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WCC's student reflects on racing for Michigan Senate

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Matthew Miller, a current WCC student and Ypsilanti resident, says he has no regrets after an unsuccessful run for public office. Miller, 22, had sought the Democratic Party's nomination for the Michigan Senate's 18th District seat, which is up for grabs in the general election later this November.

The Michigan Senate's 18th District seat, which represents Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline, Milan, and adjacent areas, is currently held by Sen. Rebekah Warren, who cannot seek reelection for the Senate due to term limits. She is currently running for the Michigan House of Representatives's 55th District seat.

Miller said that his drive to work on hard problems is what prompted him to enter the primary contest.

"I've always been told—and now I see it in myself—that I find uncommon solutions to unpredictable problems," he said.

Miller officially launched his campaign when he filed election papers with the Secretary of State last January. Personal friends of Miller's encouraged him to run for office, and offered in-kind support to his campaign.

Yet before his campaign had even begun, he knew that his underdog candidacy would be



Matthew Miller and girlfriend, Kyra Kitchen, discuss campaign outcome.

nothing less than an extreme long shot. But to Miller, that was no matter.

He had faced a steep fight in the primary against political veterans Michelle Dietrick, and Jeff Irwin, as well as established Ann Arbor business woman Anuja Rajendra. Both Dietrick and Irwin have a record of legislative experience, name recognition and financial support.

Miller was a newcomer to the political scene; unknown to the

voting public with only modest resources fueling his campaign. Even so, Miller didn't let these obstacles discourage him from making waves and attempting an electoral upset.

Although Miller lacked the level of support that his opponents had, he still managed to affect the outcome at the polling booths in the Aug. 7 primaries. "I raised 1.6 percent of the total funds that were raised in the entire race. We got just under 3

percent of the vote. And that was after dropping out on June 29th—after five weeks of no campaigning," Miller said.

During the campaign, Miller focused his attention mostly on social issues.

One key message that Miller expressed in his campaign was the growing economic divide between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. "Ann Arbor and Ypsi... has one of the greatest wells of disparity when it comes to education and

economics and housing," he said.

Although the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti region is often characterized by both townies and out-of-townies as a hub for progressivism, Miller expresses deep concern that the region suffers from an underlying social inequality and subtle disregard, which many people don't—or won't—perceive.

"There's a level of classism in eastern Washtenaw County that gets brushed underneath the

rug," Miller said. "Our team kind of coined the phrase 'glass wall' on U.S. 23 that separates Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. These cities are less than five miles apart. (In Ypsilanti) the average income drop \$20,000 a year; the percentage of renters goes up tremendous amounts... and the African-American population is four or five times greater.

"In Ypsi, people loved our message. We were calling for reform in the police departments. We were calling for reform of the criminal justice system and corrections. We were calling for reform of how we fund our schools, and fund them in a more equitable manner.

"The only real issue I would run into is people saying, 'You have no experience. How do you expect to get any of this done?'"

When asked how he responded to peoples' skepticism, he chuckled, saying, "It's a hell of a question." Then, after a brief pause he added, "The thing is, though, I wouldn't be alone. There are other Democrats and moderate Republicans who want to move forward."

Miller has not yet stated whether he plans to seek public office in the future. He has said that he supports Jeff Irwin, who won the August 7th primary and will be included on the general election ballot this November as the Democratic nominee for senate.

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COURTESY OF BIRD SCOOTERS

Bird scooters take over downtown Ann Arbor

BY RACHEL DUCKETT
Contributor

Bird, a service providing dockless electric scooters across the country, has landed in the city of Ann Arbor, immediately attracting students and clashing with local government.

On their Instagram, pictures of young, stylish Bird users posing with scooters in big cities, and campuses, boasting a cool, new, environmentally friendly way to travel short distances.

However, the up and coming tech service remains unlicensed and is illegal to ride the scooters in Ann Arbor. The city first warned users that they could be ticketed for misuse of the scooters, which led to the confiscation of over 30 Bird scooters that were left on public sidewalks.

"Per City ordinances, it's unlawful to operate a Bird scooter or any other motorized vehicle on sidewalks. In addition, per the State Motor Vehicle Code, motorized scooters may not be operated in bike lanes, but they may be operated on the road closest to the right curb as is possible," says Lisa Wondrash,

Communications Director for the city of Ann Arbor.

In regards to the future of Bird scooters in Ann Arbor, Wondrash said,

"City staff are actively working with Bird on a licensing agreement to address safety and usage concerns. Once the terms are agreed upon, the licensing agreement would set parameters for where scooters should appropriately and safely be "parked" so as not to impede pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic."

Bird was founded in 2017 in California by Travis VanderZanden, a former COO of Lyft and Senior Executive at Uber. The service uses a QR code system that can be scanned by a smartphone, and charges users a \$1 rental fee, and 15 cents a minute to ride.

