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The end of the world is expected to happen yet again, at the end of September. The Voice wanted to know what students would want to make sure they do before the impending doom.



"I would try my best to travel, and see the wonders of the world, because they'd be gone and

this would be my only opportunity to see them in person. I would also eat a lot of food, watch movies I've never seen and basically try to complete my life."

Kaitlyn Young, 18, Ann Arbor, general studies

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NEARLY 100 VENDORS GREET STUDENTS AT WELCOME DAY



President Rose Bellanca addresses the attendees at this year's Welcome Day celebration. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

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The Community Park of Washtenaw Community College was a spectacle on the afternoon of Sept. 15: a flood of white tents, club flyers, free food and the bobbing heads of students filled the grassy area as more than 90 organizations and vendors from in and around the Ann Arbor area participated in the biggest Welcome Day campus has seen since its inception.

The event, put on annually by WCC's Student Activities, is intended to make students aware of the various resources and opportunities available to them, as well as many interesting clubs and activities on campus.

"We want them (students) to know that we're glad that they chose WCC for their higher educational needs, so

this is to welcome them on campus. I think that they should come so they can be welcomed," said Coordinator of Student Activities Rachel Barsch, and organizer of this year's Welcome Day. "A lot of students go here and they don't know that there's free tutoring. They don't know that there's a library and that the librarians can help you with your research. They don't know about all these great resources that are free to them. This (Welcome Day) is a good place to come and learn about that. It's bigger every year."

Also present at the Community Park that afternoon was WCC Sports, complete with none other than Alpha, the college mascot. Their table held multiple flyers for on-campus tryouts in sports such as women's soccer, running, competitive dance and

basketball teams for both men and women.

"I think it's so imperative that students be involved with campus and the life of it, it makes the whole process more enjoyable. Instead of just going to school and leaving, you're going to school, you're involved with it, you get to meet new friends and you create a family here, with the people you're with," said Coordinator of WCC Sports Matt Lucas. Veronica Boissoneau, a 20-year-old sports assistant at WCC, echoed this sentiment.

"I'm from Arizona and I came here not knowing anybody, so I got involved with sports and with soccer and it was the best experience for me because if I didn't meet people I probably wouldn't have gone back because I wouldn't have been able to acclimate here so

well," Boissoneau said.

Music and the low hum of chatter drifted through the air as three students — Christina Wallag, Ramon Fuentes and Julius Tompkins — had their first performance, armed with only a music stand, an amp and a few instruments.

"We all met in voice class and said 'Hey, let's do some music,'" said Tompkins, a 26-year-old music production major.

"I asked to do this," said Wallag, an 18-year-old nursing major. "This is our first performance but we've done the voice class stuff, and we all have our own individual backgrounds, then we met together."

Music wasn't the only creative expression at Welcome Day. Also present were both the drawing and poetry clubs, which offer opportunities for students interested in writing and illustration to show off

their work for critique and a learning experience.

"We're pretty low intensity, so we don't require too much for students. We kind of just draw, hang out, rent out studio space (and) we do stuff with still life. So it's a pretty interactive, hands-on, friendly environment for students who like to draw. We also have critiques for students who are taking drawing classes here. If they need help with any techniques or subjects in class, they can come to us," said Quentin Burton, 22, an illustration major who was the representative for the drawing club at their Welcome Day booth that afternoon.

The event, however, was not just all fun and whimsy. Students were also exposed to a wealth of information about on-campus resources, such as the recently renamed Student

Resource Center, formerly known as the Student Resource and Women's Center.

"We offer grants for tuition, books, childcare and bus tokens for students who are in need. We have two upcoming programs, one for culinary arts and then October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so we have our Passionately Pink event, and we have speakers coming in from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. We basically help students overcome any barriers that may prevent them from being successful in school," said Cheryl Finley, a case manager at the center. Finley directs students to the second floor of the Student Center to schedule an appointment with a case manager. Students can also find their resource information online or give them a call.

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WCC President Rose Bellanca addresses county commissioners

Announces pair of grants – one for \$899,737 for economically disadvantaged youth in Ypsilanti, another for \$300,000 to fund apprenticeships – among WCC's other community achievements

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While Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca is normally used to sitting among the college's board of trustees, she recently gave a presentation to Washtenaw County's Board of Commissioners about the impact WCC has on not only its students, faculty and staff, but also the surrounding community.

"Ypsilanti is very near and dear to our heart," Bellanca said. "It always has been and it always will be, and early in our history we wanted to make an impact."

WCC partners with various organizations in the community, including businesses, non-profit organizations, community centers and

more. Because of these connections, WCC is the recipient of many awards, scholarships and grants in varying amounts, highlighted by Bellanca in her speech.

Most recently, WCC received \$899,737 from the U.S. Department of Labor which will fund a three-year program designed for teaching construction skills to disadvantaged youth in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township while students work toward obtaining a GED, according to its press release. WCC is one of four colleges in Michigan who has been awarded part of the grant. This was just one of the many accomplishments Bellanca presented to the commissioners. Alongside the \$899,737 grant, it was stated in a press release from WCC early last week that the college had received

another \$300,000 grant, also from the U.S. Department of Labor to fund apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing. Because WCC realizes the diversity of its students, it opened its doors to distance learning in 2000, according to Bellanca. The demand has grown by more than 50 percent over the last five years.

"(At) our college the average of the students are 28 years old we know they really do need that convenience of working online," Bellanca said. "Maybe people are taking care of families still and some are taking care of children or parents. (Students) are very busy so this helps and helps them with their jobs."

Similar to U.S. President Barack Obama's words spoken at Macomb Community College earlier this month,

Bellanca mentioned the point that the world is evolving at a quicker pace, particularly in the fields of advanced manufacturing and technology.

"It isn't good enough anymore to just have a degree," Bellanca said. "You have to keep upgrading your skills and talents so we're there for that, any way (students) need us." She adds that she's very proud of the faculty to be accommodating to students through various media options and continuing to provide quality educational learning opportunities.

These educational opportunities even include the option for some students to work toward graduating from high school and simultaneously working toward a college degree. Bellanca expressed to

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CLASB renovations are projected to finish late October

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As of the winter break of the 2014-15 school year, the mold and asbestos discovered in the Crane Liberal Arts and Science building (CLASB) were announced officially remediated. The mold and asbestos affected the entire first floor perimeter, which in turn displaced a few classrooms, faculty offices, deans' offices, the part-time faculty commons, and learning support services. Since the remediation of the mold issue, Washtenaw Community College's facilities management has been working to put the perimeter wall back together and to return the displaced teachers and offices to

their proper locations.

In a previous *Voice* interview with Damon Flowers, the vice president of facilities, grounds and campus safety, he stated that the move and relocation were a bigger deal than the mold remediation itself. Flowers also projected that all relocated rooms would be moved back to their original locations by the end of May 2015.

