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New phones, cameras coming to campus

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At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, board members approved a three million dollar plan to upgrade security cameras on campus as well as 10 assistance phones/towers—marking the first campus-wide camera project at Washtenaw Community College.

Work on the project has already begun and, according to Provost and Chief Operations Officer Linda Blakey, is tentatively anticipated to be completed in February or March of 2025.

Blakey also included that most of the work is being done indoors and during off-hours plus weekends, and should not disrupt classes, though students may occasionally see evidence of electrical work.

However, students can expect some visible, outdoor construction during the summer months as fiber optic wiring will be installed to support the upgraded assistance phone towers.

“We have some cameras on campus, but we have areas that have no cameras. We also have some older cameras that are analog and the need to move to digital cameras. Campus safety is a top priority to us, and so we explained to the board what was needed to have our campus be more safe,” said



COURTNEY PRIELIPP | WASHTENAW VOICE

Chief of Police John L. Leacher is helping lead ahead brand new safety systems throughout campus that will be put in over the summer.

Blakey, upon being asked what deciding factors went into the board members’ approval.

“We’re really, really excited about this,” said John Leacher, the Chief of Public Safety and Emergency Management, adding, “There should be no place inside any building in which we wouldn’t be able to track someone who came here to do harm, so that’s huge.”

“We’re grateful that our Board of Trustees believe that money is worth making the investment in really making sure

that—moving forward—we’re going to be doing everything we need to be doing to keep our campus safe,” said Leacher.

When asked about whether the security camera upgrade might cause some students to feel monitored, Leacher described the campus’ approach as reactive rather than proactive.

“We don’t approach this project with the ‘we’re gonna have eyes glued to those cameras all day long, trying to catch somebody doing some-

thing a little bit out of line’ [approach], we get calls after the fact,” he said.

“So, if someone calls us and says ‘I had my computer in a classroom at this time, and I think somebody stole it,’ we can go back and check camera footage to see if there was traffic or somebody we can identify,” Leacher added.

The 10 new special assistance phones were also a key part of the upgrade package, with Blakey adding that the phones will be “hard-wired” rather than “solar powered” as they were previously.

“I’m excited for the assistance phones. We used to have some emergency phones on campus, but they were solar powered. But as trees grew on campus, they became less effective. So now the ones we’re putting in will be hard wired in terms of power and connectivity,” said Blakey.

The phones aren’t just for emergencies, Leacher said.

“We want those to be used. We want people to see ‘assistance phone’ as meaning that if you have an emergency or are lost and need directions, you can go to that phone,” said Leacher.

“We have a really good reputation of being a safe campus. We want to make sure that, for years to come, all of you continue to feel that way,” he said.

Commencement speaker brings ‘positive’ energy

ALICE MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

Have you met the student speaker for Washtenaw Community College’s 2024 commencement ceremony?

Michelle Hanke is a liberal arts transfer student, Student Life Officer in the Student Development and Activities office, and an unforgettable member of the campus community.

“She is amazing. She is so bubbly and positive. People are drawn to her because there’s something about her that makes you want to be her friend,” said Veronica Capraru, the supervisor of student organizations and adviser for Phi Theta Kappa.

“She has an incredible story. Even if you don’t have her story in particular, I think that there are parts of her story that anybody can resonate with,” she added.

“She’s just an upbeat and positive person. If you come in and you’re feeling a little down, she will make you laugh.”

-Tabitha Collins, Hanke’s co-worker

“When she talks, you want to listen,” said Christy Main, the student activities supervisor, adding, “She’s always willing to learn and navigate anything that’s thrown at her. Every time she has a challenge, she goes through it with grace.”

Tabitha Collins, the student development and honor society technician for SDA, added, “She’s always so positive and friendly to every student who walks in. She is always helpful. She’s always willing to do anything you ask. She’s just an upbeat and positive person. If you come in and you’re feeling a little down, she will make you laugh.”

Upon being asked how she reacted to learning that she had been chosen to represent the college, Hanke replied, “I cried.”

Hanke’s long road to graduation

Hanke is a first generation college student who grew up in foster care, and she has been in Ypsilanti since 2015. After graduating from Lincoln High School in 2017, she started her journey at WCC.

At this point, Hanke describes herself as having had no clue what she was doing, not knowing what she wanted in terms of college, and being far too nervous to ask for help.

It was at this point that she decided to take a step back.

“I think if I kept going on the way I was, I wouldn’t have



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Graduation Speaker Michelle Hanke sends her hopes and dreams flying with a toss of the cap.

finished,” said Hanke.

With the help of Our House, an organization which helps youth between the ages of 14-25 who have aged out of the foster care system, Hanke returned to WCC at the end of 2019.

Though facing the challenges of adjusting to life after having moved out on her own as well as navigating a global pandemic, Hanke was starting to get the hang of things by 2021, which she credits to the help of Kathy Stewart, who is the Coach for the REACH program at WCC, which supports students who have experienced foster care.

“That really, really helped me get confidence in myself—I finally had help,” said Hanke, describing the difference that it made to finally sit down with someone who could help her create an academic plan, balance her schedule, and get set up with an advisor.

Hanke eventually quit her full time job at the University of Michigan to focus on her studies, with that decision proving to pay off.

“For the last two and a half years I’ve been getting As and Bs consistently, which I’m really proud of myself for because, before, if you looked at my transcripts, you’d be like ‘what is going on?’” said Hanke.

WCC’s resources that helped Hanke succeed

Eventually, that decision led her to her current position in the Student Development and Activities office, which she has held since August of 2023, where she helps students access the resources that she wishes she had known about during her early days at WCC.

“I had no idea this existed while I was struggling that whole time, but they’re awesome. I feel like this is a way for me to make up for the time when I was here for so long and didn’t get a chance to participate in the things that I wanted to. But, once I got in the position, I was able to see the behind the scenes of how this all works,” she said.

WTMC ban from ‘quiet room’ inspires deeper look into program, campus food

CALEB HENDERSON
Editor

A couple weeks ago, a new directive was put in place barring access from the Student Center’s quiet room from WTMC students until at least the end of their school year in June.

This was a major change to the campus’ peak lunch hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., as the vibrant, cozy space that was generally full of students before the sanctions now sees much less traffic, and much less noise as a result.

Chief of Public Safety John L. Leacher confirmed that noise complaints taking place roughly “once a week” were the main catalyst for the sweeping change.

“What we responded to several times throughout the course of this last semester was students in that quiet area just being loud and rough-housing,” Leacher said.

While WTMC administrators repeatedly tried to work with their students in an effort to emphasize the importance of being quiet in the space throughout the course of the semester according to Leacher, the decision was eventually made to implement a sweeping ban on the space until further notice.