Bird waives the initial \$1 starting fee in low income communities, and for service members and veterans; these programs are coined "One Bird" and "Red, White, and Bird."

In an email, Rachel Bankston, corporate communications at Bird, clarified the company's intentions:

"We've challenged the CEOs of other scooter- and bike-sharing companies to sign the Save Our Sidewalks Pledge. Companies that take this pledge will commit to preventing American cities from suffering the same fate of many Chinese cities, where out-of-control vehicle deployment has led to piles of abandoned bicycles over-running sidewalks and polluting public areas."

This pledge includes nightly pickup of their vehicles, responsible growth, meaning they won't expand their supply of scooters in any city unless scooters are being used at least three times a day, and revenue sharing, where they remit the initial \$1 rental fee to the cities for the purpose of more bike lanes, promoting safe riding, and maintaining shared infrastructure.

For now, U of M's Division of Public Safety and Security advises students to park scooters in bike racks or moped parking areas, and to never operate the scooters under the influence of drugs or alcohol, as Bird users can be arrested and charged for operating a motor vehicle.

Hepatitis A reported at the Michigan Renaissance Festival

BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM
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An outbreak of Hepatitis A is occurring in Michigan, according to the Washtenaw County Health Department. "Most adults aren't vaccinated, but vaccination and good hand washing can prevent the spread of illness," said Susan Cerniglia, communications manager at the Washtenaw County Health Department.

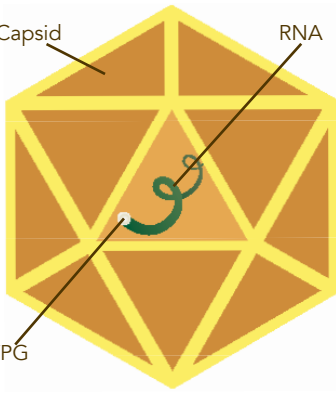
A recent case of exposure to Hepatitis A was reported at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Oakland County, where a visitor attending the festival on Sept. 1 was confirmed to have contracted the virus.

Officials are asking that adults who attended or worked at the festival on Sept. 1, 2, and 3 be vaccinated as soon as possible.

WCC's Office of Student Activities had offered discounted tickets to the festival to interested students.

Upon learning of the incident, the Office of Student Activities sent an email alert to notifying anyone who had purchased tickets from the college of the situation.

Peter Leshkevich, director of Student Development and Activities at WCC, said the email



included a link to a Detroit News story which outlined a strong recommendation from the Oakland County Health Division advising those at risk of infection to get vaccinated if they aren't already.

The message recommended that students who attended the festival on the days in question reach out to their healthcare providers and take precautionary measures, said Leshkevich, in an email to the Voice. "The health and welfare of our students is always our first priority and served as the basis of our timely communication."

In addition to people who attended the festival, others should pursue vaccination if they have a higher risk of exposure to the virus.

"We would recommend that

college students get vaccinated against Hepatitis A if not already vaccinated," informed Cerniglia. Most adult residents in Washtenaw County are not vaccinated.

According to a website operated by Washtenaw County, people with the highest risk of exposure include:

- Men who engage in same-sex activities
- People who have previously abused substances
- Homeless or transient persons
- People in correctional institutions
- Anyone with an underlying liver disease

Hepatitis A can be prevented by vaccination if the vaccine is administered within two weeks from the initial exposure. Many healthcare providers and pharmacies offer vaccines, as well as the Washtenaw County Health Department.

Hepatitis A can damage the liver as well as cause other problems, and may frequently exhibit itself in a range of symptoms. Sometimes symptoms appear as a mild illness lasting only a few weeks, while other times it may appear as a much more serious illness that lasts for months.

Symptoms:

- Fatigue
- Reduced appetite
- Tenderness or stomach pain
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dark urine
- Yellowing skin

The scope

According to the Washtenaw County Health Department, 889 diagnosed cases of Hepatitis A have been reported statewide since Sept. 12, 2018. The disease has caused 28 deaths since Aug. 2016.

The cause

Hepatitis A spreads via the feces of infected individuals, with most infections occurring from sexual activity as well as other intimate encounters. Consuming food or beverages that have been handled by an infected person can also spread the virus.

To get help

People seeking vaccination should talk with their healthcare provider, or call the Washtenaw Health Department at 734-544-6700 to get the vaccine.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services advises that free or low cost vaccines are available for qualifying individuals who do not have health insurance. Call the MDHHS Division of Immunization at 517-335-8159 for more information.

The Health Department has also launched a campaign entitled "Stop Hep. A." The department has published information about the outbreak and recommendations for reducing risk of exposure at <https://www.washtenaw.org/stophepa>.



