgeball |
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5 THINGS YOU MISSED...

AT THE JULY 28 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING



President Rose Bellanca Presides over the board of trustees. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

I. PRESIDENT ROSE BELLANCA RECEIVES RAISE AND EXTENDED CONTRACT

The board of trustees voted unanimously that President Rose Bellanca’s salary for the 2015-2016 academic year be set at \$211,140, a \$4,140 increase from the previous year. In addition, she has also been granted an extra week of paid vacation and an extended contract through June 30, 2018. Board Chair Richard Landau lead the discussion and stated the process included the self-evaluation of the president and her accomplishments. Trustee Dave DeVarti also offered his thoughts about the decision.

“I will be voting for this,” DeVarti said. “I felt that the president has been very forthcoming with many of my requests, personally, and I think we have communicated sufficiently some of what my personal concerns are and I’m satisfied with that.”

Since Bellanca was hired in 2011, Treasurer Pamela Horiszny has shown strong support.

“I think that she has provided an incredible vision and making sure people have the resources and the freedom to do the job,” Horiszny said. “It’s been a challenging time for the college so you’ve had almost twice as much work than you would normally have and I appreciate that.”

2. HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION UPDATES

Julie Morrison, Washtenaw Community College’s executive director of institutional effectiveness, planning and accreditation spoke to the board about the update from the Higher Learning Commission, received July 13. For the last couple of years, the WCCEA has voiced concerns about lack of communication between faculty and administration, high turnover rate and vacant leadership positions. However, the HLC’s response concluded that the issues are not a matter of being out of compliance for accreditation but they have requested an update about said issues in January 2016. The HLC will not visit the school until scheduled in 2019-2020 and according to their letter, “The Commission consider its review of this complaint closed at this time.”

3. PILOT PROGRAM FOR VIDEO RECORDING BOARD MEETINGS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21

The original recommendation for video recording was set

for a trial run of three months with an evaluation of the program to follow.

“This is an issue I brought forward,” said trustee Dave DeVarti. “I think it’s really important, as I’ve said before, to increase the transparency of the board’s activities. It’s a modest proposal and it’s something I hope the board sees fit to go along with.”

Trustee Stephen Gill didn’t share the same enthusiasm.

“Personally, I don’t see a need for it,” Gill said. “If it truly is a three month pilot program, which to me means that we’re going to evaluate it and probably get some data and see what the impact of it is and think about it, I would like to see some language somewhere that specifies what we’ll do from after the program starts.”

However, board of trustee Treasurer Pamela Horiszny felt three months wasn’t a long enough period of time to collect enough data for accurate feedback. After discussing possible options, the board agreed that a six month pilot program will be in place from September to February, with an evaluation planned at the February meeting.

4. POSSIBLE FACULTY POLICY CHANGES FROM HLC

According to Julie Morrison, Washtenaw’s executive director of institutional effectiveness, planning and accreditation, the policy changes for faculty is the biggest news right now with the HLC. Although guidelines haven’t officially been set by the Higher Learning Commission concerning the changes the faculty will face, the board should receive confirmation of the policy changes by the end of August. Morrison informed the board that the college is not alone in these policy changes which include the qualifications for faculty teaching general education courses.

The 1,000 other colleges the HLC oversees will also be affected. Tentatively, Sept. 1, 2017, is the date in which all faculty members must either have a master’s degree in the general education they are teaching or at least 18 credits in the area of study. No community college has received specific guidelines yet, but they are on their way. President Rose Bellanca spoke to the board and the meeting’s attendees ensuring that they will do whatever possible to meet the guidelines while also supporting the faculty.

“As a president, I want to make sure we’re keeping good faculty,” Bellanca said. “I’m really anxious to see what we can do and I offered that we work

on this collaboratively. I’m very empathetic to faculty members right now that they think their jobs are in jeopardy.”

Bellanca also informed the attendants that they are not rushing into anything as was discussed in a meeting earlier that day.

“It’s best for us to wait until we get the actual response or guidelines from the Higher Learning Commission before we do anything,” Bellanca said. “I want to make sure that faculty members feel reassured that we are going to do everything we can collaboratively to help them through this process.”

5. NEW 3+1 PROGRAMS FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

The board of trustees approved seven more 3+1 articulation agreements with three universities. Through 3+1 programs, students are able to take three years of credits at WCC while working with a university in pursuing a bachelor’s degree and only attending the university for one year. This option allows students a cheaper educational route while still being able to receive a degree in their desired area of study.

Now available are three more agreements with Madonna University including an associate in math and science from WCC and a bachelor’s of science in forensic science from Madonna. Also, an associate in applied science in culinary and hospitality management from WCC and a bachelor’s of science in hospitality and tourism management from Madonna.

Lastly, an associate in arts in journalism from WCC and a bachelor’s of arts in journalism and public relations from Madonna. Three are also added from Eastern Michigan University including an associate in arts in liberal arts transfer from WCC and a bachelor’s of arts or bachelor of science with a major or minor in women’s and gender studies. An associate in arts in construction management from WCC and a bachelor’s of science in construction management from EMU is available. Thirdly, an agreement established with EMU is an associate of applied science in graphic design, photographic technology or web design and development from WCC and a bachelor’s of science in communication technology from EMU. Ferris State University is also offering an agreement including an associate in arts in business from WCC and a bachelor’s of science business administration from Ferris.

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EDITORIAL

NEW YEAR,
NEW VOICE

“They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself,”

-Andy Warhol

It may go without saying, but this year at *The Washtenaw Voice* began as, and will continue to be, like none other before it. Unlike a teenage girl’s New Year’s resolution, “new year, new me,” we actually intend on holding true to these words.

This stray from the usual track *The Voice* has tread in the past is evident through the fact that every position on the staff is filled by new faces.

The editorial team, Taylor Robinson, Editor; Sofia Lynch, Managing Editor; and Gray Bancroft; Photo Editor all return this year to *The Voice* with less than a year of staff experience under their belts. Becky Alliston, the advertising manager, remains the only *Voice* staffer with multiple years working for the paper.

Now *The Voice* rolls onward with a new advisor, Judy McGovern, and entirely new staff, but bringing out a paper

with a virgin workforce isn’t the only way that this volume of *The Voice* will differ from those that precede it. Just like anything that is new, it doesn’t mean it’s better, it simply means it’s different.

We strive this year to find a balance that both informs and entertains our readers. We want our content to be relevant to everyone across our diverse spectrum of our readership. We want to shake the misleading reputation that *The Voice* has nothing to offer the students but politics and stories of old men in suits.

That being said, we will not shy away from the hard-hitting news and we do not fear shedding a less-than-positive light on the inner workings of the college. Nothing is covered by *The Voice* due to bias or due to spite. Everything that finds its way onto our pages is something that holds importance to our students or

holds someone accountable for their responsibility to the students.

Which comes back to the fundamental change in our ways that we would like to enact. Our readers and WCC’s students are what is most important to us. We want our supply to meet your demand. A student newspaper should not be just run by the students, but also run for the students. We want to reach out to our readers and ask you: what do you want from *The Voice*?

Visit our website, washtenawvoice.com, and participate in our poll, so we can hear your voice on what you would like to see more of in our paper. If you would like to communicate your views more directly, email *The Voice* at thewashtenawvoice@gmail.com. We want our paper to be the paper you want to read.

