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Candidates' stances on issues college students care about

Democratic Party



Joe Biden

College/Loans: Student loan forgiveness

Healthcare: Lower the cost of healthcare; Affordable Care Act

Gun Control: Ban the sale of assault weapons; required background checks; supports red flag laws

Immigration: Increase refugee admissions; supports citizenship for undocumented workers in the US.

Economic Improvement: Increase taxes on the wealthy; Bidenomics

Israel-Palestine: "We stand firmly with the Israeli people as they defend themselves against the murderous nihilism of Hamas," Biden wrote in an op-ed.



Dean Phillips

College/Loans: Lower the cost of higher education

Healthcare: Free universal healthcare; end medication price-gouging

Gun Control: Ban the sale of assault weapons

Immigration: Enhanced border security; naturalization for undocumented people living in america; make the citizenship process easier

Economic Improvement: Higher wages for workers; lower food, fuel and childcare costs; strengthen

Social Security

Israel-Palestine: "There needs to be a cease-fire, and Hamas has to be eliminated," Phillips said in an interview on NewsNation.



Donald Trump

College/Loans: Opposes student loan forgiveness, but proposed ending subsidized loans and reducing number of loan repayment plans.

Healthcare: Expand healthcare choice, transparency and affordability; eliminated Obamacare.

Gun Control: Does not support gun restrictions.

Immigration: Reinstate immigration policies from first presidential term; end birthright citizenship for undocumented people; eliminate asylum fraud

Economic Improvement: Tackle inflation through "energy independence"; lower the interest rate; tax relief for the middle class

Israel-Palestine: "There was no bigger advocate and defender of Israel than President Trump," said the former President in a statement according to the Associated Press.



Nikki Haley

College/Loans: Opposes student loan forgiveness, but suggested halting accruing interest on loans until a student has finished their schooling.

Healthcare: Lower the cost of healthcare; expand medicare advantage plans

Gun Control: Does not support gun restrictions; expand concealed carry rights

Immigration: Deport undocumented immigrants; end birthright citizenship for undocumented people; reinstate "Remain in Mexico" policy

Economic Improvement: Tax relief for middle-class families; eliminate the federal gas and diesel tax;

Israel-Palestine: "There should be no cease-fire. There should be peace that comes from Israel's total victory over Hamas," Haley said in a post on X.



These candidates dropped out of the Presidential Race, but may still appear on the ballot:

Marianne Williamson: Democrat

Chris Christie: Republican

Ron DeSantis: Republican

Asa Hutchinson: Republican

Vivek Ramaswamy: Republican

> SEE A2 FOR VOTING TIPS



Hadley Caliman performing at the Pori Jazz Festival in Finland.

WCC provides recovery support services

Collegiate Recovery program offers safe haven for students

KRISTY KAZZI Staff Writer

The Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP) is an organization at WCC that supports addiction, mental health, self-care, and more. CRP offers a supportive and safe space for students, according to program coordinator Teresa Herzog.

CRP is where students find a haven for addressing addiction, mental health challenges, and prioritizing selfcare.

According to Herzog, CRP stands as a pillar of support amidst the overwhelming pressures of academia: "Community is the best antidote to everything that creates suffering," she said.

In this environment, positive social dynamics thrive. Herzog said she observes the camaraderie within the club, seeing students rally around one another and equipping them with tools plus knowledge to navigate mental health concerns.

"I see really positive social pressure in our community support meetings and in our business meetings," said Herzog.

18-year-old Suha Waqar, one of the CRP officers, re-

flects on her journey from peer educator to peer officer—serving as the initial point of contact for those seeking information about the club.

"Community is the best antidote to everything that creates suffering". -Teresa Herzog, CRP coordinator

Business meetings serve as forums for event planning and brainstorming initiatives to enhance the school environment, while community support meetings foster an open exchange of support tailored to individual needs.

"Everything that happens in our club, stays in our club," said Waqar.

27-year-old Andrica Underwood, another student officer, emphasizes the importance of CRP's core principles—highlighting the need for students to utilize available resources, fostering inclusivity within the club, and encouraging openness to listen to others' stories

SEE RECOVERY, A6

WTMC student earns NASA internship

Internship highlights versatility, diverse viewpoints to ensure accessibility



Rebecca Hullstrung, a WTMC photography student landed a NASA internship.

KRISTY KAZZI Staff Writer

Rebecca Hullstrung, currently a student at WCC, secured a prestigious NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) internship while she was still at WTMC, the high school on campus.

Her journey with NASA began in middle school where she participated in a couple of programs, sparking her interest in the data aspect of space exploration.

Reflecting on her experience, she shared, "I thought it was cool how small we are and how much there could be out there that really intrigued me."

During her internship, Hullstrung's favorite aspect was the hands-on work of making modules. "It was a great experience," she said, highlighting her involvement in crafting antennas for various high schools to collect data on Solar Radio Bursts.

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She also recorded the modules to enhance her un-

derstanding of antenna usage. Hullstrung further em-

phasized the versatility of NASA projects, noting opportunities in teaching and manufacturing by saying, "If you are interested in doing any NASA projects, this is a great one because there's a bunch of different areas you can go into like

teaching, or manufacturing."

Dr. Mojtaba Akhavan-Tafti, a research faculty member in climate and space sciences and engineering (CLaSP), shared his motivation for entering the field, citing his "interest in discovery."

Speaking about Hull-strung's internship, which was in collaboration with the University of Michigan and NA-SA's Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE) mission, Akhavan-Tafti said he was excited to include Hull-strung despite the additional hurdles due to her minor status.

He said, "I was delighted to do it because it meant that we would have Rebecca's perspective as a high school student," underscoring the importance of incorporating diverse viewpoints into their projects to ensure accessibility.

Hullstrung's astronomy professor, Daniel Majaess, also played a crucial role in her internship placement, praising her active participation and sharp intellect.

