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WCC celebrates 35 year partnership with the UA

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Staff Writer

This year's annual Instructor Training Program (ITP) marks 35 years of partnership between WCC and the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA). ITP is a one week college-accredited training session for skilled UA apprenticeship instructors. According to data provided by UA programs, the attendance rate increases 10 to 15 percent each year and brings in around 20 million dollars to the city of Ann Arbor.

Under the leadership of Gunder Myran, President of WCC from 1975 to 1998, the UA decided to make WCC its home for hosting the annual event.

"In 1990, the UA left Purdue and came to WCC primarily because of the technical classrooms we have and our commitment to building trade union labor," Dr. Marilyn Donham, Dean of Apprenticeship and Skilled Trades Training states.

She continues, "We do

the work out of this [UA] office, but without the support of President Bellanca and hundreds of employees here on campus these programs would never be a success."

ITP offers quality training to UA apprenticeship instructors over the course of five years. Data provided by UA programs says every available classroom in every building on campus accommodated 132 different courses that were offered. Over 300 instructors conducted hands-on training to 2,300 national and international students.

"The point of the instructor training is to disseminate quality training throughout the entire union and its membership. The instructors who come here to take classes go back to the locals [unions], and teach apprentices so they can hand down the highest quality [of] current training," Donham said.

UA apprentice members also have the opportunity to use their membership and ITP training as credited hours towards obtaining a college de-



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Over 300 instructors conducted hands-on training to 2,300 national and international students at the Instructor Training Program, hosted on WCC's campus.

gree.

According to data provided by UA programs, WCC offers three degree programs that lead to an associate in applied science to further help advance one's career. These programs are also a part of the 3+1 articulation agreements allowing students to transfer to a four-year college to obtain their masters.

"This is definitely the quickest way, and it is very

financially feasible by coming here, because our tuition is so low compared to other schools," Manager of UA Programs Kandi Jurek, said.

Having used the program to obtain his own college degree, Tony Esposito the Technical Director of UA Programs and Services, agrees with Jurek, stating that with his apprenticeship he realized that he was already "60 percent" of the way to where he need-

ed to be to get a management degree. The multiple online courses available make it even easier for students to attend classes needed.

In one of the major highlights of the week, U.S. Secretary of Energy and former Governor of Michigan Jennifer Granholm visited WCC and spoke to attendees on Industrial Day about the current state of construction trades.

According to MLive, Gra-

holm stated that "Michigan has got its own industrial revolution. We've got 54 factories that have been announced just in the past two and a half years in the clean energy space alone, meaning that all these factories for EVs, for batteries, you name it, are being built here, putting people to work." These new jobs will take skilled workers, which is why the ITP is a key step to success.

Campus encourages learning about recycling

Education prevents efforts from going to waste

SASHA HATINGER
Staff Writer

In trying to do the right thing by recycling, students can accidentally jeopardize or ruin the efforts of everyone else by doing it improperly.

Resource Recovery Manager at WCC, Becky Andrews said, "That's our biggest mistake on campus, is people put in single use plastics in [the] green bin. They have to go in the black bin."

When cups with liquid or trash with food are put into the recycling container, the green bin, the entire bag of recycled material could be potentially contaminated and therefore unrecyclable.

Andrews went on to explain that single use plastics, including smoothie cups, coffee cups and juice cups must go in the landfill, which is the black bin.

Monique Caldwell, a WCC student majoring in Addictions Studies and Social Work, is passionate about the recycling options available on WCC's campus.

"I think it's wonderful, honestly," Caldwell said.

Students have recycling options on campus, both inside and outside.

Andrews said that students have three recycling options inside; those bins are called 'Wastewatchers.'

"Students, wherever they recycle on campus, they're



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Becky Andrews, resource recovery manager, demonstrates how to bundle bails of cardboard. Once there are four cardboard bails, the team takes the four bails of cardboard off campus to be recycled.

typically going to have three choices," Andrews said. "They'll have a bin for bottles, cans and containers. They can be plastic, glass, or metal. They'll have a bin for paper and cards—any type—notebooks, newspapers, magazines, envelopes," Then, there is a bin for landfill, or trash.

According to Andrews, there are around ten 'Big Belly' containers, that are solar outdoor bins with handles, and around 14 'side by sides,' which are the outdoor bins available for recycling.

The biggest difference between indoor and outdoor recycling is that there is no paper recycling outdoors. Students can only recycle cans and bottles outside.

Andrews has some pointers for students interested in knowing how to properly recycle.

"Number one would be, we only want clean material,

and if it's the single use material like a cup, or a take-out container, or a paper plate, it has to go in the landfill bin," she said.

Andrews adds, "That may feel like you're not recycling, but actually what you're doing is, you're making sure that all the recycling in the paper and bottles bin gets recycled because you're keeping it clean."

Caldwell also has suggestions for students on how to properly recycle. "I would just tell them to make sure when they buy whatever they buy, to look on the bottom, because it does tell you how to recycle, whether it can be recycled or if it should be in a landfill."

Another important tip both Andrews and Caldwell can agree upon, "If you have the time, you really should rinse out the item as well."

Students should not feel discouraged about their recycling efforts and the magnitude

of the situation in its entirety. In fact, WCC disposed of 160 tons by recycling in 2024 alone.

"Recycling is important, but what's most important is to use less, and dispose of it in a way that conserves energy to limit the carbon footprint and ensures that it is actually gone and not loose in the environment," Andrews said. "Recycling is important because one plastic in the environment just persists."

For more information about recycling on WCC's campus visit, <https://tinyurl.com/3eb6ymh3>

WCC also has a surplus store online with products available for auction, visit, <https://tinyurl.com/24rfwxsr>

Students interested in tours of the recycling center can email: recycle@wccnet.edu.

Whitmer offers free college; scholarship largely unused at WCC

CHARLIE TRUMBULL
Staff Writer

Beginning this semester, students who graduated high school in 2023 or after are eligible for the Community College Guarantee, a Michigan Student Aid initiative to offer two years of free college.

The Michigan Achievement Scholarship is part of Governor Whitmer's 60 by 30 initiative, which looks to increase the number of adults with degrees or skill certificates from 51% to 60% by 2030.

"Across our state more Michiganders are going back to school and getting the skills they need for high-skilled, bet-

ter paying jobs," Whitmer said in a press release in July 2023. "We'll keep working to lower barriers to economic prosperity."

This scholarship is offered regardless of family income, meaning all students are eligible—but WCC has seen less than 1% of students use this free tuition.

Dean of Enrollment, Peter Leshkevich, is proud to report an annual enrollment of over 10,000 students. He believes this success is due to WCC's commitment to offering accessible education through low tuition, online courses, and staggered start dates.