Your college experience might not look like everyone else’s – and that’s okay



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Here’s a little something you probably already know: college is hard. If you disagree with this statement, congratulations. You’ve managed to make your way through the labyrinth of pre-reqs, class credits, finals weeks and the ever-elusive “figuring out what to do for the next 35 years of life.” If you agree, there’s another thing you might not know: that’s okay.

In our culture these days, school is one of the number one sources of stress. Earning a degree is practically essential to getting any kind of job with a livable wage. Along with the degree of your choice, internships and residencies are some of the only tickets into your dream career.

Consequently, there’s the natural response to freak out if you find you’re not on the traditional route that’s been ingrained in every student since they were taught their

ABCs – an undergrad degree, then grad school, then the lowly life of an intern who fetches triple-shot lattes, and finally, hopefully, all your dreams come true in the confines of a six-by-six cubicle.

But alternate paths are more than okay. College is about making school work for you so you can succeed, not working yourself to fit the pre-made mold of College Student™. Some paths look like gap semesters or gap years. Some look like still enrolling for yet another semester when everyone else your age is donning a cap and gown and getting a kickstart on their careers.

Some look like changing your major four times. Some look like going back to school after your grown children have graduated, to get the degree you always wanted but couldn’t make happen until now. Some look like deciding it just isn’t for you at all.

They’re all hard work, full of bumps and bruises along the way, but they don’t all have to be the same because every person isn’t the same. There’s nothing wrong with the road less traveled.

However, sometimes there’s a stigma in the road less traveled. Taking another path occasionally garners

confused looks and hesitant affirmations from friends and family who ask, “So what are you up to these days?” It can even come from within ourselves, questioning why we can’t be the same as that one friend we all have who managed to have their whole career planned out on day one of their enrollment at a Big Ten school.

However, there’s no shame in doing what’s best for you, and it’s not even all that uncommon: statistically, students are not only spending longer in school, but 50-70% of college students change their major at least once, and the average student changes their major at least three times, according to a study at the University of La Verne in California.

We live in the world that is rapidly changing and therefore the college experience has to change for some of us too. It bears repeating: there’s no shame in doing what’s best for you, even if it makes you an outlier. Even when it feels like other people don’t understand, like it’s overwhelming, like you are stuck between ten rocks and a million hard places – there is no shame in doing what’s best for you in taking a different path. Do you. It is okay.

Your vote is your voice



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I’ve heard more than one person say it. Even I’ve said it. Five words can sum up some people’s view toward voting in elections, “My vote does not matter.” With that attitude, you’re right. I had the same attitude until I decided it would be better to vote than not to and then complain about who got elected. I had two choices when I turned 18: one being I could either get registered, a right we fought and struggled for or two, continue to let others determine who gets to make decisions for my life and well-being.

I got informed and I voted. Now six years later and well into the 2016 presidential campaign, I’m faced with another decision about whether or not to be informed on the major candidates and the choice to vote next November.

For too long, it seems that an idea’s been planted in our brains that only people with money make the decisions on who gets to run the country and that talking about politics is some kind of taboo.

That’s exactly what they want you to think...is that okay with you?

Me neither. It all boils down to the fact that no matter our race, gender, sexual orientation, or whatever, we all share the same basic human needs. We all deserve food, clean water, shelter, education, healthcare, steady employment, and the list goes on.

The longer we don’t speak out about what happens to us as individuals and as a country, the raspier our voices get until we’ve forgotten how to speak completely.

No one can tell you who to vote for when the primaries come around. No one can tell you to be democrat, republican, liberal, or other. These decisions are your decisions. There may be a lot to learn with the number of known candidates running for president, over 20 among the parties, but the information is out there.

Google a few names, watch some insightful YouTube videos, learn their positions on the issues most important to you and what affects you the most. What are their stances on free tuition in higher education? What are they doing to cut taxes so that it takes less money out of your paycheck and puts more food in the fridge? How are they handling the income inequality amongst the classes? Believe it or not, we’re getting to that age where these decisions

are really going to affect us and the generations after us. We’re the generations that get to change what’s going on if we don’t like it, but only if we want to change it.

In Michigan, we’re pretty lucky and don’t have as many voting restrictions that other states have adopted, especially since the Supreme Court’s decision in 2013 to take out a key provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Essentially it makes it more difficult for minorities to vote, expands voting restrictions including needing a voter ID, and more.

In Michigan, if you don’t have a voter ID you simply sign an affidavit, can cast your ballot, and it counts just like someone with a valid ID. To register to vote in Michigan, you must be a U.S. citizen, be 18 years old by Election Day, be a resident of Michigan, and be a resident of the city or township where you’re applying to register to vote. Visit <http://www.michigan.gov> for more information about voting.

President Barack Obama declared Sept. 22 of this year National Voter Registration Day. On this day there will be volunteers around the country helping people register, educating those who are already registered, and spreading the word about the importance of your vote and how much it really does matter. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org>.

Voice Box

As a new student at Washtenaw Community College what brought you here and what are you looking forward to?

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS BY COURTNEY DITTO, CONTRIBUTOR



“It’s cheaper than a university and offers a great nursing program. Everyone here has been very helpful and welcoming.”

Tara Priede, 18, Livonia, Nursing



“I’m just looking to get some of the lower credits out of the way before transferring. WCC offers a good transfer program. I’m most nervous about getting lost. On the bus ride here, I freaked out and thought that I missed my stop, turns out there was just a detour.”

Russell Snider, 19, Ann Arbor, Psychology



“The transfer program is why I came here. I’m neutral, I let stuff happen as it comes.”

Kenneth James, 20, Ypsilanti, Psychology



“I didn’t know at first what I wanted to study or where to go and a lot of people said that this was a great place to start. I’m looking forward to graduating, but knowing my way around is the only thing I’m nervous about.”

Jenna Pfeifer, 17, Ypsilanti, general studies

Voice Box

What do you wish someone had told you upon starting at WCC and what survival tip would you give new students?

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“Time management. Prioritize your time, because at some point, you will get overwhelmed. Form a schedule at the beginning of the semester and commit to it. Also, attend your first class. Being there the first week is probably most important. It shows initiative.

Hannan Abouzahr, 21, Ypsilanti, Liberal Arts Transfer



“Introducing myself to teachers is what I wish I knew to do, and also getting to know my classmates. Building a rapport with your teachers will often make them more inclined to help you down the road than if they didn’t know you.”

Regan Ainley, 21, Saline, General Studies



“Not to think of it as a ticket to just come to classes. Build relationships because you never know who’s going to help benefit you later. Plan everything. Plan everything you do, stick to that plan, and be organized. Time management. Time management is the biggest thing.”