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Campus resources available for parents

By CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY
Staff Writer

If you’re a WCC student with children, you know the struggle of trying to balance work, academics, and childcare responsibility. Fortunately, there are many resources available to student parents on campus.

WCC’s on-campus childcare center is affordable option for students who are in need of daycare for their children. The center provides a fun and educational environment for kids ages 18 months to 5 years old. It’s open from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and costs only three dollars an hour for students. Experienced childcare professionals provide the kids with activities that provide developmental and education merit.

“I absolutely love the childcare center, this is my child’s first time at a daycare and they are really patient with her; I love how they leave us notes; what she ate, how she did. I love the playground and all the instructors here,” said Kodi Pearson, whose daughter is currently enrolled in the children’s center. Trudi Hagen, who has been director of the child center for over 15 years, says that the child care center is “an excellent service for students, providing affordable childcare”.

Applications for the Child Care Center begin when class enrollment starts. Those in need of childcare should be sure to apply as soon as possible, as slots



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WCC student's son plays with a colorful stone caterpillar outside of the WCC Childcare Center.

fill quickly.

In Michigan, daycare costs an average of 10 to 17 thousand dollars a year. For those struggling to afford these expenses, partial scholarships are available for both on and off campus childcare through the Student Resource Center.

Lactation room reservations can be scheduled on campus, providing nursing students with

privacy. You can schedule lactation room use for the semester through the Student Resources Women’s Center.

A Student Emergency Fund is available for students who are facing a financial crisis. If you are in need of these services, visit the Student Resource Center to make an appointment with a case manager.

According to Dean Orbits, students can receive financial assistance for bus tokens, tutoring, food and books. “No one does it alone so don’t be afraid to ask for help. Our advice is to use all the existing resources, both on campus and in the community. SRC, tutoring, [the] Writing Center, math & science lab... This also means asking family and friends for support as well. Only take on what you think you can handle, set good boundaries and take of yourself.” Dean Orbits advised. Visit the Student Resource Center in room 206 of the Student Center building for more information on obtaining assistance.



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Parents Jesse Cobb and Keia Baker with children (From left), Terrence Baker, Keia Baker-Cobb, Jesse Baker-Cobb, and Jonathon Paige.

Local hospital-based farm promotes community health

By CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY
Staff Writer

Looking for some farm fresh produce? Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital offers a farmer’s market cart in their main lobby. Food is grown locally right off Huron River Drive. As part of the hospital’s Health and Wellness department, the farm strives to cultivate community engagement.

The farm which expands across four acres, was started over eight years ago and is one of the few hospital-based farms in the country. Accessibility is a huge priority. “We have a handicapped accessible hoop house, and [with the farm] being next to the hospital, we can grow a diverse community,” explained Amanda Sweetman, the current Project Manager. “Not just one kind of person can come here. Having studied ecology, I know that diverse ecosystems are more resilient, and I see that happening in our community here. We have recent immigrants and people with disabilities, we have people of all ages, and that forms a more resilient, positive force in the world that I think we really need.”

The farm encourages community involvement and relies on volunteers. Volunteering at the farm is a great way to learn how to work as a team to provide healthy food. Children have the opportunity to visit the farm for field trips and day camps. “We

work really hard to make curiosity cool again,” said Sweetman, “[Children’s] role models aren’t telling them eating vegetables is cool, they aren’t telling them science is awesome. One of the best ways to help people to be healthier is to intervene when they are young.”

When kids come to the farm for a 90-minute field trip, they have a chance to participate in experiment based and interactive science education. The goal is to make healthy habits fun for kids and provide them with positive role models. These programs have been such a success that the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation’s Youth Council allocated two thousand dollars to provide bus fare for student field trips to the farm.

The St. Joe’s farm also offers a Community Supported Agriculture share programs. Participating members have an opportunity to try new foods and dishes they may not normally choose. The farm’s team

members even post recipes on the blog stjoefarm.wordpress.com to help promote healthy meals. Weekly, seasonal, or year-round shares can be purchased, which allows shareholders to bring home fresh produce for the length of time they choose. The Community Supported Agriculture program also helps to support and maintain the farm.

The farm at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has proven to be of great benefit to the community, providing Washtenaw County residents with fresh, sustainable food options. According to Sweetman, “The amazing thing about the farm is that we are growing a healthy community. We’re doing that in a very grass roots way. People come to us and say ‘were interested in this, we want to help with this, we [want to] know about this’”. Anyone with a positive attitude and desire to learn is encouraged to volunteer on the farm. To get involved, visit the farmer’s market page on the Hospital website.



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Fresh produce for sale every Wednesday at the St. Joe’s Farmers Market.