WTMC student Alexander Wood said he understood the ban, saying that students should not be “goofing off” in

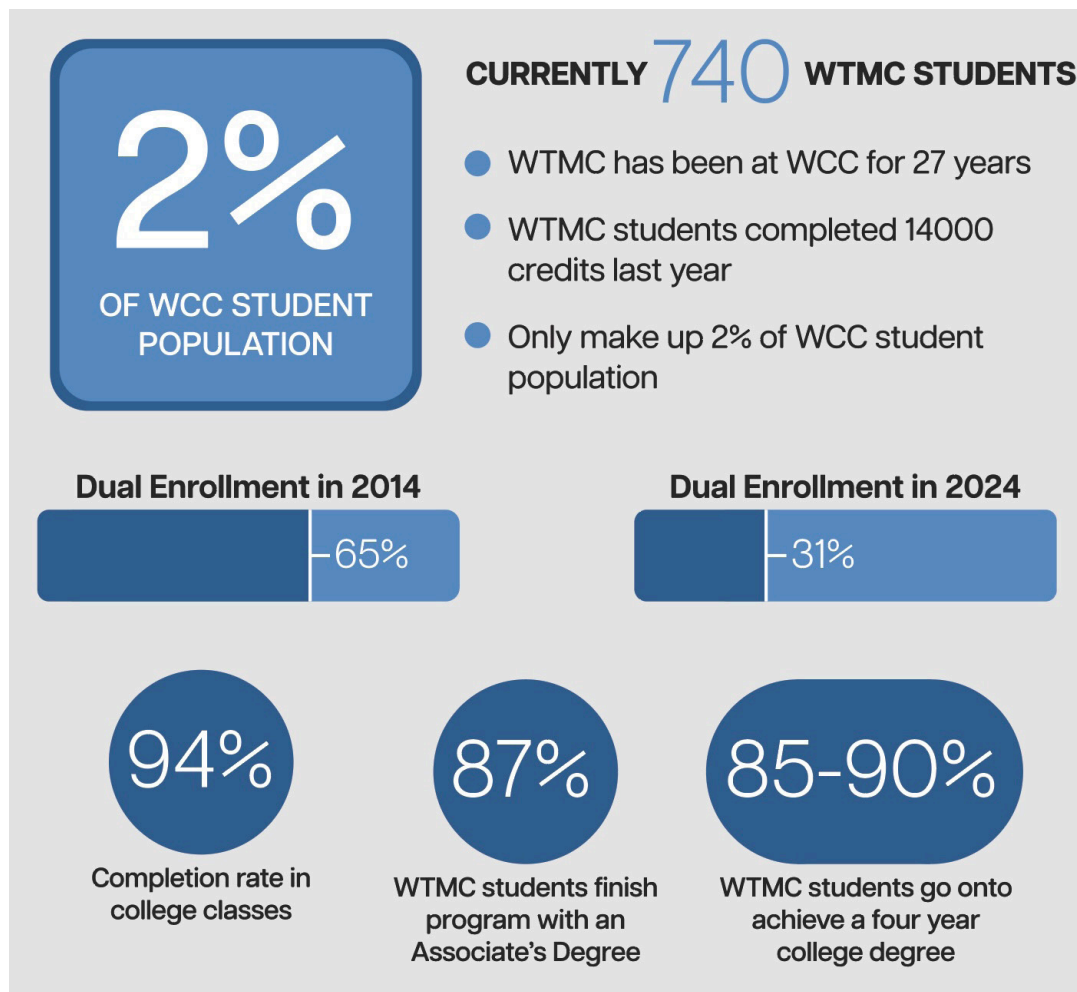


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Information provided by WTMC Dean of Students, Karl Covert.

Why did WTMC students congregate in quiet room?

One of the biggest contributing factors that also led to the verdict would be the high concentration of WTMC students in the Student Center during typical lunch hours.

With roughly 740 students currently enrolled in the middle college program during

the winter semester, while only making up 2% of the total student population at WCC—all WTMC students share the same lunch period, making the Student Center feel that much more cramped.

In the works is a new plan to split WTMC’s lunch periods into two separate entries in the fall, but the middle college’s Dean of Students, Karl Covert, doesn’t believe this will solve the real culprit behind

why the noise level in the quiet room had gotten out of control.

“One of the things that happened during COVID was that a lot of the seating areas where kids could eat lunch around campus—those eating areas that were here prior to COVID never came back,” said Covert.

QUIET ROOM, A6

COMMENCEMENT, A6



Healthy food options on and around WCC: 3 spots to try this summer

TIFFANY SIMS
Contributor

Taking classes during the summer and looking for healthy food options? Here are some favorites on and off campus to check out.

On campus

The Spot Grill located on campus is a place to find healthy meal options. It offers “made to order burgers” which you can sub meat for a veggie burger or have a leaner meat such as a turkey burger.

The soup at The Spot also offers vegetarian options; with salad station that features salmon and falafel being among the many options offered.

Off campus

Sweetgreen is another place to find healthy food options. Sweetgreen is located on Washtenaw Ave, only five minutes from campus.

Sweetgreen offers a range of organic “create your own” bowl and salad options. Chickpeas, sweet potatoes, cucumber, tomato, salmon, mushrooms, chicken, kale, almonds, and broccoli are just a few of the many ingredients they have



MARCELLA SOUZA FREITAS | WASHTENAW VOICE

The CoreLife Eatery is one of a few healthy food options for WCC students to choose from close to campus.

to choose from.

Core Life Eatery is an additional option for those who want to add nutritional value to their eating habits. Core Life Eatery offers salads, bowls, wraps, and fresh hand-crafted

beverages, priding itself on serving GMO-Free food and having an organic menu.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), a healthy diet is essential for good health and nutrition;

while also helping to protect you from diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

Give these food spots a try the next time your body asks for fuel.



ZAKERIA ALMAJRABI | WASHTENAW VOICE

During the April 23 board meeting, the WCC Board of Trustees voted unanimously to freeze tuition for students for the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

Tuition stays the same for 2024-25

CALEB HENDERSON
Editor

Good news for in-district students returning to WCC in the fall: tuition rates will remain the same for the next academic year.

The WCC Board of Trustees this week unanimously approved a tuition freeze at \$99 per credit for on-campus courses and \$112 per credit for distance learning for in-district students according to an official press release.

Last fall, students saw an increase in tuition of four dollars according to previous Voice reporting, the first time tuition had been raised in six years.

In-district students will see a modest increase in spending in other categories, but their overall tuition rates will remain unchanged.

With full time students generally averaging roughly 12-15 credit hours per semester, according to the official WCC press release a 15-credit hour semester should cost \$1,485.

Out of district students will pay \$181 per credit hour for on campus classes, but only \$128 per credit hour for distance learning/online courses.

Free College Day welcomes community members to WCC

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COURTNEY PRIELIPP
The Washtenaw Voice

On April 13, WCC opened its doors to the community for Free College Day for the first time in person since the COVID-19 pandemic.

This in-person event was the finale to Free College Week which had been offering courses online. Courses covered all subjects from chemistry to ceramics to improv acting, making campus bustle with life.

The inspiration for the event is a desire to give back to the community that already supports WCC students every

year; with the Student Development and Activities office along with 15 professors hosting more than 20 classes throughout the day.

“Two weeks ago we were looking at 200 [attendees] that signed up for this event,” said WCC’s Supervisor of Student Activities Christy Main. “As of this morning we had over 300.”

Popular courses like “A Short History of Fake News”, “Dinosaurs: An Evolutionary Success Story,” HVAC maintenance, and song recording sessions with the music department were all featured to the hundreds of attendees.

Main believes this is a great measurement of how much the community supports the school and appreciates free classes. She also hopes the event will boost enrollment numbers for the fall semester.

Zoology professor David Wooten taught an introductory lesson on dinosaurs to an audience of attendees at the event, saying he is a huge supporter of Free College Week “because it brings education accessibility to the community.”