Emoijael Lantigua, 20, Ypsilanti, Liberal Arts Transfer



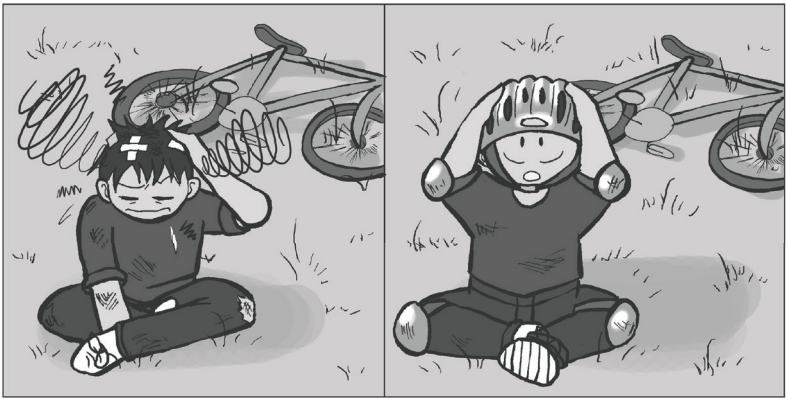
“The best advice I got from my brother upon starting at WCC was to always be true to who I am and that I should never take things for granted. The advice I’d give is to not put pressure on yourself and try to enjoy the experience and work very hard.”

Ayowole Oladeji 40, Ann Arbor, General Studies

HEALTHY VOICE



Use your head, protect your head



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Summertime isn’t summer if there aren’t a few bike rides, time hanging out at the skate park or the threat of brain injury. The enjoyment of warm weather sporting activities should also include decreasing possible life - changing injuries. “It’s too hot,” is a poor excuse for the helmetless during the muggy days that creep into sultry nights. “Helmet companies have done a good job with making them cool so kids wear them,” Quality Services Manager Dan Bogosian at Eisenhower Center in Ann Arbor said. While his responsibilities range from trouble-shooting transportation issues to working in the hoop house with clients who suffer from a brain injury, he is a proponent of wearing helmets. The severity of a head injury can range from concussions, which should still be taken seriously, to the next level considered traumatic brain injuries. To minimize concussions he said “wearing helmets would be fantastic.” Football has gained a lot of attention with brain injuries in the past few years. Litigation between professional football players and the NFL has spurred development of safer helmets, medical protocol for concussions and awareness to

the long term effects of brain injuries. Surprisingly, football ranks lower than bicycling for the number of TBIs, according to the U.S. Product and Safety Commission. Only 50 percent of bike riders regularly wear a helmet, according to a 1991 survey done by the McDonald’s Corporation and the U.S. CPSC. Continuing the spin of helmet use and accident statistics, the most common reason for fatal biking accidents is due to head injuries. Nearly 88 percent of serious brain injuries could be prevented if helmets were worn during bike riding, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Unlike a broken arm that is a visible wound, brain injuries are non-visible. Bogosian said people do treat those who suffer from brain injuries differently. He used the example of an employer becoming frustrated with an employee who has sustained trauma to the head, but who is not visibly hurt. Especially so when issues related to the brain injury do not show up until weeks or months later. Wearing a helmet while participating in a variety of other high velocity sports, including in-line skating and skateboarding, can reduce the risk of TBIs. Researchers Dixon and Gittelman concluded this through analysis of several studies for their paper “Pediatric helmet use: teaching patients to use their heads.” Earlier this summer at the Ann Arbor Skatepark, Washtenaw Community

College graphic design student Damien Lamberti, 41, helped organize the annual Dave Tuck Memorial Backyard Pool Jam. The event is a fundraiser for skateboarders who have cancer. As far as helmets go, the college party promoter and Ann Arbor resident Lamberti said all the pro skaters push wearing helmets. The promoters and professionals at this event make a point of encouraging the use of helmets. “Nothing cool about cracking your head open,” Lamberti said, remarking that no one at the event promotes being reckless. “Michigan is the best in taking care of brain injuries,” Bogosian said for those who do suffer a brain injury. He said there are more doctors and TBI’s facilities in the state. He estimates that there are 30 centers in Michigan, compared to the lone center in Denver that people from five surrounding states depend on for services. Those without access to TBI services, he has witnessed, can easily end up in nursing homes. Having the wind blowing through your hair is a great feeling, but having helmet hair is something worth suffering through. M. M. Donaldson is a staff writer with The Voice and a journalism student at WCC. She has a bachelor of science in family and community services from Michigan State University, and has several years’ experience with nutrition issues affecting infants through older adults. Follow M.m. Donaldson on Facebook.



Turning free T-shirts into fashion statements



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Classes are back in session, and in turn campus is flooded with clubs, teams, and student organizations all clamoring to hand out the same thing — the ubiquitous free T-shirt. Any student who has spent time in the current education system is guaranteed to have a stockpile of them in their closet, left to grow dusty and unworn, save for when oil-changing day or painting the living room comes around. So what’s to be done with all this excess apparel, boasting catchy slogans or graphics from late 2007? Three letters: D. I. Y. With simply a little creativity and kitchen scissors, any free t-shirt can be transformed into a unique statement piece, perfect for a day at the gym or for those style ruts of tired Monday mornings. But first, one must figure out what they want from their T-shirt – A simple muscle tank? A cute workout shirt? Something with a little more flair, like a cut-out tank or braided top? We here at The Voice have put together a few easy DIY’s to get inspired with, additional photos found online at www.washtenawvoice.com.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIRT #1:

For this DIY, you’ll need a T-shirt of your choice, scissors, and a small piece of fabric or ribbon in the color of your choice. Cut the sleeves and neckline, then cut the bottom of the shirt in an asymmetrical arch shape. Flip the shirt over. Take your ribbon or piece of fabric, and thread it through the two armholes you’ve created. Grab both ends of the ribbon or fabric and tie it in a bow or knot, cinching the back of the tank. You now have your new t-shirt top!



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIRT #2:

For this DIY you’ll only need a T-shirt of your choice and scissors. First, cut the sleeves and neckline off of the shirt. Cut the front of the shirt across at the hips, leaving the back intact. Then, cut the back up the middle to the point where you cut the front of the shirt horizontally. Take the two flaps that you’ve made at the back of the shirt and cut them diagonally into points. Take the two pointed flaps and tie them together. All done!

Brooke Bologs, 18, a nursing student from Ann Arbor shows off a DIY T-shirt made by Voice in Vogue Staffers.
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KNOW YOUR SCHOOL

During your time at Washtenaw Community College, don't just make a beeline for your classrooms, take the time to get to know your school. Although, students are busy with assignments, jobs, and the occasional quarter-life crisis, the campus has more to offer than just the classroom experience. Often, students say that the beauty of the grounds alone was a deciding factor in where they chose to go to school. Despite fighting for parking spaces and the bustling hallways of the Student Center, plenty of hidden gems can be found among the day-to-day activities of WCC.