FREE COLLEGE, A4

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- MICHIGAN RESIDENT SINCE JULY 1, 2023
- GRADUATE OF A MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL
- ENROLLED FULL TIME (12 CREDIT HOURS AT WCC)
- WITHIN 15 MONTHS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
- COMPLETE THE FASFA ANNUALLY

UPDATE

Michigan Reconnect extends deadline

In a previous Voice reporting, the Michigan Reconnect scholarship's deadline was Nov. 15 for students from ages 21 and up. The scholarship has extended its deadline to Dec. 31 for anyone wanting to apply. The scholarship aims to increase the number of students with a college edu-

cation, according to Andrew Munguia, executive director of Financial Aid in a previous interview with the Voice.

For more information and requirements about the Michigan Reconnect Scholarship visit, michigan.gov/reconnect.





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VOICE BOX

How is the first week of school?

Alice McGuire and Courtney Prielipp



"A little overwhelming because I only signed up for classes a couple of days ago."

Erin Pyne
Secondary education



"Going pretty good."

Hayden Keeley
International business and finance



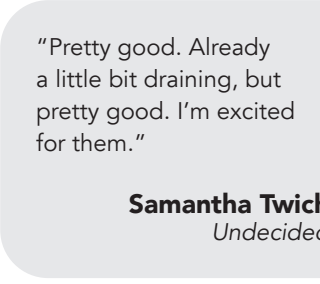
"So far it's been really good. I've only had one class in person and it's a math class. I really like the professor."

Amie Javorski
Environmental science



"Pretty good. Not as bad as I thought it would be."

William Westbay
Human services



"Pretty good. Already a little bit draining, but pretty good. I'm excited for them."

Samantha Twich
Undecided



"It's going pretty well, I'd say. It's nice meeting new people, seeing new environments."

Sabyena Ahmed
Computer science



"It's going great—I've never done in person until this semester, and I have a fantastic professor."

Sara Merkel
General studies



"So far so good – I've only been here for two days so far, but it's a very welcoming campus. It's very nice compared to a lot of community colleges I've been to and a step up from high school."

Avery Engelter
Liberal arts transfer



Yana McGuire, the Voice's advice columnist.

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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.

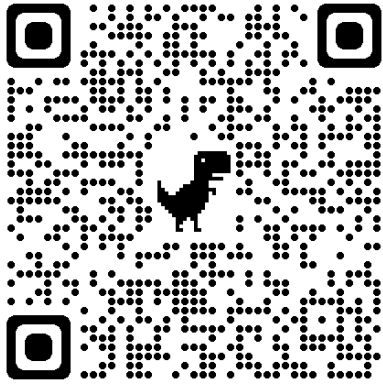
Need some school advice, have any questions, or do you just want to talk things out to gain some clarity?
No worries, we're here to help!

The Voice is pleased to introduce our 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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Lyric Lane

What's your favorite album?

Lily Cole and Zakeria Almajrabi



Brat, Charli XCX

"I love it, and it's brat summer. I love hyperpop."

Camran Haider
Liberal arts transfer



For All The Dogs, Drake

"It's my spirit animal."

Star Vanicelli
Pre-med



The Lorax (2012) soundtrack

"It's really cheery and dark at the same time. It's nostalgic."

Omar Rashid
Engineering



Oppenheimer (2023)

"Why listen to any other music when this one is so good?"

Anthony Young
Automotive service



Tha Carter V, Lil Wayne

"His music is more like storytelling and sounds like you're listening to his life story."

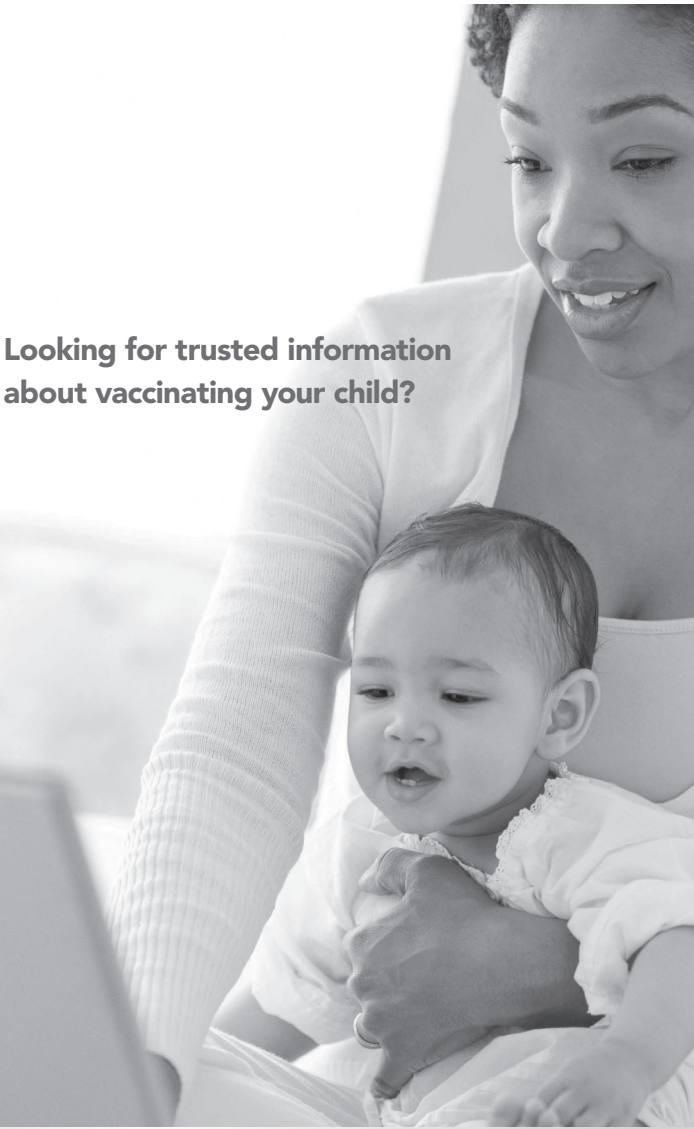
Deena Almasarweh
Transformation technology



The Fool, Bladee

"You just gotta listen to it. The lyrics are crazy and the instrumentals are even crazier."

Kentea Osborn
Fine arts



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Free College

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“It’s part of our mission to offer accessibility. We have extremely low tuition rates; we’re one of the lowest in the state for community colleges,” Leshkevich said.

According to a report by the Michigan Senate Financial Agency, WCC has the lowest tuition costs in the state, beating out other local community colleges Macomb, Oakland and Wayne. The annual in-district tuition and fees comes to an average of \$3,420.