“Come to campus, come walk the nature trail, come sit in on some of these talks, sit

down and feel what it’s like to be in a college classroom,” he said.

Community member Kay Laskowski attended WCC in the early 90s when the college only consisted of the student center and LA buildings. She took the improv class instructed by professor Hope Bernard

with excitement.

“I want to finally be retired so I can take all these classes,” she said.

Laskowski was amazed by how fun the improv class was, saying, “[Bernard] made it so easy and seamless. I was afraid to come but I am so glad I did.”

When describing her reaction on returning to the campus, Laskowski said, “just the energy of walking through the cafeteria was like, ‘oh my god!’ It just felt really great for me.”

PHOTOS BY
COURTNEY PRIELIPP



Students of different ages being hands on in Exploring Chemistry by building different molecules.



Lisa Wheeler, one of the plan coordinators, taking a photo with Alpha.



Veronica Capraru (left), Michelle Hanke (middle), and Zoe Rezler (right) are employees of WCC helping people sign in for free college day.



Many students are taking notes and paying close attention to David Wooten's short lecture on Dinosaurs.

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VOICE BOX

What are your plans for the summer?

Abigail Gibb | Contributor

I'm finishing up this semester, and then I'm going to work through the summer. I'm working as a wildlife control technician. That's pest management for a family business.

Cassie Mondon
General Education



I'm taking some spring/summer classes, because I'm transferring to U of M. My birthday is also in the summer around June. It's my big 18, so hopefully I get to hang out with my friends, but other than that it's gonna be a lowkey summer.

Mariam Nassuna
General Education

I plan to spend a lot of time at the beach, doing some hiking, and probably some camping. I'm gonna try and go to Cedar Point as well. One other thing is seeing movies at the local drive-in movie theater.

Evelyn Murphy
Liberal Arts Transfer



I'm probably going to take summer classes, but if I get the chance I'd like to go to Niagara Falls again.

Jingqi Zhang
Computer Science



My plans are to work on my art and pick what school I'm going to transfer to and hang out with my friends. I want to spend as much time with everybody as I can this summer.

Ilana Londry
General Studies



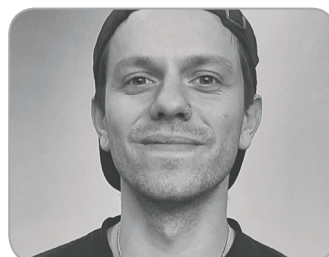
I will be doing a lot of working. I work in customer service, but I hope to take some vacations. I'm hoping to go see some friends in Texas over my birthday this summer and then go to Memphis. Staying in the gym regularly is also a goal.

Mia Lockett
Physical Therapy



I work full time so I'll be working all summer. But in a couple of weeks I'm going to Hawaii. My girlfriend has family out there so we're going out to visit.

Quinten Harrow
Liberal Arts Transfer



Lyric Lane

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"WHAT IS YOUR SONG OF THE SUMMER?"



Skin - Sabrina Carpenter (2022)

Sidra Zabeti
Nursing



International Love - Pitbull (2012)

Khaled Al-Laban
Business



Her Way - PartyNextDoor (2014)

Jude Awad
Nursing



Keep Your Head Up - Andy Grammer (2011)

Kaylee Lloyd
General Studies



Texas Hold 'Em - Beyonce (2024)

Tatiana Comer
Nursing



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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?

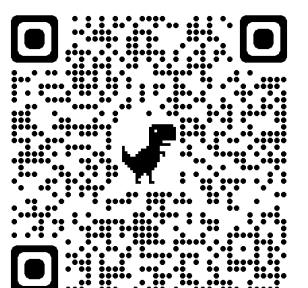
No worries, we're here to help!

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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The recently renovated "Gateless Gateway" sits outside the student center, having been a staple on campus since 1982.

Campus Snaps

COLUMN

Editor expresses gratitude to the Voice

CALEB HENDERSON
Editor

When the Washtenaw Voice first did a presentation in our JRN 111 class in February 2023, I thought nothing of it.

I assumed they already had plenty of applicants for their open scholarship positions, and if I were to apply that I'd never be selected.

Following a couple nudges from my professor Dave Waskin to apply for a staff writer position over the next few weeks, the previous adviser Judy McGovern eventually reached out to me to schedule an interview—one I was sure went kinda "mid" as the kids say these days.

Eventually though, I received confirmation that I'd be joining the Voice staff in the fall semester of that year,

which had me in disbelief.

I always had a passion for writing, but never did I imagine it'd lead to anything serious; let alone a position on a community college newspaper staff.

Little did I know the whirlwind of emotions that would come over the course of the next 365 days.

From a three month hiatus from publishing in the fall to being named editor last December, with a new adviser coming in to guide the team in between, it was an unprecedented set of circumstances to step into but a challenge I was ready to embrace.

Stepping into a leadership role was something completely new for me. I was always used to being the quiet kid that sat in the back of the class who let everyone else lead while I nod-

ded along.

I had always preferred to be a lone wolf and work alone, so the challenge of not just being on a team but guiding it in my vision is one I relished and was excited to take on.

That was until everything changed on January 10, 2024.

My life has never been the same since that day—but the team I've had the privilege of leading for the past four months has, and I'm grateful as such.

Without having the Voice as my outlet, the one stable thing in my life that I could look forward to during the week while the rock of my life was gone; I don't know I would've made it through the most difficult period of my life to date.

I'd like to personally thank our wonderful adviser, Lilly

Kujawski, as without her our publication would have been vastly different this semester, and not in a good way.

Secondly, I'd also be remiss if I didn't thank former Voice editors Grace Crandall and RJ Hunt—as on a moment's notice, if I needed either of them for advice/guidance they would answer the phone right away.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Washtenaw Voice staff and all of our contributors this semester; because the second place we won as a team in general excellence during the MCCPA conference would not be possible without all of you guys.

I'm excited for the next chapter after my upcoming graduation from WCC in the summer, and I know that I'll be leaving the Voice behind in good hands.



PAULA FARMER | WASHTENAW VOICE
Caleb Henderson describes how the Washtenaw Voice changed his life.

COLUMN

Graduating from 7800 miles away: My WCC experience



MOHAMED AHMED
Contributor

As my final classes begin to wind down, I reflect on my time at WCC as a remote student living in Kenya. It has been full of ups and downs, but as I get closer to the end, I can't help but feel a sense of gratitude for the experiences I've had.

To start with the good stuff, the people. Despite the virtual barrier, I connected with some incredible individuals at WCC.

From the professors who took the time to get to know me personally to the classmates, it was the people who made this memorable. And I can't forget to mention my advisor, Rachel Espinoza, whose unwavering support and guidance, have always been a source of strength.

The courses themselves have been interesting.

From exploring the complexities of philosophy to looking at World War II history, each course challenged me to think critically and expand my worldview.



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Embarking on his final semester at WCC, Voice contributor Mohamed Ahmed has completed his academic journey 7,800 miles away in Kenya.

Despite being remote, the engaging discussions and debates were always something to look forward to.

But of course, it hasn't all been sunshine and rainbows. There are a couple of things that I didn't quite like.

First, the limited amount of classes,

while a lot is offered virtually, some classes are only offered on-campus. This is frustrating sometimes, especially with classes that I wanted to take.

Second is how hard it is to be involved as a remote student. There aren't many student organizations that offer fully remote involvement.