- The Voice Staff

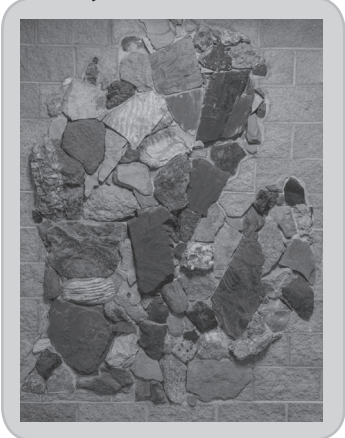


A painted apple tree mural in the stairwell of the Business Education building. COURTNEY DITTO | THE WASHTENAW VOICE



In the Technical Industrial building, a glass case is dedicated to real cake made by the culinary art students and awards they've won throughout the years. GRAY BANCROFT | THE WASHTENAW VOICE

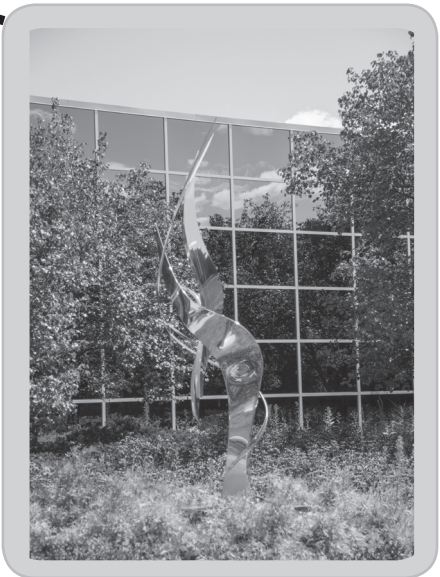
In the Richard W. Bailey Library in the Gunder Myran building, a table sits with one lonely book, what's inside is a surprise and definitely worth a peek. GRAY BANCROFT | THE WASHTENAW VOICE



Michigan mitten rock wall composed of rocks from around the state in the Liberal Arts building. GRAY BANCROFT | THE WASHTENAW VOICE



A ceiling is lit up with large X-rays in the Occupational Education building. GRAY BANCROFT | THE WASHTENAW VOICE



Outside of the Morris Lawrence building is a "Equinoccio" statue dedicated to past WCC President Larry Whitworth for his service to the college. GRAY BANCROFT | THE WASHTENAW VOICE

+ BACK TO SCHOOL SURVIVAL LIST


- ☐ Get to school early to find classes
- ☐ Sign up for school alerts
- ☐ Wait until The 1st day of class to buy text books
- ☐ Do your drive a day ahead of time to clock the time
- ☐ Get 8 hours of sleep
- ☐ Treat yourself to Subway
- ☐ Arrive early for parking
- ☐ Come equipped with writing utensils
- ☐ Get your morning caffeine
- ☐ Eat a healthy breakfast
- ☐ Buy a planner
- ☐ Be prepared for endless syllabi
- ☐ Wear comfy shoes for cross campus trek
- ☐ Get a map and X your classes
- ☐ Bring cash for the vending machine

WCC BUCKET LIST

- FIND THE POND
- WALK THE TRAILS
- JOIN A STUDENT CLUB (OR START ONE)
- EAT AT GARRETT'S
- STUDY ABROAD
- CHECK OUT A STUDENT SHOW
- GET A FITNESS MEMBERSHIP
- TAKE A CLASS OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE
- VISIT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN
- EXPLORE A BUILDING YOU DON'T HAVE A CLASS IN
- ATTEND A SPORTS EVENT
- TUNE IN TO THE RADIO
- GET THE CLOSEST PARKING SPOT
- MAKE A NEW FRIEND
- BUY WCC APPAREL
- SEE THE MASCOT
- MEET THE PRESIDENT

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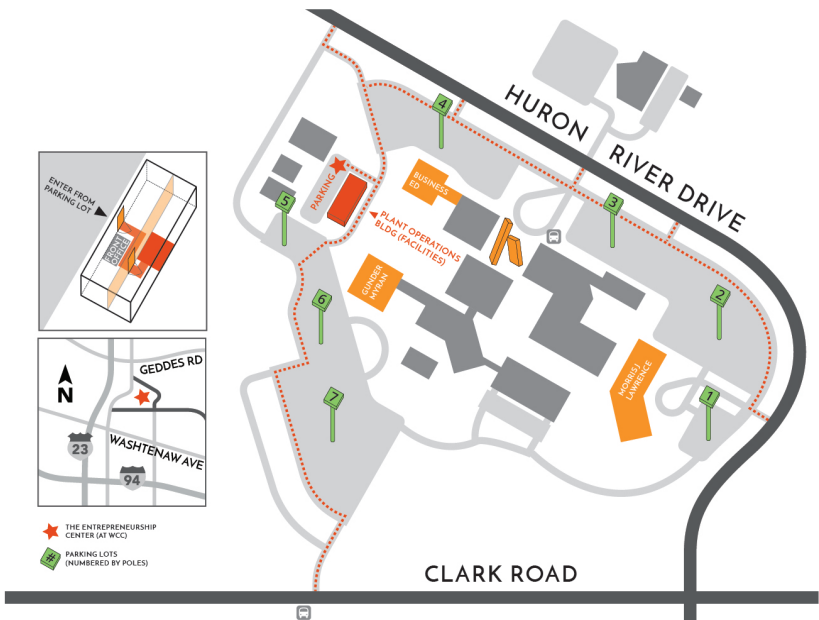
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To succeed academically, come take advantage of the many wonderful library resources:

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			DIVERSITY DAY			FREE COLLEGE DAY
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DIVERSITY DAY:

On Sept. 23, Washtenaw Community College will hold its annual Diversity Day. Hosted by the Office of Student Activities, the event will take place on the first floor of the Student Center from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. The event will celebrate the many ways the college embraces diversity. Representatives from student clubs and WCC departments will be in attendance to offer information about the resources offered by the college.

FREE COLLEGE DAY:

Washtenaw Community College will be hosting a Free College Day event on Sept. 26 that is in need of volunteers. Volunteers will be needed from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for the duration of the event, as well as for a critical training day Sept. 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. Volunteers will be offered dinner at the training, lunch at the event and a WCC polo shirt for their services. Those interested can apply on Student Activities' Campus Connect.

VOLUNTEER FAIR:

Interested in volunteering but don't know where to start? Try Washtenaw Community College's Volunteer Fair. On Thursday, Sept. 17, non-profit agencies from the surrounding areas will set up in front of the Student Center building on the north side. Representatives from these agencies will be offering information to interested volunteers from 11 a.m.-2p.m.

WELCOME DAY:

Looking to get more involved at Washtenaw Community College? WCC will be hosting its annual Welcome Day in the college's Community Park on Sept. 15. The event offers opportunities for students to get to know WCC clubs and departments – as well as collect freebies and food from local businesses. The event will take place in the park from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BOOK SALE:

The Ann Arbor branch of the American Association of University Women will be holding its 63rd Annual Used Book Sale at Washtenaw Community College this September. The AAUW is a national organization that lobbies and advocates for education and equity. Through the AAUW's efforts with the book sale, they raise thousands of dollars for scholarships for women.

"It's a labor of love for us; it's a unifying factor for the whole group," said Pam Ehrhart, the co-chair of the 63rd annual used book sale.

All of the books up for sale are donated by the community and collected by the Ann Arbor branch of the AAUW. The book sale will be held in the Morris Lawrence building from Sept. 11-13. On Friday the sale opens up at 8 a.m. for dealers only with an admission fee, then at 10 a.m. opens to the public until 8 p.m. that evening. The sale continues Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and on Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about the sale or the AAUW, visit their website.

