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## New certificate and degree programs come to WCC

8 programs include communication, management, safety

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Staff Writer

Students can look forward to new degrees and new certificate programs in the upcoming semesters.

Recently, Interim Vice President of Instruction Brandon Tucker, proposed new programs, which received approval from the board and are on track to be introduced at Washtenaw Community College.

While some await approval from the Higher Learning Commission, a group that guides the community college's operations, which are all still worth keeping in mind while planning upcoming semesters as many utilize existing courses, which can be applied to the programs once they are available for students to declare as their majors.



ALISA CHMERENKO | WASHTENAW VOICE  
Brandon Tucker is the interim vice president of instruction responsible for proposing the recent new programs approved by the board.

### ASSOCIATES DEGREES

Elementary Education Transfer  
Advanced Technologies & Public Service Careers Division  
Public Service Careers Department

Marketing  
Business and Computer Technologies Division  
Business Department

### CERTIFICATES

Social Media Management  
Business and Computer Technologies Division  
Business Department  
Cultural Resource Management  
Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences Division  
Social Sciences Department  
Marketing Essentials  
Business and Computer Technologies Division  
Business Department

Esports Management  
Business and Computer Technologies Division  
Business Department  
EV Service Technician  
Advanced Technologies & Public Service Careers Division  
Transportation Technologies Department  
EV Safety & Fundamentals  
Advanced Technologies & Public Service Careers Division  
Transportation Technologies Department

When asked about what goes into the development of certificate and associate's degree programs, Tucker explained a bit about the approval process, "Any new program comes from the faculty, through

the department chair, through the dean, and then goes to a curriculum and assessment committee that approves all new curriculum or curriculum changes that happen at the college. And then, after it goes

through the committee and is approved, it comes to my office, the presidents' office, and then the board for approval."

Tucker went on to highlight two upcoming certificates from the Advanced Technologies & Public Service Careers Division with relation to Electric Vehicles (EV)—EV Service Technician and EV Safety & Fundamentals—as examples.

"All of our occupational programs have advisory boards that are made up of industry leaders that give advice to the college on our curriculum, our future opportunities for growth, and EV—specifically—has been something that the college has been involved in," he said.

"It's an expansion of what we started nearly ten years ago via our advanced transportation center," emphasizing that these programs are designed to serve both new and established professionals.

"We're a lifelong learning institution. Whether it's reskilling, upskilling, or—for

some people—following an interest you've always had—at Washtenaw we have it, across different disciplines and many programs," said Tucker.

Tucker further explained that all of WCC's certificates and associate's degrees are created with existing jobs in mind and that they are designed to be responsive to the needs of the present day as well as the next five to 10 years—both locally, and nationally.

"Esports is a prime example of something that has continued to grow. We started an esports club here a number of years ago and then we decided that we would have an esports arena—which we now have—and now we're finding out that esports arenas are things that people have to manage. So that is a direct response to growth," said Tucker.

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ILLUSTRATION BY GRACE FAVER

Under WCC Resource Recovery Manager, Rebecca Andrews' leadership over 2,700 pounds have been recycled in the past nine months.

## WCC tackles plastic problem

TAHURA BADAR  
Contributor

A diverse panel of experts convened on April 3 to address the urgent challenge of plastic pollution and explore pathways to more sustainable solutions.

Angela Porta, Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator, aptly set the stage by deconstructing society's reliance on plastics, from everyday packaging to critical medical equipment.

However, she pointed out a stark reality: less than 10% of all plastic waste is currently recycled in the US, shedding some light on the limitations of existing recycling infrastructure.

Porta emphasized that while recycling is crucial, it alone cannot solve the plastic pollution crisis.

The panel delved into the necessity of reducing unnecessary plastic usage with Porta advocating for alternatives such as reusable straws and the elimination of problematic plastics like styrofoam, which pose significant recycling challenges.

The alternatives discussed included an innovation in product packaging and a system redesign, both helping to phase out single-use plastics over time.

Proposals for policy interventions were also discussed, with a focus on extended producer responsibility laws that would shift more responsibility onto manufacturers. Such programs have the potential to enhance recycling rates by funding infrastructure and increasing demand for recycled content.

On a local level, WCC Sustainability Coordinator Rebecca Andrews provided insights into campus efforts to reduce plastic usage.

Under her leadership, over 2,700 pounds of plastic have been recycled in the past nine months alone. However, she highlighted persistent challenges, including contamination from non-recyclables like coffee cups and chewing gums.

Andrews stressed the importance of proper sorting and clean recycling practices to mitigate contamination.

Victoria Chaski of GFL Waste Services shared her insights by emphasizing the importance of educating the public on proper recycling procedures.

Common mistakes like crushing water bottles before recycling, leaving caps on plastic bottles and mixing different materials together that often lead to contamination were addressed, with a call for a "narrow recycling" program for difficult items.

## The Voice takes home awards at MCCPA ceremony at CMU

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The Washtenaw Voice was acknowledged by the Michigan Community College Press Association (MCCPA) at

### FIRST PLACE

Lily Cole won first for best critical review: "Genre reveal: surprise, it's a musical."

Jada Hauser was awarded first for inside-page design.

Charlie Todd won first for best editorial comic: "Battle Royale a la Oscars."

### SECOND PLACE

The team won second in general excellence as a newspaper.

The Voice's former editor, Grace Crandall, took home second for headline writing.

Zakeria Almajrabi won second for best sports feature photo on dance team tryouts: "Students jump and jive into the dance studio."

The team was also awarded second place for best news website.

### THIRD PLACE

The Voice took home third for front page design.

Caleb Henderson won third for "Tic Tac Toe robot reveals future of technical education."

Henderson was also awarded third for best sports column: "State of Michigan sees historic sports month."

its 2023-2024 awards ceremony for its work.

This year, the team received awards for writing, graphic design, photography, comics, web design, and overall excellence.

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

For the overall newspaper design, the team was awarded an honorable mention.

Mohamed Ahmed was honored for best serious column: "7,800 miles: What it's like to be a WCC student living in Kenya."

Kristy Kazzi won for best news story: "FAFSA rolls out news changes for the upcoming semester."

Grace Faver was honored for inside-page design.

Crandall won an honorable mention for best editorial on the Voice's search for a new adviser: "Advisers guide so students can lead."

Almajrabi was recognized and honored in the photo essay/digital slideshow category.

Todd was also awarded an honorable mention for best entertainment comic.



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Lily Cole holds her first place award for best critical review.



PHOTO BY BLACE CARPENTER

Igor Monakhov, Yana McGuire, Jada Hauser, Courtney Prielipp, adviser Lilly Kujawski, Caleb Henderson, Zakeria Almajrabi (back), Grace Faver, Lily Cole, and Paula Farmer (front) pose for group photo during April 6 MCCPA Awards Ceremony.



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# WCC students aim to build community on campus

CALEB HENDERSON  
Editor

When WCC students Kamran Haider and Kimberly Velazquez set out to compete in the optiMize Social Innovation Challenge last fall, they spent countless hours going around WCC and conducting surveys to see what transfer students felt they were missing the most on campus.

After nearly a full day of gathering intel, the results were clear: students felt there wasn't a strong sense of community and had an added level of difficulty meeting people at the college in general.

"There really wasn't something people could gravitate towards, and we kinda agreed with that," Velazquez said, remarking further on what students meant by a "lack of community" at school.

To rectify this problem, Haider and Velazquez set out on pitching an idea designed to get students more involved—one that entailed bringing U-Mich's aMplify program to WCC.

The aMplify program at U-Mich is a community dinner

hosted at the university every other Monday by students for transfer students in an effort to help newcomers get more acclimated to their new surroundings.

**"We want this to keep going and not just be a thing while we're still in school,"**

**-Kamran Haider, student at WCC**

The pair submitted the idea to the aforementioned Social Innovation Challenge and had it approved by optiMize, securing \$10,000 in funding to implement their vision.

Dallas McGhee-Henry, the current marketing and communications manager of the program, was at one point a transfer student himself—enrolling at U-Mich in January 2020 from Oakland Community College (OCC).