A rise in mass shootings prompts campus security

By MATTHEW BARTOW
Contributor

Last year in October, a shooter opened fire at a Las Vegas concert. With 59 fatalities, this incident is regarded as the deadliest mass shooting in United States history. 2017 alone saw the highest number of active shootings in the our country since 2000, according to the FBI. This increase of gun violence brings up some important questions: What does Washtenaw Community College have in place to prevent an incident on campus? And what would happen if an incident occurred?

Scott Hilden is the chief of Public Safety and Emergency Management for Washtenaw Community College. He has worked in law enforcement for 28 years as an officer on the Canton Police, a resource officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, and more. Hilden stresses that the best way to prevent an incident is through communication.

“It is extremely important that we maintain an environment where people feel comfortable communicating with each other.” Hilden urges students: “If you see something suspicious or someone who is acting in an unexpected way, please report it to campus security.”

Campus safety provides services for students and staff. Behavioral intervention is available for any student or staff member in a crisis. Facility and students can choose to receive A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate)



Chief of Public Safety and Emergency Management, Scott Hilden, addresses ALICE trainees on how to break windows in classrooms to make a safe escape.

training to help them respond effectively in the event of a campus incident. According to Hilden, over 200 staff and students at WCC have received the training since it was first offered last February.

If an active shooter situation ever occurred at Washtenaw Community College, campus safety has a variety of mechanisms in place to combat the threat as quickly and safely as possible. Hilden said campus safety has electronic access to every door

on campus, and a campus wide lockdown could be initiated with the push of a button. Security has access to over 300 security cameras that would be instrumental in tracking down a suspect. Security messages will immediately go out via text, email, and media to alert students and staff of the danger.

On September 19, 2017, the Board of Trustees authorized Washtenaw Community College's campus safety to become its own police department. Since then, the presence of armed officers on

campus has increased from one to three. Hilden said the biggest defense the college has against a potential shooting is the ability to get an armed officer to the location of the incident as quickly as possible.

“Now that we are our own police department, not only can we investigate any type of threat, we can get an officer to the location of the incident significantly faster,” Hilden explained. “In a life or death situation, every second matters.”

Some students, such as Quentin Goddard and Saad Ahmed, support the presence of armed officers on campus.

“It’s a great idea because of events occurring in the United States,” expressed Goddard, 28, who is pursuing an Associate of Arts Degree at WCC. “We need more armed officers because the campus is so large.”

“It’s a good step... armed forces can protect us from mass shootings,” said Ahmed, a computer science major. “We improve

the security of the campus. I appreciate it!”

But not everyone has embraced the increased presence of armed officers on campus. Two members of the Board of Trustees, David DeVarti and Ruth Hatcher, voted against creating the police force, citing concerns of police violence. DeVarti expressed his opposition during the board meeting with a prepared statement and a black T-shirt reading “I can’t breathe” and “Everyone matters” in reference to the death of Eric Garner in New York City at the hands of police in 2014.

Devarti argued, “WCC does not have on-campus residents, we are not a 24/7 institution, and we are not located within a geographically urban environment infested by crime... It remains to be demonstrated to me that there exists any need for police on our campus.”

“We’ve tried to answer questions and offer support,” Hilden said in response to complaints about the expansion of campus police presence. “We are here to help and provide support for the community.” It is crucial that students report any suspicious activity on and near campus, which can be done by calling 734-973-3411 (ext. 3411 on campus). Students interested in receiving the A.L.I.C.E. training or more information about campus safety and prevention can visit the WCC public safety page online, stop by the Public Safety office, or use the phone number above.

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Achieving 'Student Success' at WCC



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BY PREETAM SHOKAR
Editor

Washtenaw Community College is the helping hand that students need to be successful in their endeavors. Washtenaw’s motto of “Student Success” is deeply ingrained in all of the faculty, staff, and students that work at and attend WCC. A student body of just 12,000, we are a close-knit community that offers a plethora of Associate’s degrees and certificates for all students, regardless of age or educational background. Our campus in Ann Arbor, MI, is complete with state-of-the-art equipment and technology that is used during all classes, events, and activities.

After my gap year on the Big Island of Hawai‘i, it

was clear to me that Washtenaw Community College was a unique institution in terms of class size, faculty education, and student involvement. I wanted to spend my time and effort among peers who strived for success. My goal at WCC was to build my educational foundation after my high school years were interrupted by my illness.