SPORTS TRYOUTS:

Men's soccer tryouts
When: Aug. 31 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Where: WCC soccer field

Men's baseball tryouts
When: Aug. 31 5 – 7 p.m.
Where: WCC baseball field

Women's soccer tryouts
When: Aug. 31 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Where: WCC soccer field

Women's softball tryouts
When: Sept. 3 5 – 7 p.m.
Where: WCC softball field

Women's volleyball tryouts
When: Sept. 8 9 – 11 p.m.
Where: One-on-One Athletic Club

For all tryouts: Must have cumulative GPA of 2.0 and bring your WCC student ID
-Sofia Lynch

Find a safe place in Outspace

BY COURTNEY DITTO
Contributor

In the last year, the LGBTQ community has had a lot to celebrate. This summer, eyes flocked to Vanity Fair's cover of the Olympian Bruce Jenner's transition: "Call me Caitlyn," and in a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling, a long battle for the legalization of gay marriage was finally won.

Alan Ridley, a 17-year-old liberal arts and sciences transfer student, and president of Washtenaw Community College's Outspace Club, believes that thanks to public figures such as Laverne Cox and Caitlyn Jenner, who are

spreading more positive awareness for the transgender community. People are building a better understanding of what Ridley says is an "anti-trans" image that the media has produced.

"Education is a big, big part of what we do," Ridley stated. "When I started coming here, I was just questioning who I was and I was looking for a spot to be myself around other people. When I joined the club, I knew what LGBTQ was but I definitely know more now than I did then. It just goes back to helping in educating people."

According to Ridley, the Outspace club is "more of a safe space than a support group. It's

a safe place for LGBTQ+ people to be out."

Outspace welcomes all students at WCC and any other college students in the area to come out, show support and raise awareness for the discrimination against those who are transgender, gay, bisexual, etc.

"It's one of those names that if you weren't in the community, you wouldn't understand what it meant right off the bat, so if someone asks, 'Where were you?' and you say 'Outspace,' it wouldn't automatically out you," Ridley said.

This upcoming fall, Outspace is taking on an entire new face, regenerating the club

and how it runs – starting with doing away with the traditional positions of president, vice president, and putting their ordering on a "council" level.

This equal standpoint of power is just the beginning of a very busy semester for Outspace, having already set forward a system to allow "preferred names" to be printed on school IDs and class rosters, and used for school emailing. While Ridley says that the club is still working out the kinks of the system, it is possible to obtain a school ID with a preferred name, completely free of cost.

Outspace also recently paired up with Corner Health

– a service center in Ypsilanti dedicated to helping young adults between the ages of 12 and 25 in providing support and health care. Outspace and Corner Health have recently worked together to provide an "open closet," called "Labels without Labels," that gives young transgenders the opportunity to get clothing that isn't as easily accessible or affordable.

"They (transgenders) often feel uncomfortable going shopping, so we arranged a big volunteer donation drive to get clothes donated, we also had hair and makeup artists come out," said Director of Communications and Youth

Development Monique Selimos. Selimos felt that in serving the LGBTQ community with an open closet to buy clothes, it creates a safer shopping experience.

Despite what can often be a constant battle for the LGBTQ community, Outspace continues to grow and gain strength in their endeavors to help in educating the general public.

"I think that having clubs and organizations for the LGBTQ community to have more support is incredible," said Tami Bates, 27-year-old WCC general studies student. "The world today is changing, and I believe it's time for more of a general understanding of every community that has been silenced for so long."

Come battle with the League of Legends

BY RYAN PRESTON
Contributor

With over 94 million active users, according to a 2014 Forbes article, the popular multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) League of Legends (LoL) Club is becoming common among many college campuses and Washtenaw Community College is no exception.

For those not familiar with

LoL, it is a team based game in which 10 players in opposing teams of five control characters, or champions, and strategically attempt to destroy the other team's home base, or nexus, using a variety of techniques and strategies.

The club was founded last year at WCC. It started when current President Kenneth Boozer, 21, culinary arts major, inherited the responsibility

from a man whom he only described as Jack. "Jack," the original founder of the club had to give up on it to pursue other ventures. Since then, Boozer has run the club and gotten its membership to nine active members – and about six others who drop in and drop out depending on the week.

"I play for the dedication... you can't just pick up LoL and play at the highest skill level,"

Boozer said.

There is a mix of competitive and fun elements within the club's dynamics. For instance, Boozer wants the club to lean toward a serious college team, with schools like U-M having established teams in place, while other members just want to enjoy the game and play for fun.

21-year-old Emmanuel Jones, accounting major from

Ypsilanti is a member of the club. When asked why he joined he responded, "Playing with friends, but my girlfriend knows more than me," Jones said laughingly.

A typical club meeting involves discussing the current "Meta" – the strategies that are working this season.

"Team compositions are always an important issue," Boozer said about what they

discuss at weekly meetings.

After addressing any issues or concerns they have that week, they talk about recruiting, which at this point has been through the occasional fliers and word of mouth. The club is open to every skill level – even those who are unfamiliar with the game. Meetings will happen every Friday starting September 11th.

"Come by and see what we're about," Boozer said.



FLIPSIDE

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The study abroad students and other bystanders take in the beauty of Machu Picchu. JIM SKUFIS | COURTESY PHOTO

DIGGING THROUGH PERU'S HISTORY

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

Home to Machu Picchu, the Andes Mountains, and the history of the ancient Incan civilization, Peru is also home to the study abroad students of Washtenaw Community College for three weeks during the summer.

Gerald Baker, long-time WCC radiography instructor and 2006 retiree, first started taking students to Peru in 2000 after attending a conference where Arkansas State University was talking about the opportunity.

After receiving support from Larry Whitworth, WCC's president at the time, Baker and his students worked with Dr. Sonia Guillen at Centro Mallqui, a research center in Peru where they preserve the remains of ancient cultures, including the Chinchorro and the Chiribaya.

While WCC students spent time in the holes excavating mummies and treasures of aged cultures, Baker recalls students

from other colleges including Yale, Stanford, and more, standing around in amazement that students from a community college were doing a lot of the work.

"In 2002, she (Guillen) decided that the only group she would accept anymore was from Washtenaw Community College," Baker said. "And I think that it was because of the expertise of our students and how they got along well with the people in Peru."

In 2007, Baker asked fellow radiography instructor Jim Skufis to join him. Skufis teaches International Studies and Radiography as well as being the project leader for the class.

Although the students are learning forensic imaging which according to Skufis is "a whole up-and-coming discipline in the medical imaging field," they are using a technique much different and much older while in Peru. Because of the lack of electricity for most of the day due to the desolate location, the students must use

screen film radiography and a darkroom to generate the X-rays of the ancient cultures.

Katie Redfern, 27-year-old WCC radiography graduate from Westland, traveled with the group to Peru this past trip, May 24 to June 15. She was able to apply what she learned in the classroom and attributes her skills to the instructors.

"I knew what I was doing there and it's just because of what the teachers have done," Redfern said. "They have been absolutely amazing."

The study abroad opportunity is offered to radiography students who are in the last semester of obtaining their degree. Redfern graduated from WCC and finished her certification in basic imaging with a hands-on experience added to her resumé.

This is an experience that isn't offered at any other community colleges in the United States according to the instructors involved. And in 2013, the offer was extended to WCC's anthropology students in

addition to radiography. Chris Barrett, a WCC anthropology instructor, can attest to the rareness of the opportunity being offered to the students.

"The idea of being able to get our students involved really appealed to me," said Barrett who's now been on the trip twice. "Getting students to do field work and collecting actual data and being able to do something with that data instead of waiting until they are at a four-year school or graduate school? I thought it was a great idea."