McGhee-Henry's initial experience in Ann Arbor wasn't great. Being on a mas-



Kimberly Velazquez (left) and Kamran Haider (right) aim to build more community on campus by implementing U-Mich's aMplify program at WCC in the fall.

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sive campus was a major adjustment from the much smaller stomping grounds of OCC, and the COVID-19 pandemic/lockdown period just a couple of months after his initial enrollment certainly didn't help.

"It wasn't until I found optiMize that I found community on campus," he said.

Graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in 2021, McGhee-Henry was hired as a transfer bridge fellow, the next step up the ladder once one is accepted into the optiMize

program before eventually working his way up to his current role of supervisor in May of 2022.

As the manager of the program, McGhee-Henry is just one of many mentors that transfer students who attend aMplify events can use as resources—and the one that Haider and Velazquez chose to guide them along their journey of implementing their bold idea at WCC.

Seeing the impact that aMplify had at U-Mich, the two WCC students pitched

the idea of bringing something similar to campus in an effort to build a community that survey respondents said was missing at the school.

Haider and Velazquez plan to implement this in the form of monthly mixers led by fellow students that feature workshops on transferring, guest speakers, networking opportunities with other like-minded individuals and more—the goal being to make the program self-sustainable enough to last many years after the duo graduate.

"We want this to keep going and not just be a thing while we're still in school," Haider said.

With five figures in funding, Haider and Velazquez plan to give WCC its first taste of aMplify in the fall semester of 2024.

# Arts students shine at WCC's annual Student Art Show Open House

COURTNEY PRIELIPP & CALEB HENDERSON  
The Washtenaw Voice

On April 4, the WCC Arts department came together to spotlight standout students in the college's annual open house.

Adjudicated by Jason Ferguson, a full professor in 3D and Foundations at Eastern Michigan University, the open house spotlighted the top achievers in arts at the school, giving seven awards to students graded on by a committee.

"I have been a professor in the School of Art & Design at Eastern Michigan University for 13 years, and it is immediately clear to me when I am working with an alumnus or

alumna of Washtenaw Community College," remarked Ferguson in a statement following the event. "The skills and techniques taught at WCC are of the highest caliber."

Taking home top honors on the night with a grand prize of tuition reimbursement was Xiaoyan Chi for her watercolor paintings of "Portrait of a Water Girl" and "Portrait of a Man Wearing Glasses."

Chi's artistry was lauded by jurors, with the committee noting both pieces to be "beautifully executed poetic paintings" worthy enough of first place.

Second place and a prize of art supplies went to John MacLean for "Graffiti Vase #93", with third place and the

same prize going to Raelene Hayes for her "Self-Portrait."

Four students were also recognized for being promising artists in four separate categories—2D Art Foundations, 3D Art Foundations, Graphic Design and Photography, and Video Production and Animation.

Judah LaFontaine, Lucy Lawrence, Aaron Smith, and Matt Walsh all took home awards in those respective categories.

Kelsey Meadows won the President's Choice Award for her ceramic sculpture of "Dog-Headed Rhyton", while Luis Paez-Como took home the Dean's Choice Award for his photography of the "U of M Ross School of Business."

Maia Burrell also won the People's Choice Award for her digital photography of "SOUL."

Ferguson also shed further light on the process of leading the committee of jurors in selecting art show award winners, saying in a statement, "The award winners and honorable mentions that I have selected this year took their knowledge and skillset one step further."

"They took risks, pushed boundaries, and expressed themselves beyond technical accomplishment," he added.

PHOTOS BY COURTNEY PRIELIPP



John MacLean, student at WCC, won second place for his ceramic of "Graffiti Vase #93."



Kelsey Meadows, student at WCC, won the President's Choice Award for her Ceramic Sculpture of "Dog-Headed Rhyton". (Pictured right)



Maia Burrell, student at WCC, won the Dean's Choice Award for her digital photography of "SOUL."



"Lovers Osmanthus" is a 3D sculpture made of wiring on a purchased teapot.



Xiaoyan Cui, student at WCC, won first place for her watercolor painting of "Portrait of a Model Girl."



# VOICE BOX

## How do you prepare for finals?

Courtney Prielipp | Contributor

"I have to put myself in one area. Preferably outside of my house, that's why I come here (library). I also have to give myself breaks so I come here knowing that I won't have any distractions like laundry or my animals. And then I will change places, like I may go to a coffee shop, or go home but to a designated area and take breaks."

**Morgan Holt**  
nursing



"Well usually I like to go over my notes. If there is any materials like slides or study guides, I will usually go through that. Try to highlight and take notes on things that I think are important. Maybe if it is partially a hard class, I may do flashcards or something."

**Avert Segur**  
environmental science



"I am in the nursing program, so I go back through lectures and go back through the notes I've been taking all semester. And then I just watch some random videos on simple nursing on Youtube."

**Ashley Haverdink**  
nursing



"Make sure that I am up on all of my notes we have in my classes, for more of the traditional classes. A lot of my classes are in graphic design so mostly I am just pumping a lot of work, making sure I talk to some of my classmates to get critiques on a lot of my work to make sure it's going along, and make sure it matches everything in case I miss something."

**Freyja Humbert-Iles**  
graphic design



"I like to go over all my notes. I really like when teachers have a test prep thing, something with all of the points on it, like a test preview or something. I just go over all of my notes and I just put the time in to study."

**Jessica Milner**  
photography



"I think it is important to not just study during the time but study as the class goes so you are familiar with the information. When you do have a final, try to study two weeks ahead of time. I write down notes to remember stuff more easily. Couple days before the test, go through everything and get through what you can."

**Nelson Portis**  
3D animations



# Lyric Lane

WHAT'S THE BEST CONCERT YOU'VE BEEN TO AND WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG FROM IT?

Zakeria Almajrabi | Contributor



**Yung Gravy - where they at!**

"One of my favorite performers, and great crowd energy."

**Mackenzey Couch,**  
general studies



**Taylor Swift - Love Story**

"Attended with a friend and enjoyed singing it together."

**Olivia Monroe,**  
general studies



**Daniel Caesar - CYANIDE**

"A personal memory of the song and I attended with my sister."

**Ariana Levin,**  
general studies



**NCT - SHALALA**

"Favorite song by Tae Yong."

**Cora Miklosovic,**  
liberal arts



**Tupac - Changes**

"My favorite song by Tupac."

**Jordan Hang,**  
marketing



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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?

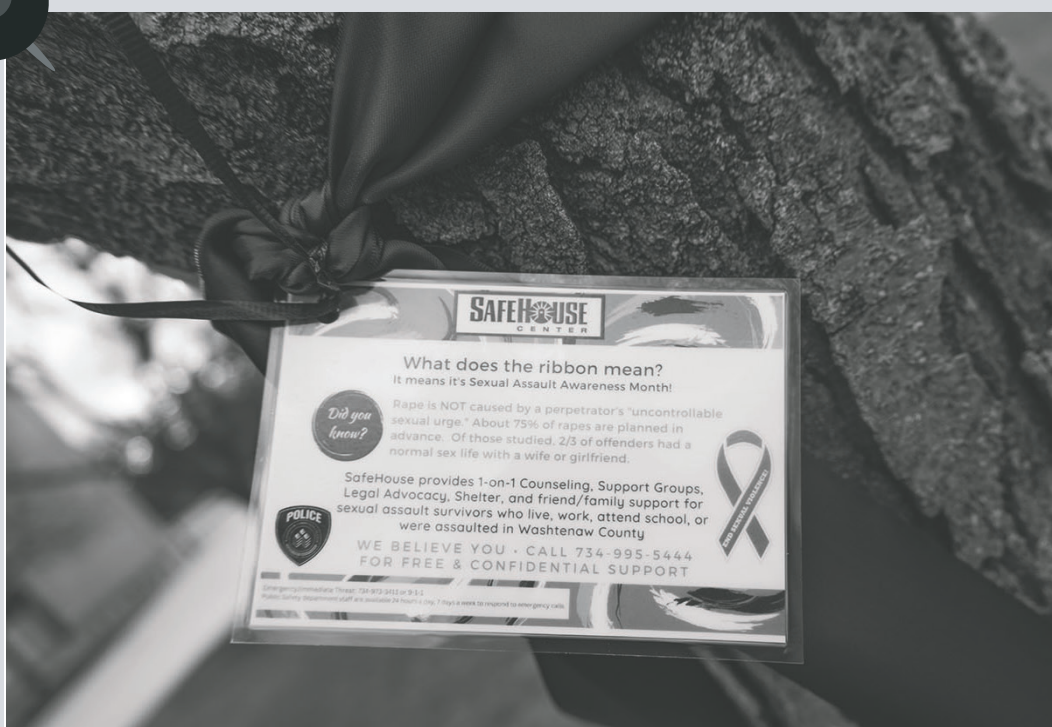
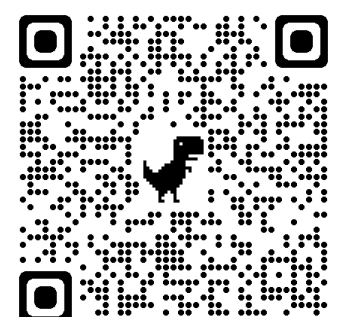
No worries, we're here to help!