It is something that I hope is addressed as involvement can

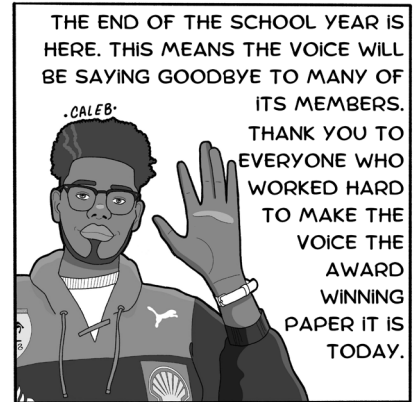
add to your college experience.

As I prepare to say goodbye to WCC and begin the next chapter of my academic journey at The Ohio State University, I am thankful to the many people who made my time at WCC a bit easier.

I admit it has been hard but I am happy to make it to the finish line.

"GOOD LUCK AND GOOD-BYE"

BY CHARLIE TRUMBULL



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Fashion

Students shape summer styles at WCC When the weather gets warm what are you wearing?

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As summer rolls around, there's more room to pick and choose a more diverse wardrobe. Various students around campus share how and why they chose their outfits for the warm weather.

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Tinsae Getachew, a public health science major.

How did you pick your outfit this morning?

"I wear what my mood is. [I] tried to dress up."

What's your go-to summer outfit?

"Floral dresses."

Where did you get everything?

"I was debating this skirt because I wanted to be comfortable, but it's hot. The matching set is from Marshalls and the skirt and shoes are from Forever 21."



Jeremy Muhammad, a global studies major.

How did you pick your outfit this morning?

"I'm going to a rave tonight."

What's your go-to summer outfit?

"All black. It's my favorite color and always looks nice. I have a skater look, too."

Where did you get everything?

"The shirt is The Road Show in Roseville. I'm not sure where the jeans are from. But this bracelet is from a crystal shop in Ypsilanti called Four Directions and the shoes are from Vans."



Shrya Billick, a digital video production major.

How did you pick your outfit this morning?

"I pick out my outfits by the zodiac colors of the week. Monday is white, Tuesday is red, Wednesday is purple, Thursday is green, Friday is pink, Saturday is black and Sunday is yellow. I was in a rush so I threw something together."

What's your go-to summer outfit?

"Flowy shirts, crop tops and the color yellow. I don't wear it much and I want to."

Where did you get everything?

"The shirt is from Plato's closet, the pants are from Forever 21, and the necklace is from Earth Lore [in Plymouth.] My shoes are crocs."

How did you pick your outfit this morning?

"Whatever wasn't dirty."

What's your go-to summer outfit?

"Boxer shorts, tank tops and Birks."

Where did you get everything?

"My sweatshirt and pants are from Brandy and the shoes are Birks."



Abby Grabetz, a radiography major.

How did you pick your outfit this morning?

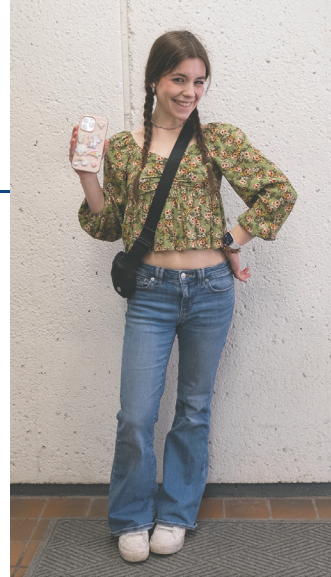
"I started with orange hair ties and then went into my sister's closet."

What's your go-to summer outfit?

"Jean shorts, flowy tops and sneakers."

Where did you get everything?

"The top is my sister's, the pants are American Eagle, my socks are Gymborrie and the necklace is Carnelian. My shoes are from Adidas."



Natalie Stafford, a general education major.

How did you pick your outfit this morning?

"[I] wear different things so I threw this on."

What's your go-to summer outfit?

"Crop tops, baggy pants—if it's too hot out then shorts and Converse."

Where did you get everything?

"It's all thrifted."



Calvin Spieth, an Animation major.

International students end semester with culture fest

YANA MCGUIRE
Contributor

The vibrant decorations that filled Garrett's perfectly matched the lively energy the members of the International Student Association (ISA) had during their Culture Festival on April 11.

Students from all over the globe joined together to release the stresses of higher learning abroad by indulging in a host of activities.

The event kicked off with an invitation to join in on a round of karaoke that took no time to be accepted, with the atmosphere being comfortable enough to allow the students to grab the microphone and perform without fear of judgment.

To set the tone for the environment, the club's President, João Victor Dias from

Brazil, greeted each attendant warmly at the door.

Dias' passion to maintain a safe place to unwind for students comes from his own personal experience of arriving at WCC.

"When I first came to WCC, I felt alone because, like most community colleges, everyone already had their friend groups from high school," he said.

"I had to make new friends, but it was hard because I didn't want to intrude on anyone's conversation. So, I got involved with ISA to help other international students make new friends and exchange their experiences of the new and exciting things happening in their lives, said Dias.

As the music flowed on, games such as an extra-large Jenga were played, the honor of cultural dress ranging from

Nigeria to Vietnam was on full display for a fashion show.

Abdullah Niazy, hailing from Afghanistan, believes ISA has been an important part of his success at WCC.

"I have been a part of ISA for two years and believe it helps students deal with the culture shock we all face," he said.

"When I first got here, I struggled learning how to interact with American students,

but after joining this group, it was easier to learn how to behave in an American college setting. I believe this group has been so helpful that it should expand outside WCC into the community to help international residents in Washtenaw County," said Niazy.

ISA won't be holding meetings during the summer months, but meetings will resume in the fall every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in room

LA 227.

"Please don't hesitate to come to our meetings," said Dias.

"Everything is new, and it feels different from back home, but we are here to help you.

Feel free to reach out to me via email anytime at jmdias@wccnet.edu," he said.

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MARCELLA SOUZA FREITAS



ISA meetings will resume during the fall every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in LA 227.



Students at the event had a chance to partake in karaoke, games, and other activities.



The International Students Association (ISA) participated in a Culture Festival on April 11.



The event also served as a fashion show, with students from many different cultures and backgrounds dressed to impress.

Ice cream social urges civic action

ALEX BOURG AND COURTNEY PRIELIPP
The Washtenaw Voice

Each year more and more people are eligible to vote, but many don't use their ability to vote in the federal and state elections.

The ice cream social held on April 16 had the intent of encouraging the young student population of WCC to go vote this coming November election cycle.

Christy Main, the WCC supervisor of student activities, hoped this event would pique students' interests in the coming election and encourage them to go out and vote.

Main said the purpose of the event was to bring students together to engage them and

talk about important issues that most concern students—the ice cream being used to bring people together in a peaceful and respectful manner.

But what topics mean the most to WCC?

One student, Liviana Capatina feels that education reform is the most important topic in the coming election cycle.

Another student, Michelle Hanke, couldn't decide on which topic was most important; saying she wanted someone to take each of the presented issues with equal importance.

Both students said they felt that the event would get students to talk and form ideas, to speak and communicate community and nationwide issues.



COURTNEY PRIELIPP | WASHTENAW VOICE

Joao Dias (left) and Christy Main are part of the WCC Student Voters that are volunteering to serve ice cream to WCC students and encouraging them to vote this fall.

Commencement

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Hanke said it gave her the opportunity to learn more about the help WCC offers.