"She frequently participated in giving answers and

SEE NASA, A6



New voter information: what do you need to know?

Kristy Kazzi Staff Writer

Voting might seem daunting for new voters, especially younger people who feel like they might not know enough about politics to weigh in.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) in Washtenaw County, a non-profit organization, is committed to voter education, registration, and studying issues related to democratic ideals.

According to Lynne Kochmanski, President of the LWV, their mission is to defend democracy and empower voters across all aspects of voting.

Kochmanski emphasizes the ease of absentee voting or voting by mail, highlighting the option to apply through the clerk or online and receive a ballot by mail.

"You can actually fill your ballot out at home, take it to the early voting polling place, and you can tabulate it there, into the machine," says Koch-

In today's world, there are numerous voting methods available.

Kochmanski suggests that students should consider what matters to them while stressing the importance of older people's participation, as "their voices are huge in terms of the outcome of elections." "When candidates and politicians are looking to talk about issues, they look at who's voting," Kochmanski says, emphasizing the need for younger voices to be heard.

Additionally, she points out that individuals aged 17 and a half are eligible to register to vote.

According to Kochmanski, staff at polling locations are friendly and helpful, simplifying the process. "You basically just take your driver's license and show up," she states.

Registration is possible on the day of voting.

Edward R. Golembiewski, Chief Deputy Clerk / Register & Director of Elections, recommends visiting Michigan. com/vote for additional information. Early voting dates from Feb. 17 to 25 are crucial, he notes.

Golembiewski underscores the convenience of absentee voting, particularly for busy individuals, and emphasizes the significance of all elections, not just presidential ones, as they shape future ballots.

"It's your right," Golembiewski said.

Voting might seem daunting initially, but there are ample resources available, from educators to online platforms, to assist.



LOOKING AHEAD TIMELINE

FEBRUARY 27: PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

This is when voters get to choose which candidates they want to represent each political party (like Democrats and Republicans) in the big presidential election in November. So, if you have a favorite candidate from a particular party, this is your chance to support them.

AUGUST 6: PRIMARY ELECTION

In this election, voters select the candidates they want to represent their political party in various important positions, like state representatives (people who make laws for your state), county commissioners (people who help manage your county), and others. It's like a warm-up before the big election in November.

NOVEMBER 5: GENERAL ELECTION

This is the major election where everyone votes for important positions in their area, such as county supervisors (who oversee the county's activities), treasurers (who manage money for the area), city councils (who make decisions about local laws and budgets), and school boards (who decide things for schools). It's the big one where a lot of decisions are made about who will lead and make decisions in your community.

TO FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATION, VISIT:

https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE COUNTY ELECTION WEBSITE:

https://www.washtenaw.org/304/Elections

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HAS AN EVENT GOING INTO EARLY VOTING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH.

WCC prepares students for finding employment



Cheryl Harvey, director, leads WCC's Center for Career Services.

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BUNNY JONES
Staff writer

Whether you are a current student, alumni or not enrolled at all, the center for career services welcomes all who would like the skills to impress a future employer.

Cheryl L. Harvey, the director of the Center for Career Success, said the goal is "to get students career-ready to start a career and sustain for a lifetime."

Center for career services

offers a number of ways to help prepare students before it is time to meet future employ-

Center for career services offer an array of programs, resources, and connections to ensure there are career opportunities for all. The office helps students update their resumes before graduation, build resumes if the student does not have one, and assist with job searching.

For those nervous or under confident for an upcoming interview, the center for career services offers mock interviews and resources to find the proper attire for interviews.

The center for career success also ensures the employees reach students by having a career fair in the fall and winter semesters, bringing more than 70 employers to campus.

"We are making a pipeline for high wage and high demand careers," Harvey said.

The office holds bi-monthly virtual connections with featured employers. Center for career success is also the go-to office for apprenticeship, internships and work study.

"Students are encouraged

to utilize Handshake to search and apply for jobs and internships," Harvey said. Handshake is a website the center of career services utilize for students search and apply for jobs.

Students are invited to come into the office to discuss career paths anytime, regardless of how far into their studies they are.

The upcoming career fair is Feb. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. and is open to all students, alumni and the community.

Location:

Student Center 1st FL | Room112

Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 8a - 5p Fri 8a - 4p

Phone:

734-677-5155

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careers@wccnet.edu

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VOICE BOX

What would be your ideal valentine's date and/or gift?

by Yana McGuire and Alejandra Smith | Washtenaw Voice

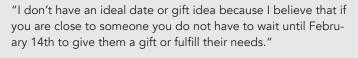
"I am a homebody, so dinner and a movie at home would be perfect for me. As for a gift, a bouquet of any kind of pink flowers would make me happy!"

> **Tempest Poitier** dentistry



"I would like to go to the movies before dinner at a 3 or 4-star restaurant for a date. I love Hello Kitty, so a Hello Kitty Plush Bouquet with any color flowers would be ideal."

> Ava Chinnukroh business



Christopher Williams advance manufacturing



ciate a good home cooked meal and a hockey game. " **Alex Plouff**

"I am coming from a culinary background. I would really appre-

welding technology



"We (as a couple) would both enjoy a trip to the bookstore, then a quiet night at home to enjoy dinner with one another. Since we both like boxes of chocolate, either a box of Ferrero Rocher or Godiva would be perfect!"

> Elle Vanwagnen & DJ Sheibar liberal arts for both





"My perfect Valentine's Day gift would be spending time with the person closest to me. I don't have any specific preferences, just quality time."

> Logan Fookes digital video production major

"I love flowers! My perfect gift would be a bouquet of pink roses alongside a handwritten, handmade note straight from

> Katrina Melvin physical therapist assistant program





"My perfect Valentine's Day gift is quality time, especially if the person planned it out. It doesn't matter if it's a dinner date or if we watched a movie as long as the intention is there."

> **Taylor Fisher** human services

"My perfect Valentine's Day gift is a teddy bear with a red heart that says, "Happy Valentine's Day!" Especially if it's holding milk chocolate KitKats."