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).

See A5 for advice on mental health during finals.

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Photos hang on trees across campus to spread awareness about April being Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

## Campus Snaps

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# ‘Jolene’ versus ‘JOLENE:’ how Beyoncé is shaping a genre



LILY COLE  
Deputy Editor

## “Cowboy Carter”

Beyoncé dropped the highly anticipated “Cowboy Carter” album on March 29, and not even two weeks later, she became the first Black woman to reach number one on Billboard’s Top Country Albums chart, making history in the genre.

When I looked at the album and saw “JOLENE” as one of the songs, my fingers hit that play button quicker than you can say “yeehaw.” I mainly did this because I am a self-proclaimed “Jolene” enthusiast (my cat is named Jolene after Dolly Parton’s 1973 song.)

Parton’s inspiration for “Jolene” came from a fan interaction with an eight-year-old girl named Jolene. According to an interview by NRP in 2008, Parton also said to have

taken inspiration from another redhead in her life at the time—a bank teller who was giving Parton’s new husband attention.

But, the history behind “Cowboy Carter” is a little muggy. Many assume it is most likely because of a 2016 Country Music Awards (CMAs) performance that resulted in racist backlash. Beyoncé herself has called it “an experience that I had years ago where I did not feel welcomed, and it was very clear that I wasn’t.”

So when she showed up to the 2024 Grammys in head-to-toe cowboy garb, to a lot of people, it was safe to assume what she was alluding to.

### Differences and impact

Both songs begin with the same sound—a melancholy guitar signaling what’s about to happen next. But while Parton’s is more plucky, Beyoncé’s sound is smoother, drawing listeners in with a backtracking of a man singing Jolene’s name.

Her “JOLENE” differs from Parton’s in a refreshing way. It combines the unique sounds of country and R&B with beautiful vocals. Both singers use harmony to convey their point, but while Parton uses her own voice, Beyoncé



Dolly Parton applauds Beyoncé for cover of “Jolene” amongst mixed reviews.

ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLIE TRUMBULL

uses many others—from men to women—her idea shines through. Beyoncé’s lyrics empower women to stand up for themselves.

Online, there’s been a lot of backlash against the rewrit-

ten lyrics and Beyoncé’s interpretation of the classic song.

The backlash has been prominent on Twitter (X) specifically. User AyoCeaser writes, “I’m not sure that Jolene works when you take

the pain out of it. If you’re not threatened by her, why are you plaintively singing her name repeatedly?”

But that’s the thing: she must be threatened by Jolene, or why would she sing about

her?

The rewritten lyrics take Parton’s heartbreaking plea, add Beyoncé’s personal spin and help us think about changing how women are perceived to act today.

That’s why the lyrics are powerful and by changing the narrative of the original song’s meaning, Beyoncé enables a way to combat this ever-present problem within women.

“Cowboy Carter” isn’t just an album that integrates Beyoncé into country music’s spotlight. It’s an album that discusses the culture of America in a way that redefines stereotypes and explores race, co-cultures and power, all with a catchy tune that incorporates different genres.

Beyoncé is a pioneer in her career—reinforcing the fact that she defies the unimaginable within the music industry. Even Parton praises Beyoncé for her interpretation.

“Wow, I just heard Jolene,” she said via Instagram. “Beyoncé is giving that girl some trouble and she deserves it! Love, Dolly P.”

So I say thank you, Dolly and Beyoncé. We’ll all love Jolene, even if she tried to steal a man.

# The ‘uncommitted’ threat facing Biden



MOHAMED AHMED  
Contributor

As the Democratic Party reflects on the recent primary in Michigan, where President Biden unsurprisingly won 81% of the vote, a key anomaly begs to be considered.

More than 100,000 voters chose “uncommitted” due primarily to the Listen to Michigan campaign, which opposes President Biden’s foreign policy decisions, especially on the Israel-Hamas war. The question now arises: could this disagreement be a formidable obstacle to Biden’s bid for a second term?

Traditionally, Michigan, a battleground state, has sent a clear signal to President Biden that opposition within his own party could threaten his chances of being elected.

The Gaza conflict has emerged as a major issue, overshadowing traditional rallies around the incumbent and distracting the opposition to Republicans.

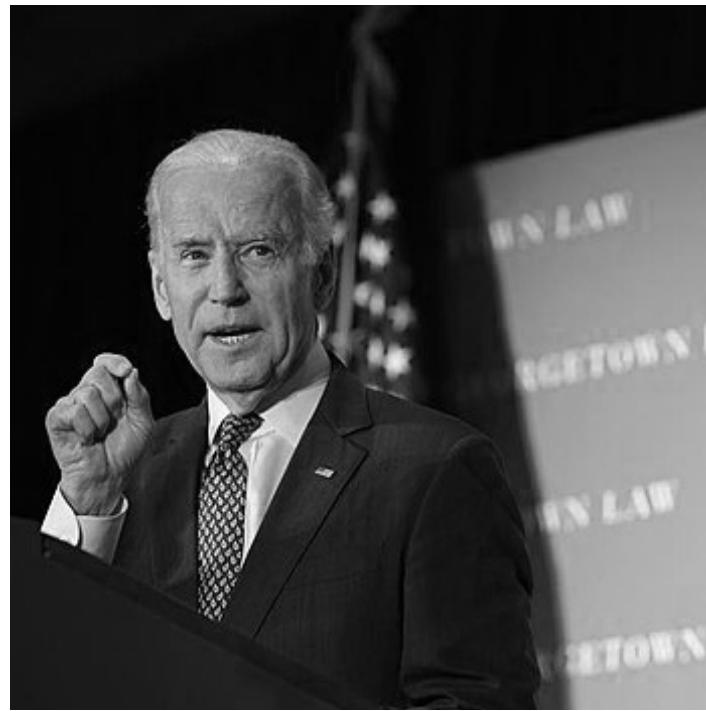
Criticisms from within the Democratic Party range from accusations of inaction in addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, labeled as such by the United Nations to being complicit in a genocide of the Palestinian people.

These translated to protests to disrupt President Biden’s events, usually with his supporters drowning them out with chants like “four more years”.

But the challenges Biden faces extend beyond foreign policy. Immigration and border control heated up, with House Republicans impeaching the Homeland Security Secretary over his handling of border issues.

Republicans shouted at Biden during his State of the Union address to “Say her name”, referring to Laken Riley, a 22-year-old Georgia nursing student allegedly killed by a Venezuelan undocumented immigrant. Despite Biden’s attempts to blame Republican obstructionism in Congress, the issue remains relevant, especially considering its popularity in a recent Gallup poll of likely voters.

Economic factors further complicate President Biden’s chances of re-election. Despite favorable indicators such as low unemployment and wages rising above inflation, perceptions of economic well-being tend to be based more on daily spending than on economic growth and unemployment



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President Joe Biden faces off against Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election.

numbers.

Democrats need to communicate these developments better to win over voters, especially those who feel squeezed by the rising cost of living.