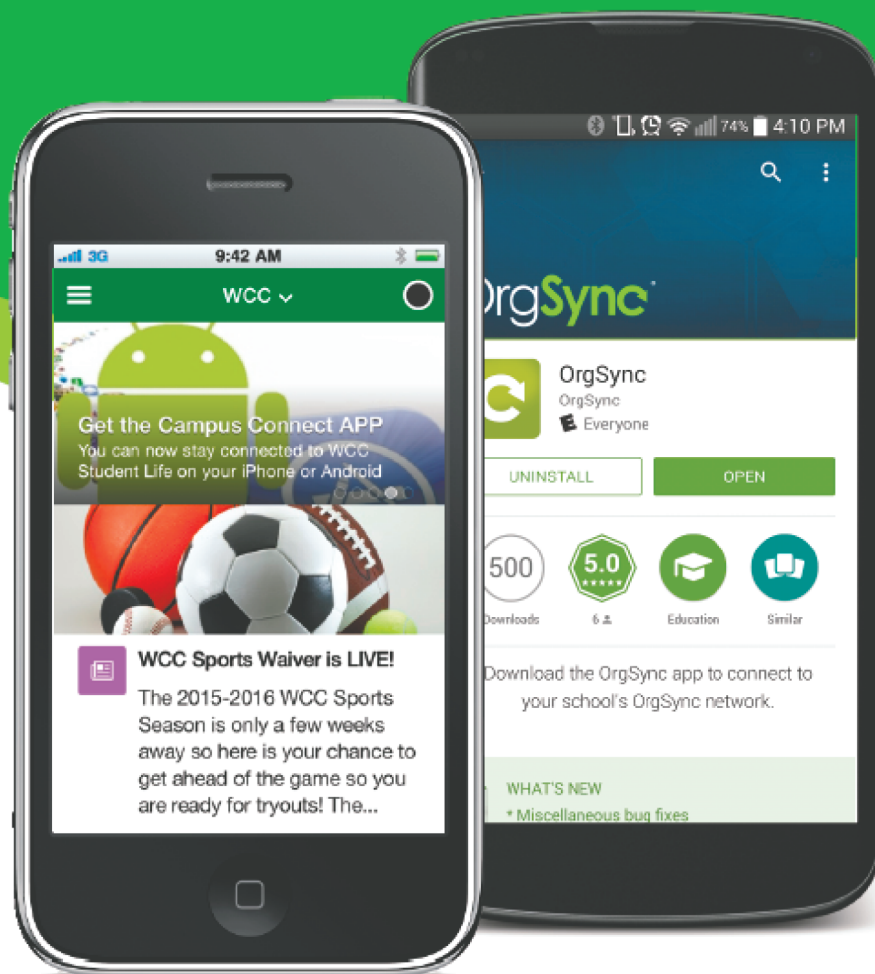
Charles Johnson, an instructor in humanities and behavioral science, believes that was an overly-optimistic prediction.

"Construction projects always run behind," Johnson said. "I don't think anyone expected the work to be complete in May but I thought they would be done by August. Then they

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CAMPUS CONNECT

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Campus Connect provides opportunities for students and staff to get involved:

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In Feb. 2015, the mold discovered in the LA building was announced as remediated. Now students and faculty await the end of renovations. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

IN BRIEF

SUSTAINABILITY LITERACY TASK FORCE’S NATURE WALK

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 3:30-4:45 p.m., Greg Vaclavek from Native Plant Nursery, LLC will come to campus for a Nature Walk and to offer information about conservation.

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 host a Free College Day event on Sept. 26 that is in need of volunteers. WCC opens its doors to the community with educational sessions that range from resume building, saving money through transferring and everything in-between. Volunteers are needed to handle registration and information tables. Volunteers are 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 are 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.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Only a few spots are left for the Friday, Oct. 9 horseback riding trip. The ticket purchase includes college-van transportation, a short riding lesson, a one-hour ride through the woods, and soup, salad and breadsticks at the Olive Garden. Tickets are \$30 and are on sale now at the Cashier’s Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center Building.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. there will be a blood drive in ML 101. Save a life by giving an hour of your time. Blood donation levels are at a critically low level. Sign-up to give: www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code WCC 13.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

WCC is holding a walk to raise awareness for the fight against Alzheimer’s Disease. The walk takes place on campus on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Team Wolfpack is looking for joiners.

-Sofia Lynch

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said the first day of school. The latest rumor running around is January.”

In order to finish rebuilding the CLASB perimeter wall, custom-made pre-cast concrete sills had to be fabricated, which became a setback on the renovation schedule, according to Flowers. Due to this part of the process needing funding that exceeded \$100,000, a construction contract had to be approved by the board of trustees in June so that the funds for these pre-casts could be allocated. After the financial resources were awarded in early

July, it was going to be eight weeks approximately for the fabrication of the pre-casts.

“So that was what in this business we would call a critical path: meaning you can’t do anything else until you get that piece done – can’t do windows, can’t do fringe, can’t do anything. So that timeline sort of delayed things,” Flowers said of the pre-cast sills.

Flowers says that they are now shooting to finish the renovations completely by the end of October.

Despite the setbacks, the college has accommodated the affected faculty appropriately.

Almost a year after the initial relocations, Johnson expressed satisfaction with the temporary office space, saying there haven’t been many, if any, adverse effects on the staff.

Heidi Dodson, an adjunct chemistry instructor, is among the faculty using the space in the Student Center, where the part-time faculty offices were relocated.

“This is a good place. It’s not in the building where I work, but tudents come to the Student Center all the time. Faculty does as well, so it’s not really an inconvenience,” Dodson said.

Minimum wage barrier hits close to home for some WCC students

BY MADI TORTORA

Contributor

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Fair Labor Standards Act that set the minimum hourly wage at 25 cents. Originally, minimum wage was established to set the basic living standard of people at the time, meaning that it was, at first, considered a living wage. Now, 77 or so years later, minimum wage has gone up significantly—along with the cost of living in general.

David Wildfong, professional services faculty member at Washtenaw Community College and student advisor for the Career Services Department, helps students who are looking for both full and part-time jobs.

“We do see a lot of students who are looking for entry level positions, for example, in whatever industry that is out there, and we work with companies that have positions in customer service, retail, food service, and those types of traditional college student first-time jobs,” Wildfong said. “Typically, those are the positions that may be close to minimum wage.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, three-quarters of minimum wage earners are 20 or more years old. This is about the average age of college students.

“It’s difficult for a lot of individuals in today’s market to make ends meet, and it depends going from student to student (whether a college student can live on minimum wage),” Wildfong said. “There are full-time, minimum wage or higher jobs out there, and it can be difficult, you know, if you have

a family or whatever the situation a student might be facing, to make a go of it. A lot of students have to live very lean.”

Following Jenelle Franklin, 24-year-old WCC journalism major, for a day shows how hard work can cause success. Franklin explained her business day, which happened to be a Tuesday.

“A typical Tuesday for me starts when I open the gas station at 6:30 a.m. Then, I work there doing gas station attendant and receptionist for the auto shop attached, and they open at 9 a.m.,” Franklin said. “I do that until 1 p.m, and then from there I go out to WCC for my Comp II class from 2-3:30 p.m. After that, I go to Saline, and work at the salon as a receptionist from 4-9 p.m. Every other Tuesday, I have one client where I start at 9:00 p.m. and she gets an hour-and-a-half massage, so I’m done around 10:30 p.m.”

Franklin also lives in an apartment with a roommate, and has a cat. Working on minimum wage while being a full-time student requires some sacrifices, which Franklin experiences first hand.

“I don’t have the freedom to travel as much as I’d like. That’s a pretty big deal,” Franklin said. “I always make sure I take my spare time when it’s available, and I always do family first and then friends second. With school cutting into it, my friends can sometimes get on the backburner. But me and my roommate have gotten closer, which is good, but we aren’t really getting out of the apartment much.”

Cory Carmack, an 18-year-old computer engineering

student at WCC, understands the issues that come with being a student and having to deal with money struggles and time management.

“There’s a lot to do (when you have school and a job). Basically I’m at work every day that I’m not at school, and some days I’m even doing both,” Carmack said. “Things are very expensive. Anybody who is starting a family and living on minimum wage just can’t do that. Usually people who are going to school on top of working get less hours, and that’s like me, and I definitely don’t make enough to live on.”