> **Alex Franklin** liberal arts transfer





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LET'S CHAT: ADVICE COLUMN

The road to successfully obtaining your college degree may be a bumpy one. Luckily, you don't have to make the journey on your own.

Need some school advice, have any questions, or do you just want to talk things out to gain some clarity? No worries, we're here to help!

The Voice is pleased to introduce our new advice column from contributing writer Yana McGuire: Let's Chat.

We want to know we're hearing from the WCC community. Use your student email and we'll use a pseudonym to keep your name private ("Angsty in A2," for example).

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WCC in pictures



CALEB HENDERSON | WASHTENAW VOICE A mysterious snowman stands tall in the grass inside the WCC courtyard bowl on Feb. 1.



WHAT'S YOUR GO TO BREAK-UP SONG?



"I Should've Cheated" - Keyshia Cole (2005) MICHELLE HANKE | LIBERAL ARTS TRANSFER

"All My Life" - K-Ci & JoJo (1997) RYAN HOPSON | GENERAL STUDIES

"The Ride" - Lil Yachty (2023)

ROMAN KARAS I PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANCE





"Chamber of Reflection" - Mac Demarco (2014) CODY WILLIAMS | SURGICAL TECH

"Don't Bring Me Down" - Electric Light Orchestra (1979) NATHAN COOLEY | ARMOUR REPAIR



COLUMN

7,800 miles: What it's like to be a WCC student living in Kenya



Mohamed Ahmed Contributor

There are 9,277 students, myself included, who are remote students at Washtenaw Community College according to the school's 2022-23 annual report. Yet, amid this massive group, one number makes me unique: 7,800.

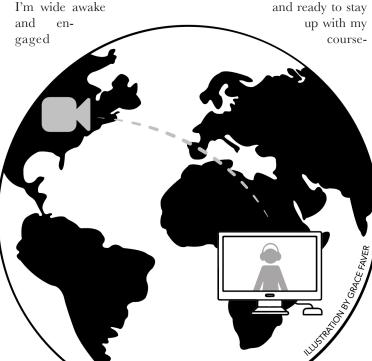
This colossal distance, measured in miles, separates me from the WCC campus. My unique journey unfolds in Nairobi, Kenya, where I make my way through the challenges and joys of my college education.

Balancing school from Kenya has its tough moments. I start my day at 6 p.m. EST when everything in Nairobi starts to slow down, and my night classes, which I have every semester, go from 2 to 5 a.m. Even deadlines at midnight are 7 a.m. deadlines for

It's tricky, but I've figured

out how to manage it.

The key to thriving in such a weird virtual learning is clever scheduling. I've mastered aligning my weekday routines with class schedules, ensuring I'm wide awake



during those late-night

It's about making the most of the time difference and finding a balance that keeps me on my toes.

Quality sleep is a treasure, especially when your classes

Coffee

has become my trusted sidekick that helps me handle such an unusual sched-

run from late evening to the

crack of dawn. Establishing a

consistent sleep schedule, mine

roughly from 6 a.m. to noon,

has been my secret weapon.

It guarantees I'm well-rested

More than just a beverage, it's a ritual that keeps me sharp and motivated during those late-night study sessions.

Sipping on my coffee in the serene hours of the night, I find comfort in a familiar routine that keeps me focused while the rest of my family dreams peacefully.

Communication is crucial, and I've learned the importance of open dialogue with my professors. Being transparent about my circumstances has fostered understanding and support, especially for evening classes.

Choosing classes that genuinely pique my interest has been a game-changer. Passion for the subject matter propels my motivation to attend those late-night sessions.

From Mythology to Intro to Journalism, choosing these evening classes helped me show up because it changed it from responsibility to interest in attending the

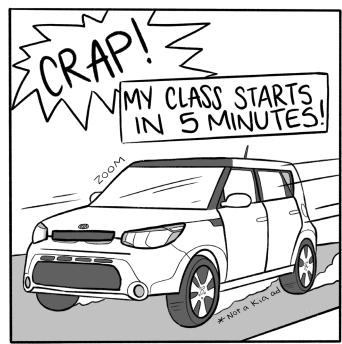
There were times when I missed classes because I was simply tired, but sticking to this routine has helped me stay on top of my coursework.

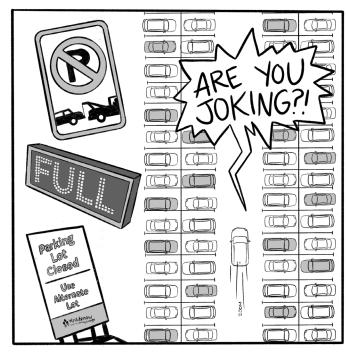
My story is not what I had planned for myself but unique-

Late nights, a side of coffee addiction, and navigating unconventional hours, unexpected, yet oddly enjoyable.

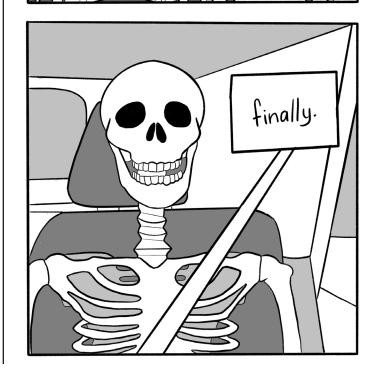
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Valentine's Day: Does it represent true love, or is it a scam?



It's a special day

As a little girl, I dreamed about a fairy tale-style love story. Listening to Taylor Swift's "Fearless" album, I imagined what love could be. While that dream probably won't come true, it's still evident that many Americans, myself included, believe in true love.

According to reporting by CBS, "86 percent of Americans think true love exists. While 67 percent say they have experienced it themselves."