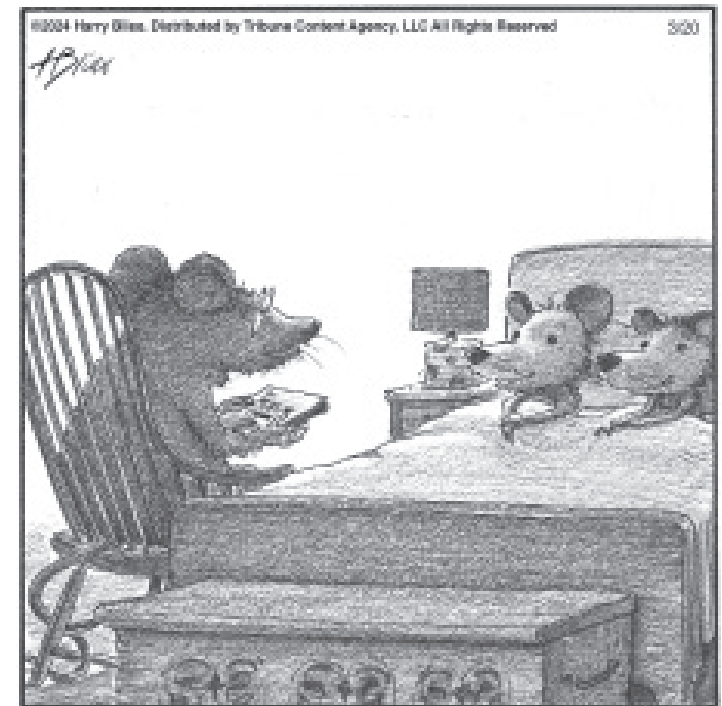
President Biden can cite victories such as leading the nation through COVID-19 recovery, passing bipartisan policy legislation, and advancing initiatives to combat gun violence, abortion rights, and women’s issues that poll well with independent voters.

Biden has also been out-raising money for his campaign, recently raising \$90 million in March alone with more \$126 million money on hand for his campaign, according to FEC filings.

This financial advantage firmly positions the Biden campaign well for the upcoming election, leading to an investment in outreach and messaging efforts—but whether these translate into electoral success will only remain to be seen in November.

Specifically, the Democratic Party faces multifaceted challenges of internal opposition, external opposition, and policy priorities ahead of the upcoming election.

While President Biden’s era has seen major developments, Biden and his campaign have a long way to go to secure a second term.



“Will you read ‘The Plague’ one more time? Pretty please?!”



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# Anthropology department spotlights what makes us human

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Have you ever wondered what our evolutionary origins are?

“Anthropology says you can basically look at any aspect of human behavior, biology, history—any of that. And we can combine it together into a clear understanding of what it is to be human,” Christopher Barrett, the chair of the social sciences department at WCC said. At one point, he taught all of the anthropology courses that were then offered.

Barrett described anthropology in North America as being divided up into four main fields: cultural anthropology, archaeology, biological anthropology and linguistic anthropology.

When recalling how he first stumbled into studying anthropology, Barrett said, “I was always interested in evolutionary biology, and I was always interested in bone and teeth. And biological anthropology really gives you an opportunity to work with that and to work with prehistoric populations.”

“That was really the most exciting part of it. When you start working with 2,000, 4,000, or 8,000-year-old human remains, you can actually start saying something about the health of these people, how they lived, and how they adapted to their environments. I found that really ex-



Adam Flachsmann, an anthropology student, sits in GM 201, where he was hired as a Humanities Pure Tutor and Supplemental Instructor.

cit-  
ing.”

Barrett said he thinks that a lot of students are surprised that there’s a lot of math involved.

“With biological anthropology, there’s a lot of hypothesis testing, there’s a lot of fieldwork and data collections. When people think of the sciences and they think of something like biology, it’s a lot more like that than it is like socio-cultural anthropology, which is a little bit more like so-

ciology, but with very different goals,” said Barrett.

Julia Joblinski, an archaeologist and part-time faculty member, attributed her current career to a childhood passion.

“I think you’ll find that for a lot of archaeologists. Egypt was kind of their main catalyst, especially at a young age. I was pretty obsessed with ancient Egypt and Egyptology between seven and eight years old, and I kind of never let go of it,” she said.

Joblinski has found anthropological concepts such as cultural relativism to be helpful for learning to navigate human interactions and even retail jobs, and she hopes that students who take a class—even if just for fun—will gain a better appreciation of what archaeology is and what to do to protect “material culture” if they ever encounter an archaeological site.

Adam Flachsmann is a current Liberal Arts Transfer

student who wants to transfer to the University of Michigan. He plans to major in anthropology, with a focus on cultural studies and forensics.

Flachsmann said he wanted to know what the world was like outside of his own neighborhood and said that some of his fondest memories were of going to the local library with his mom and picking out “any random book about any different culture” as the complexity of human beings fascinated

him.

“The beauty of anthropology is that it really benefits a generalist like myself. You don’t necessarily have to find yourself stuck in a niche because there’s so much under the umbrella that you can kinda bounce back and forth between topics,” said Flachsmann. “There’s so much to it that I find myself more fascinated the deeper I dive into it.”

Flachsmann said he thinks one of the biggest skills that he’s ever learned in a cultural anthropology class was the ideal of cultural relativism. He said the only way to really observe another group of people is to try to understand their perspective.

He said that if you just think ‘oh these people are kind of weird. They don’t do things like me,’ it incredibly skews how you can do proper research or even view another person.

Barrett said that people are not aware as to how much culture affects their day-to-day lives, the kinds of decisions that they make, the kind of biases that they have about the world around them—you are literally swimming in cultural soup and most people are unaware of how it affects their day to day lives.

“If you want to really get a sense of what being a human being is and what the human experience actually is, anthropology is really the only discipline that takes every aspect of that and puts it together into a whole,” said Barrett.

## Tips to achieve balanced mental health during finals week

YANA MCGUIRE

Contributor

WCC’s 2024 Winter semester is coming to a close at the end of National Stress Awareness Month, which is ironic since finals week happens to be one of the most stressful times for students.

However, this would be a perfect time to focus on achieving balanced mental health to ensure those great study skills you have obtained reach its full potential.

Here are some tips to help you be the best during finals:

### Get enough sleep

Testing time may cause anxiety by itself, but did you know that the lack of sleep can increase anxiety and depression, which are both known to hinder learning ability?

A study done by researcher William E. Kelly at Neumann University shows that students who get seven or more hours of sleep each night have higher GPA averages than ones who get less sleep. Try studying in the evening, then

getting at least seven hours of sleep. This can help you retain the information better. Doing this consistently will improve your memory on the subject over all.

### Regular balanced meal routine

According to “This is Your Brain On Food,” a book written by Dr. Uma Naidoo, an author and psychiatrist, a poor diet can increase anxiety and depression due to a lack of proper nutrients the brain and body need to function properly. Adding foods like whole grains, walnuts, blueberries, chocolate, leafy green vegetables and green tea to your diet regularly can improve concentration and attention spans.

### Get up, get out and exercise

Ever noticed being in a better mood after a workout?

That is because exercise can alleviate stress and increase energy. In addition, exercise promotes better sleep, which will help increase your memory and mood.

### Create or update a relaxing study environment

The place where you study can have significant effects on your mood and performance. Renmei Xu, Associate Professor of Art at Ball State University, found that adding certain colors to your study area enhances the learning experience and keeps you relaxed while doing it.

Adding something yellow or off-white to your study area will help you maintain attention and induce positive feelings.

Blue items can promote productivity while producing a sense of safety and well-being. Everyone feels better when they are comfortable, so making sure your seating fits your comfort needs is essential. If you already have a study area that works for you, add something new to enhance the mood. If you don’t, use some of these tips to create one.

### Take breaks during study time

Do not cram for that exam! Our brains are powerful; however, they need to take breaks in order to reset. By doing this, your ability to focus and productivity increases.

Think of it as resetting your phone so it works faster. For every hour you study, you should take a 10 to 20-minute break. These breaks should be filled with tasks that relax the mind. Try playing soft music, deep breathing exercises, or a ten-minute mindful meditation.