Although the students do get to enjoy the beautiful sights, they are doing a great amount of work for the Peruvian people. While the radiography students are busy taking X-rays of bones, the anthropology students are taking castings of teeth and ordering the bones of the human body.

"It's not a vacation. It is now somewhat morphed into a field



24-year-old WCC graduate Erin Fedeson, from Belmont, takes castings of a mummy's teeth. JIM SKUFIS | COURTESY PHOTO

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My time in Greece



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I consider myself extremely fortunate for being able to say that I have been to Greece multiple times throughout my life. This past June, I returned to Greece after being away for five years. The last time I was there I was a child. With the perspective I've gained on life over those five years, my experience of the country and its people was completely transformed.

The first one would expect from someone who just returned from such a gorgeous country would be a spewing of awe and gratification for the beauty they saw. And there are countless paragraphs that could be burned capturing that.

The culture, however, is what really left me feeling so changed when I returned home. Being Greek and having family in Greece makes my experience in the country not like that of the usual vacationer.

A lot of my hours were spent on front porches, soaking in beautiful air and beautiful views, surrounded by the sweetest old ladies you would ever want to be around. A majority of the impression that was left on me was the general reverence of the elderly that seems to be a national sentiment.

Perhaps I just have a very loving family, but it seemed like all family life revolved around the eldest generation. Seeing or taking care of your grandparents is a routine part of daily life.

I relate a lot of my affinity for the Greek people and their way of life to this general strength in family ties. In America, it seems everyone is so focused on their own lives that time with family often takes a backseat.

I became extremely aware of my own allegiance to my family when it came to leaving them and their country after witnessing the beginning signs of its financial collapse.

This financial collapse was another thing that greatly affected my experience in Greece. It was obvious when we arrived that our city of Nafpaktos that it was not in the condition we had left it.

It wasn't news that Greece was in bad shape, but seeing the streets lined with vacant shops and graffiti on every open wall was heartbreaking.

A few days into our trip, there were lines forming outside of banks and ATMs. From what I knew of runs on the banks from our own country's history, it was clear something

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Over time, houses have begun popping up amongst the ruins on the walk up to the castle of Nafpaktos. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE



The local port of Nafpaktos in Greece is populated by fishermen by day and by club-goers at night. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE

Student receives \$3000 3M Hire Our Heroes Tool Grant

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

When 31-year-old Washtenaw Community College auto body repair student Jacob Truckey applied for the Hire Our Heroes scholarship mid-way through the winter semester, he had no idea that he would be the winner of \$3000 worth of 3M and Snap-on tools.

“My jaw dropped,” Truckey said. “I remember thinking ‘there’s no way it’s that much money in tools.’”

Scott Malnar, auto body repair instructor at WCC for nine years, turned on a little camera the first day of the spring 2015 semester and told Truckey he had won the award. Malnar has told his students about different opportunities when it comes to scholarships and grants.

“I know that it’s really going to motivate them and give them that extra boost they need,” Malnar said.

Hire Our Heroes is one of the many scholarship opportunities offered through the Collision Repair Education Foundation. According to Malnar, the scholarships can

range from \$200 cash, to full-rides, to thousands of dollars worth of tools for the auto industry.

Hire Our Heroes is particularly directed to veterans who served in the military. Truckey was enlisted in the Marines for four years and finished up his time roughly two years ago. After coming across a WCC booth at Detroit’s Autorama, he decided to check out the auto body repair department. Now, Truckey is just one class away from receiving his certificate and is completing the 3+1 program with Eastern Michigan University in occupational technology management.

Truckey’s hope of working on muscle cars has become possible, particularly through the program at WCC. The auto students are currently working on fully restoring a slick, red corvette.

“I want to end up owning my own shop down south,” Truckey said. “I want to move somewhere like Arizona and open my own custom performance shop.” Because of the scholarship awarded to Truckey and the tools he received on July 13, he is well on his way to making sure his dream becomes reality.

Brandon Tucker, WCC’s dean of advanced technology and public service careers, stressed the importance of partnering with external companies for students to get the help and support they need, not only during their time at WCC but also for their future careers.

“We do a great job educating our students in the classroom and the college has great facilities. But, externally if we don’t have any partners or employers to connect them to, then all they have is great training,” Tucker said. “I know our faculty as well as our staff is always out there looking and saying ‘Hey, do you need any help or can benefit our students?’ Just like the Collision Repair Foundation did in this case.”

The partnership with the Collision Repair Foundation has helped to support many students at WCC at contributing to their success.

“I think this award to Mr. Truckey is a great testament to us having students that were connected with the right resources,” Tucker said. “I know we are excited for him and are going to be calling on this organization for years to come.”



Auto body repair instructor Scott Malnar, winner of \$3000 tool grant Jacob Truckey, and local representative for Snap-on Tools Keith Michael, stand with Truckey’s brand new tools. TAYLOR ROBINSON | WASHTENAW VOICE

Iron Workers return to campus

BY SOFIA LYNCH
Managing Editor

The International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union began its 31st annual Iron Worker’s Instructor Training program Monday, July 13. This July marks the 6th year that this program has been held on the Washtenaw Community College campus.

The Iron Worker’s Instructor Training program brings in iron worker instructors from across the U.S. and Canada for peer training to keep their skill sets up to the ever-evolving standards of the industry, according to WCC faculty member and Iron Workers liaison Cristy Lindemann.

“I want you to think about the best teacher you’ve ever had in your life; that’s the person that’s training the other

instructors,” Lindemann said. “It’s the biggest honor to have these people on our campus. I’m working with the cream of the crop in the United States and Canada.”

The training takes place in several buildings across the campus, making room for approximately 700 participants.

The Iron Workers are drawn to WCC for its world renowned welding facilities and its customer service, according to

WCC President Dr. Rose Bellanca.

“The reason we were chosen is because of our strength in terms of preparing people for skilled trades,” Bellanca said.

“As well as, we really do focus a lot of energy on making sure that we provide a successful opportunity for them. We work really hard to do our best to give them the program that they want.”

Hosting the Iron Workers training on WCC’s campus has been mutually beneficial. By hosting the Instructor’s

Training Program, Washtenaw Community College impacts the training of tens of thousands of iron workers in the unions 154 training centers throughout North America. Also, having the Iron Workers in the Washtenaw County area generates nearly \$3 million in economic impact within the county, according to the college’s press release.

“We’re a community college and as a community college, we care about our community,” Bellanca said. “So this is how we can work in partnership to really

make sure that we’re doing the best for everyone that lives here and has businesses here.”

The union and the college resolidified this partnership in March by signing a five-year contract extension.

“During the past five years, the community and the college have exceeded our expectations and we look forward to the extension of our mutually beneficial relationship for another five years,” said Walter Wise, Iron Workers General President, according to the college’s press release.

35th year at Ann Arbor Art Fair for WCC students and alumni

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

For the last 34 years, Washtenaw Community College’s performing arts students and alumni took the stage at the Ann Arbor Art Fair. However, this year with the usual stage being under construction, the group set up camp elsewhere – in front of U-M’s Library on central campus.

On Thursday, July 16, the sunny weather and the booming speakers drew a crowd for the performers. Long-time WCC instructors Noonie Anderson and Gayle Martin spent the brief spring/summer semester working with the students and their choreography.