Taking the time necessary to settle into my classes and develop strong study habits, I found that having two dozen students per class created a smoother adjustment for me to transition back to school after a year away. The faculty were kind, highly educated, and created a humbling atmosphere for all students, making the classroom a comfortable environment in which to learn and ask questions. The faculty are graciously willing to mentor students, something I had not imagined from professors at the college level. I had imagined large, dark lecture halls with professors profusely yelling at their classes, while the confuddled students smashed at their keyboards, sweating and swearing as they took notes. Being in a setting vastly different from what I had feared college to be

made me all the more confident in my abilities to meet and exceed expectations at WCC. Washtenaw Community College created an atmosphere of helpful learning, contributing, and leading. This led to my ability to survive and thrive by helping

me build my confidence and giving me the tools to be successful. The motto of “Student Success” was so deeply ingrained in our minds that nothing seemed impossible or out-of-reach. Over the past year and a half, we have all seen each other grow throughout

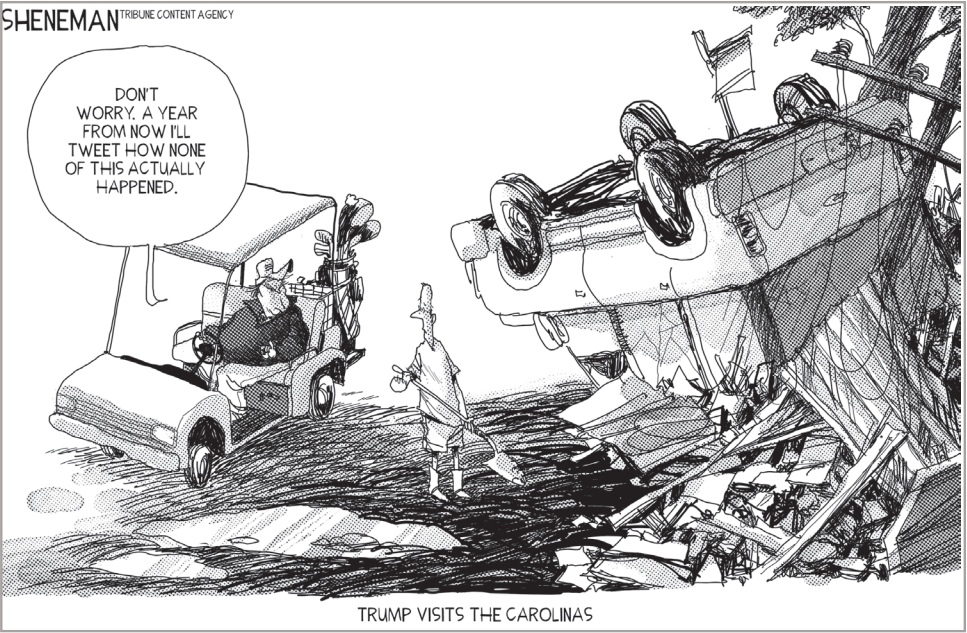
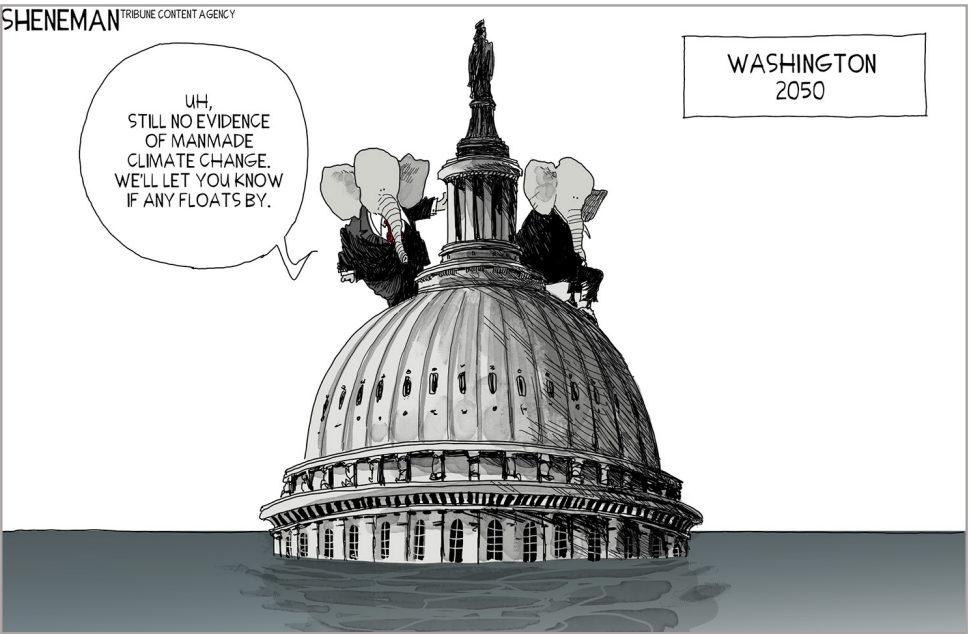
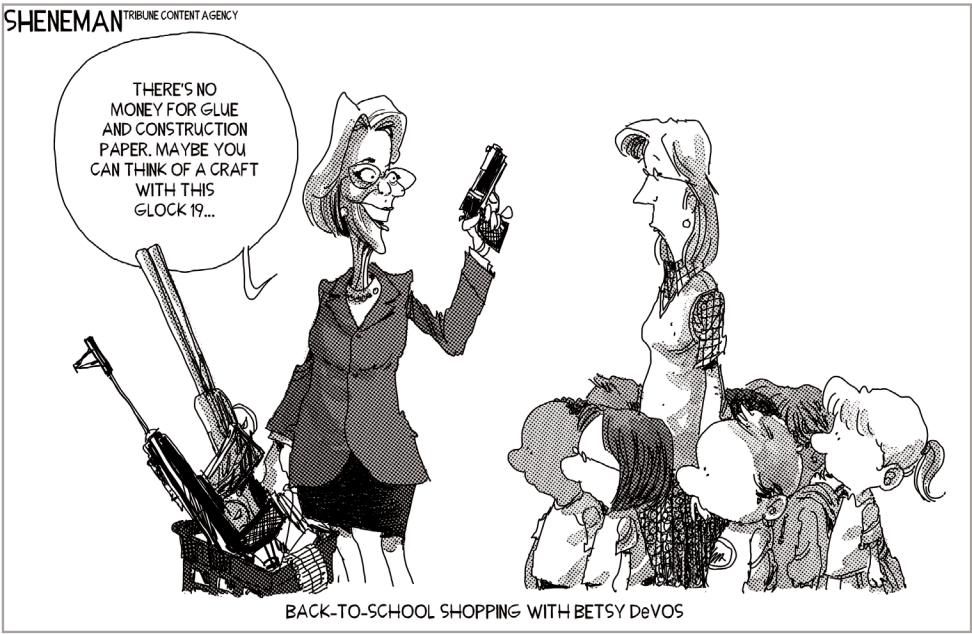
each semester and achieve levels of academic standards that we did not know could be attained. This process was supported by the caring faculty, staff, and peers that create a warm and exciting environment. To most of us, Washtenaw Community College