Leshkevich believes the low number of students using the Michigan Achievement Scholarship is due to the requirement of full time class loads. Many WCC students hold full time jobs, have family obligations, or other time restraints.

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Researchers at Harvard found that nearly 44 million people have federal student loan debt in America today, something which the Community College Guarantee wishes to alleviate.

Leshkevich is excited about the new Michigan Achievement Scholarship and hopes to see more students take advantage of it in the future.

“Washtenaw Community College really, truly believes in giving every community member—whether they’re in highschool or all the way up to senior citizens—an accessible and affordable opportunity for college education,” he said.

For more information on the community college guarantee students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid office or visit www.michigan.gov/community-college-guarantee.

‘Grab n’ Go’ to class with new snack spot

New food option streamlines Student Center snacks

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A new food option on campus debuted over the summer semester in the Student Center. The Spot Market is a unique self-service option only accessible by scanning student and staff IDs. The small space is fully stocked with snacks, meals and beverages.

Ben Hunholz, WCC treasurer, saw a gap in food availability on campus after COVID-19 reduced food options and the open hours of the Java Spot Cafe, which is now open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“We pretty quickly realized that we needed some options for students that were here during the void after hours until 10:00 p.m.,” he said.

He also hopes the third option can reduce long lines for food in the Student Center.

The Spot Market is distinctive from the other options in that it does not require employees. The self-checkout system has an easy-to-use interface, where shoppers can select their products from a touch screen and pay without cash.

The inspiration? Hunholz



The Grab And Go is brand new attention to the many food options for WCC students. It’s open Monday through Saturday from 7 am until 9 pm. It is closed on Sunday.

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noticed an industry trend towards self-service kiosks in corporate businesses and college campuses.

“We have been approached by Creative Dining, who runs our markets, and vending machine companies [who are] really seeing this become popular,” he said.

Instructors and Spot Mar-

ket customers Claire Sparklin, communications instructor at WCC, and Hava Levitt-Phillips, an English instructor at WCC, said they greatly enjoyed the simplicity of the new option.

Sparklin confessed she was “intimidated at first” but is happy to have an easy place to grab snacks.

Levitt-Phillips was surprised by how easy the self-checkout interface is to use.

“If we can do it, anybody can do it,” she said.

The Spot Market is located next to Garrett’s and is open Mon. through Sat. from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

It’s your right: how to conduct election research

Voting can be a scary process but knowing what research to do can ease stress

SASHA HATINGER
Staff Writer

Researching the upcoming election is an imperative step before going out to vote. If students need guidance with their research, help is available.

Rayan Salam, faculty in the communications, media and theater arts department at Washtenaw Community College, encourages students to keep an open mind when researching the upcoming election, and lets students know how to begin their research process.

“The first thing you want to do is, of course, always watch the presidential debates,” Salam said. “You want to identify the key issues that are at hand right now in our current society.”

Dr. Joseph Karas, faculty in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences department at WCC, sheds wisdom on politics and how students can best research the upcoming election.

“Look at news sources with kind of different, contrasting views,” Karas said. “Even if you disagree.”

Doing so will allow students to learn and better understand the different perspectives of the candidates.

Salam also believes that students should research integrally. “When it comes to observing the media critically, we know that we have different

political views on the extreme ends of both of the party spectrum.”

She goes on to say, “We have extreme liberal and extreme conservative. We have somewhat liberal, somewhat conservative, and we do have some neutral news sources. I think the best way is to research all of them. Get many different points of views.”

The more students broaden their research of the upcoming election, the better they will understand the views of the political parties they support, or not yet completely understand.

As far as what websites

students should use to research the upcoming election, Salam has suggestions.

Two nonpartisan news sources that Salam recommends are Associated Press (apnews.com) and Reuters (reuters.com). To learn more information about voting records and candidate positions, Salam suggests Vote Smart (votesmart.org).

For fact-checking, Salam also mentions that AP Fact Check (apnews.com/ap-fact-check) is a “neutral” source.

In researching all political parties, students will also have a better comprehension and appreciation of politics, and

even more so, a clearer understanding of what matters are important to each student.

Discovering what each candidate supports and what issues are important to each candidate is also beneficial during students’ research process.

“This is kind of a dense point,” Karas said. “But as important as the things they are talking about [are] it’s also a signal as to what issues they’re not stressing.”

Noticing what is or isn’t being said by candidates when there is an upcoming election is important for students to be aware of.

This allows students to determine for themselves if their beliefs are in alignment with each candidate they are researching.

Christy Main, Student Activities supervisor at WCC, offers her support and guidance to students interested in politics, and researching the upcoming election.

Main shares information about the Campus Voting Project (CVP), which, according to Main, allows students on campus to become more “civically engaged.”

“We are a nonpartisan group that encourages students to register, or preregister

to vote,” Main said. “We put on events throughout campus, especially with this being an election year.”