During finals week, take your time and breathe. Add these tips to your routine and you may see positive results. Study mindfully and good luck!

For more advice or tips to get through school, flip to A3 and scan the QR code to fill out a Google Form with your question and receive a response in the next issue.

## Oversized trucks growing in popularity, pose safety concerns

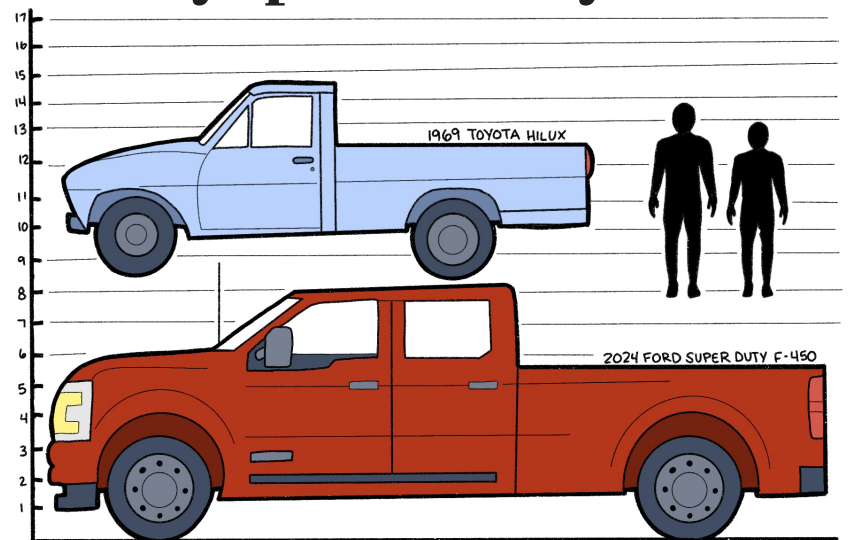


ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLIE TRUMBALL

Size comparisons between retro pickups, modern trucks and the average height of men and women in the U.S.

CHARLIE TRUMBALL

Contributor

Trucks have been on the rise in size. What are the impacts of larger vehicles on the roads?

### What we know

For nearly 100 years, American automakers have been developing innovative pickup trucks. In the 2020s, trucks are more popular than ever.

The car review site Fast Company says in 2000, pickup trucks were about 50% of vehicles produced, but it’s now 78%.

Production is not the only thing that has grown. Since 2008, vehicles have become larger and heavier. The Center for American Progress states that pickups have increased in weight by about 1,300 pounds since the 90s.

The main concerns about the exponential increase in the size of pickup trucks revolve around safety and fuel efficiency related to environmental damage.

The Director of Infrastructure Policy at the Center for American Progress, Kevin DeGood, told The Washington Post that he noted that cabins have risen further off the ground and blind spots have increased significantly.

Chuck Farmer from the US Insurance Institute for Highway Safety told NPR, “People should not be using [trucks] primarily for commuting because they kill so many

other drivers.”

### How oversized is oversized?

Following modern trends, Ford is currently selling one of the largest pickup trucks available on the market today.

The 2024 Super Duty F-450 XLT weighs a whopping 8,500 pounds. It has an eight-foot crew cab and a full length of 22 feet from grill to tailgate, it’s nearly seven feet tall, nine feet wide, and six feet two inches high at the grill.

Why have these utility vehicles—originally designed to aid farmers—become so big, and why are non-owners concerned about sharing the road?

Fast Company reporter Kevin Krizek notes that when it comes to safety, the vehicles have been shown to cause more deaths than any other vehicle. Large vehicles are more likely to strike both children and adults. The average height of an eight-year-old in America is approximately four feet; adult women average five feet three inches, and adult men measure about five feet nine inches.

None of these heights even reach the top of the 2024 Super Duty F-450’s grill, which means any pedestrian nearby is at a high risk of not being seen by a driver while the vehicle is moving.

### Rise in popularity

Mike Crampton, a student in WCC’s Automotive Technology Program, is a proud truck owner. He noticed that trucks are replacing sedans

and SUVs on the market and has seen a trend in more trucks on the road.

Crampton owns a Toyota Tacoma Double Cab, which can comfortably seat five and measures over six feet tall.

“I feel like trucks grew in size to accommodate more people, but also in stature,” he said.

Crampton rarely uses his truck for commuting and admits to only ever filling his truck cab with five to six people occasionally.

“I do a lot of hauling and a lot of projects like construction and work on my own house,” he said. “That’s why I have a truck.”

### New developments

Crampton cites new technology developments which outweigh a truck’s dangerous size, such as lane assist, blind spot monitoring, 360 cameras and front and rear monitors that can identify when your vehicle is too close to another and will prompt the driver to brake.

Even with all these security features, Fast Company states there has been an 89% increase in children being killed by their parent’s trucks since 2009.

Crampton argues that truck accidents are almost entirely up to user error. “It’s pretty difficult to hit someone. You have to really not be paying attention.

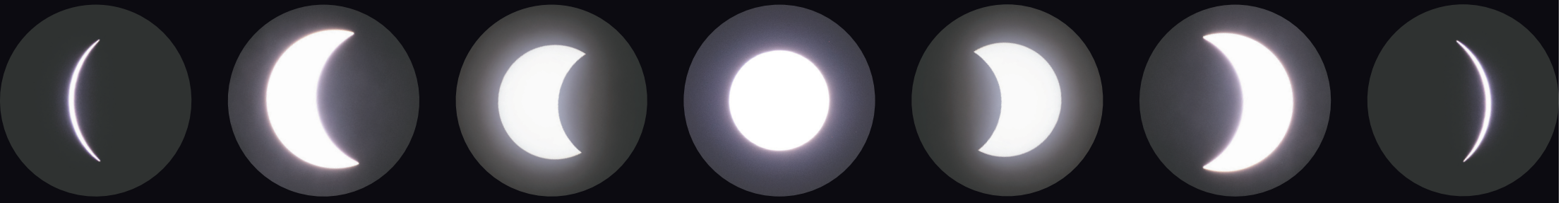
## Mental Tips for Finals

- Sleep
- Regular meal routine
- Get up and exercise
- Create or update relaxing study environment
- Take breaks during study time

GRAPHIC BY GRACE FAVER

Mental health during finals is beneficial for your wellbeing and academic success.

# 7 years in the making: solar eclipse dazzles afternoon sky



Michigan saw the last solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017. But on April 8 they would see it again. With a 98% coverage rate over the WCC campus, students and faculty stepped away from the classroom to gather outside various parts of the school premises and turn their eyes to the sky. Many on campus even took the time to equip special solar eclipse glasses to protect their eyes from the damaging effects of such a historic event, while photographers applied a unique solar lens to cameras to help protect their camera sensors from burning out. A four minute, 28 second long duration was how long the totality of the eclipse lasted, with the next total solar eclipse scheduled to happen over Michigan taking place in 2099.

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COURTNEY PRIELIPP



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Eight new programs will be introduced to the curriculum at WCC—two being new Associate degree programs and six being standalone certificate programs.

## New programs

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Anthony Terry is a faculty member in the Business & Computer Technologies department, and was involved in the development of the proposed Social Media Management certificate, which he describes as focusing on the “behind the scenes” aspects of social media management, such as Google analytics, branding, and identifying and reaching potential customers. Additionally, the courses are designed to accommodate students’ individualized entrepreneurial goals.

While the three courses which make up the proposed certificate—BMG 202 Social Media Storytelling, BMG 203 Social Media Management, and BMG 204 Social Media Analytics—are geared towards “enhancing business strategies,” Terry emphasizes that many of the skills which they teach are beneficial for individuals who might not necessarily see themselves as entrepreneurs or business majors as they teach students how to cultivate an effective online presence, engage with diverse communities, develop digital literacy skills, and even contribute to one’s own personal growth and creative expression.

“With businesses, you’ve got stories to tell—you’ve got passions!” said Terry, adding, “We want to try to help them get those stories put together and understand how to put them out there on social media. That means understanding the right platform, understanding

particular target markets, and where to reach them at.”