feels like home, and in this home, we feel that we can achieve anything when we put our mind to it. It is in this home, that we can focus on our academics and our goals for the future.



The gateless gate is one of the many features on WCC's Campus that attracts wonder, excitement, and inspiration.

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BI-WEEKLY BRIEFING

By Preetam Shokar | Editor

STEM Program prepares students for 4-year degrees

A new student support program offering scholarships are encouraging WCC students to pursue four-year degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The program will officially kick off its first year in the Fall semester, but the first group of 26 students were on campus for a summer portion, learning social and academic skills. The students age range is from 17 to 39, and are studying engineering, physics, biochemistry and informational science. For more information, contact advising and counseling at (734) 677-5102

Adult Transitions Pathways program at WCC moving beyond GED

WCC's ATP program is pushing their students beyond the GED with the help of the staff and faculty at WCC. The program serves approximately 400 academically underprepared and economically disadvantaged students per year at three locations: the WCC main campus in Ann Arbor, the Harriet Street Center in Ypsilanti, and the Ypsilanti Township Community Center. They use an Integrated Education and Training model that allows GED students to co-enroll in certain WCC certificate programs. For more information, contact (734) 677-5006.

SECURITY & NOTES

By Preetam Shokar | Editor

Drug law violation

Police and campus authorities were alerted to an incident of drug possession on campus property Sept. 12. Violation was reported at 2:36 p.m.

Reminder

Campus safety and security asks students and staff to report any suspicious activity or incidents that occur on campus. Campus safety and security is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Call 734-973-3411.



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WCC student to star in Antigone

Local theater major hopes to make it to the big screen

By CHEYENNE MCGUIRE
Contributor

Around 441 BC, Sophocles adapted the myth of a heroine who risks her well-being to give her brother a proper burial in spite of her family's allegiances.

Today, Ypsilanti resident and WCC student, Aliahna Porter is on track to bring that story to life as the titular role in the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's production of "Antigone".

"The whole play is about Antigone fighting for

what is right even though she knows there will be consequences for it," said Porter.

Despite its ancient pedigree, Porter believes the play is still relevant today.

"One thing I connected to it is that, about a year ago, a woman climbed a flagpole at a state building to take down a Confederate flag," Porter said. "She knew she'd get arrested and that they'd put it back up, but she did it anyway because it was right."

No stranger to the stage, Porter fell in love with acting as a child, but only returned to it in recent years.

After leaving Pioneer High School, she continued her studies through Washtenaw Technical Middle College, which spurred her to give acting another try.

Last fall, as part of WCC's Acting II showcase, she portrayed Paulinka Erdnuss in Tony Kushner's "A Bright Room Called Day".

"[WCC acting classes] really are what made me remember how much I love acting because I was too scared to try to do it [...] But then I realized how much I loved it and Tracy [Jaffe, faculty adviser of Theatre and Drama] has really helped me build the courage to decide that I want to act."