"There's a saying [that] 'closed mouths don't get fed'—so when I first started I didn't ask for help. That was out of fear and anxiety. But once I did start to open up, the help was always here," she said.

When asked what she would say to students who may feel like they need to step back from school, Hanke encouraged students to take breaks when needed.

"Just make sure when you're taking those moments that you are actually actively seeking out 'What is it that I want? What is it that I want to do? Do I even want to do school? Is there something else that I want to do even beyond that?'"

Hanke hopes to come back after graduation, targeting a potential stenography

or ultrasound tech role—but first, she's on track to become a mom.

"It's funny cause when I got my first ultrasound, that is what made me wanna do it—thank you to my daughter. I guess you could say I'm taking another break. But I'll be back for sure," she said.

The 2024 Commencement Ceremony will be held May 18 at 9:20 a.m. in Eastern Michigan University's George Gervin GameAbove Center.

Quiet Room

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Covert also emphasized that WTMC did not have as many issues at lunch prior to COVID due to this fact.

"There used to be small carts where students could buy sandwiches or coffee in other parts of the campus, and those don't exist anymore. So if you need to get something to eat, you have to come to the Student Center," he said.

What's next for WTMC?

A common misconception regarding the middle college program is that most, if not all dual enrollment students belong to the program—but according to Covert, that's not the case.

"A lot of times people see students they perceive to be high school students, and they think they're WTMC students. But in fact, they're not WTMC students, they're from other area high schools," he said.

According to Covert, WCC has agreements with numerous other high schools

in the area to dual enroll on campus; and while 10 years ago WTMC students made up roughly 65% of dual enrolled students, they only make up about 31% now.

Despite WTMC's student body size being relatively stable over the past six to seven years, their academic achievements continue to rise year over year.

"Over the last four to five years, [WTMC students] have completed over 10% of the degrees that are conferred on campus," said Covert.

Currently in his 15th year serving as the Dean of Students, Covert has overseen the growth of the program from under 400 students when he first began in 2009 to a population of 700+ pupils today—many of those being first generation college students.

"That's the real mission of the school—the ability of us to take kids that traditionally in our society wouldn't have an opportunity and give them wrap-around services so they can be successful," he said.

Staff and students pause for kickball

BECK ELANDT
Contributor

WCC hosted the first-ever Intramural Staff-Versus-Student Kickball game on the softball field outside the Health and Fitness Center—banter between staff and students kicking off the game.

The students were first up to kick, and the staff began in the field.

It was out after out and catch after catch to begin the match, both teams starting slow.

In the sixth inning though, the students pushed the ball far enough out of the staff's reach to score two runs to take the lead. The staff eventually responded though by earning two runs later that same inning.

The seventh and final inning proved tough for the students, but the staff's good fortune allowed them to score another two runs before the game ended.

When the ball became slippery from landing in a puddle, Matthew Lucas, the manager of sports at WCC, was up to kick. The students narrowly let one more run slip by before the third out, ending the game with a 5-2 score—the staff prevailing.

Zoe Rezler, who produced the event and is a WCC sports staff member, said the game was "a good opportunity for staff and students because most of the time it's just students participating."



Rich Rezler, director of communications at WCC, stretches before the game starts.



John Toth, police officer at WCC, and Ashley Starts, counselor at WCC share a laugh before the game.



Taryn Willis high-fives her teammate after successfully making it to home plate.



All players gather around for a sweaty group photo after the game ends.

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PAULA FARMER

CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety between April 13 and April 26.

RETAIL FRAUD

On April 19 at 2:16 p.m., public safety logged an incident involving a WTMC student taking a small amount of food from The Spot without paying two days prior. The student eventually returned to pay for the food after the incident was logged, and the case has since been closed.

LARCENY

On April 15 at 1:22 p.m. in the Community Park, a WCC student reported a complaint to public safety that various belongings of theirs were missing. All of those belongings were returned to the individual by the end of the day, and the case has since been closed.

Follow up entries

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 involving a mirror that sustained minor damage. With no further leads or instances similar to this having occurred since, campus police have opted to close the case.

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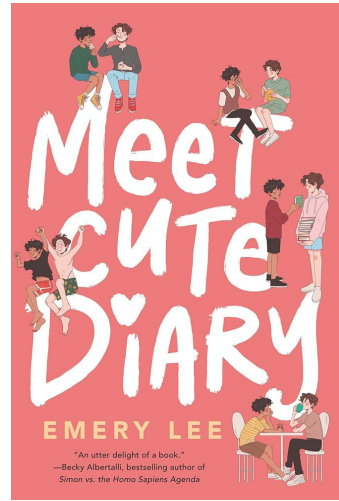
Diversify Your BOOKSHELF

Easy breezy summer reads for the perfect vacation

CHARLIE TRUMBULL
Contributor

Finally, it's summer!

Now is the perfect time to put down the textbooks and pick up a novel. Whether it's a physical copy, on a Nook or Kindle, or an audiobook, these summer reads are perfect for the beach, on vacation, or even days spent at home. Enjoy this short list of easy readers for a relaxing summer of reading.



"Meet Cute Diary" by Emery Lee (2022)

Romantic Comedy, Meet Cute

Content Warning: cyberbullying, transphobic slurs.

A "meet cute" is a genre of romance in which two characters meet in a charming way before developing a romantic connection.

Main character Noah runs one of the most popular blogs on Tumblr, The Meet Cute Diary. Bloggers across the site

submit their meet cute stories to be published for all to see. The blog is a powerful meeting space for transgender lovers, but one day an anonymous account began spreading rumors that Noah was manufacturing all the stories and that none of them were real.

Plunged into the pits of cyberbullying, Noah tries to focus on life outside of the internet inadvertently tumbling into a meet cute of his own.

"Just for the Summer" by Abby Jimenez (2024)

Romantic Comedy, Meet Cute

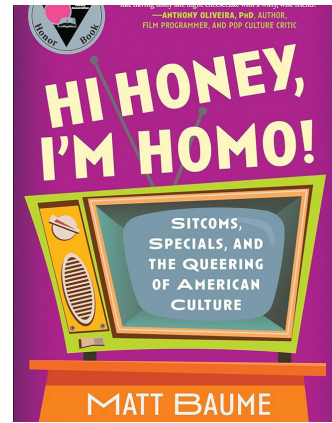
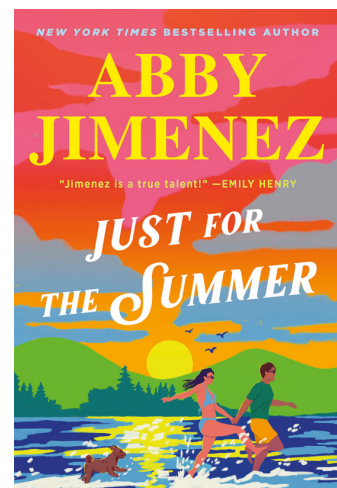
Content warning: parental negligence

For an excellent example of a "meet cute" romance, the main characters in "Just for the Summer" met on an "Am I The Asshole (AITA)?" Reddit page.

Justin has found that every time he breaks up with a woman, she inevitably goes on to find her soulmate. When

Emma slides in his DMs complaining of the same curse, the two devise a plan to date each other in the hopes that their inevitable break up will lead them right to the love of their lives.