Professor Julia Joblinski and Professor Christopher Barrette are faculty members in the Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences department, who were involved in the development of the Cultural Resource Management Certificate (CRM.) The program will be available in the fall of 2024 and consists of 16 credits, with the goal of preparing students to enter the workforce and do field archaeology upon graduation.

“A lot of people don’t know that CRM is one of the fastest growing sorts of job descriptions. Any time that people are building a new road or building, they’re required to do an archaeological survey. We’re training people to be able to do that. Right now there are more jobs than people able to take them. We’re hoping that having experienced graduates means that they’re gonna be able to get a fairly good income,” said Barrette.

“I think the general assumption is that if you are in one of the subfields or in anthropology in general you’re kinda making a beeline towards an academic career and that’s really not the case—especially with archaeology,” said Joblinski. “Trying to get students employed almost immediately upon graduation is really important and helpful for students to get real world life experience—getting paid to do what you learned to do in school.”

# CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety between March 28 and April 12.

### MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

On April 4 at 7:19 a.m., public safety responded to an incident that took place in the men’s Student Center restroom. A mirror that sustained minor damage, with no suspects identified by campus police as of now. This case is still open.

### ASSAULT & BATTERY

On April 2 at 3:11 p.m., public safety responded to an incident that took place in the Business Education building. The incident involved a male WCC student touching a female WCC student in an unwanted way. This case is still open.

## Campus Safety Tips

Chief of Police John L. Leacher offered tips pertaining to those who talk with their hands a lot—to respect people’s boundaries and ask for permission before touching someone, as not everyone wants to be touched.

As the weather gets warmer, Leacher also offered some additional tips for students to keep themselves and their belongings safe while on campus during the upcoming hotter months:

#### BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Don’t set stuff down and walk away, keep belongings close at all times

#### FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

As tornado season approaches, be sure to locate some of the many tornado shelters on campus

#### SLOW DOWN IN WET WEATHER

As seasons change and inclement weather switches from snow to rain, vehicles can hydroplane in wet to extremely wet weather. Be sure to take your time and drive carefully in the wet, especially in heavy downpours.



## Students scavenge for sustainability

Alice McGuire  
Staff Writer

The April 2 morning rush of students made it difficult for many to stop and hunt for clues at the Sustainability Scavenger hunt hosted by the Center for Sustainability and Resilience (CSR.) Interested participants were encouraged to snap a photo of the list on their phones, hunt at their leisure and return the next day to claim their prize if they succeeded in spotting six items.

While the chance to claim a prize has since passed, students can certainly still fill their days trying to check items off of the list while learning more about the layout of their campus and the sustainability efforts constantly in the works in the background. The list is as follows:

Someone using a Water Refill Station for a refill.

Something that has been recycled in a Recycling Station.

A carpool, bus, or bike on Campus.

One of WCC's Nature Trail Signs (starts at Lot six.)

Dark Sky Compliant Parking Lot Lights (parking lots six, seven, eight.)

WCC's Food Forest Sign (Next to The Ride bus stop, Lot seven.)

EV Charging Stations (Parking Structure.)

Bird-Safe Decals (Windows of the Student Center Bridge or top floor of OE.)

Plaque of Silver LEED certification for OE building remodel.

Find the Center for Sustainability and Resilience logo on the CSR "office" door LA-315J.

Living Walls in LA or TI. Pollinator Garden sign (near GM arch.)

Brie Small, Evan Fleck and Roderick Martin are three work-study students who helped run the table over the course of the two days. The scavenger hunt list was largely compiled by Small, who said that much of it was based off of weekly tours led by Emily Thompson, who is the faculty

lead for CSR.

"We go on tours around campus. Every week Emily points out different things—things we've been involved in," said Small.

When asked what their favorite item on the list was, Fleck was a fan of the nature trail signs, while Small was a big fan of the living walls, saying, "They can help increase focus and concentration and they kinda mimic the effect of being outside or sitting by a window when those aren't available."

"It's surprising that nobody knew about the living walls," said Fleck.

Perhaps the only thing more surprising is that nobody knew why CSR chose to feature a charming, plush wolf at their table.

"We're the Wolf Pack," Small said.

Roderick Martin suggests that those interested in keeping up with CSR follow along with their online posts at [csr.wcc.edu/blog/](https://csr.wcc.edu/blog/).

## Nature walk reveals sustainability secrets

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Contributor

With the coming of spring and the warming of the weather, students have begun to wander out of the buildings and into the grassy fields and woody trails of WCC.

On April 1, club members of Students for Sustainability and students had an opportunity to go exploring whilst learning

about their campus's two mile nature trail—led by Timothy Porsche and Robert Korn, two students at WCC.

The first stop was the Food Forest, Students for Sustainability's food garden, which is a recreated forest that mimics the natural ecosystem.

Members were learning about the different plants being grown and the types of



In Michigan, there are about two million deer and overpopulation is a big problem confronting the state today.

trees inhabiting the college. After that, the group crossed the softwood trails, which was funded by DTE Energy, and met up with Scott Hughes, a Grounds employee.

"I enjoy working in Washtenaw's Ground Department. We are passionate about the upkeep of the campus and are nature-oriented," Hughes said.

Hughes showed the group the different types of invasive plants like buckthorn and honeysuckles, and how to identify and remove them.

"The way to spot an invasive tree is to see if the leaves are being eaten or not. Because invasive species are not usually eaten in the food cycle. Which unfortunately makes them thrive," Hughes said.

The group ventured into the woody trails by the retain-



Brie Small and Evan Fleck staff the table at the Sustainability Scavenger Hunt.

ing ponds. These trails were established in 2016 and have been used ever since by Biology, Geology and environmental science students, as well as the public.

As the boots began to dampen, Porsche and Korn explained to the students about the benefits of retaining ponds and also the existence of vernal pools and its ecological importance in the environment.

Being a celebration for Earth Day, the Students for Sustainability club says their goal is to, "raise environmental awareness and create behavioral change within the student body at WCC and the greater Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area."

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ZAKERIA ALMAJRABI



Students walk and learn about different types of trees inhabiting campus.

GRAPHIC BY JADA HAUSER

# Personal Counseling brings guiding, comforting presence to campus

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At WCC, Karolyn Lehn emerges as a steady presence, offering solace and support to

students navigating the complexities of academic life.

Her journey from high school guidance counselor to licensed therapist reflects a commitment to nurturing individuals through life's challenges.

Driven by an innate desire to foster growth and resilience, Lehn reflects on the evolving landscape of mental health stress, particularly in the aftermath of the pandemic.

"The pandemic kind of changed things for me," she said. "I have seen a major shift in mental health stress compared to before the pandemic to now."

According to the World Health Organization in a sci-

entific brief released in 2022, there has been a 25% increase in prevalence of anxiety and depression worldwide since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, amidst these shifting tides, her dedication remains the same, rooted in the belief that she is able to help students.

"I was hoping that my skill set and my licensure would allow students to navigate through these different stressors as they work to get a degree," said Lehn.

When asked to give a piece of advice to students hesitant about reaching out, Lehn advocates for the exploration of available resources, urging

students to seek support without hesitation.

"Think of it as just checking it out, and see what there is," she says, underlining the value of seeking assistance as a pathway to healing and growth.

In her own pursuit of well-being, Lehn finds solace in simple self-care practices, prioritizing exercise, spending time outdoors and carving out "me-time."

Her approach mirrors the principles she advocates for her students, encouraging them to prioritize their mental and emotional health amidst the pressures of academia and juggling life, work and school.

"I hope the feeling that



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Students have the opportunity to choose from in-person or online counseling.

this campus has continues as time goes on cause I really think its a special place," she said.

To access Counseling services, scan the qr code.



Welcome to WCC's Reflection Room!  
This room is a space for students, staff, and faculty to reflect, meditate, or pray.  
To Access This Room:  
Bring your WCC ID Card to the Office of Student Activities & Student Organizations in SC 108.

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WCC's reflection room is a quiet space available for reflection, meditation, and prayer.