Any students thinking about following suit should do so. "Definitely sign up for an Acting I course," Porter encouraged. "Even if you're just doing it for fun."

She has since graduated with a Liberal Arts Transfer degree, but continues to study at WCC to further her knowledge and is currently in her sixth semester.

"I'll be going to Wayne State starting next semester as a theater major. Then, afterwards, I'm hoping to head off to California to pursue a film career," said Porter, regarding her plans for the future.

Joining her in "Antigone" is fellow WCC student, Travis Chaffee.

He plays the role of a guard named Snout as well as being a member of the chorus, which serves the purpose of narration.

Chaffee is from Dexter and holds a BA in Sport Management from the University of Michigan.

He is now working towards an advanced degree in Data Analytics/Information Science at WCC.

The challenge of acting is what piqued his interest in pursuing it formally.

"I'd always enjoyed trying to act naturally when it seemed that was difficult for others. That's really what drew me into trying out acting," said Chaffee.

He says his greatest takeaway from the play is the time needed to put together a show.

"It takes quite a bit of thought and preparation and you need to have the self-motivation to practice lines on your own," Chaffee explained.

Chaffee offers a word of advice to aspiring actors, "Learn who you are before trying to go into acting. Having a clear identity will make it easier to separate yourself from the character you are playing. Develop your empathy as well, and see things from other points of view."

Though we live in a world dominated by film and television, theater continues to possess unique charms.

"It's different every show, and, because it's right there, you really feel the emotion," said Porter.

"Antigone" runs from Sept. 28-30 and Oct. 5-7, 2018. Visit a2ct.org for tickets and show times.



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September Movie Reviews

Compiled by **Danny Villalobos** and **Catherine Engstrom-Hadley**

Slice

The film starts with a barrage of technicolor classic horror font credit rolls. A chain smoking pizza boy walks up to make his delivery, but his throat is cut by an invisible force before he can escape. The movie takes place in Kefauver, a small town that houses over 40,000 ghosts. The ghosts are segregated into the poorer area of town, and the living on the nicer side. The ghosts and humans seem to have lived in harmony until the pizza boy is slain. Accusations get tossed around and chaos shortly follows for all residents, dead or alive.

For a smaller, independent film, it was a star-studded cast. Chance the Rapper made his acting debut as Dax Lychander, a 500-year-old



werewolf who “Just wants to deliver quality Chinese food, at affordable prices”. Cast members also include Zazie Beetz, of Deadpool 2 and Atlanta, Paul Scheer from The League, and Rae Grey from The Walking Dead. The film includes cameos from Hannibal Buress, Joe Keery, Chris Parnell and others.

The movie doesn’t try to disguise the fact that it’s a lower budget independent film. They seem to embrace it and let it lend to the high levels of camp and shlock in in the plot and filming. I loved the subtle nostalgia of the special effects makeup, including a thriller-esque werewolf costume. Where it lacks in special effects, it makes up for in plot originality. During the world premiere live stream Paul Scheer said, “Everyone was working [...] to make it the best” and that effort shows on the editing, costumes, makeup and writing in this movie.

Slice feels like you are watching something your best friend wrote for you, like you are in on the joke from the second the film starts rolling. It takes interesting turns and doesn’t pretend to be anything but itself. Slice is available to stream on iTunes.

The Nun

Another film that adds to a franchise is The Nun, directed by Corin Hardy and produced by James Wan the director behind the horror film favorite Saw (2004) and The Conjuring (2013).

I spent too long to get my thoughts on this film-- it offers almost nothing. It’s just another horror film that just gives its audience cheap jump scares and a creepy atmosphere. It’s annoying by how little it gives.

The characters are slow, underdeveloped, and the usual dum-dies in a tropey horror film that keep falling for tricks. It’s difficult to understand how a priest (who did an exorcism before the events of this film) keeps falling for demonic tricks.

Character curiosity only leads to a predictable sequence of fright.

The first scene of the film is perhaps the only part worth watching. There’s nothing else that this film gives.

To call this film forgettable is too much of a compliment.

Peppermint

Starring Jennifer Garner and directed by Pierre Morel, Peppermint is an action film about a mother who places a vendetta on a dangerous drug lord and corrupt city officials.

This is an unfulfilling film; lazy script, odd editing, a nu-metal soundtrack that makes the film feel like it came out of the early 2000s, and poorly written characters.

Despite all this, it seems that the whole cast gave made it worth their time and stood up as professionals. Not a single actor gave a bad or questionable performance, though none particularly stood out, except for Jennifer Garner’s portrayal of the film’s protagonist Riley.

Jennifer Garner gives a good performance and is the only thing that makes this film worth watching. Sadly, the subpar elements of this film will hinder Garner’s performance to one that is not talked about this year or the years going forward.