Money struggles are a very common issue with college students. To be stable money-wise can mean living on the bare necessities.

“I’m divorced. I got divorced at 21, and I started over with nothing and had to move back into my parents house,” Franklin said. “After that I moved back out, and starting completely over has really been one of those things where I don’t really mind my sacrifices too much, because I’m looking forward to my education.”

Establishing whether or not minimum wage can support someone to live is a debate that may go on forever.

“I don’t think it’s possible (for someone to live on minimum wage) because I think that with minimum wage, they don’t account for the fact that you’re supposed to be happy in life. I feel like minimum wage leaves you at a struggle point,” Franklin said. “You’re always trying to achieve more just to feel like you’re getting yourself stable—not even getting yourself ahead, just maintaining being stable.”

Security Notes

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Information from incident reports provided to The Voice by Campus Safety and Security Director Jacques Desrosiers

HIT AND RUN

In parking lot 4, an individual found damage done to the back right side of their vehicle and cracked muffler. The car was hit some time between 8:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 3. The vehicles was a 2012 GMC Acadia.

Campus Safety Tips

Washtenaw Community College works to be a safe college campus. In an effort to be proactive in creating awareness, the Campus Safety Department will be providing a series of Campus Safety Tips for students, faculty, and staff. It should be noted that these tips apply to any public place including: shopping malls, special events, and even to places of worship.

General Safety Guidelines:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings
- Avoid isolated areas
- Try to avoid walking alone at night. Walk with friends when possible
- Call Campus Safety (734) 973-3411 or 3411 from one of college house phones for an escort if needed
- Notify Campus Safety immediately of suspicious or criminal activity
- If an emergency arises – a serious health issue, a crime, or any situation in which you feel endangered, contact Campus Safety. There are phones located in all buildings across campus, as well as in several key areas outside

If Walking Alone:

- Keep your mind on your surroundings, who’s in front of you and who’s behind you. Don’t get distracted
- Walk purposefully, stand tall, and make eye contact with people around you
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave



Alpha, the leader of the Wolf Pack, welcomes all students who attended this year’s Welcome Day. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

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Another resource available for students is the Student Ambassadors Program, which is designed to help all WCC students make their time on campus less challenging.

“We work with all new students, they come from everywhere. They come from all

different places. It’s any new student. I know that a lot of students have been using the resources here because they need a base to start off on,” said Sarah Atali, a WTMC student and current student ambassador. Those involved with the program also created a scavenger hunt for students to find booths with information pertaining to other

resources available to them at WCC, such as the Bailey Library and Career Services.

The president of the college, Rose Bellanca, also made an appearance, giving a short speech and presenting students with an opportunity for a “selfie” with her. “We are looking forward to an amazing semester,” Bellanca said.

EDITORIAL

OBAMA SPEEDS UP PROMISE FOR FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

“In America, it should not matter who you are, where you come from, what your last name is, who you love. Everybody deserves a chance to make it. Everybody deserves opportunities, and hope, and dreams and futures.”

-President Barack Obama during his speech at Macomb Community College

Since the implementation of Tennessee’s promise to help make tuition free for community college students, the idea has spread across more than six other states. Recently on Sept. 9, President Barack Obama visited Macomb Community College to discuss this exact issue.

“You see, education has always been the secret sauce, the secret to America’s success,” Obama said in his opening remarks concerning higher education according to a video recording of the event.

He explained that at a time, about 100 years ago, the farming economy of the United States began to evolve into an industrial economy and became one of the first countries to strive to provide a high school education for everyone, no matter their income. But that was when we were “ahead of the curve.” That was at a time when America’s workforce was the most educated which in turn, created a great economy and great businesses. However, over time, this has changed.

“Other countries have caught up,” Obama said. “Good jobs, in some cases, have went overseas and rather than re-double our efforts to make ourselves once again at the cutting edge and educate more and more of our young people, we decided to cut taxes for the very top and we stopped investing as much as we needed to in higher education.”

Although for some those decisions were beneficial, it left out the middle class which Obama said was working harder. He commented how hard America’s been working the last seven years, battling against the repercussions of 2008’s recession.

“Today, our businesses have created more than 13 million jobs over the last five and half years which is the longest streak of job creation on record,” Obama said. “But look, it’s not enough to get back to where we were. It’s good that we’ve recovered but for the sake of future generations, we got to do better than that.”

Because of the escalation of Americans graduating from college, more than ever before, it’s even more important for income inequality to stop hindering adults from obtaining higher education and at a cost that won’t burden their wallets for years to come. Obama wants community college to be free of cost.

“Everything is moving too fast and if you don’t have the skills for new jobs that pay better, if you don’t have the knowledge to adapt and be creative with new machinery, new systems, new techniques, you’re going to fall behind and then the wages for unskilled work will go down and you’ll be trapped,” Obama said, addressing the MCC students.

As Obama continued his speech, he commented that

although college graduation rates are at an all-time high, he wants to do more, thus announcing his plan to invest \$175 million into apprenticeship programs, such as healthcare and advanced manufacturing, across 46 community colleges in the nation. Jill Biden, second lady of the U.S. and a Virginia community college professor, along with former Wyoming governor, Jim Geringer, will lead the Community College Promise Board. They will partner with various labor groups, non-profits, businesses, charities, and colleges to “make sure that every person who works hard has a shot at higher education,” according to Obama

Overall, his hopes are that community colleges can become as free as public high school. The idea of free college tuition has continued to be a relevant and a spotlight national topic. He says that his administration has been a part of the largest movement in apprenticeships in the last 10 years and this new investment will only build that force.

“It’s easy for politicians to say, ‘All of you are the future,’ every speech, ‘You guys are the future.’ But it’s not good enough just to say it. You gotta’ walk the walk, not just talk the talk,” Obama said. “So this is a concrete way to reduce the cost of higher education for young people (and) to improve the skills of workers for higher paying jobs to grow the economy.”

What has become of the value of a teacher?



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With the 2016 primary elections already on the minds of many Americans, so are the policies that they would like to see tackled by the candidates vying for their vote. The issue of higher education stands as a predominant topic voters consider when choosing a candidate. The severity of this issue is made evident by the existing \$1.2 trillion student loan debt in this country. This rising number is hard to ignore, but it has cast a shadow on some of the concerns of the state of education at large.

School districts across the nation have experienced budget cuts, after budget cuts. According to The Associated Press (AP), schools are now experiencing teacher shortages in the wake of lack of funds and plentiful lay offs. AP quoted several administrators highlighting what was once an overly-populated, competitive field, now is one with positions going unfilled.

In California, the state that educates the most children, the number of teaching certificates issued has dropped by half in the past decade, according to AP. Teachers are faced with issues of their classes having miniscule funding, having their hours cut down to nothing, or having their position eliminated completely.

Job security is not something that comes with being a teacher and that has become clear to once-aspiring teachers.

With my mother, best friend and grandparents all in the teaching profession, I have watched firsthand the stress of budget cuts, hour slashing and the general lack of gratification that comes with the job. With low budgets comes out-of-pocket purchases to keep your classroom running the way you want, however, with fewer hours comes smaller paychecks to support your contributions. Tie all that up with the bow of little to no appreciation received, it’s no wonder that this profession doesn’t look all too glamorous to the new wave of working age people.

This is where I see a fundamental issue in this country and how it values education. I hated high school just as much, if not even more, than the average Joe, but even I can see that the balance of power within institutions of education has become off kilter.