# Photo instructor snaps and strums

## WCC teacher Michael Smith practices music and photography

ALISA CHMERENKO  
Contributor

Michael Smith is a teacher who spent around 20 years teaching photography in the WCC. While photography is something he enjoys, music is also a passion of his.

Smith has mastered numerous instruments, such as guitar, banjo and ukulele. By reading books, and devoting his time, he started to learn how to play a guitar when he was 12 years old.

"I do not know, just I love music," Smith said on what started his passion for music at a young age. He also shared

that his whole family has an experience in playing different instruments.

"So, I started to play. I just wanted to do it a lot. I liked folk music and I wanted to be able to sing and play," he said.

Julia Gleich, a part time digital media lab coordinator at WCC, was also extremely impressed by Smith's musical expertise.

"What amazes me is how broad his knowledge is—including the instruments that go with it," she said. "The best has to be when he comes into our office space and serenades us with his Ukelele. It's absolute heaven."

On the other hand, Smith's favorite memory is playing in Dearborn after being hired to play during a public campaign meeting in 1977.

"We played one of my all-time favorite songs called "Coal Tattoo" by Billy Ed Wheeler, about a guy who is a mine worker but doesn't feel that anyone stands up for him. It's a great song and I still play it," Smith said.

Smith expresses what emotions he has after all the long years of performing.

"There is always excitement, there is always the thrill of the idea of making people

happy," he said. "I'm sharing because I hope it makes people happy. This way I take pictures because I hope it makes people happy."

Scan the code below to check out Michael Smith's music on Soundcloud



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Michael Smith performing in Ann Arbor with his band and father.

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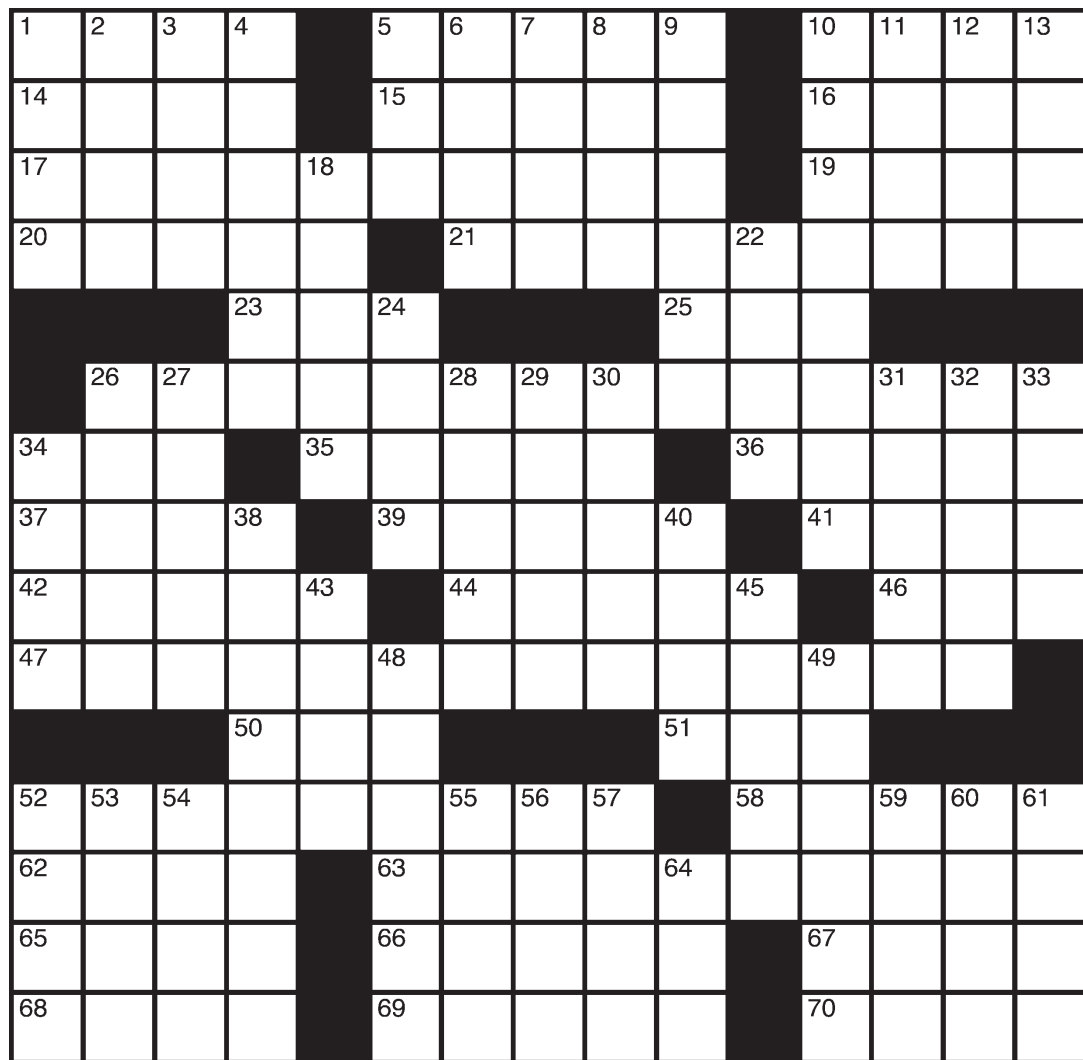


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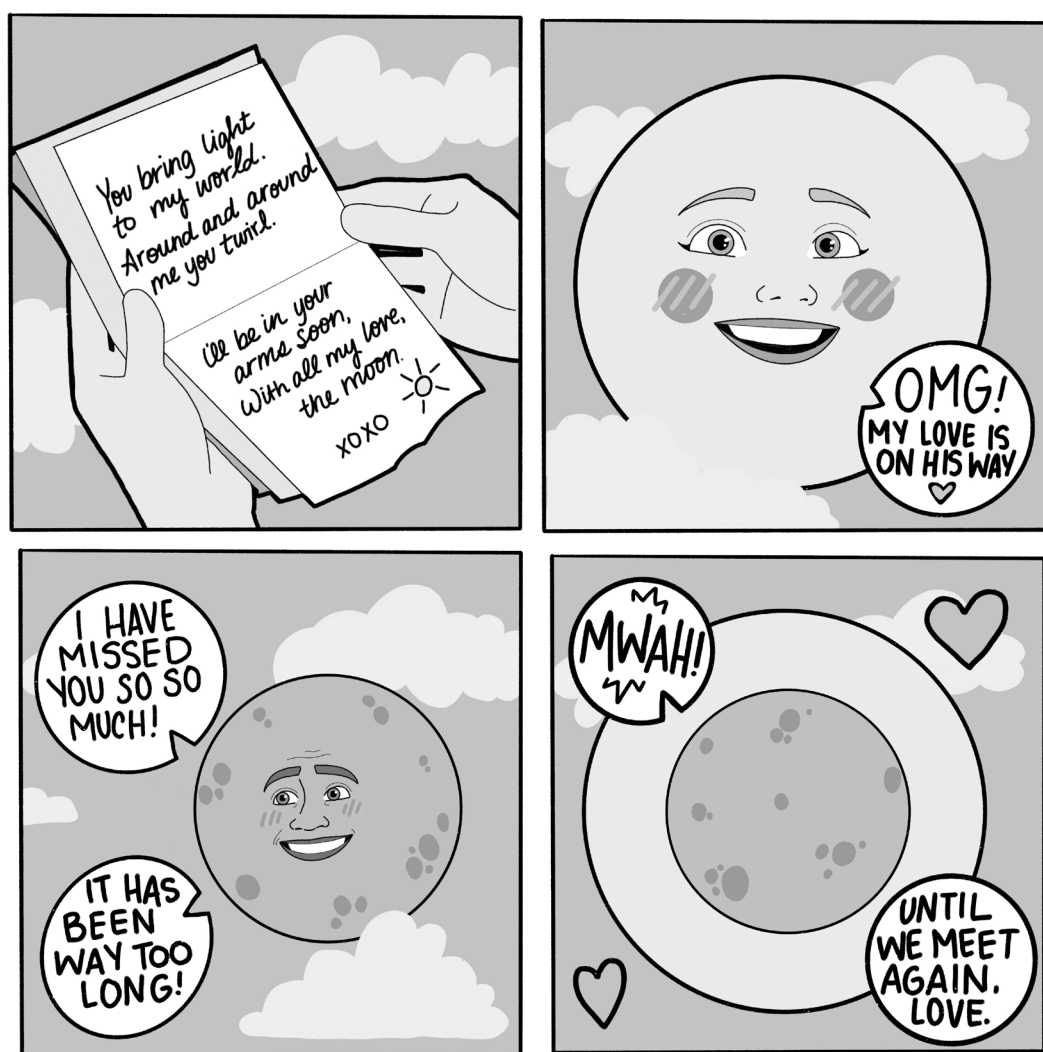
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"WE HAVE A DATE ON APRIL 8"