The guidelines are simple: four dates, a kiss, then break up and hope for the best. They never imagined they would wind up being perfect for one another.



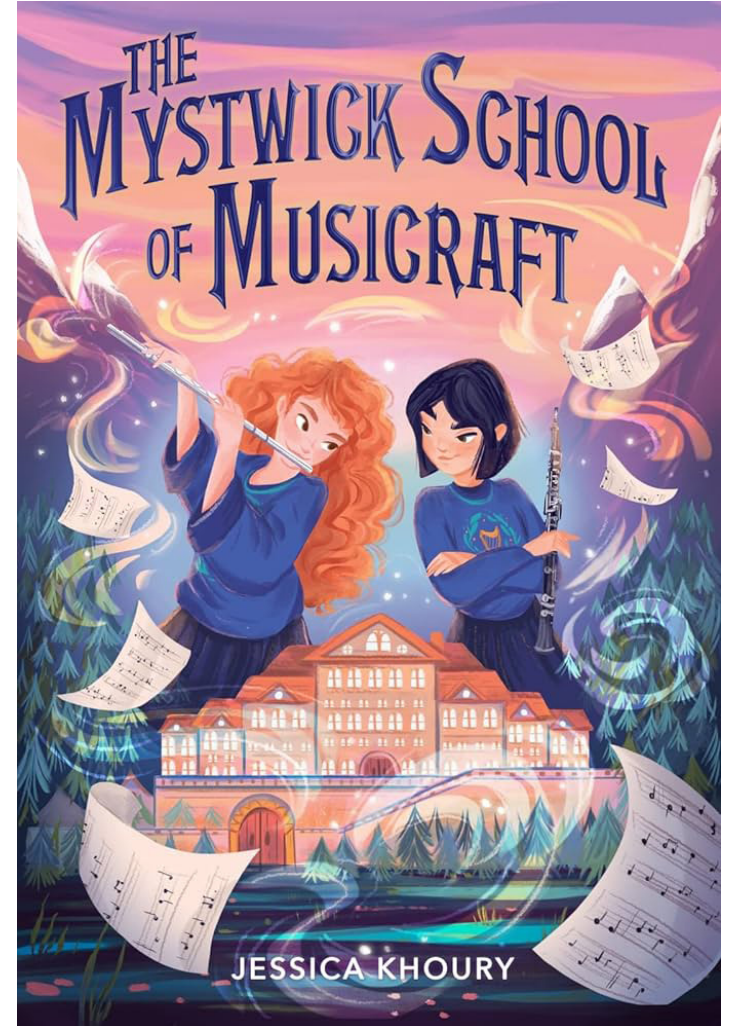
"Honey, I'm Homo!: Sitcoms, Specials, and the Queering of American Culture" by Matt Baume (2023)

Non-fiction, Comedy

In case you're a lover of non-fiction, this easy read on the history of gay characters in television is a romp.

Following the development of queer representation from shows like "Bewitched" in the 60s through modern favorites like "Modern Family," seeing the way the LGBTQ+ community turned from a sitcom punchline to a primetime powerhouse is made even more enjoyable by the author's quick wit and historical knowledge.

Baume puts his analysis in the historical context of the Stonewall riots, the AIDS epidemic, and the decades-long battle for marriage equality. If you love this book you'll be happy to know that Baume is also a YouTuber who talks even more in depth about queer history.



"The Mystwick School of Musicraft" by Jessica Khoury (2022)

Young Adult, Adventure

Amelia Jones is the daughter of one of the most famous maestros in the world and it is her destiny to attend the prestigious Mystwick School of Musicraft.

With her flute in tow, Amelia braves the big city to perform for the entrance auditions. After failing terribly, she

was astounded when her invitation arrived.

Amelia faces new challenges she never knew were possible and her musicraft grows stronger. With her new friends by her side, she is ready to face the first year at Mystwick to walk in her mother's footsteps.

This young adult series is great for anyone who loves unique magic systems and wizarding schools.

Summer movies for summer: Movies to watch in summer

LILY COLE
Deputy Editor

"Moonrise Kingdom"

Rated PG-13, romance/comedy

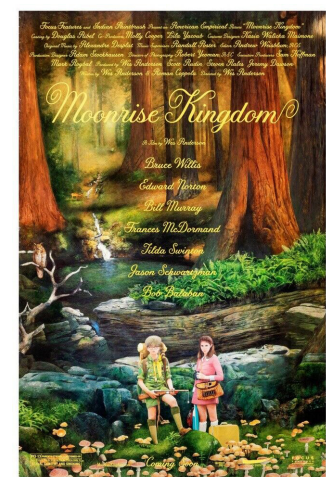
Written by Wes Anderson and Roman Coppola and directed by Anderson, the film follows two 12-year-olds, Sam (Jared Gilman) and Suzy (Kara Hayward), on a journey of childhood romance, action and acceptance.

After running away from Camp Ivanhoe and Khaki Scout summer camp led by Scout Master Randy Ward (Edward Norton), Sam meets Suzy. They go into the wilderness on a comedic adventure of fishing, hiking and camping to reach a specific location. The two are discovered and pursued by Suzy's parents (Bill Murray and Frances McDormand) and the Khaki Scouts. The film is a modern-day de-

Looking for some new flicks to check out over the summer break? Here's four recommendations of movies to fill the downtime.

picture of the Genesis flood from "The Bible."

This is a perfect summer film—providing suspense in the most laughable way possible.



"Mamma Mia!"

PG-13, musical/comedy

In the style of a jukebox musical featuring songs by ABBA, the film is directed by Phyllida Lloyd and written by Catherine Johnson based on her book from the 1999 musical of the same name. It's a story about following your dreams and taking risks—if you do, it may end up better than you ever imagined.

Bride-to-be Sophie (Amanda Seyfried), days before her wedding, lets slip to friends Lisa (Rachel McDowall) and Ali (Ashley Lilley) that she invited three men—her potential fathers—to her wedding without letting her mom, Donna (Meryl Streep), know. The mother-daughter duo dance and jive, with an ensemble cast of Pierce Brosnan as Sam, Colin Firth as Harry, Stellan Skarsgård as Bill, Julie Walters as Rosie, Christine Baranski as Tanya and Dominic Cooper as Sky.

If you want to get your groove on with some friends this summer, then "Mamma Mia!" is for you.

"Call Me by Your Name"

R, romance/drama

The movie has adult themes and content that may



be aggravating to viewers.

Based on the book of the same name by André Aciman, the movie was directed by Luca Guadagnino, and the screenplay was by James Ivory. With the themes of love and self-acceptance, the movie is a metaphor for the oneness of love.

17-year-old Elio (Timothée Chalamet) and his father, Samuel (Michael Stuhlbarg), live in rural Italy. When Samuel invites a 24-year-old graduate student, Oliver (Armie Hammer), to live with the family over the summer and help with his academic paperwork, Elio and Oliver enwrap themselves in a romantic relationship that leaves them questioning love.

This is a movie chronicling coming of age, how it affects people, and how love is a central part of the human experience. If you're looking for a thought-provoking movie that deals with identity, give this one a watch.

"Aquamarine"

PG, family/comedy

Loosely based on the young adult novel by Alice Hoffman of the name and directed by Elizabeth Allen, this movie has themes of hope and love.