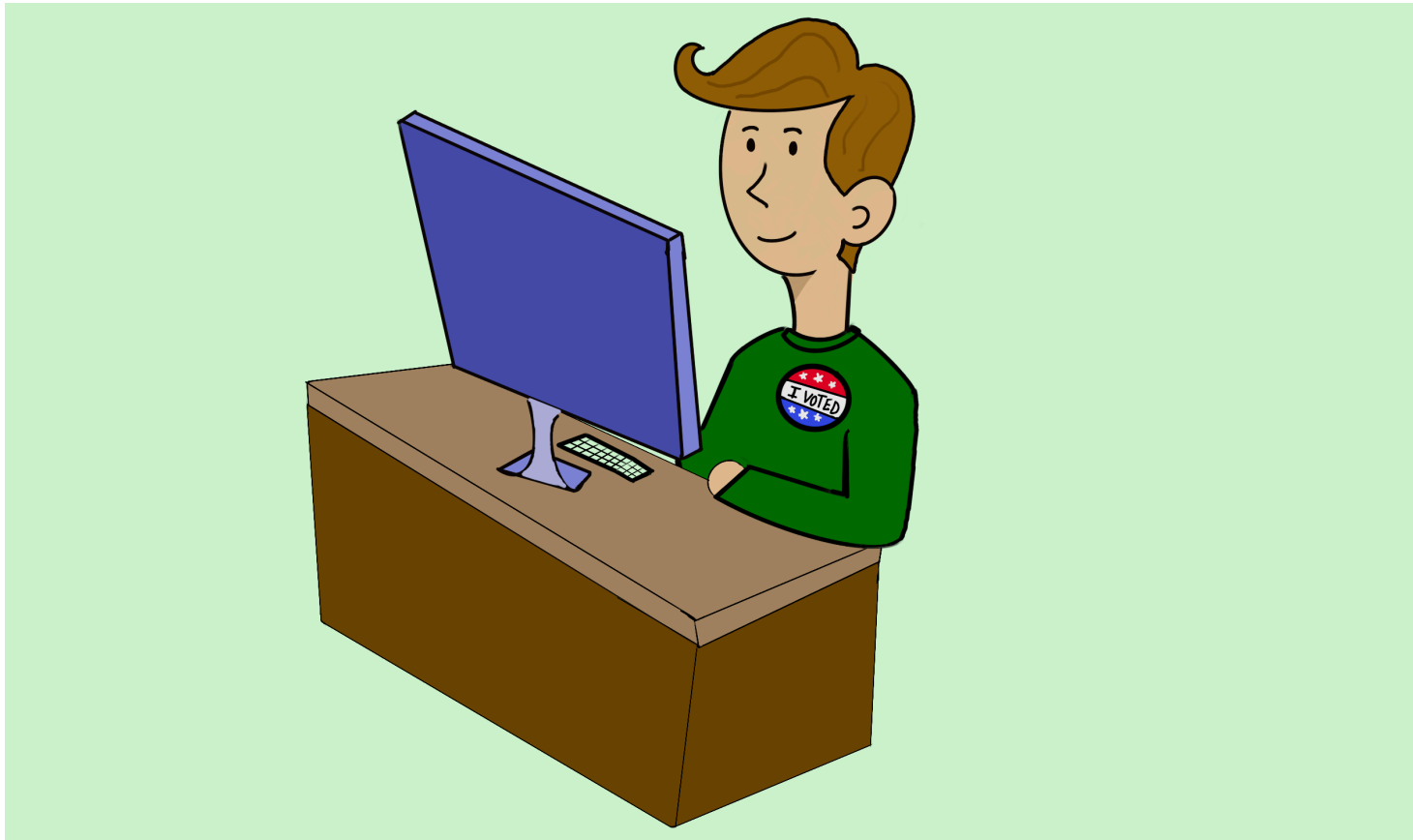
For those students that are unsure if they are registered to vote, Main suggests visiting, wcc.turbovote.org.

From that website, students can verify if they are registered, get reminder election emails and sign up for text message alerts.

“We are also working with the AARP to do a voting registration event on Sept. 17,” Main said. “Which is also the National Voter Registration Day, and so we’re trying to do a big event partner with them to get students to register to vote, but also to learn about the election and to work with us, so that they feel more confident before they go to the ballot.”

Researching the upcoming election is just part of the bigger picture, getting out to vote is the goal.

“Because today, voting is not just a right,” Salam said. “It’s a responsibility.”



Be careful when doing research online for the upcoming election

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REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- BE A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
- BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD (18 WHEN YOU VOTE)
- BE A RESIDENT OF MICHIGAN WHEN YOU REGISTER
- BE A RESIDENT OF YOUR CITY OR TOWNSHIP FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS WHEN YOU VOTE
- NOT CURRENTLY BE SERVING A SENTENCE IN JAIL OR PRISON



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REVIEW

‘Longlegs’ delivers ‘solid’ scares



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Editor

This review contains spoilers for “Longlegs,” released in theaters July 12.

After my sister and I saw Nicholas Cage play Dracula in “Renfield,” a 2023 movie chronicling Renfield’s (Dracula’s familiar and servant) journey to break free of the servitude, we couldn’t wait to see him in a more sinister role. And after watching the horrible “Tarot” movie in May, our taste for new horror was sour, to say the least.

“Longlegs” piqued our interest. It was a movie whose trailer had a lot of unanswered questions, and it intrigued us with billboards of ciphers and numbers to call with an unsettling pre-recorded message from Cage’s character, Longlegs.

August Marcello-Dionicio, a business student at WCC who took FILM 185: The Horror Film over the summer, saw “Longlegs” on opening



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Nicolas Cage, who played Longlegs, delivered an unsettling performance. He started preparing for the role Christmas 2022.

weekend. She said it was solid, but something was narratively missing.

She saw it again two weeks later and said, “I thought it stood by itself very well. It was very, very solid.” Marcello-Di-

oncio suggests seeing the movie two or three times to catch all the details and appreciate the cinematography.

So, I did, and you know what? I did appreciate it. I loved the Polaroid-looking

shots, which resembled the picture Lee, our main character, finds during the latter half.

Darrick Lee, a film and communications instructor at WCC, said seeing close-ups of Longlegs when his identity was

kept a secret for half of the movie was jarring. The lower angles were very influential, as “they show someone else has the power.”

Although labeled as “original,” the movie borrows from previous sources, most notably Thomas Harris’s 1988 book “The Silence of the Lambs.”

Lee explains, “You have with Lee [the main character], even the way she speaks—the inflections in her voice—it’s very Jodie Foster.” Foster plays the main character, Clarice Starling, in the 1991 movie adaptation directed by Jonathan Demme.

However, “Longlegs” plays around with two sub-genres: psychological horror, which focuses on the emotional and mental states of its audience to disturb, frighten, or unsettle them (like “The Silence of the Lambs”), and supernatural horror, which often includes ghosts and demons. Many supernatural horror films have elements of religion (like “Longlegs”).

Marcello-Dionicio didn’t really like the supernatural aspect of the film. “I watched it thinking it was a murder-mystery, serial-killer type thing but ended up going into the demonic, satanism sort of genre. But I found I really enjoyed it even though the genre kind of switched up on me.”

Something we see in both genres is showing and not telling. “Longlegs” doesn’t rely on the cheesy jumpscars we often see in theaters nowadays.

It depends on actors who know the characters they are playing, connect with them, and have a disturbing soundtrack to really get under your skin. We rarely see Cage’s character, and when we do, it’s unsettling.

The film also incorporates shots within scenes and title cards to break up each part of the story. This is an exciting way to keep the audience engaged and is reminiscent of a crime scene, showcasing our psychological side.

I was on the edge of my seat when our main character searched her “Cabin in the Woods”-esque house and Longlegs appeared inside after she ran out. When Cage started singing to us and ultimately ended his life, I was gob-smacked.

Lee explained he appreciated the shots in specific moments. “It was especially creepy and very effective,” he said.

The movie’s first half (its detective, mysterious side) was obviously designed to keep the audience hooked, and it did. The film’s second part’s lack of storyline can be overlooked because of the intricate shots, score, marketing techniques, and even great performances by Maika Monroe, Blair Underwood, and, yes, Nicolas Cage.

So, If you’re searching for something unnerving to watch, something you can dissect and destroy, think about “Longlegs.” It’ll definitely sweeten your taste buds.