When thinking about human nature a connection is needed to function, and anyone who has ever been in a supportive, loving relationship knows just how sweet it feels. In a secure relationship, room for growth and mutually beneficial connection is prevalent. You often feel protected and confident in yourself and your partner. To be loved is to be

Valentine's Day confirms the fact through material items

and the thought that goes into choosing the right gift, getting to know your partner well enough to pick something they'll like, and feeling desired makes us feel good. The feeling of love releases oxytocin, dopamine, and serotonin, described as our "happy hormones."

Healthline, a health and wellness brand, said, "when you're attracted to another person, your brain releases dopamine, your serotonin levels increase, and oxytocin is produced. This causes you to feel a surge of positive emotion."

Having someone who is there for you can also be beneficial for both partners' mental health.

"When you love someone, you are invested in their health and well-being. We do this for each other in a loving, healthy relationship," as stated by High Country Behavioral Health, a non-profit organization with affordable access to behavioral health services.

Some of this history asso-

ciated with Valentine's Day is a myth, but it doesn't deny the tender nature of the holiday and the patron saint who supposedly started it all.

According to Britannica, Valentine's Day may have taken its name from a priest martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest fell in love with a jailor's daughter and signed a letter that said, "From your Valentine," a saying still used today.

Valentine was also said to have performed marriages in secret, defying the rules of Claudius II, who thought single men made better soldiers and outlawed marriage. Seeing the unjust nature of this act, Valentine spared men from war and wed them to their lovers.

The story emphasizes the holiday's sympathetic, loving and heroic symbolism.

And come on, who doesn't love chocolate?

Do it all the time

What is the purpose of Valentine's Day, really?

Is it to show affection and appreciation for one's partner? Because there's 364 (365 during leap years) other days in a year for that.

Is it to shower one's partner with extravagant gifts? Why wait until Feb. 14 when one can do so on March 14, April 14, or any other day?

Is it to do something romantic with one's partner? Again, why the wait?

Valentine's Day in the media has always been depicted as an exclusive holiday that only couples can participate in, showing how much "true love" each party in a relationship possesses for one another.

However, over the years, as the modern dating scene has devolved, the holiday has deteriorated with it—to the point where viral videos are common of partners arguing and breaking up with each other over not buying each other

"extravagant enough gifts," and an entire spinoff holiday for women developing aptly titled: Galentine's Day.

One of the reasons why the current divorce rate in the United States for first marriages is at around 50 percent according to Forbes is because many conflate "true love" to be buying one's partner materialistic things rather than paying attention to their actions.

While giving gifts and providing for each other is certainly an important aspect of any relationship, having it as the backbone of a partnership is a recipe for disaster.

At this point of the article, you may be wondering: what qualifications does this random newspaper editor have to be giving out relationship advice? Has he been in one himself, or is he in one now?

The answer to that question is while personally, I have not, I've rather observed what has worked for my parents throughout their 30-plus year

marriage, a rarity not just in the black community but across the entire US population these days with only 26.2 percent making it that far according to The Hive Law, an estate planning service.

I believe "true love" isn't shown by buying roses, teddy bears, or taking your partner out to eat at a five-star restaurant on one specific day.

True love is loyalty across a year, five years, a decade.

open up to your partner about anything without judgment and knowing they'll be there to support you no matter what. True love is having a bond

True love is being able to

True love is having a bond inseparable enough that the marriage vow "till death do us part" actually means something and isn't just extra words in a wedding ceremony.

Valentine's Day has never and will never represent true love. It is just a consumer holiday designed to make Fortune 500 companies rich from those trying desperately to fill that void in their relationships.

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Free, confidential information about symptoms, treatment and recovery for individuals and families

www.samhsa.gov

Washtenaw County 24/7 mental health or substance abuse support hotline

734-544-3050

RECOVERY

"We have all types of students," said Underwood.

She also underscored the significance of mutual support among students within CRP, where grounding exercises and self-compassion play vital roles in addressing the diverse range of challenges students face, including substance recovery, codependency, and more.

Central to CRP's mission is destigmatizing addiction. By

nurturing a supportive community, CRP aims to alleviate the stressors of college life, acknowledging the unique relationship students have with recovery as they navigate coping mechanisms in a high-pressure environment.

ILLUSTRATION BY JADA HAUSER

"Reducing the stigma around addiction is one of the biggest things we can do as a community to support," said Underwood.

NASA

"She frequently participated in giving answers and she was always spot on, and so I knew immediately that she was an extraordinary student," said Majaess.

He encouraged students interested in STEM or NA-SA-related studies to explore opportunities like NASA's Community College Aerospace Scholars program and NASA's L'SPACE.

Majaess highlighted the involvement of several WCC students in these programs, indicating the supportive environment for aspiring space enthusiasts.

"If you are interested in doing any NASA projects, this is a great one because there's a bunch of different areas you can go into like teaching, or manufacturing."
-Rebecca Hullstrung, WTMC student & NASA intern



For more information about NASA's Community College Aerospace Scholars program, scan the code below!





CRIME LOG

There are no new incidents to report between Jan. 30 and Feb. 9, 2024. The college's department of public safety has provided a few tips to stay safe on campus:

Campus Safety Tips

If you see something, say something

- •Report any suspicious activity to public safety, including:
- •Unusual items or situations such as odd packages, open windows, or unusually parked vehicles
- Individuals appearing to pay unusually close attention to buildings or objects beyond a casual or professional interest
- •People asking potentially suspicious questions such as how security procedures work or when shifts change

Fire safety

- Know where the emergency exits are
- •In the event of an alarm, always evacuate
- •Use stairways, not elevators
- •Call 3411 using any college phone to alert the public safety department
- \bullet Similarly, press the red button on any red emergency phone to speak with public safety
- •When trapped, seal all crevices with cloth to keep out smoke, call 911 and give your location

In the event of an active shooter

- •Run and keep your hands visible
- Hide and silence phones
- Fight as a last resort
- Avoid quick movements towards responding officers
- Avoid pointing, screaming and yelling
- •Do not stop or interrupt officers

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Jazz History

Jazz's major contributions to black history



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IMPORMATION GATHERED FROM: JAZZ IN AMERICA

The first known ragtime composition,

"Harlem Rag," was created by Tommy Turpin.