With performances ranging from solo singing acts, to hip-hop, to ballet, the bystanders at the art fair got a taste of the variety of talent WCC students

have to offer.

“We have an extreme spectrum of talent at Washtenaw Community College,” Anderson said addressing the art fair’s crowd.

In agreement was 22-year-old Trevon Callahan, current dance student at WCC. Callahan’s been dancing with WCC for the last five years and danced for the art fair the last two. Enjoying choreographing his own performances, he specializes in modern and lyrical dance.

“It went real, real good I think,” Callahan said. “We had a big crowd and we all love to dance. It’s nice to see other people care about other forms of art go on, and definitely dance.”

One of the most unique aspects of the WCC performing arts attending the annual art fair is that not only do current students participate but so do

alumni.

Ryan McGriff, 26-year-old WCC alumnus, and current U-M student is one of the founders of Washtenaw County’s newest dance company, Divercity. At Divercity, dancers of all talent levels work together to create a piece.

“We have a lot of talent levels. We have people that have done ballet for like 18 years, people who have been poppin’, hip-hop and modern, and then people who have never danced before,” McGriff said. “It’s not a hierarchy you see at most dance companies where the people who have been dancing for a long time dance apart. It’s everybody. So if you’re there working and I’ll make the piece around you so that we can perform it.”

While one alumnus is just beginning the adventure of directing a dance studio,

31-year-old and 2011 WCC graduate Willie Baker started the company PatchWerk in Washtenaw County in 2008. Although Baker will no longer be director of PatchWerk because of an opportunity to further his dance career in Atlanta, he still plans on being part of the program by offering tutorials and livestreaming.

“There I plan to teach and get my name out there as ‘Willie Baker as a choreographer,’” Baker said. “And whatever happens, happens, but I also plan on starting another chapter of PatchWerk – PatchWerk Atlanta.”

Whether the students were in their first year of dancing, their last semester, or a graduate, they were brought together at the art fair and have two things in common – a Washtenaw Community College foundation and a love for dance.



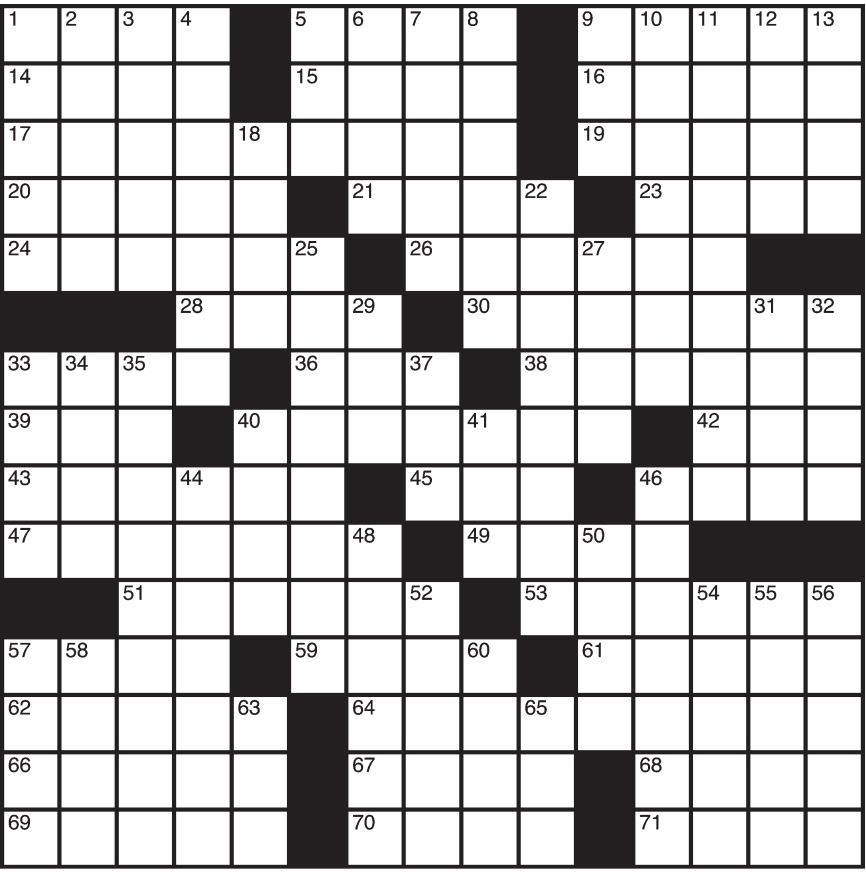
Trevon Callahan, a 22-year-old dance student from Ypsilanti, performs his solo act during the performing arts showcase at the Ann Arbor Art Fair. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE



During the ballet performance Ami Rodriguez, a 33-year-old liberal arts student from Belleville, displays her solo abilities. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE



WCC’s zumba class showed off their moves at this year’s annual Ann Arbor Art Fair. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE



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ACROSS

- 1 “Just as I suspected!”
- 4 Alabama protest city
- 9 Crude dwelling
- 14 Sun, in Mexico
- 15 Oak-to-be
- 16 Company newbie
- 17 *Historic Chicago landmark co-founded by Jane Addams
- 19 With time to spare
- 20 Angler’s basket
- 21 One thousandth: Pref.
- 23 Fishtank organism
- 24 *Anxiety caused by confinement
- 29 Bill, Louis and Carrie
- 30 Porthole view
- 31 Flight-related prefix
- 32 Either of the first two consonants in “coccyx,” but not the third
- 34 “We ___ Overcome”
- 35 Lavish affairs
- 38 *Dress fancily
- 41 Summer shirt
- 42 Curving
- 44 Annual athletic awards
- 46 Actor Connery
- 47 “Midnight Cowboy” hustler Rizzo
- 49 Cantina snack
- 53 *Old phone feature for multiple calls
- 55 Stein fillers
- 56 Coeur d’___, Idaho
- 57 Braying beasts
- 58 Drainage conduit
- 60 In tidy condition, and a hint to the first words of the answers to starred clues
- 64 Remove pencil marks
- 65 Dutch bloom
- 66 Scratching post user
- 67 Inner turmoil
- 68 Oozes
- 69 Aliens, briefly

DOWN

- 1 Refuse receptacle
- 2 Like some regular news updates
- 3 Claim without proof
- 4 Satirist Mort
- 5 Novelist Umberto
- 6 Comical Costello
- 7 ___ Butterworth
- 8 Iron-poor blood condition
- 9 Place for books
- 10 Racetrack near Miami
- 11 Reach, as a destination
- 12 Animation still
- 13 ___ lime pie
- 18 Collar attachment
- 22 Vacation stopover
- 24 Apple discard
- 25 Adaptable, electrically
- 26 “Waiting for Godot” playwright Samuel
- 27 Writer ___ Stanley Gardner
- 28 Film cameo, e.g.
- 33 Mix in
- 34 Hog’s home
- 35 Hyphen-like punctuation
- 36 Cookie with a Thins variety
- 37 Rascal
- 39 ___ buco: veal dish
- 40 “Once ___ a time ...”
- 43 Nonstop
- 45 Secret supply
- 47 Compete for a seat
- 48 ‘50s nuclear trials
- 50 Strasbourg’s region
- 51 Spy on
- 52 Balance sheet heading
- 54 Artist’s flat hat
- 57 Once-sacred snakes
- 58 Baltic, for one
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Classified ads in *The Voice* are free.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

Looking for help? Post your free help wanted ads in *The Voice*.