COLUMN

Balancing the scales of school and parenthood



YANA MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

One thing that being a parent and a college student have in common is that they are both tricky. The pressure to be attentive and productive comes from both sides in separate ways, and can cause an overwhelming amount of stress. If this sounds like your current situation, knowing you are not alone is good.

The 2016 National Post-secondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) results showed that 22 percent of all undergraduates are parent students.

After publishing these results, there have been great strides in providing helpful tips and resources for parent students to help balance the scales.

Online classes

Caitlynn Jackson, a WCC journalism major and mother of a 5-month-old, believes that asynchronous courses are the most helpful tool for maintaining balance.

Taking courses online also gives your schedule more flexibility to schedule time with family. “Half of my classes are online. The fact that WCC offers those helps me a lot because I just have to make sure I turn in my work at the due date. It helps because you do not have to worry about being in class physically or worry about your baby interrupting or missing any information because you have to take care of your baby,” she explained.

For most of us, there is no way around taking at least one in-person class. Fortunately, WCC offers childcare scholarships to help ease the stress of daycare costs. In addition, there are three private lactation rooms available by reservation on campus to help mothers express milk comfortably. A room can be reserved by contacting the Student Re-



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Balancing parenthood and your education can be difficult but there are resources available. source Center either by phone 734-677-5105 or email src@wccnet.edu.

Utilize support systems or create one with Campus Connect.

My daughter was 7-years-old during my first stint in higher learning. The support of family and friends really helped relieve the pressure of my busy schedule. However, I did not realize the positive effects of having non-biased support from fellow parent stu-

dents that I meet in my classes could have on me.

The joys of camaraderie that come from having someone to relate to when talking about issues and finding solutions can boost morale and motivation to continue.

Jackson states that she “would like to see WCC have a young mom support group. Having a young mom support group will bring [a sense of] community to us moms.”

Currently, there are no

clubs on Campus Connect for student parents at WCC. However, anyone can contact Student Activities for information on how to start one.

Yes, being a leader or member of a new student club can seem like just another weight that could tip the scales. However, the rewards of gaining leadership and/or networking skills while surrounded by positivity may be the weight that helps balance everything out.

LETTER

Biden presidency demonstrates how to lead a nation

In the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden administration’s transformative policies obscured by one bad debate performance

Is anyone else excited about Vice President Kamala Harris’ dynamic entrance onto the presidential campaign stage? I know I am.

Vice President Harris is, and has since 2020 been, at the top of the Democratic ticket.

Now, the choice is clear, but can we afford to forget the quiet, foundational changes that President Joe Biden and some folks in Congress have made since 2020? Here’s the short list:

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: pumping our tax dollars into fixing America’s roads, bridges and rail lines.

The CHIPS and Sciences Act: bringing high tech jobs to the United States.

The PACT Act: helping veterans get the service and support they need.

President Biden’s goal to forgive student debt, with some success.

Actually, you could tag much more to this list of accomplishments, but the point

is this: we as voters need to back away from the idea that the Presidency is some kind of reality show.

Social media and obsession with celebrity has twisted the definition of the word and meaning of “president.”

The job of U.S. President is difficult, multi-faceted, and often best done diplomatically, without too many bells and whistles.

Joe Biden has exemplified this definition of service for half a century. Think about that for a moment.

Now, let’s move on by passing the torch to the future and its challenges with leaders who can meet those challenges.

Let’s also take a hard look at our own opinions and where they come from. Check your voter registration and help eligible voters to register. See you in November.

Scott Schuer
Ypsilanti, MI



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President Joe Biden served from 2021-2025.



Ayesha Renollet is heading towards the ball that was just kicked towards her way.



Valerie Graves, No. 7, passes the ball before Natalie Graves, No. 4 steals the ball.

Kicking off fall with soccer tryouts



Coach Jonathan Petwiler tells the men's soccer team they are going to be split into two groups. Both groups will split again and play against each other.



Jayden Ryckman, No. 11, blocked Artjoms Clifford, No. 5, from passing the ball.



Yosef Menad warms up before tryouts. It's very important to always practice your foot skills when it comes to soccer.



Aleksandr Katsambouris sprints towards the unoccupied ball.



Coach Ed Huebenec is telling the women's team what is next. He explains it's going to be red against yellow.

Photographs by Courtney Prielipp



Finally, a Bible study group at 3 pm on Sundays @ WCC!
DIVINE ENCOUNTER BIBLE STUDY AND CHURCH

Benjamin Foster, Leader
Location: WCC Morris Lawrence Building, Room # ML 150
4800 E Huron River Drive ~ Ann Arbor, MI 48105
 https://www.youtube.com/@DivineEncounter_Ministries

- A dynamic teaching from the Bible just for you
- Prayer for your needs
- Learn about God and the Bible



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How we got here today – History and legends of WCC

Sasha Hatinger - Staff Writer

The history of WCC runs deep. Like, two separate time capsules buried on campus, deep.

WCC’s rich history began when the college opened, and on Sept. 12, 1966, 1,200 students enrolled in 30 different programs.

Robert Phillips, manager of Records and Information management, shared his intimate first-hand knowledge of WCC’s legends, history, and ‘myths.’ Phillips attended WCC in the fall of 1981 and graduated in the spring of 1983. His major was automotive mechanics.

According to Phillips and the WCC Catalog archive, automotive programs were held in what was once an old dairy distribution factory in Willow Run Village from 1976 to 1977.

The WCC Catalog archive from 1976-1977 also highlights that classes were held not only in an elementary school built during World War II in Willow Run Village but also in an old fire station, a basement church, and a bowling alley.

Leigh McCormick, records management specialist at WCC, is familiar with the school’s history and how much it has changed compared to its current state.

In her position, she has had the chance to review subject files, “which are just little historical things about the college.”

“My absolute favorite was finding out that the counseling department used to be a truck that would travel around Washtenaw County and get enrollment and get people thinking about coming to the college,” McCormick said.

As far as interesting facts about the history of WCC, McCormick was happy to shine a light.

“I love the fact that this place apparently used to be an apple orchard,” she said. “That’s true.”

“When you say legends, I think about people,” Phillips said. “Morris Lawrence was

kind of a legend around here in the music department. He was sort of the birthplace of the Performing Arts and musical stuff here on campus. The Morris Lawrence building was named after him.”

He goes on to explain that from 1994 to 2008, WCC offered a ‘Morris Lawrence Award’ to students.

McCormick shared some interesting details about the two time capsules of WCC.

The original time capsule was buried in 1991 and excavated in 2016. McCormick now owns the shovel that dug up the original time capsule, which was passed down to her in her current position.