The most essential piece in the system of education is the teacher. Education began as one person passing on the skills needed to live and thrive to a pupil. Somewhere along the lines, the teacher went from being the only reason education could exist, to a helpless pawn in something more like a business.

Young children spend half of their early lives in a classroom. For this factor alone, society should want to make sure that teachers, the hands

that mold the clay, are happy and satisfied in their professions. Teachers should be the axis which the world of schooling revolves around. They are the ones with the knowledge to give and the patience to give it – most of the time. Instead, there are teachers across the country given so few annual hours that they make less than a server or a dedicated McDonald’s worker.

There needs to be more of an effort poured into reinvigorating this field of work. Teachers deal with the youths of this country and thus have a hands-on opportunity to shape the next generations. Why give them such poor working conditions that it’s hard to keep motivation in their jobs, let alone apply for the job in the first place? Yes, they get summers off – something many resent the teaching workforce for – but often teachers spend their time off taking side jobs to make up for the little money they made throughout the year or taking classes to keep their certification up-to-date.

For the position they play in the future of society, it is unbelievable how little value we hold to teachers in this day and age. How can we expect people to continue to pour into a profession that has been shown nothing but disparagement? There needs to be a national change in thinking in regards to teachers and schools at large, as well as, a national change in the budget cuts and other policy changes that make this profession only more and more unappealing.

Another end of days looms, profiteers hurry to cash in



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End of the world predictions have dated back to the early 1800s and probably even earlier. The apocalypse predicted for the last week of this September is no different. With fears of government shutdown, rumors of meteors striking the earth and various groups discussing the effect of the four blood moons in such close proximity to one another, it’s instilled thoughts for some that yet another end of days could be approaching.

A blood moon – essentially a lunar eclipse – is when the earth passes between the sun and the moon, blocking the sun’s rays from reflecting off the moon and appearing red in color. According to NASA, they refer to such an event as a tetrad, when four happen in close succession. This is pretty rare, having been recorded taking place only 55 times since 1 AD. Such an isolated event has raised eyebrows as if something

unexpected might happen.

From zombies to natural disasters or pandemic outbreaks, world-ending events have set the premise for numerous books, movies, comics and probably most commonly, TV shows. “Doomsday Preppers,” “The Walking Dead” and “The Colony,” are just a few of many examples.

While preparing for any catastrophic event is not a bad idea, certain groups have turned quite the profit. Stores selling food survival kits for hundreds of dollars can end up costing thousands since no one is sure when and for how long they would have to go without it.

When it comes to clothing for the apocalypse, doomsday preppers aren’t just buying extra pairs of jeans. They are stocking up on gas masks, hazmat suits, expensive military-grade boots, and anything else to withstand an unknown enemy or disaster.

Companies are even making a profit off water. Preppers are not just stocking up on bottled water, but are thinking more long-term – purification systems. These systems can range from as little as \$50 to more than hundreds of dollars, not including replacements. The

list goes on. These companies are making endless amounts of money based off an event that may not even happen, but is it their fault?

The ever-evolving age of technology provides more outlets for the world to spread the word of the impending doom without the necessary credentials to back it up. Yes, perhaps the world could end tomorrow and then those who didn’t prepare would be trying to buddy-up with those that did.

Yet, when stopping to think about the world actually ending and even if you knew when, what would you do? Who would you be with when it all goes down? Would you be one of the people prepared? When I stop to think about it personally, realistically I don’t think it’s going to happen any time soon. But every so often when I’m curled up binge-watching “The Walking Dead,” thoughts creep into my mind.

Would I really be like Michonne, welding a samurai sword and slicing up zombies like sushi? Honestly, I don’t know. But what I do know is that I hope I’d survive along with the ones I love and could be a part of a world starting over. Where will you be?

Reminder...

Voter Registration Day is TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

President Barack Obama declared Sept. 22 National Voter Registration Day, calling for a sweeping effort to get people across the country registered. In 2008, six million Americans didn't vote because they missed a registration deadline or didn't know how to register, according to National Voter Registration Day's website.

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5 NO-COST ATTITUDES TO REFORM HATERS



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It’s ugly out there. I don’t mean to put down anyone but from the time I wake up and listen to the news, drive to work, spend eight hours with coworkers, check social media and run errands I have had a full day of hate cross my path.

It makes me feel bad. Depending on the amount and level of hate, my body may respond with a headache, clenched teeth, knotted stomach or nails bitten. This is not healthy.

It isn’t just the haters of different opinions, different skin

colors or different religions who resort to violence. Even small inconsiderations hurt those on the receiving end as well as those dishing it out. It all contributes to creating a toxic world.

How we think, feel and socialize are all part of an individual’s social competence. Yet exposure to different beliefs and values will mold a person’s social norms.

Preschoolers develop their own social competence influencing how they interact and behave towards others as shown in a 2014 study published in the American Psychological Association.

The children who participated in the Kindness Curriculum training administered by Lisa Flook and her colleagues in the study were more willing to share their stickers

with others compared to the group not coached on kindness. They were more selfish with their stickers.

On the other side of the spectrum, adults who act on angry feelings increase those feelings and act more aggressively. Dr. Brad Bushman has written extensively on debunking Freud’s psychological theory of expressing anger to get past it.

Taming negative thoughts and angry feelings, often arising from perceived threats that are blown out of proportion, has happened.

Psychologist Jerry Deffenbacher has studied anger for more than 30 years and supports using cognitive behavioral therapy to lower the levels of anger. Using this type of therapy can change negative behaviors by working through

unproductive thoughts and feelings.

Haters need to change. But there is a whole lot of people I can’t change, so I’ve tried to come up with a handful of quotes to remind me of what I can change.

1.
“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.”

-Mother Theresa

Calcutta, now known as Kolkata, was her stomping grounds where she lived and served the poor and destitute using the charity of others. Smiles are free and are generally multiplied.

2.
“Don’t be cruel.”

-Elvis Presley

Although the King of Rock and Roll crooned about heartbreak and love in this song, there is no reason to be cruel in relationships or traffic either. A little courtesy can go a long way.

3.
“Kindness is always fashionable, and always welcome.”

-Amelia Barr

Though this British novelist’s opinion may be from the 19th century, it still holds true today. No one can ever deny kindness, and kindness truly never looks bad on anyone. Never show up to a party wearing negativity.

4.
“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

-Aesop

In this age of reduce, reuse, recycle, being kind doesn’t have to cost a penny but may likely inspire an upcycle with the next person.

5.
“Be kind; everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.”

-Plato

Attributed to Plato but more likely written by a man more contemporary, it reminds me that the person who just cut me off at an exit may not be the jerk I see them as but may actually be rushing to the hospital to see a dying loved one.

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Temperature trendy



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School may be in session, but summer temperatures are still reigning supreme on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, with thermometers breaking 80 degrees on the regular. As a result, WCC air conditioners have been working double time to keep students cool, with the unfortunate side effect of converting classrooms into walk-in freezers and actual walk-in freezers into secondary North Poles.

Students only have a few options to choose from when it comes to this issue: melt in the sun’s rays, freeze in the air conditioning, or fall somewhere on the spectrum in between.

“I’ll honestly just deal with it. I’ll wear shorts and a T-shirt and I’ll be cold but that’s pretty much it. For early fall I’ll wear normal hot weather clothes, and then in winter I’ll bring a coat, sweatshirt, maybe a tee,” said Sienna Vargas, an 18-year-old nursing student.

Braving the cold for the sake of relieving the heat is a choice many students make, opting to keep their shorts and tank tops a closet staple until the leaves begin to fall. Others however, decide to fight the freeze with layers.