LINE COOK: Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza of Hartland, Canton and Novi is looking for motivated individuals that want to work with food. We offer a full bar, dining room and full service outdoor seating. Our seating capacity is 160 Each pizza is made to order fresh starting with hand-tossed dough. We need someone to be able to make pizza, manage the oven, expedite food and prep. We recognize good work and reward those who work hard with our reward programs. We are also looking for individuals to advance in the company and plan to open more locations in the future. We provide a fun environment for our employees.

WAREHOUSE ADMINISTRATOR/PLC PROGRAMMER TRAINEE: We are looking for someone who wants to study in a computer related field part-time at WCC and work full-time at our company. This person must want to learn how to program Industrial computers. (PLCs) In the first year, this person will familiarize themselves with our business by managing the warehouse and during down-time do online PLC training programs. In the second year, this person will begin the transition from warehouse work to programming work with our in-house programmers. In the third year, this person will transition to our programming division.

ACCOUNTANT: Accounting clerk for mid size restaurant company. General accounting and office duties which may

include accounts payable, invoicing, payroll processing, bank reconciliations, journal entries, account analysis, filing and data entry. Must have Microsoft Office skills and typing proficiency. Knowledge and understanding of accounting fundamentals and bookkeeping skills.

SECURITY OFFICER: Valor Security Services at the Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, MI is currently seeking applicants for a part-time Security Officer position.

DELI FRONT OF HOUSE SERVICE (SALES/CASHIER/BARISTA AND MORE): Zingerman's is looking for a few high energy individuals who love giving great service and having lots of fun at work. We offer flexible schedules, including weekends, as well as a structured training program. If you have some experience as a salesperson, cashier, barista / barback or trainer, that's even better. Either way, just be ready to hit the ground running, and to really feel valued by guests and coworkers alike.

CNA/CAREGIVERS: Caregiver/CNA will help the client in their home. They may do various tasks including laundry, light house keeping, meal prep., medication reminders, bathing, dressing, shopping and more depending on the client's needs.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANT: The Rec&Ed School-Age Child Care Program is hiring child care assistants at multiple AAPS elementary school locations. We're looking for reliable, caring adults who have experience working with K-5 children.

TEAM MEMBER: NOW HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS at Tim Hortons in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. We are looking for individuals that have integrity, are highly motivated, great in hospitality, willing to work in a fast paced environment and love 'Tim Hortons'. Many growth opportunities, and shifts to balance work and school life!

MEDICAL ASSISTANT: IHA is Southeast Michigan's leading not-for-profit multi-specialty physician group. Through a combination of primary care and specialty services, IHA exists to meet community needs by providing personalized, high-quality health and medical services to every patient. We have an excellent opportunity for an experienced Medical Assistant (MA). Under direction and supervision of professional clinical staff and with provider oversight, this position assists in the examination and treatment of patients. Responsibilities include tracking patient information, documenting to the electronic medical record, assistance with office procedures and testing, administering medications and providing patient and caregiver education. Greets and escorts patient and other guests to examination room. Measures appropriate vital signs, such as pulse rate, temperature, blood pressure, weight, and height records information, and obtains information regarding the reason for the patient visit. Performs diagnostic tests, venipuncture, and administers prescribed medications as directed.

CNC MACHINIST: Looking for CNC Machinists of all skill levels. Entry level all the way up to Senior CNC Mill, CNC Lathe and CNC Mill/Turn Programmers/Machinists. Familiarity with Cam software, preferably Gibbs Cam a plus. We are willing to train on our shop floor in a working environment as well as in the classroom if needed. The ideal candidate must also be familiar with and/or able to program using G & M Codes. If you have similar experience with MasterCam, SurfCam or another Cam software; we would be willing to train you in Gibbs Cam.

IT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN: Must have excellent computer and

communication skills. Must have working knowledge of Window OS and IOS, Android and other smart device operating systems. Must also have working knowledge of .NET framework. This person must be well organized, flexible, have the ability to interact with staff (at all levels) and must be able to operate with a high level of professionalism. Must possess excellent oral and written skills with a talent for training large groups of internal and external clients. Some travel may be required.

QUICKEN LOANS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP: Interns at Quicken Loans and our Family of Companies gain priceless, hands-on experience. Here, they learn how it feels to be in the workplace, participate in events around the city of Detroit and become a valuable member of our team. Learn and grow in a technology internship in one of the following areas:

- Business analytics
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- Software development
- Network and system support
- Desktop support
- Data analytics
- Mobile development
- Project management
- Database administration
- Administration

Requirements:

- General working knowledge and interest in technology
- Proficiency in the Microsoft Office suite
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Passion for working with people, processes and technology

PERU, From B1

study where you are learning not just about the culture but are learning how to do a specific skill set,” Skufis said. “That’s a three-week field study course. You don’t get anything this good at U-M or Eastern. This is something else. Honestly said, we are the only ones that do this.”

This was the second trip for 21-year-old anthropology student Elizabeth Jenkins from Canton. Not bothered by the amount of work, Jenkins claims that it was actually her favorite part.

“It’s the field I love, so actually being able to do the work without anybody necessarily telling me what to do too much, just sitting down and being confident in my decisions is something that is really an awesome feeling,” Jenkins said. For her, the second time around solidified

her career choice. “Being able to compare my experience and the amount of work I collected this time compared to last time was really a confidence booster and showed me that I still want to do this field,” Jenkins said.

If all goes well and there are enough interested students, the next trip to Peru will be a little different. Not only will the group be traveling to a new location, Leymebamba, Baker has also decided after more than a dozen total trips and five times seeing Machu Picchu, this past time was also his last time.

“He’s left it in mine and Chris’s hands. It’s been great every year,” Skufis said. “We’ve never had a year where students come back and say ‘Well, that was really a drag. I wish I wouldn’t have done that.’ They come back and say, ‘This was the best experience of my life.’”



WCC students Hannah Oorebeek, Liz Jenkins, Katie Redfern and Jacob Senkbeil rest on the ancient stones along the Sun Gate path of Machu Picchu, Peru. ERIN FEDESON | COURTESY PHOTO

GREECE, From B1

was coming.

Soon the topic of “yes” or “no” votes on the referendum became the buzz of every conversation. However, what else could be expected of citizens with the weight of their country’s future in their hands?

My mother and I left two days before that vote, but we

were leaving behind my grandmother and all my other beloved relatives to deal with the 60 euro daily withdrawal limit and whatever other madness would follow the vote.

The politics and the finances of the country, however, are the least important pieces of the picture. Greece is a country rich in culture, history, and beauty. It’s an experience so grand it

can’t be done justice in less than 3,000 words, maybe more.

It comes from the bottom of my heart when I say that I feel privileged for every second I’ve spent in Greece. For anyone who has a trip to Greece on their bucket list: circle it, underline it, do whatever you have to do to make sure you follow through and experience the unexplainable for yourself.



A serene rooftop view of the city of Nafpaktos in Greece. SOPHIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE



Although Greece has been the center of financial turmoil in Europe for year's this does not take away from the cultural and natural beauty this country has to offer. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE



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