BY CHARLIE TRUMBULL



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The work is very rewarding, it is not for everyone. It requires a sense of pride, commitment to quality, good dexterity, and me-

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**Recruiter at Washtenaw Community College**

The Recruiter is responsible for full-cycle recruiting, ensuring the sourcing and development of a qualified and diverse candidate pool. The Recruiter is a highly visible role within the college and will be able to make a significant impact on the college's overall success. Essential Job Duties and Responsibilities: Manage full-cycle recruitment for all college positions; including but not limited to: Collaborate with hiring managers to identify successful candidate knowledge, skills and experience, as well as ensuring diversity in applicant pool and develop search strategies accordingly; Build diverse applicant sourcing through research, outreach, networking, and partnering

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**Home Caregiver at Comfort Keepers Ann Arbor**

We are currently looking for empathetic, passionate people to add to our team to be the Comfort Keepers for in-home care for seniors. As a caregiver, you would be matched with clients that fit your schedule, driving distance, and skill level. No experience needed.

**Strategy & Planning Leadership Program Internship at Ford Motor Company**

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Come join the pack as a Playroom Supervisor at Canine to Five. This is a great opportunity for a dog-loving leader who is looking for a long-term career

and to develop into a manager. Pay: \$18/hr, quarterly bonus + tips (after 60 days). Schedule: 36+ hours a week including 2 weekends a month and rotating holidays. Typically AM shifts start at 6am and PM shifts start between 12-2pm. Shifts are approximately 8 hours long. Location: Midtown Detroit, MI

**Medical Billing Assistant at Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons**

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 60 supporting staff across four offices. As such, it is necessary to employ competent, long-term billing staff to interact with patients, insurance companies, and doctors. While medical billing experience is preferred, it is not required to apply! Various job responsibilities of a medical biller may include, but are not limited to: Accounts receivable (A/R) follow up; Office/hospital coding; Payment posting; Reconciling explanations of benefits (EOBs); Correcting and submitting claims to insurance companies.

**Dispatch Specialist at Oakland County Sheriff's Office**

Dispatchers receive and process calls for police, fire, ambulance, 9-1-1 and general emergency services. Dispatchers process calls by dispatching the appropriate fire, medical, or law enforcement personnel, or by

referring the caller to the proper agency/personnel. Dispatchers are expected to multi-task by obtaining essential identifying information in a timely manner while maintaining contact with callers under emergency conditions. During medical, fire and law enforcement emergencies, Dispatchers provide pre-arrival and post-dispatch instructions to callers. Dispatchers use various computer programs and equipment throughout their shift to enter and access information. Dispatchers respond to requests from officers for information including, but not limited to; officer safety cautions, criminal histories, driving records, prior contacts, locations, and other information. Dispatchers are expected to operate equipment, and obtain and maintain certifications, to access various law enforcement systems for that information.

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ment, quality, and flow, Inspect personal work and the work of co-workers.

**Beverage Cart Attendant at University of Michigan**

This position works under the Golf Course Catering Manager and is responsible for delivering exceptional customer service through food and beverage services on the golf course. Responsibilities : Knowledge of the golf course and basic golf etiquette, Responsible for maintaining a full inventory of product in the beverage cart, Adhere to all regulations and rules of TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures), Prompt, attentive and consistent service to all golfers in your designated area of the course, Deliver exceptional customer service that is expected of all UMGC team members.

**Restaurant Team Member at Krazy Jim's Blimpyburger**

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# events

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## ARTS & CRAFTS

## MUSIC & FUN

## ON CAMPUS

### KIDS & FAMILY PAINT PARTY

April 27 | 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Tipsy Ypsi Paint and Pour | 5 S. Washington St, Ypsilanti

Parents and kids are invited to paint. Instructors will assist through the completion of painting in a fun and entertaining class. Children will leave with a painting of their very own! Tickets are \$25.

### BLOODROOT HERB SHOP & ZIGGY'S SPRING MAKERS MARKET

April 21 | 12 - 5 p.m.

Bloodroot Herb Shop & Ziggy's | 208 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti

Shop at Bloodroot for crafts from over 20 vendors and relax at Ziggy's for music and beverages. Vendors will include pottery, jewelry, botanicals and even fedoras.

### ADULT CRAFT: GLASS PAINTING

April 16 & 19 | 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & 12 - 1 p.m.

Clinton Township Public Library | 100 Brown Street, Clinton

Learn to paint simple flowers on glass using acrylic paint. All materials provided and all ages welcome, but best for teen-adults.

### TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY

April 19 | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Library

All invited to join a casual listening party of pop phenom Taylor Swift's new album, "The Tortured Poets Department." Also, a chance to make friendship bracelets and take Polaroids. This event is free.

### SPRING HOLISTIC PSYCHIC FAIR

April 20 - 21 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enlightened Soul Center | 2711 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor

Presentations by local intuitive readers using palm readings and tarot cards, along with mediums, energy healers and more. Vendors with metaphysical products and light snacks for sale. Admission is \$5 Saturday and \$3 Sunday.

### TULIP FESTIVAL

April 24 - May 12 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Debuck's Family Farm | 50240 Martz Road Belleville

What better way to celebrate Spring than to go to a tulip festival? Other than the tulip festival, there are a dozen of attractions to do at Debuck's Family Farm.

### WINTER SEMESTER 2024 SEND-OFF

April 24 | 12 - 5 p.m.

Esports Arena | TI-239

Join Esports for a celebration of the winter 2024 semester. Food, games, drinks and more will be provided. Everyone is invited!

### STUDENT OPEN MIC

April 26 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Garret's | 1st floor of student center

Come share your creativity with the WCC community! It can be poetry, stories, original music, songs, recorded compositions, videos, or any other creative work, everyone is welcome.

### DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS SHOWCASE

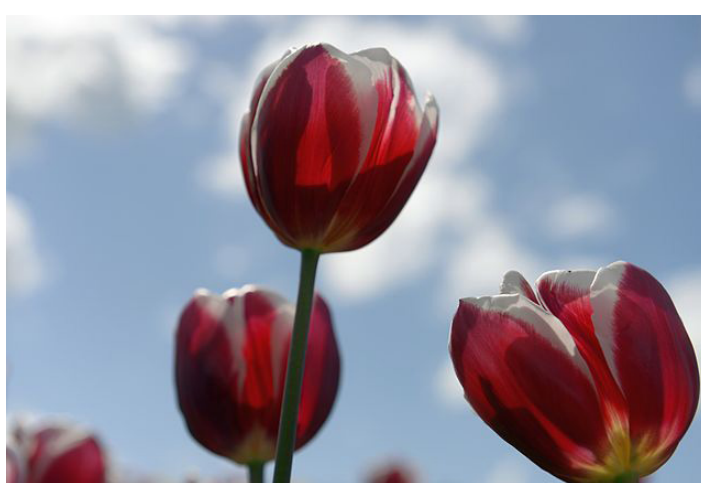
April 24 | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Morris Lawrence Building

Join the Digital Media Arts department for their annual student portfolio showcase. Explore graphic design, photography portfolios and more. Free and open to all. Light refreshments provided.



Learn how to paint simple flowers with Clinton Township Public Library. Photo by Krebs Glas Lauscha.



Celebrate tulips with Debuck's Family Farm. Photo by Chris Phutully.



The Digital Media Arts program hosts their showcase annually. Voice file photo.



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