“A lot of times I’ll wear jeans and then wear like a T-shirt or light shirt and bring a sweater with me for when I get cold. Layers. I don’t like wearing shorts. Once I get back to school I like to wear pants, I like wearing jeans,” said Becky Novack, 19, a WTMC student from Milan.

So how can one be



are a student’s best friend. Try adding a light sweater or hoodie to a summer-y tank and shorts, or throw a classic fall flannel into the mix. When faced with a challenge such as this, one’s spirit (and style) can only grow stronger.

“I honestly just deal with it. I’ll wear shorts and a T-shirt and I’ll be cold but that’s pretty much it. Unless it’s ridiculously cold. But most of the time I’ll just put on an outfit, put on normal hot weather clothes. For early fall I’ll wear normal hot weather clothes and then in the winter I’ll bring a coat, sweatshirt, maybe a tee.”

Sienna Vargas,
18, Chelsea, nursing

“A lot of times I’ll wear jeans and then wear like a T-shirt or light shirt and bring a sweater with me for when I get cold. Layers. I don’t like wearing shorts. Once I get back to school I like to wear pants, jeans. A lot of times I’ll wear flip-flops or lighter shoes so I’m not too hot outside.”

Becky Novack,
16, Milan, WTMC

Voice Box

The end of the world is expected to happen again, at the end of September. The Voice wanted to know what students would want to make sure they do before the impending doom.

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS BY COURTNEY DITTO, CONTRIBUTOR



“I would just hang out with my friends. My friends mean more to me than anything so I would just hang out with them, talk and reminisce.”

Jake Tyner, 19, Ann Arbor, WTMC



“I’d make sure to see all of my relatives. I’d visit Africa to experience all of the different cultures, and it would be really awesome to ride an elephant. Oh, and meet Ellen DeGeneres; she’s fabulous.”

Kendra Taylor, 42, Ann Arbor, CNA



“I would get my cat, my parents and family and tell them how much I love them. I’d empty my credit card account, and buy a (Nintendo) DS. I would just buy a DS, a few games, and die happy.”

Alicia Warden, 20, Dexter, information technology



“I would contact everyone I cared deeply about and have a good 10 or 15 minute conversation with everyone. Patch up any problems, talk and laugh with the people I loved. I would get together with my friends and live it up.”



“Go home to Texas to see my family and my dog. I’d go see sights such as Spain and New Zealand. I really want to go on a long distance hot air balloon ride. That scares most people, but that’s what I’d do, it would be amazing.”

Kim Evinger, 22, Ypsilanti, math and science



“Well I’m already engaged, so I would just push everything up and get married. Not only would that be done, it would be a good chance to see everyone again and be around friends and family. I’d be relatively tame compared to most people, because mostly, whatever group you’re around, it’s going to be a good time.”

Nehemiah Blazek 25, Ann Arbor, education



“Talk to my mom, make things right, and I’d see my boyfriend. I would also go skydiving and pet a python. I think it would be really fun to streak, too.”

Cindaria Phommavong 16, Ypsilanti, biochemistry

WCC HOSTS ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR



Students stop by Volunteer Day to find opportunities to help contribute to their community. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY SOFIA LYNCH
Managing Editor

The fall semester is off to a running start and many students are already scrambling to do everything they can with their time at Washtenaw Community College to build up their resumés or future college applications. Events like WCC’s annual Volunteer Fair provide opportunities for students to start stocking up on valuable work experience.

On Sept. 17, non-profit agencies from the surrounding area gathered outside of WCC’s Student Center to provide students with information on how to get involved in volunteerism.

“Overall, spreading awareness is kind of our goal here – letting more people know about what we’re doing around Washtenaw County, and just letting them know about different volunteer

opportunities we have,” said Kyle Thornhill, a 27-year-old Habitat for Humanity representative, who has been with the organization for three years.

The organization United Way – as described by its representative, 34-year-old Amanda Reel – embodies the purpose of volunteer fairs like WCC’s.

“We’re here to help connect students with volunteer opportunities if they’re not sure where to start and the other big thing is that we have hundreds of opportunities. So I like to think of it as there is really something for everyone out there,” Reel said. “It’s great when a student can come to us and not have any idea about a specific volunteer role that’s out there and get connected with something that works for them.”

David Wildfong, professional services faculty for Career Services, addressed

the ways that volunteerism can help people find employment.

“Part of the employment process right now that is really important is networking. Because so much job searching is done online, job searchers have a tendency to just sit in front of the computer and fill out applications, not really getting involved with what I call the ‘human element’ – which is where networking comes into play. So volunteering is just a type of networking,” Wildfong said. “It’s good for the soul, good for your community, but it’s also good for your future employment as well.”

Due to some last minute cancellations, only six non-profit organizations and one school club were present, as opposed to the approximate 20 that attended last year’s event. The fair was still alive and well, however; all of the agencies in attendance cited

BELLANCA, From A1

the board the importance of dual-enrollment.

“The reason it’s so critical in the community is really two reasons,” Bellanca said. “One is of course, we give students who are ready for college the opportunity to get started and to do that in a very affordable way so that (some) can get their associate degree done before they graduate from high school.”

She also adds that taking any number of classes can benefit them. If they plan on going to a different college or university they will still have some transferable credits at a lower cost to them and their families.

In addition to having highly ranked dual-enrollment

prospects, WCC has been ranked number one among 28 community colleges for three years in a row, in terms of percentage of increase in performance-based aid awarded by the state. Private citizens have donated around \$8.5 million in the last two years, invested in student success and teaching innovation.

Washtenaw Commissioner Conan Smith commented that some places in the county struggle with philanthropy and with WCC’s collection of millions in donations.

He asked Bellanca to share how this has been possible.

“Washtenaw County is a very giving place,” Smith said. “But I think it’s fair to say that from a philanthropic perspective, all

of us have struggled to convince our colleagues to invest in efforts like yours, which was extraordinarily successful.”

Bellanca summarized this success with two reasons: conducting feasibility studies and that she’s found that some people simply do it because they know they are contributing to a good cause.

“People are so wonderful and generous and everyone has something that’s important to them, it’s just figuring out what it is to make their own dream come true,” Bellanca said.

“These scholarships are all about the donors giving to students and their feeling so good because they know someone is going to prosper because of them.”



President Rose Bellanca speaks to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at their Sept. 17 meeting. TAYLOR ROBINSON | WASHTENAW VOICE

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Yousef Rabhi echoed the great

job that WCC is doing in part-nering with the community, providing a “springboard” to further build upon. Rabhi said it reminds him of the first governor of the state of Michigan, Stevens T. Mason, who wanted to develop a system of publicly owned education as opposed to privately owned so that students could not only attend just K-12, but also public colleges.

“I think what you’re doing is the exemplification of that spirit that was set forth when the state of Michigan was founded, and so you are continuing that good work and looking toward the future,” Rabhi said. “50 years behind you, many more years ahead of you. I congratulate you on the work you have done and your leadership, and our community having such a valuable resource in the midst that we all can use.”


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The advisor of the International Student Association Devin Street kicks off the first ISA meeting of the semester with a sign-up sheet for their first official “hangout” at the apple orchard. COURTNEY DITTO | WASHTENAW VOICE

International Student Association offers a home away from home

BY COURTNEY DITTO
Contributor

In the midst of the craziness in the beginning of the first International Student Association (ISA) meeting of the semester, sat one student alone. Looking around, sitting to the side, watching others embrace one another and speaking in different languages and then business marketing major and manager of the ISA from Malaysia, Alyssa Choo, 19, walks up to him with a big smile and invites him over with the rest of the group. The student stands up smiling, and walks over to a table full of ISA members who greet him warmly.