Phillips described how the original time capsule was constructed so well by then WCC’s welding department that the contents nearly looked the same as when they were put inside 25 years earlier.

“The paper artifacts and the documents and things [that] were placed in there, they all looked just as the day they were put inside,” he said.

Phillips explained that the second time capsule is from the most recent anniversary of WCC and is outside the Morris Lawrence building. It should be opened on the 75th anniversary of WCC—17 more years to go.

Phillips returned to WCC in 1995 as a part-time student and trained to become a computer technician. He began working for WCC in 1998 and began furthering his education for the third time around 2005 when he began the three-plus-one program between WCC and EMU.

“I’ve always considered myself sort of a success story,” Phillips said. “I really used the college as it was intended—a tool to help one do better.”

Visit WCC’s website and search: ‘archives’ for more information on WCC Catalog archives.



Morris Lawrence



25 years and counting with Mohammed Abella

Alice McGuire
Deputy Editor

For 25 years, Mohammed Abella has shared his passion for mathematics with the campus community while doing what he loves: teaching.

“When I was a child, I used to play teacher with my siblings and cousins. And, when I went to college, I initially was on an engineering path. I got my PhD in physics, and then I started teaching at the same college where I graduated, University of Miami, for a couple of years before coming to WCC,” said Abella, who went on to explain that reviewing content with his classmates helped him realize that he should “just do it [teach].”

Abella went on to state that, for him, the biggest highlight of teaching is when he gets to meet former students, saying, “It makes me happy when they use it [math] or when they tell me that they use it because a lot of times people



Professor Abella is teaching a class about sets of numbers.

are under the impression that math is not used anywhere. It’s incorrect. Math is used everywhere.”

Among his students, Abella is perhaps best known for his ability to express complex concepts in understandable terms as well as his penchant for incorporating examples of real world applications along-

side the occasional life lesson—with students welcome to share their own relevant experiences.

“The environment in his class is so comfortable, you don’t feel pressured,” said Barira Arshad, a WCC alumni who took three classes with Abella before going on to major in Advertising Management at Michigan State University.



Professor Abella often uses modern analogy in his lessons to help his students understand the concepts of math.

“For every decision, you use math,” said Arshad, who explained that, while she did not understand the importance of it when she was younger, math is now her favorite subject as well as a skill that she finds herself using every day.

Having been referred to Abella by her son, Arshad

continued the family tradition by recommending him to her nephew, Mohid Faraz, a computer science major.

While Faraz has always enjoyed math, he has not always enjoyed math classes.

“I never really understood anything in class. I always had to go home and watch stuff online to figure it out,” Faraz said.

Faraz is a transfer student who took calculus one with Abella after being unable to transfer the credits from his previous institution.

“It felt like I was learning calculus all over again. I was like, ‘This is so different, the way he teaches, he actually teaches you the concept.’ Everything makes sense with him.”

When asked how Professor Abella had most impacted him, Faraz said, “I’ve started enjoying studying.”

Abella’s secret has come to light as he explains, “I try to put myself in the students’ shoes,” noting that he finds it best to use accessible language when introducing students to new concepts.

For students who feel math is an insurmountable hurdle in their educational goals, Abella says, “Math is not impossible. Did anybody do it ever—whatever math you are trying to do? Has anybody started this and completed it? The answer is yes, so why not you?”



Hannah Blaauw (left) and Chelsea Sarvar (right) showcase the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.



Gutu Kedir, a general math and science major, throws the ball to dunk Claire Sparklin.

Welcome Day showcases campus, community life



Chrisom Uwandu (right), Prince Uwandu (middle), and Luke Desmyther (left) represent Chi Alpha christian fellowship



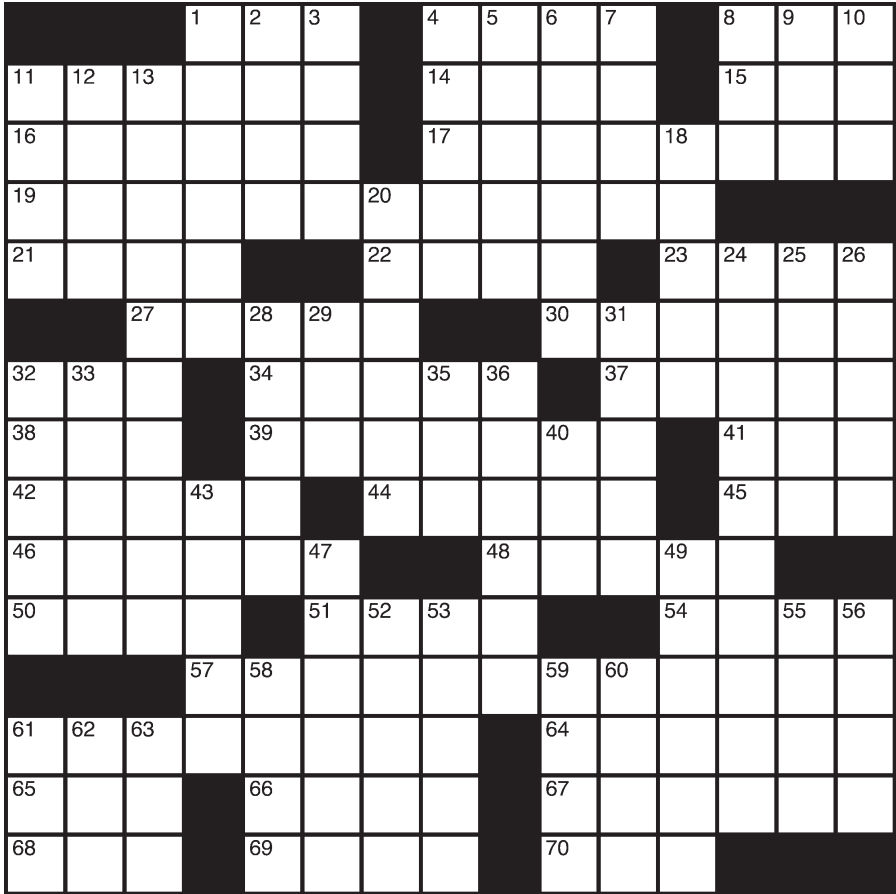
Claire Sparklin viciously rings a cowbell while sitting on the dunk tank.



Janice Andrade (left), general manager of sweetgreen, and LeAna (right) introduce Sweetgreen to visitors on welcome day.