Aquamarine follows two girls, Claire (Emma Roberts) and Hailey (Jojo), on a mission to stop Hailey from moving. When a mermaid, Aquamarine (Sara Paxton), washes up on shore, the two girls try to help Aquamarine get out of an arranged marriage by proving to her father that true love exists in return for a wish.

Everlasting youth and understanding what growing up means—this movie is perfect for a blast from the past.



"I Know What You Did Last Summer"

R, horror/mystery

The movie has adult themes and content that may be aggravating to viewers.

A 1997 slasher film directed by Jim Gillespie and written by Kevin Williamson, "I Know What You Did Last Summer"



is a relic of its time following the end of the 90s slasher era. It was loosely based on the book of the same name by Lois Duncan.

When four friends, Julie (Jennifer Love Hewitt), Ray (Freddie Prinze Jr.), Helen (Sarah Michelle Gellar), and Barry (Ryan Phillippe), accidentally hit a pedestrian, they go to great lengths to cover it up. A year later, the four are stalked by a hook-wielding man who "knows what they did last summer."

If you're looking for a movie that's a little cheesy and campy at the same time, "I Know What You Did Last Summer" is definitely a movie to put on your movie list.



Summer semester tips and insights: How to stay ahead on a tight schedule

KRISTY KAZZI
Staff Writer

As the Spring semester approaches, there are some key tools and tips for students to find helpful.

While fall and winter boast a full 15-week schedule, summer courses vary in length, with some accelerated options spanning as little as three weeks.

“Getting an education is a marathon, not a sprint.”

- Christie Pagel

Christie Pagel, a student advisor at WCC, emphasizes the condensed nature of summer classes contrasting them with the traditional fall and winter semesters, warning students that the narrow timeframe demands careful consideration—especially for those juggling personal commitments.

A key concern Pagel highlights is the adjustment required for the expedited



ILLUSTRATION BY JADA HAUSER

With the condensed nature of summer classes, WCC student adviser Christie Pagel shares some helpful tips to help students keep pace over the next few months.

format; cautioning students to brace themselves for the same workload crammed into a shorter window.

This prompted Pagel to stress the importance of organization and proactive communication with faculty at the first sign of trouble.

While summer classes can shorten a degree roadmap by one or even two semesters according to Forbes, not all stu-

dents are so eager to dive into summer studies.

“I’ve taken a summer class [theater] that was not part of my Gen eds and it was actually really fun. I feel like a class like math or english would be better to take in the fall or winter,” said Peter Williams, a WCC student when asked about his summer academic preferences.

While the accelerated pace offers a shortcut to grad-

uation, it demands careful planning and diligence with regards to each individual’s goals and circumstances.

Pagel advises students to lean on support systems like success coaches and advisors while arming themselves with organizational tools like paper planners.

“Getting an education is a marathon, not a sprint,” she said.

Navigating the tides of teaching: Two educators, two different routines

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Staff Writer

While Mohammed Abella, a math professor at WCC, and Samia Soboh, a math teacher at Quest Charter Academy elementary school may differ in age, their daily routines vary vastly as well.

Professor Abella faces a kaleidoscope of schedules—from one to four classes every day. His classroom is full of students of different ages, from students barely out of high school to older students seeking the thrill of calculus in retirement.

With a dynamic schedule that is different every day, Abella embraces each day with a readiness to adapt and innovate.

Armed with extra topics for extra time, he steers his students through the ups and downs of mathematics, making sure no one falls behind, even if they miss a class.

“It’s a journey and we’re on the same boat,” is how Abella likes to refer to his stu-

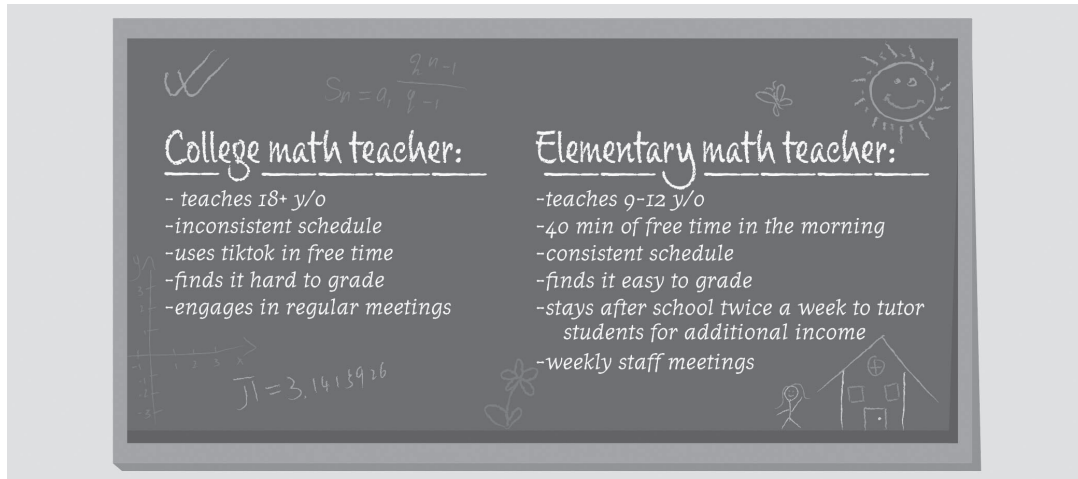


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Mohammed Abella, a professor at WCC, and Samia Soboh, an elementary school teacher, conduct vastly different daily routines despite being in the same field.

dents in class.

When it comes to Mrs. Soboh, her days are much more structured.

With a consistent schedule, she finds solace in the routine of planning, teaching, and nurturing.

Soboh says her favorite part of her job is when “students come up to me a few years later and thank me for making a difference in their lives, no matter how big or small.”

In the afternoon, after school, she stays twice a week to tutor students to make extra income.

These two teachers have different roles and responsibilities plus different work environments.

According to the School of Education at American University, as the US population grows, so does the need for competent teachers—with estimates suggesting a rise from 1.29 million in 1955 to 3.39

million in public schools and 520,000 in private schools by 2029.

Despite their differences in routines, Abella and Soboh share a common thread: doing their part to fill that void.

Abella’s school year also doesn’t stop at the end of the winter semester either—teaching MTH 191: Calculus I and MTH 295: Differential Equations on Zoom during WCC’s upcoming spring/summer semester.



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Dr. Kiela Samuels teaches the PEA 115: Health and Fitness Experience class at WCC. The course will be offered during the summer semester between May 6 and August 22.

Get fit for credit over the summer

ALISA CHMERENKO
Contributor

For students who enjoy working out or are looking for a way to stay fit over the summer, WCC gives the opportunity to gain credit while exercising at the Health & Fitness Center.

The PEA 115: Health and Fitness Experience class helps students set physical goals and work toward them—the latest iteration of the class being offered this summer starting May 6 in the Health and Fitness Center.

The class features support from trainers who create a fitness plan and explain how the equipment works, and teachers who motivate students plus guide them through the semester.

Students who are 18 years and older, enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours have a chance to take a class.

While the class features a minimal amount of writing, students are required to document their workouts on Blackboard and take a test at the end of the semester to ask if their goals have been reached.

Dr. Kiela Samuels is a professional pharmacist, educator, and entrepreneur—who also just so happens to teach PEA 115.

“My expectation is for them [students] to get over to that health and fitness center at least 15 times,” Samuels said in regards to what she expected out of those who signed up for the course.