1904

Buddy Bolden, a cornetist, begins to develop a reputation in New Orleans for playing music that blends ragtime and blues. 1913

The word "jazz" first appears in print.

1924

Louis Armstrong plays in Fletcher Henderson's Orchestra, and his sax playing significantly evolved.

1932

Duke Ellington records "It Don't Mean a Thing (If it Ain't' Got That Swing)", the first jazz composition to use swing in the title.

1939

Billie Holiday records "Strange Fruit", with controversial lyrics relating to the mistreatment of African Americans. It was banned on several radio stations.

1973

Herbie Hancock, a jazz keyboardist, records a jazz-rock fusion album "Headhunters". The albums break all jazz records.

1983

Trumpeter Wynton Marsalis wins a jazz and classical Grammy Award.

1986

Jazz education and outreach organization "Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz" established in memory of the jazz legend.

1964

Miles Davis' final album, "Doo-Bop", which features rap, is released.

1996

Jazz at Lincoln Center becomes apart of its program.

1997

Wayne Shorter wins a Grammy Award for his electric jazz album "High Life".

2003

A new development in jazz,
"jazztronica" (combining
improvisation, 1980s fusion era
groove, and studio electronics)
becomes a big part of the genre.

2009

Jazz musician Duke Ellington becomes the first black American to be prominently featured on a U.S. coin in circulation with the release of a quarter honoring the District of Columbia.

2011

Bassist Esperanza Spalding wins the Grammy Award for Best New Artist on the strength of her 2010 release "Chamber Music Society", she is the first and only jazz artist to have received that honor.



Drummer Terri Lyne Carrington was named Jazz Artist of the Year by DownBeat magazine, becoming the first female instrumentalist to be bestowed this honor.



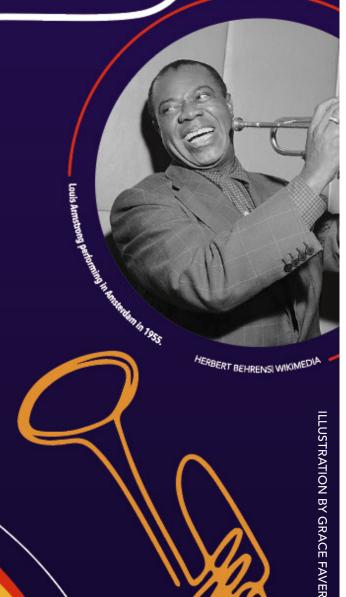




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Michiganders see historic sports month

CALEB HENDERSON Editor

Prior to the start of the new year, the Detroit Lions had not won a playoff game since 1991, while the Michigan Wolverines hadn't won an outright college football national championship since 1948.

If you were to tell a lifelong fan of Michigan sports that both of those things would happen within the same week, within six days of one another; many would tell you that you were dreaming.

"I was kinda stunned with how well the Lions did in the playoffs," said Evan Aeschliman, a general studies major who works in the WCC sports

"I knew they had a really good team and I knew this was going to be a big year for them," he said as a lifelong Lions fan. "But all things considered with new management, new coaches, and a lot of talent it was a great year to

The dry period of success for sports teams in the state is something that's been well documented over the past half decade - and something that fans don't have to look far to see being still applicable to this

While the Lions and Wolverines have been enjoying incredible amounts of recent success, the Detroit Pistons have had a historically poor start to begin their 2023-24 campaign - posting an infamous losing streak of 28 games and currently boasting the worst record in the NBA.

Historically speaking however, football has been a sore spot for Michigan sports fans; making the recent success of the Lions and Wolverines that much more unexpected and that much sweeter.

"I was really excited,"

said Zoe Rezler, a fellow WCC sports office employee whose family has also owned season tickets to the Big House for over two decades. "I think it was very different, people really aren't used to Michigan

winning." Just over 15 years ago the Lions were the laughing stock of the NFL by becoming the first team in history to post an 0-16 record back in 2008, while the Wolverines didn't fare much better - posting a program worst 3-9 record that same year and struggling to maintain relevance until Jim Harbaugh took the head coaching position at his alma mater in 2015.

The common denominator between the turnaround for both programs: a drastic shift in culture.

With the aforementioned Harbaugh immediately turning Michigan into a yearly contender upon his arrival, the Lions course corrected with the hirings of Brad Holmes at general manager and the bold, brave, and unapologetic Dan Campbell at head coach.

While Michigan will begin a new era starting in the 2024 campaign with Sherrone Moore becoming the 21st head coach in the program's history, the Lions will run it back with mostly the same cast of characters this upcoming season-including prominent offensive coordinator Ben Johnson returning for a third season at the helm.

WCC sports director Matt Lucas, a longtime Michigan sports fan, believes this gives the Detroit team the best chance to reach the Super Bowl that they've ever had.

"That was a bright shining star to know that culture wins out," Lucas said when asked about Johnson's return in an interview.

How jazz shaped black culture

LILY COLE Deputy Editor

As we enter the month of February, it's vital to appreciate Black History Month and acknowledge the events that have shaped American culture today.

Historical impact

The music's roots date back to the 19th century when it was used as a voice for African Americans. It paved the way for artistic expression.

Most historians view jazz as blending ragtime, blues, and marching bands. It incorporates these styles' musical components and their shared sounds plus emotions.

As the years went on, the shaping of the genre itself was changed, and new sounds were incorporated as artists began adding their sounds to music and embracing new musical concepts.

Artero Wilson, an African American history professor at WCC, said jazz has influenced the United States and the black community, furthering the movement for equal rights.

"In the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, it [jazz] broke racial barriers by providing a platform for interracial collaboration, challenging segregation," Wilson wrote of the history in an email correspondence.