Photographs by Zakeria Almajrabi

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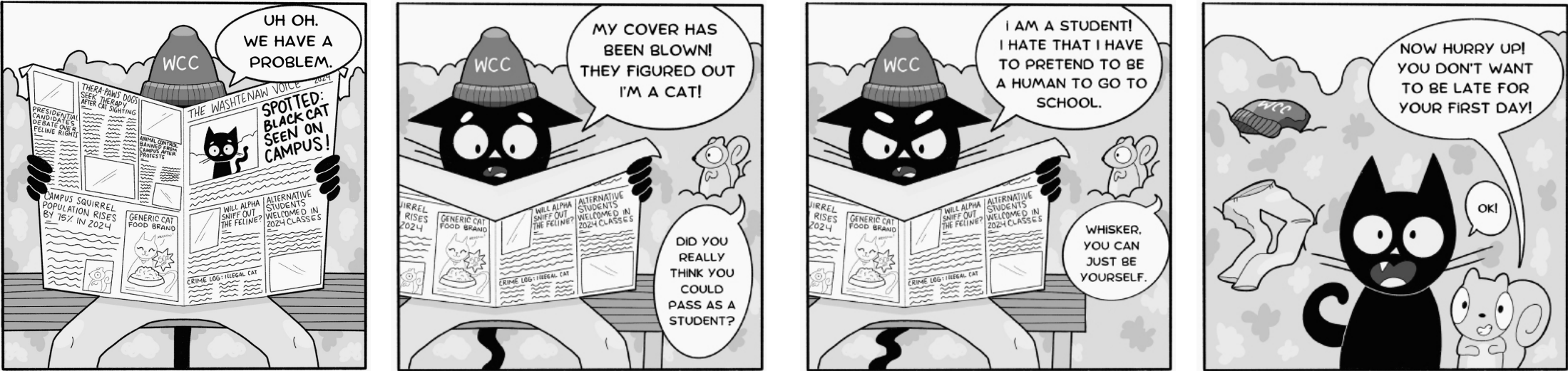
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- 18 Deck application
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- 33 Fire engine noisemaker
- 35 Crank (up)
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- 40 Fruit drink suffix
- 43 "___ isn't so!"
- 47 "Samesies!"
- 49 Computer support, for short
- 52 Relative by marriage
- 53 Instruction manual units
- 55 Treater's words
- 56 Out of battery power
- 58 Very light rain
- 59 "Stormy Weather" singer James Keoghan
- 60 "The Amazing Race" host
- 61 Moose ___, Saskatchewan
- 62 Have bills to pay
- 63 Spelling contest

Solutions to puzzles found on washtenawvoice.com

Washtenaw Whiskers: new cat on campus

COMIC | CHARLIE TRUMBULL



CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

THE DEADLINE in 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication. SEND ADS to wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com

JOB POSTINGS

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

Information Technologist III (MSU Information Technology)

Determine IT status, desires, needs, cross-system issues on projects of high sensitivity or complexity. Develop complex technical specifications for entire systems. Perform functional systems design, including integration of business functions, user interface design, database design.

Summer Sales and Marketing Intern. (ZEM Group)

We are seeking a passionate and motivated Summer Sales and Marketing Intern to join our team. This internship offers valuable hands-on experience in sales and marketing within a fast-paced and collaborative environment. As a Summer Sales and Marketing Intern, you will work closely with our experienced sales and marketing team to assist in various projects and initiatives.

Employee Experience Administration Assistant - HR Administrative Assistant (Avalon Housing)

The Employee Experience Ad-

ministrative Assistant is primarily dedicated to managing and maintaining Avalon systems, paperwork, and documentation. Additionally, this position collaborates with other Employee Experience team members to respond to staff needs and requests as they arise.

Medical Assistant – Surgery (IHA)

Assists in the examination and treatment of patients by tracking patient information, documenting the medical record, assisting with in office procedures and testing, administering medications and providing patient and caregiver education. Duties are performed under the oversight and direction of professional clinical staff and providers as outlined in the Clinical Support Staff Scope of Practice document.

Business Operations Assistant (Hospice of Michigan)

The Business Operations Assistant is responsible for administrative and clerical support of the patient care team to ensure efficient, effective day-to-day operations within the team office(s).

Cashier Part Time (Lowe's)

Whether you're providing a quick, friendly checkout experience, helping our customers get the best value for their money, or assisting with payment or exchanges, it's your job as a Cashier Part-Time associate to ensure every customer exits on a high note. And you could be that final nudge of encouragement that a customer needs to transform a great project idea into reality.

PrizeZone Facilitator (Ozone House)

This position is responsible for co-planning and co-facilitating the weekly LGBTQIA+ youth group and related activities. Duties may include organizing community presentations and trainings, coordinating and chaperoning field trips, leading group activities, participating in community events and task supervision of professional interns. Crisis intervention services, suicide assessment and

support, conflict resolution.

Building Automation Associate Project Manager – Detroit (Siemens)

Our Associate Project Managers are pivotal in ensuring the seamless execution of projects from inception to final close-out. This role is not just about managing tasks; it's about growth. Aligned with Siemens' commitment to fostering a growth mindset, this position offers abundant opportunities for professional development. Why is this role important? As a key player in a customer-centric team, your role is crucial in maintaining customer satisfaction while navigating the complexities of large-scale projects in a fast-paced setting.

Quality Intern (Webasto Roof Systems)

Perform various tasks under the direct supervision of the Quality Manager including data analysis, problem resolution investigations for internal and customer complaints. Assist in quality verification tasks on parts from internal and customer builds. Participate in quality audits to ensure compliance with quality standards, regulations and customer requirements. Assist in paperwork compilation for Advanced Product Quality Planning.

CNC Service Technician (LiCON mt LP)

Installation and Commissioning of new LiCON CNC machining centers. Troubleshoot and mechanical/electrical repair of mechatronic systems. Provide professional remote and onsite technical support to clients. Analyze complex mechanical, electrical fluid power and automation components for failure modes. Support the transportation of tooling and spare parts to sites. Discuss and diagnose issues onsite with customers. Request spare parts through the Aftermarket Sales group.

Medical Receptionist

Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons is one of the leading neurosurgical and orthopedic spine practices in Michigan in terms of surgical volume, outcomes, and clinical research. We employ six board-certified

neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons and over 50 supporting staff across three offices. As such, it is necessary to have competent front desk staff who can support multiple clinics in a busy atmosphere. While medical office experience is preferred, it is not required to apply!