“We want to bring more people in because we know that being an international student, when you come here, you don’t have that many friends. So we

want to recruit everyone,” Choo said. “We’re like a big family, and education wise, we’re helping each other out, learning different cultures. We encourage people to join us because we don’t want anyone to be left behind.”

WCC’s International Student Association is a student organization in which students from all over the world can join and find support and a better understanding of different cultures. The ISA has students from all over the globe, and includes more than 40 active members.

President of the ISA and psychology major from Montenegro, 20-year-old Marko Delic, explains that the ISA not only makes others feel a sense of belonging but also provides them with education about various cultures.

“In the ISA, we provide one another with a sense of a second family, and give others a look into our cultures. Life is universal, we all struggle and have fun, and it’s sometimes

“The overall goal of the ISA is to promote the rich diversity of culture of the student body here at WCC. We have students seemingly from every walk of life.”

hard for new international students to find that feeling of belonging in a different country and culture. So our slogan for now is ‘Educate U.S. right,’” Delic said. “The ‘u’ and ‘s’ would stand for ‘us’ as well,

as we’re sharing and learning the culture and learning different issues so that people don’t judge based on stereotypes beforehand.”

The ISA participates in a

trips for during the semester such as going to the apple orchard, planning holiday parties celebrating the traditions of other countries and planning Diversity Extravaganza, tentatively scheduled for some time in November.

Nearly all activities are planned and put in place by the leadership board of the ISA and have given students a chance to learn and connect with other international students, a connection they wouldn’t be able to find otherwise.

International Student Advisor Devin Streur said “The overall goal of the ISA is to promote the rich diversity of culture of the student body here at WCC. We have students seemingly from every walk of life.”

Streur said it was his love for travel and learning new cultures that interested him in the job

as the International Student Advisor, a job he took just seven months ago, but says is a fulfilling experience thus far.

While the ISA is known as a second home to many international students, the association itself is also open to students from the U.S. Ariana Behm, 21-year-old graphic design major and design coordinator of the ISA from Tecumseh refers to the association as “family.”

“I have my family at home, and a family here because of this club,” Behm said. “I get the sense of traveling without going anywhere by learning about the different cultures from my friends.” Tobe Mordí, 20-year-old accounting major and vice president of the ISA from Nigeria is in agreement with Behm and described this blending of cultures in one word: “home.”

Career Services prepares students for job searching after graduation

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

The semester is underway and students are starting to get in the groove of busy schedules. It’s easy to get caught in a flurry of homework, outside jobs, family and extracurricular activities. Before students know it, they are preparing for graduation, ordering their caps and

gowns and getting ready to walk across the stage to accept their diplomas. But what about a job after graduation?

Washtenaw Community College’s Career Services Department strives to answer the question for students who walk in with panic-stricken faces saying, “I graduate soon and need a job.” Amanda Deacon, one of Career Services’ student

advisors, aids students in writing resumés, preparing for job interviews, how to present oneself in the workforce, and more.

“I’m not just the resumé guru,” Deacon said laughing. “I have skills in mental health counseling, academic advising and career services and I wanted a position to be able to use all three of those.”

Career Services reached out

to students at Welcome Day and at their own open house hosted on Sept. 17. Because students aren’t always aware of their services and new location in the Morris Lawrence Building, they find numerous ways to connect with students. Going into classrooms, setting up tables in the Student Center and talking with parents at orientation are just a few.

“If it’s relevant to the student at the time, they find the resources they need and we are one of those,” Deacon said. “It’s another challenge if students aren’t necessarily ready to look for a job or aware they need to start early.”

Starting the job search early is one of the best pieces of advice given by David Wildfong, professional services faculty member for Career Services. If a student comes in lacking direction or having multiple directions, he’ll send them to counseling services to take two assessments: a Myers Briggs type indicator and a strong interest inventory.

“You have to have certain mindsets for certain jobs and certain skills sets for those jobs,” Wildfong said. “And if you end up in a career that you don’t align with very well, you’re not going to be very successful or



Niko Dawson, the new executive director of economic and community development. Only recently hired in, he looks to be as helpful as possible with the students on campus. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE



Amanda Deacon, a career services student advisor, welcomes a group of faculty members from the student resource center interested in learning more about what Career Services has to offer. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

happy and that can have some very strong effects to our professional and personal lives.”

Wildfong makes it known that students can connect with them during any point of the process. Whether it’s just asking questions about job opportunities or setting them up with employers, they are there for the students every step of the way. He says that yes, students can find a job on their own, but utilizing Career Services can make it a lot easier.

“We definitely want to make sure that we can support the students in being successful to get a certificate, get a degree,

and then be able to put that knowledge and training into practice working in a field that they have an interest in,” Wildfong said.

Working closely with Career Services is new Executive Director for Economic and Community Development Niko Dawson who just joined the team earlier in September after working for Oakland Community College for eight years. Dawson embodies the mission of Career Services in the sense that he makes sure to reevaluate where he is at in his

WCC STUDENTS FIND COMMUNITY UNDER THE STAIRS



The students that hang out underneath the stairs in the student center have found a place to congregate where everyone is like-minded. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY RYAN PRESTON
Contributor

Every day at Washtenaw Community College, under the stairs of the Student Center, a group of students gather to play video games, duel in card games or just surf the web. This has become a usual sight on campus, and many pass by every day, wondering what just might be going on. Coming from all different backgrounds, these students show the diversity of WCC.

As it turns out, most of these people are just looking for a place to hang out with others of similar interests. The group of students – and friends – engage in a variety of activities, including but not limited to on-line role-playing games, trading-card games, and just plain hanging out.

“Why would I go home in

between classes? By the time I go home and get comfortable my next class has already started,” said Todd Wilson, a 22-year-old student from Ann Arbor who frequently hangs out under the stairs.

Todd Maddock, a 23-year-old construction technology student, explains why he hangs out under the stairs: “It’s convenient. I have everything I need within two seconds of each other: Subway and coffee,” the Ypsilanti resident said.

Magic: The Gathering, casually referred to as just simply “Magic,” is the most popular game among students who have chosen under the stairs as a frequent hangout. The game is loosely based on Dungeons and Dragons, with players acting as “planeswalkers,” collecting cards to arm themselves with weapons, spells, and creatures. Most players either have

a deck of their own, or at least have some form of proficiency in understanding the basics.

Directly under the stairs are those that play Magic while the side is generally reserved for either more Magic or the less popular card games such as Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh. Both have gained growing interest since the late 1990s, ranging from younger-aged children to older adults.

When asked about Magic, most people considered it just a hobby, and found that playing at the local hobby shops is normally either expensive or far too annoying.

“People at local stores are always so competitive about it. What kid wants to play a 40 something-year-old man who has endless resources to dump into Magic, and then gets mad if he loses to a ‘kid’?” said Eric Barrie, a 19-year-old liberal arts

major.

Another benefit for students who trade cards is the plethora of cards available. Students swap binders and scour each and every page looking for that one card they need.

For other students, the benefit of getting to not only play for free, but also with their friends, is the deciding factor of playing at WCC versus other locations. For the more niche card games, finding people to play with is often difficult even at local hobby shops.

“Why would I spend money on a tournament when I can play with my friends for free between classes? Plus, it’s much more relaxed at school,” said 20-year-old liberal arts student Joe Longo.

Magic is indeed a well-liked card game, making its debut from Hasbro in 1993. The company has stated that they

estimate about 12 million people play worldwide, making it a standout and defining name in the world of competitive card games.