According to the Jazz Observer, "the 'Roaring Twenties,' with prohibition, speakeasies, flappers, and music, drove jazz into the mainstream and made overnight success stories of musicians such as Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie."

These musicians shaped the genre and became symbols for the black community, defying racial stereotypes and helping the genre evolve into new styles of improvisation, bebop, swing, and more.

Wilson said over email that "through improvisation, jazz mirrored the resilience of the black community, adapting to adversity and transforming pain into art."

He said jazz played a pivotal role during the Civil Rights Movement, serving as a soundtrack to the struggle and fostering unity.

"Nothing is negative about jazz," Wilson said in an interview with the Voice. "I see it as God's voice being displayed through phenomena."

As decades passed, the genre moved from a Southern-curated tune to something the whole country could appreciate. When people moved North, music followed. It became a cultural exchange and enhanced communities' diver-

Without jazz, music would not be the way it is today.

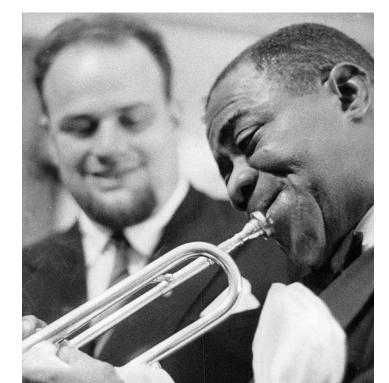
It is the foundation of music.

The freedom to use sound as a voice influenced modern genres like hip-hop, R&B (rhythm and blues), and even

"Jazz's impact extends beyond music, influencing literature, visual arts, and danceleaving an enduring legacy that celebrates individuality, freedom, and the power of cultural fusion," Wilson said.

WCC contributions

Jazz music has a special place in the campus' history. The Morris Lawrence Building was named after a longtime jazz orchestra instructor at WCC. The late Lawrence began his music career in New Orleans and later led the WCC



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Louis Armstrong plays trumpet with Simon Brehm in the background.

jazz orchestra in performances around the country, according to previous Voice reporting.

As of this year, WCC offers creative jazz and improvisation taught by Steven Somers, who has been teaching on a regular basis since 2015.

Somers was a member of Eastern Michigan University (EMU)'s jazz band in 1986, which helped curate a movement from classical to jazz training.

Somers' main instrument is the guitar, and he said that jazz, or music in general, is a form of expression.

Before jazz, the classical genre dominated-it used to be where the accompaniment was written ahead of time and played exactly as-is. However, jazz changed this as it would incorporate spontaneous solos which showcases how expressive jazz can be.

WCC also has jazz ensembles, usually directed by Somers.

"We strive for a diverse lineup-women, African Americans-everyone," said Somers.

The ensembles perform

concerts regularly. WTMC students are welcome to join the Music Society overseen by Somers, where music is played frequently. This club caters to WTMC students only.

WCC Jazz Ensemble Concert- Monday, April 29 / 7 pm (class MUS 105-106)

Guest artists include: WTMC Music Society

and Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra Jazz Combo (directed by Steven H. Somers).

Somers said, "we're always looking for more musicians like trombones, saxophones, and even violins."

WCC instructor shows value of theater

How to find affordable live shows in Washtenaw County

ALICE McGuire Contributor

"In a world with film, why do we have theater?" is one of the first questions which Emily Levickas asks of her theater appreciation classroom at Washtenaw Community Col-

This is a question which she returns to throughout the semester as her class is often the first setting in which students have spent time with the

With this in mind, Levickas pays special attention to the elements which make up theater, while painting a broad image of what it can be.

"I'm hopeful that even iust going once makes students realize 'Oh, this is an environment that I'm welcome in." said Levickas.

Levickas encourages anyone interested in live theater to "look online" at just how many amazing opportunities there are to see local productions at relatively affordable rates.

"Even if it's not your favorite thing, it's still worth talking about why you didn't love it and what could have been better. I find that the more you go and experiment and see different companies and different universities and different productions, you'll start realizing 'Oh, this is the kind of show I love!" she said.

Participating in theater, however, is what prompted Levickas to dedicate her life to

"I could pretend and branch out into these new identities and these new possibilities for who I could become, and not stick in this place of being shy and nervous. That's what really made me fall in love with it," she said.

Get involved

Whatabout Theatre specializes in improv and offers classes, jams (free and open to all levels, with a \$5 suggested donation), and the Revolving Stage program, in which aspiring directors are given the chance to pitch and produce a long-form, structured show with near complete creative

"There's so much room for people at any spot on their improv journey to join the community, feel welcomed and supported, try new things, and fail miserably. And that's where some of the best moments on



WCC students rehearse for a local play in 2018. WCC theater appreciation instructor Emily Levickas encourages students to try out performing arts.

stage come from-those little failures that the team supports and lifts up." said Whatabout Theatre president, Michelle

Weiss emphasized Whatabout Theatre's dedication to "lifting up underrepresented voices" and ensuring "that the community has a voice in the direction of the theater."

"We are a non-profit, and we are dedicated to access. If you want to take improv classes at Whatabout Theatre, reach out to us, and we'll see what we can do to make that financially available to you," said Weiss.

When asked about the Revolving Stage program, Weiss acknowledged that long-form shows and directing do tend to

necessitate a bit of experience, but encouraged those who are interested not to be hesitant due to perceived barriers.

"We recognize that there are different levels of access for different folks. So if you're interested-if you have a show idea to pitch, if you want to audition or get involved-we want to hear from you," she said.

"Even if you don't meet the qualifications on paper, we encourage folks to apply anyway. We offer support and mentorship to folks who are selected to be our directors or who are cast in our productions because we want to foster new talent."