Samuels has a strategy to keep students engaged and motivated: giving them the ability to win a free guest pass if they keep up with their academic work. She shares that students love and tend to have positive feelings about winning a prize.

“The benefit of the class is [consistently] making a habit of exercising,”

“The benefit of the class is [consistently] making a habit of exercising,”

- Dr. Kiela Samuels

Exercising weekly also helps with weight management, strengthening bones and muscles, increases one’s chances of living longer, and has many more positive perks according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Wayne Brown III, a previous PEA 115 student, shared that working out helped him with reducing stress, feeling better, and overall mental stability.

“I think everybody should take [the course],” Brown said.

WCC Health & Fitness Center	Hours
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Solutions for puzzle found at washtenawvoice.com

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APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Ever thought about doing an apprenticeship? Wondering what an apprenticeship ACTUALLY is? You may want to attend the Apprenticeship Fair taking place on May 1st from 4pm to 7pm at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor. At the Apprenticeship Fair, you will have the opportunity to speak to approximately 10 companies regarding their apprenticeship programs and the types of opportunities that they have available. If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/jdaapprenticeship>.

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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.

Medical Assistant at Doctor's Urgent Care Group

As a Medical Assistant, you'll play a vital role in our healthcare team, assisting physicians and nurses in delivering patient

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K-8 Teachers at Laurus Academy 2024-2025 School Year at National Heritage Academies

Located in Southfield, MI, Laurus Academy opened in 2009 and serving students K-8. At Laurus Academy, you can combine passion with purpose. Duties and Responsibilities: Create a classroom environment that is engaging and conducive to learning. Leverage a curriculum proven to drive the academic success of students. A set of curricular resources are there for you to take and implement in your classroom based on the needs of students. Analyze and use student data to inform your teaching. Participate collaboratively and professionally with fellow teachers and support staff to meet the goals and individual needs of each student. Qualifications: Hold a valid teacher license or meet alternative requirements. NHA will support you through your alternative certification journey.

Automotive Technician Apprentice at Toyota & Subaru of Ann Arbor

Are you looking to start a career in the Automotive Industry? Are you currently enrolled in an automotive tech program? Did you just graduate from high school and are trying to figure out your next steps? As we continue to grow, we are looking for candidates for our official U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship program. Toyota and Subaru of Ann Arbor are both one of very few dealerships that is still independently owned! If your goal is to become a certified automotive technician, WE CAN HELP YOU GET THERE! Earn a competitive wage that will increase as you gain skills over 2 years, while completing 4,000 hours of on-the-job training and 5 courses in Washtenaw Community College's Automotive Services Certificate Program. Prior automotive shop experience is preferred, but not required; we will train you and provide the necessary tools for completing basic maintenance and repairs. As an Automotive Technician Apprentice, you will have the opportunity to gain exposure to various operations in the automotive shop while working towards an exciting, lucrative, lifelong career in the Automotive Industry.

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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 with multiple sourcing channels; evaluate outreach and sourcing performance; monitor progress on requisitions; Ensure proper applicant pools are generated and communicated to hiring manager and search committee.

Welder at Huron Valley Steel Corporation

Huron Valley Steel Corporation in Belleville, MI currently has welder positions available. Position requirements include: at least one year of stick/arc welding experience .Ability to read blueprints. Must be able to work 5 days a week/10 hour shifts. Must be able to pass a pre-employment background check, physical exam, and drug screen. Pay rate is \$19.00/hr to start; \$20.00 per hour after 6 months; eligibility for full-time benefits after 30 days of service.

Line Cook / Prep Cook at Applebee's

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants. Bring your culinary skills and attention to detail to our kitchen! You will make sure our guests have a great dining experience by creating the best quality food, while making sure to create all menu items according to Applebee's Recipes, Plate Presentations and specifications.



events

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MAY JUNE & JULY AUGUST

FREAKY FRIDAY ARTIST MARKET

May 10 | 5 - 9 p.m.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse | 100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti

Join One Stop Soul Shop on Mother's Day weekend for all your last minute shopping needs. They will have pottery, jewelry, wall art, plants, skincare, candles, prints, paintings, refreshments, and more.

EASTERN FLOWER DAY

May 21 | 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Eastern Market | 1445 Adelaide St, Detroit

Flower Day features Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association vendors from the Midwest and will have added festivities for all ages.

OFF COLOR ART FEST SPRING '24

May 18 & May 19 | 11 a.m - 9 p.m & 11 a.m - 6 p.m

Ann Arbor Brewing Company - Corner Brewery | 720 Norris Street, Ypsilanti

Off color Spring Fest brings in many artists and vendors, live music, beer, food and good vibes.

SPRING FLOWER POT PAINTING PARTY

May 20 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Detroit Public Library | 21200 Grand River Avenue, Detroit

The Detroit Public Library celebrates spring by painting flower pots. Ages 5+ can attend, with kids being able to paint their very own flower pot and receive seeds so they can watch their flowers grow. Caregivers must remain with child.

YPSILANTI JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

June 21- 23 | Recurring daily

Downtown Ypsilanti | South Huron Parking Lot, Ypsilanti

Ypsilanti's fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration weekend will include local vendors and community organizations, live performances, special giveaways, and a community weekend. All events are open to the public.

AFRICAN AMERICAN DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL

June 1 | 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Downtown Ann Arbor | N. 4th Ave & E. Ann St., Ann Arbor

Live band performances, as well as jazz, pop and dance music. Mascot characters will also be present to keep spirits high. Vendors sell lemonade, BBQ, jewelry, handmade arts, clothing, books and various beauty products.

ANN ARBOR SUMMER FESTIVAL

June 14-30 | Recurring times

915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor

A2SF produces two concurrent programs, one ticketed and one free, hosted at various venues and spaces across the University of Michigan campus and Washtenaw County. Visit a2sf.org for the entire calendar and list of performances.

ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

July 18 - 20 | 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Downtown Ann Arbor

This is the event of the summer. The largest juried art fair in the nation, the Ann Arbor Art Fair features nearly 1,000 artists and a footprint spanning 30 city blocks in downtown Ann Arbor.

PAINT DEXTER PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

August 12 - 17 | Times vary

3515 Broad Street, Dexter

The Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival is an annual festival held in Dexter. The festival is community-oriented and features artists and patrons from all over the country! For more information, visit paintdexter.com.

FUN FEST

August 10 | 12 - 10:30 p.m.

Frog Island Park | 699 Rice Street, Ypsilanti

This is the fourth annual Fun Fest! Join the festivities for art, food, live music, vendors, and fun all day at Frog Island Park in Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$20.

SALINE'S SUMMERFEST 2024

Aug 9 - 10 | 5 p.m. & 12 - 10 p.m.

South Ann Arbor Street | 1901 Riversedge Drive, Saline

Dance and listen to music from well-known local bands. Beer tent both nights. 5K Run on Saturday, Aug 10, in the morning that benefits the track team at Saline High School. On Saturday, Aug 10, Miss Saline 2024 will be crowned, the 51st year of this event.

YPSI VEGAN FEST

August 10 | 11 a.m- 5 p.m

Stone & Spoon | 110 W Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti

Ypsi Vegan Fest is a vibrant gathering that embraces the plant-based lifestyle, promoting compassion, sustainability, and delectable culinary creations. It brings together food trucks, food vendors, makers and non-profit organizations to showcase the diverse and delicious offerings of the vegan world.



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