Automotive Mechanics (S&A Solutions)

HIRING IMMEDIATELY FOR PERMANENT / FULL TIME POSITIONS IN ALLEN PARK! We have the following positions open: Mechanics, Welders, Assemblers, Fabricators, Instrumentation Techs, Electrical Techs, Painters, Labors, Test Techs and Drivers. Seeking candidates that are experienced as well as entry level. All shifts available (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

2025 Commercial Banking – Middle Market Banking & Specialized Industries Summer Analyst Program (JPMorgan Chase & Co.)

We want to introduce you to the many areas of direct client work across banking, treasury, and underwriting with client-facing work, as well as extensions of these functions through strategic project work and more. Our goal is to provide a robust, well-rounded experience for you to launch your career in the financial services industry! We will provide everything you need to be successful – from training and mentorship, to senior leader engagements, to projects that engage your current skills and help develop them further.

Meter Reader (ATI Energy Group)

Meter Reader uses electronic scanner to tap each touchpad meter and get a reading. Electronic scanner stores required data. Candidate must walk a route on Apartment Property and touch each touchpad meter with the electronic scanner. Total walk time is about 6 hours for a candidate with a good pace.

Administrative Assistant. (Soar Technology)

Acts as the facilities representative and works onsite during core work hours (9 am – 3

pm, Monday-Friday) as a part time, temporary teammate at our Ann Arbor, MI office. The Administrative Assistant ensures onsite office operations run smoothly including, but not limited to, office maintenance needs, visitor support, event planning, customer meeting support, ID badging, catering/event planning, etc.

IT Support Technician. (Soar Technology)

The IT Support Technician is an integral part of the Information Technology (IT) Team at SoarTech and provides support to teammates both onsite and remotely. This role supports the IT department to diagnose and fix problems with company hardware, software, and networks.

Shipping Clerk (Express Employment Professionals)

A manufacturing company in Saline is looking for a Shipping Clerk. The ideal candidate is reliable and loves to work independently. What you'll be doing as a Shipping Clerk: Checking in, verifying and scanning in received shipments. Creating BOLs, printing shipping labels, preparing shipments. Loading/Unload trucks with Forklift, storing product in the warehouse.

Cafe Attendant

Liberty Athletic Club is looking for Cafe Attendants to service our members and guests in our busy cafe that offers a variety of cold and hot food, this position would start in September. Main responsibilities include: Prepare food for customers. Use a computer to process food orders-which includes charging to the account and credit card transactions. Stock food in preparation for busy shifts. Prepare "grab and go" items, such as salads and sandwiches.

Greenways Planner I (City of Detroit)

The Project Manager & Analytics Specialist is responsible for supporting initiatives established by the department/division leader. They possess knowledge of project development and the ability to manage a project or program from start to finish. They assist with

the development and implementation of divisional goals and initiatives. The Project Manager & Analytics Specialist possesses expertise in data analysis and has the ability to work with advanced levels of data analytics. They drive change and process improvements within the customer base.

Office Manager (Nichols Sacks Slank Sendelbach & Buiteweg PC)

Our small, downtown Ann Arbor boutique family law firm seeks an experienced office manager to join our long-standing team in a vibrant, rewarding practice. Prior bookkeeping experience, Excel, Word and Adobe skills, adherence to client confidentiality, a positive attitude and a growth mindset are needed. Competitive compensation. Hybrid work schedule for all team members. Free parking walking distance to downtown and campus. Full-time or part-time options available.

Sorter-Ann Arbor, MI (Express Employment Professionals)

A local environmental recovery center is looking for reliable Sorters in Ann Arbor. What you'll be doing as a Sorter: Visually inspect, sort and separate recyclables. Clean and sort line screens of basic sorting equipment. Assists with loading and unloading of trucks. Performed basic manual labor such as pick and packing or sorting. Positive attitude with the ability to work independently.

Welder

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.

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events

ON CAMPUSARTS & CRAFTSMUSIC & FUN

WCC NATIVE BEE CAMPUS WALK

Sept. 16 | 1 - 2 p.m.

Under the bridge between GM and LA buildings

Stefanie Steele, Xerces Society, will host this informational bee identification event. Handouts will be provided. The rain makeup date is Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

BE BOLD BE BRAVE OPEN MIC

Sept. 18 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Bailey Library | 1st floor of GM

Share your creativity with the WCC community. Special guest Don Werthman will share how visual art can inspire a creative writing process.

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH FILM SCREENING

Sept. 17 | 1 - 2:30 p.m.

GL 200 | Great Lakes Regional Training Center

The Office of Diversity & Inclusion will screen "Takeover" in honor of Latinx Heritage Month. Students do not need to register. This film explores sensitive topics, and viewer discretion is advised.

CRAFTING FOR CANINES

Sept. 14 | 2 - 5 p.m.

Sherwood Forest Branch Library | 7117 W 7 Mile Rd. Detroit

Join the Friends of the Detroit Animal Care and Control and their furry friends in making crafts for shelter dogs. Supplies are limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

FINDERS KEEPERS FLEA MARKET

Sept. 22 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chelsea Community Fair | 20501 West Old US Highway, 12 Chelsea

Shop arts and crafts at Finders Keepers's biggest fall flea market with over 200 vendors. Tickets are \$15 from 10 to 11 a.m. and \$5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DIY FANTASY MAP MAKING

Sept. 16 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Library | 3090 E Eisenhower Pkwy. Ann Arbor

Open your imagination and create a new piece of art: fantasy maps. Craft a world of elegance and wonder. You will be led through the process of creating a pen and ink map. Expect to spend the full duration of the event on this activity.

WORLD ODDITIES EXPO

Sept. 21 | 12 - 8 p.m.

Suburban Collection Showplace | 46100 Grand River Ave. Novi

Encounter the strange and unusual. Enjoy shopping, attractions, live music, food and more at this year's World Oddities Expo. General admission is \$20.

YPOP WEDNESDAYS: GROUP PET WALK AROUND DEPOT TOWN

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Depot Town Cats & Dogs | 46 E Cross St. Ypsilanti

Join other pet lovers in group walks around depot town. Depot Town Cats & Dogs will host this weekly meetup with an opportunity to get a \$20 gift card from Depot Town Cats & Dogs.

POKEMON BATTLE SUNDAY

Sept. 22 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Ann Arbor District Library | 343 S 5th Ave. Ann Arbor

First-time and senior trainers are all invited to a friendly Pokemon competition. The battle is open to third graders on up.



PHOTO FROM VOICE ARCHIVE
Students and faculty are encouraged to share their own pieces of writing.



ANDREW KOSTERMAN | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS
Fantasy map making can be used for a myriad of things.



DENNIS LUDLOW | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS
Get outside one last time before it gets cold and join others in walking your furry friend.

WASHTENAW VOICE

OPEN HOUSE

Students, faculty, and staff: Get to know your student publication, bring news tips, and get snacks and swag.

Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 3-5pm
Voice Newsroom, SC 109