THEATERS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

Whatabout Theatre

WHATABOUTTHEATRE.ORG/ **Eastern Michigan University Sponberg** Theatre

EMICH.EDU/CMTA/ **Ann Arbor Civic Theatre**

A2CT.ORG/

Theatre Nova

THEATRENOVA.ORG/ **PTD Productions**

PTDPRODUCTIONS.COM/ **Penny Seats Theatre Company**

PENNYSEATS.ORG/

University Musical Society

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

SMTD.UMICH.EDU/

MUSKET UMMUSKET.ORG/

Basement Arts

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Purple Rose Theater PURPLEROSETHEATRE.ORG/

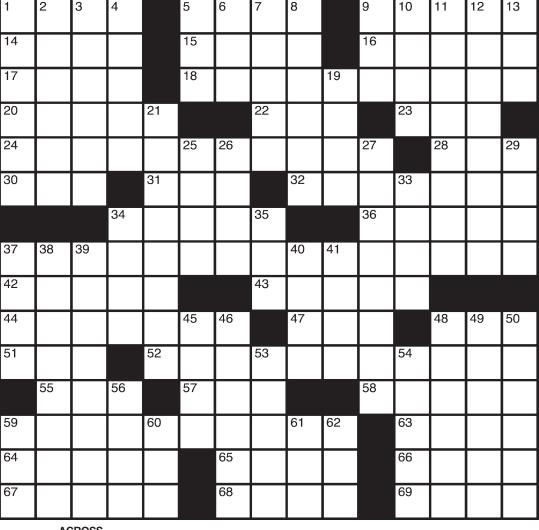


Cast members perform onstage in Purple Rose Theatre's production of "Roadsigns" in 2020. Purple Rose is one of many local theaters with affordable ticket options.

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Solutions to puzzles found on washtenawvoice.com

CLASSIFIEDS

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

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

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

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

FRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

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

LEGAL NOTICES

Name Change

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Washtenaw Publication of Notice of Hearing File No. 23-2444-NC In the matter of: Grace Catherine Rose Bertrand to All Interested Persons whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affect by the following: A hearing will be held on March 8, 2024 at 9 a.m. via Zoom before Judge Owdziej for a petition for name change for Grace Catherine Rose Bertrand, whose name will soon be Charles Robin Bertrand.

PERSONAL

WCC student seeks English conversation partner

WCC student seeks conversation partner to meet with once a week to practice English pronunciation. Willing to trade Farsi practice in exchange. Please email Abdullah Niazy at aniazy@ wccnet.edu if interested.

JOB POSTINGS

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

Tutors

We are looking for energetic, positive individuals to work as tutors we call Clinicians, in a Lindamood-Bell® Learning Center. Join us as we teach students of all ages to read and comprehend to their potential!

Physical Therapy Aide

We are looking for dynamic individual to take on a duel roll as a physical therapy aide/tech and front desk assistant at the Howell and Brighton locations. This individual should be organized, energetic and patient-oriented. This position is a great learning opportunity for anyone interested in going into the medical field - physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician, physician assistant, nursing, and athletic training. We treat a wide variety of orthopedic and sports injuries for all ages, providing a dynamic work and learning environment.

Prototype Engineering Co-Op

Are you ready to be part of a dynamic and rapidly growing company that's shaping the future? Welcome to ArcelorMittal Tailored Blanks (AMTB), where bold innovation, unwavering quality, and an inclusive culture converge. Imagine contributing to automotive steel products that redefine safety standards and slash carbon emissions. At AMTB, we're pioneers in crafting automotive components using cutting-edge laser welding technology.

Business Systems Analyst

Provide enterprise software support for our European and US clients, working on a team of ACS systems analysts and software engineers. Interact directly with clients to identify and resolve business issues. In addition to software support, this work also entails business systems analysis and consulting, along with periodic client training. Occasional travel domestically and abroad as appropriate. Construction Project Management Intern (Cincinnati, OH). Our 12-week intern program will challenge and develop your technical, business, leadership, and communication skills. It will provide insight into a Contracting Project Management career

with Trane Technologies. For those who mutually agree to pursue this career, this internship also creates the opportunity to join our industry leading Graduate Training Program (GTP) after graduation.

Part Time Caregiver

Kennedy Care is a growing In Home Health agency that will invest in your career growth and development! Flexible hours! We work around your schedule! Paid orientation and ongoing caregiver training! PTO for Parttime and Full-time employees!

Outreach Facilitator -Ann Arbor

Outreach programming occurs in 6-8 week sessions throughout the year, including Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer sessions. Facilitators can expect to work a flexible schedule of about 10 hours per week, during lunchtime and/or after-school hours. Work with outreach team to plan and implement badge programming which follows Girl Scout Curriculum • Facilitate and lead Girl Scout meetings with girls in grades K-8 • Travel to programming sites within the city of Saginaw (schools, community centers, etc.) • Communicate positively and effectively with outreach team and Site Coordinators.

Front Desk/Receptionist

Front Desk/Receptionist for tech school located in Southfield, MI. Position entails general front desk/reception duties - greeting prospective students, data entry, typing (must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel), filing, copying, etc.

Research Administrative

Assistant Intern This role will learn and engage in Center-based activities, primarily related to planning and deploying key center meeting/ events and seminar/lecture series, but also in other activities, programs and in support of faculty and researchers. We are seeking someone with interest and experience in providing support for conferences, center-based programs, retreats, and other activities supporting diversity, equity, as well as and general office reception support to faculty within the centers.

Conservation Worker II

Manually remove invasive plant species from natural areas. Assist with prescribed ecological burns. Monitor progress of restoration and ecological stewardship activities. Maintain and construct tails. Collect, process, and sow seed from native plants. Keep accurate, detailed records of work performed. Apply herbicide for the control of invasive plant species. Help lead and supervise volunteer workdays.

Medical Receptionist

Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons is one of the leading neurosurgical and orthopedic spine practices in Michigan in terms of surgical volume, outcomes, and clinical research. We employ six board-certified neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons and over 50 supporting staff across three offices. As such, it is necessary to have competent front desk staff who can support multiple clinics in a busy atmosphere. While medical office experience is preferred, it is not required to apply!