Another interest expressed by students was online gaming. Whether it be League of Legends, World of Warcraft, Hearthstone, or Counter-Strike, a variety of games were available to those who preferred to play their games from behind a screen.

Members of the Video Game Club and the League of Legends Club also dwell under the stairs and compete amongst their friends.

Some look on their phones talking with other students about possible trades for their fantasy football leagues and talk smack as scores are reported. Other students are helping each other with homework. They shuffle through papers

asking for notes, advice and general help from one another.

Some students also offer unique services, including computer repair and replacing broken touch screens. Often for incredibly low prices, students use their knowledge to help their friends under the stairs, and turn a profit. While over on the booths is where the students are hanging out behind their screens playing computer games.

The space under the stairs always has a friendly face hanging out. Whether it be a student playing Magic, or someone getting advice on their next big test, the community under the stairs is a vibrant and interesting place. It showcases the diversity of the student body and exemplifies the excellent community built within WCC.

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professional and personal lives.

“On a personal level, I’ve always been one that wanted to sort of guide, direct, and to grow and develop my career...” Dawson said. “You start to re-evaluate what it is you’re doing and you ask those tough questions. Am I learning? Am I growing? Am I contributing?”

Career Services also contacts outside sources to come to campus and speak with WCC students. On Thursday, Sept. 24, Greg Peters, a nationally renowned networking guru according to Wildfong, will visit WCC and give a presentation “The Reluctant

Networker.” According to a Career Services flyer about the event, Peters coaches and trains people on how to become a better networker by making lasting and effective connections.

Career Services is partnering with the Entrepreneurship Center for this event. The center focuses on helping students who are interested in starting their own businesses where networking can be especially beneficial.

“Everyone knows ‘Yeah, you have to network for a job,’ but actually figuring out how to do it and how to find the right connections and how to organize it inside of your

job search is very difficult,” Deacon said. “We wanted to provide another opportunity.”

Although students have busy schedules, connecting with these services on campus as early as possible will ensure that they can get the proper assistance they need and in a timely manner.

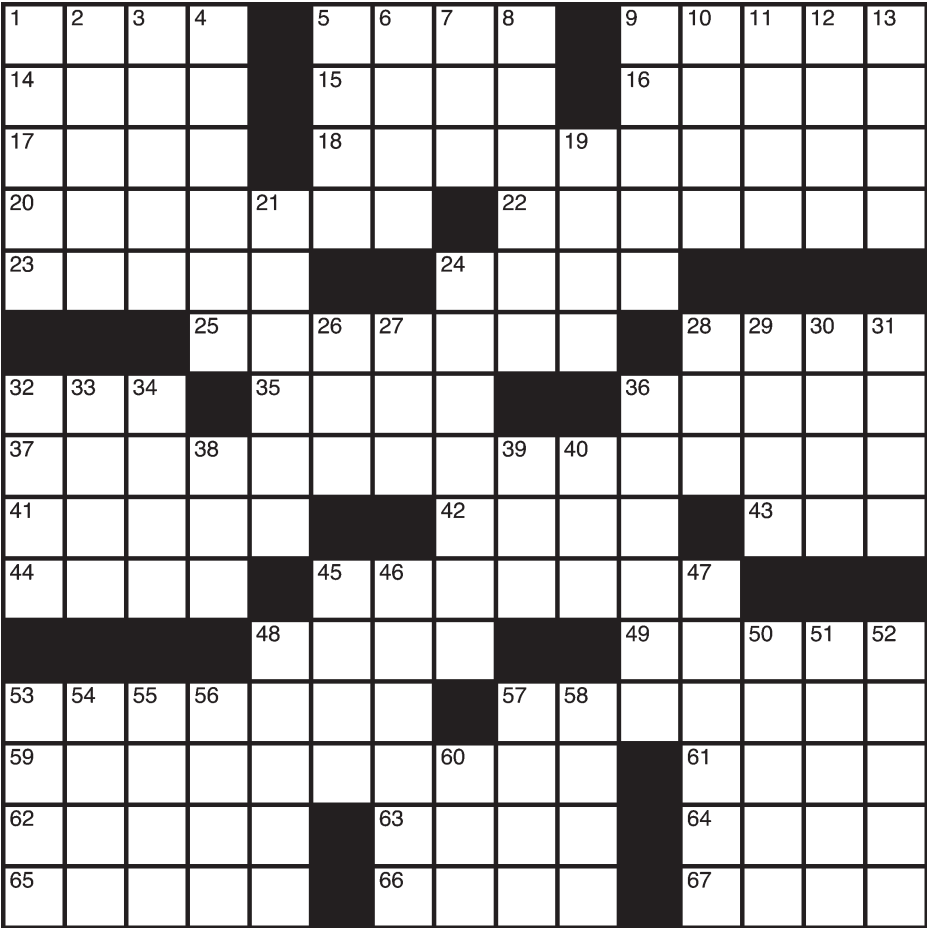
“We realize students have incredibly busy lives, some with families, part-time jobs, they have classwork on top of everything else,” Wildfong said. “We realize that but we try to connect with students at the front door... We want to support them throughout their entire education career here at WCC.”

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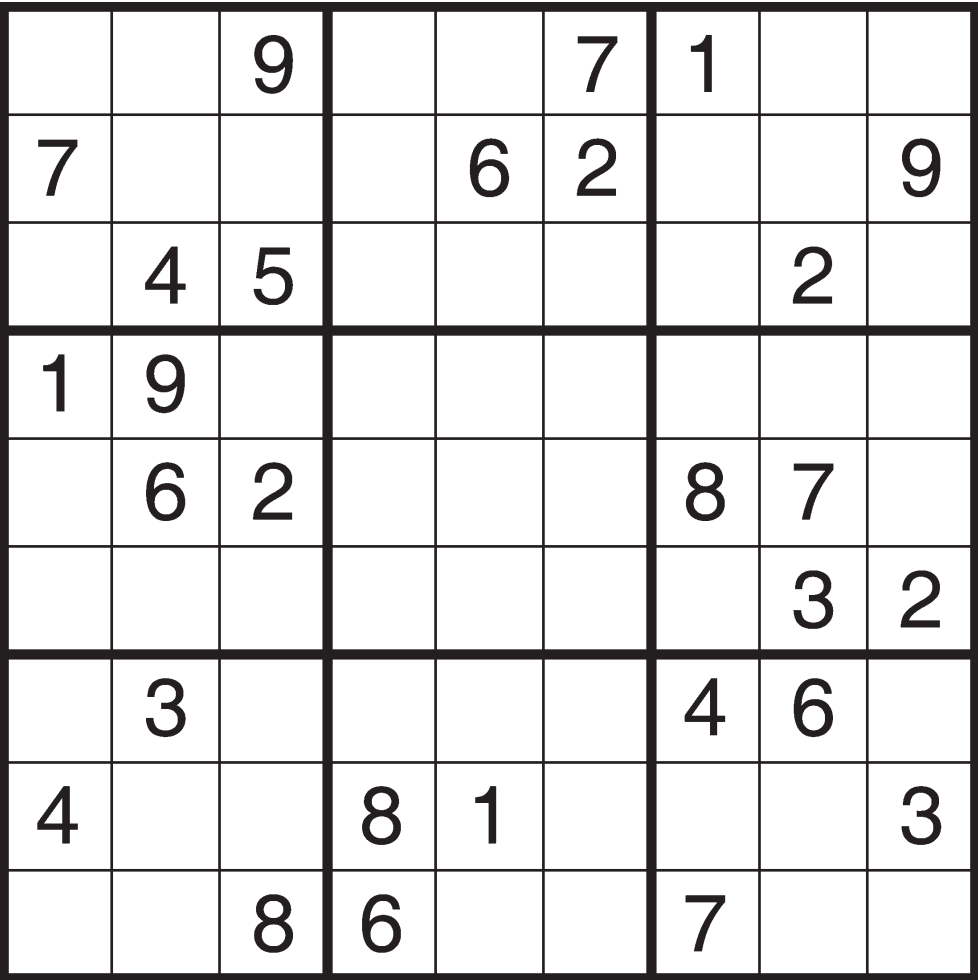
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- 45 Very, very old
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- 57 Breathe
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- 61 Some old radios
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- 63 Grandkid spoiler, often
- 64 Cookie grain
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- 5 Purina dog food brand
- 6 Christmas carol
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- 19 ___ rage: PED user's aggression
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- 24 Address book entry
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- 27 Even score
- 28 Understand