Hydraulic Pump Repair Technician

A Hydraulic Pump and Hydraulic Repair Technician is responsible for the inspection, maintenance, repair, and installation of hydraulic systems components, and equipment. This role requires a strong understanding of hydraulic principles, mechanics, and the ability to troubleshoot and resolve hydraulic system issues. The technician plays a crucial role in ensuring the proper functioning and reliability of hydraulic machinery, contributing to the overall operational efficiency of the organization.

Summer Intern

Performance Analysis & Evaluation. Toyota R&D is looking for a summer co-op to join the Performance Analysis & Evaluation (PAE) team. Perform all necessary mechanical work to prepare test vehicles and evaluate performance based on targets. Support the planning, instrumentation, and evaluation of Toyota vehicles and components. Confirm accuracy of data collected during evaluation process. Development of digital tools to improve efficiency. Support development and follow

all safety procedures while conducting evaluation. Learn digital tools to improve efficiency.

Environmental Educator The Ecology Center (EC) seeks an enthusiastic and reliable educator to lead activities at regional K-12 schools and community events. This is a part-time position at 20 hours per week. Work will be based out of the Ecology Center's main office in Ann Arbor, however a portion of time will be spent at schools throughout Washtenaw County.

Community Ambassador - Z Place Apartments

The Community Ambassador is at the forefront of the community and responsible for delivering exceptional service to prospective and current residents to help maximize occupancy year over year. This role will guide prospective residents through the leasing process, assist in planning and participate in marketing and community events, and meet sales goals as outlined by the Leasing & Marketing Manager and Community Manager. You must be able to communicate effectively, meet deadlines, and manage your time efficiently.

Marketing Intern

The Marketing Intern will work as part of the human resources team. In this position, we are seeking a motivated and talented individual to join our team as a Marketing Intern. As a Marketing Intern, you will have the opportunity to gain practical experience and enhance your skills in a professional marketing environment. You will assist our marketing team in executing various marketing strategies, campaigns, and initiatives. This position offers hands-on learning in areas such as market research, content creation, social media management, and campaign analysis. We welcome applicants ...

Wildlife Rehabilitation Intern

This position will be from May 1, 2024 through mid/end of August. Fall internship positions TBD. Part-time and full-time hours are available. Part-time (21-22 hrs. a week) will receive \$85.5 stipend weekly and fulltime (35-37 hrs. a week) will receive \$150 stipend weekly. Shifts for interns are from 7 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a possible overlap mid-day for shift change. BCM work schedules include working rotated AM and PM weekdays and weekends and includes some government holidays. We ask that you have minimal requests off for the busy summer

Member Experience Associate

The Michigan Municipal League (the League) is seeking a Member Experience Associate to join our team. The approximate starting salary range for this position is \$40,000 - \$45,000 depending on qualifications. Our ideal candidate delivers outstanding administrative support as a highly motivated self-starter with great initiative and problem-solving skills. They can easily take on new challenges and effectively juggle multiple tasks while delivering superior customer service. Incredible organization and attention to detail is a must. A sense of humor will come in handy as will a willingness to jump in to do what's needed (we all do).

Visitor Services Assistant

Work with the visitor experience team as the primary point of contact for many of our over 500,000 annual visitors at both the Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

Conservatory & Collections Intern

Conservatory & Collections Intern: focused on assisting with greenhouse plant production, conservatory collection care and display, and routine support tasks. As part of the Horticulture team, intern will regularly interact with visitors, volunteers, and other MBGNA departments during the course of their workday. Assist with preparing and hosting garden related events including weddings, the annual Peony Garden display, and special events. The Team includes staff tending plants in MBGNA's display gardens, conservatory, and greenhouse.



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Get in on the conversation with coffee, donuts, the community and police.

Java Spot | 1st Fl of Student Center

Feb. 20, 1-3 p.m.

VALORANT VALENTINE'S DAY DUOS CHAMPIONSHIP

Bring a partner or find one at the Esports Arena on Valentine's Day to compete in Valorant against other WCC students. Snacks, drinks, and prizes provided. Esports Arena | TI 239

Feb. 14, 3-5 p.m.

CRAFTING CALM: MONTHLY WELLNESS WORKS

Indulge in a calm crafting workshop by painting stones. Bailey Library | Gunder Myran Building

Feb. 20, | 11:30-12:30 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Enjoy the celebration of Black History Month with a concert of music composed by African American composers.

The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor | 608 E. William St, Ann

Feb. 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

LGBTQ NIGHT: QUEER BINGO

Free event for all ages! Have a bite to eat, listen to music and play bingo.

North Star Lounge | 301 N. Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor

Feb. 29, 12-4 p.m.

54TH ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW AND SALE: ANN ARBOR MODEL RAILROAD **CLUB**

The Midwest's biggest model railroad flea market draws model railroaders, collectors, and train enthusiasts in to show off, swap and sell items from their collections. Saline Middle School | 7190 N. Maple, Saline

Feb. 17 & Feb. 18, Sat. 10-4 p.m. & Sun. 10-3 p.m.

BOYLESQUE'S DRAG BRUNCH

Help support C. S Mott Children's Hospital by having brunch and being entertained by Drag.

Sidetrack Bar and Grill | 56 E. Cross St, Ypsilanti

Feb. 18, 12-3:30 p.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Check out this Black History Month event and have a blast with a live DJ, food and shopping with many local vendors. Community Family Living Center | 1375 S. Harris Rd, Ypsilanti

Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m.

WINTER JAM 2024

Enjoy live music in this event with several faith-based artists performing. The lineup includes Crowder, Lecrae, Cain, Seventh

Day Slumber, and many more.

George Gervin Game Above Center | 799 Hewitt Ave, Ypsilanti

Feb. 24, 7-11 p.m.









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