- 29 Detest
- 30 Pts. and qts., for two
- 31 Cry one's eyes out
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- 34 Fizz in a gin fizz
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- 38 Shelter adoptee
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- 40 Canadian prov. bordering Vt.
- 45 "Just want to add ..."
- 46 Nary a soul
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- 51 Chatter endlessly
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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to find out how to apply for the

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- OFFICE STAFF:** Infinity Gymnastics Academy in Brighton, MI is looking for office staff to support their front desk operations. Individual must be reliable, have basic computer skills and be able to work with a diverse customer base.
- 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

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- LINUX (PYTHON) DEVELOPER:** Linux developer to join our development team in creating and maintaining our products and services. This is a direct hire position at our Commerce Township location. As a Development Team Member you will design, develop, and implement software solutions according to SDLC methodology and department standards. You will assist in designing and documenting solutions, participate in code reviews, perform unit testing, and evaluate solutions prior to release. You will also help to determine the hardware requirements for prototype systems.
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POINT TIIOƆЯETIUOƆ

Is writing or typing a better memory method?

Writing works wonders

Ever since humankind learned how to write, we have been using it in our favor to learn and communicate. Although this generation is referred to as the “digital” generation, there are still quite a few people who prefer writing over typing, when it comes to a multitude of different things.



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According to an article published by Scientific American in 2014, research showed that in

general, it is better for you to write your notes because you develop a better conceptual understanding of them. Taking notes by hand requires a different kind of cognitive processing, and requires different consequences for learning. Being able to take written notes instead of typed notes is a skill not all students have, because it takes longer and uses

more energy to do. Tori Dennis, an 18-year-old english communications major at Washtenaw Community College, has always chosen writing over typing. “I will always choose to write my notes,” Dennis said. “I think I tried typing once, but I immediately went back to writing. It just helps the notes actually get ingrained in my head.” This is not an uncommon

thing for a college student to say. According to an article by the Atlantic, scientists Pam Mueller and Daniel Oppenheimer performed a study that showed that students who take notes by hand do better on tests and quizzes than students who typed their notes. Lectures are definitely difficult to completely track by hand, but jotting down certain

key points is extremely beneficial and helps you understand the material a lot more than typing it out word for word. The hand cramps, pens constantly running out of ink, and pencils breaking that comes with writing is truly worth the knowledge and understanding that comes with writing your notes out.

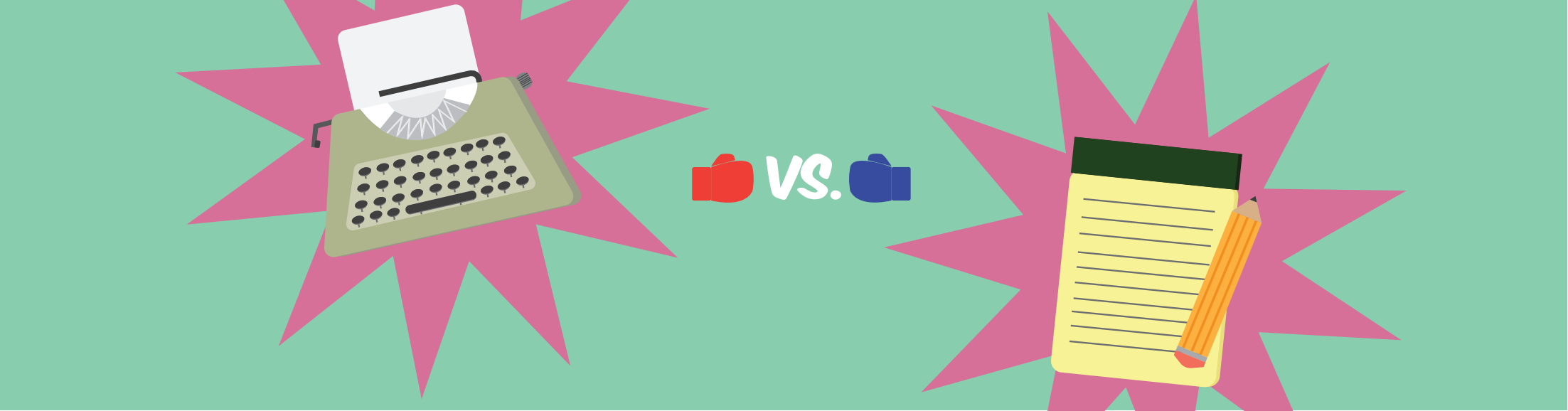


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Typing reigns supreme

In a world where every teacher talks to their class with email and has every PowerPoint online, how can anyone still think handwritten notes are better? Typing on a computer during class allows you to not only keep up with your teacher’s fast paced rambling, but allows you to have access to all the material with the click of a button. How can you even hope to take notes when you’re all the way in the back of the class and can barely hear the teacher or see



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their lecture? With your computer you can simply look at the PowerPoint, copy down the key points on a word document you also have queued up on your computer, and suddenly, coming late to class and sitting in the back isn’t the end of the world.

Almost every class at Washtenaw Community College uses Blackboard, and often times you can download the notes, and write down important points throughout the lecture. Thus, solidifying your understanding of the material and continuing to further your education, while also integrating technology into your schoolwork. “I just like having everything organized for me,” Said Nathan Fink, a sophomore in the Honors Program at Washtenaw from Ann Arbor. “I used to handwrite everything in high school... I would

lose half my notes throughout the week, but with my laptop, unless I lose that, I’m set.” Did you forget your final paper at home on the printer? No problem. With things like Google Docs, you can simply have all your notes, and papers on your phone and your computer, so if you’re ever in need, you’ve got a way to save yourself. What if you get home after a long day of multiple classes, and then find yourself looking at your handwritten notes? There’s just one problem: you can’t read anything you’ve written. In your haste

to keep up with your teacher and their lecture, everything has been misspelled, or is otherwise illegible. With the average adult being able to type at about 40 words per minute with no mistakes, and spell check readily available, it’s hard to see the benefits of handwriting. “I just can’t focus on the teacher’s lectures without my laptop, I need to be able to rewatch it when I’m awake and it’s not 9:30 in the morning,” stated Aleck Sotolongo, a student in the liberal arts program from Ann Arbor. While a laptop may seem like

an expensive investment, entry level laptops are going for only about \$400 these days, with many talented students being able to build their own for even cheaper. Thanks to the low cost of Washtenaw you may even be able to take out loans and use your refund check to purchase a laptop. So while people may still cling to the old ways of writing notes like a bad habit, the rest of us will be steadily typing out or notes, not stressing about the fast-paced nature that is the reality of college.

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