White Boy Rick

Directed by Yann Demange, White Boy Rick is the story of young Richard Wershe Jr. or better known by his alias, White Boy Rick, during the height of the crack epidemic in Detroit during the 1980s.

Starring big names such as: Matthew McConaughey, Bruce Dern, YG, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and even a cameo from Detroit rapper/ native Danny Brown. It also stars some emerging talent as well: RJ Cyler, Bel Powley, and Richie Merritt. The two former have appeared on screen before, however this is Merritt’s first role in film. All gave solid performances.

The trailer is better than the actual film; now I’m not suggesting that this film sucks... it’s just underwhelming. For the time and setting that this story takes place, it would be expected that the writers and director could tell a story with a complex narrative and criticism of the drug war, Detroit’s decline, and also its racial politics. But all of this is barely explored which makes this film disappointing.

The Captain

Originally titled Der Hauptmann, this film was first released in Germany last March. The U.S. version first hit theatres in late July, though didn’t reach mainstream channels until September, just in time to save me from the disappointments thus far.

The film is based on the real life story of the Executioner of Emsland. Max Hubacher plays Willi Herold, a separated soldier who comes across the luggage of a Nazi captain. To survive being arrested for desertion he impersonates a high ranking Nazi official who is sent to the front by Hitler himself. Willi soon finds himself in complete control of a concentration camp full of soldiers who deserted like him. From that point forward, the audience witnesses the heart of cruelty.

Much of this film evokes of Philip Zimbardo’s infamous Stanford Prison Experiment from 1971, which studied the psychology of everyday people given complete authority over prisoners. Perhaps this film should be viewed as a horror film due to its horrific display of absolute power.

The obvious observation of how power corrupts is an essential theme of this film, but it also explores other elements such as changing identity, fascism, and ethical dilemmas. Be warned, the film contains intense and cruel depictions of war crimes.

The Predator

The Predator is the fourth film in the Predator franchise (Aliens vs. Predator not included) and hopefully it’s the last one.

Behind the new film is director Shane Black, the director responsible for 2016 fabulous neo-noir comedy film The Nice Guys.

The first film, Predator (1987), starring Arnold Schwarzenegger is considered one the best action films to come out of the 1980s. With its antagonist, a space traveling alien who hunts down the galaxy’s most ferocious species for sport (or Yautja), being one of the most recognizable and beloved villains in the sci-fi genre along with its counterpart the Xenomorph from the Alien franchise.

The first film of the franchise is the fan favorite out of the series. The first three films share a common theme of fear when being hunted down by a creature who wants to keep your bones as hunting trophies. Shane Black’s new entry to the franchise scraps this fear aspect for a film that leans more towards the action comedies of this current decade. The result of that is disappointing.

For characters who have just come in contact with an alien for the first time, all of them just seem excited to fight it. As in past installments all the characters who ran into this creature would run away and find a way to survive immediately. It all lead to suspenseful scenes. Even big man Army was scared of this beast, so the decision to switch that great aspect to these toothpicks chasing this beast down is absurd.

Action wise, it does have the blood and gore as to be expected, but it’s bothering to see a lot of it be dragged down by bad CGI. Furthermore, the physics of this film are bothersome as well, it doesn’t make sense how these guys keep taking blows from this creature.

It’s an overall mess.



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Answer with attitude

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" ... calm, __ bright":
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Revolutionary spy Nathan

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How canvassers usually
work

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Correct a script, say

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Satisfied sounds

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Golf's "Big Easy" Ernie

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Raised-baton strokes, in
music

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Sauce with falafel

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Desk tray words

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How page-turners are of-
ten read

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Prop for Chaplin

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Lodge logo animal

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Total failures

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Novelist Tolstoy

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Tallahassee sch.

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Thanksgiving mo.

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Blows volcano-style

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"Double Fantasy" col-
laborator Yoko

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At the peak of

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How apartment leases
sometimes run

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Prepare (oneself), as for
a jolt

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Hebrew greeting

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"Definitely!"

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"__ the ramparts ... "

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Org. that publishes the
newsletter GoGreen!

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Fictional estate near
Atlanta

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How pistol duelers typi-
cally stand

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Close tightly

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At any time

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Count who composed
"One O'Clock Jump"

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Depresses, with "out"

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Boxer Oscar __ Hoya

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Catches on to

Down

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1978 Egyptian co-Nobelist
Anwar

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"Welcome to Maui!"

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Wade noisily

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Round Table title

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Ties the knot

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Latin "I love"

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Invoice figure

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Use the HOV lane

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Frito-Lay snacks with a
speedy cat mascot

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When said thrice, "and
so on"

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Touched down

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Hockey targets

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Courtroom transcript pro

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Antipasto morsel

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Osso __: veal dish

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Cooler cubes

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Annoying

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Keebler sprite

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Blow off steam

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Suffix with switch

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Answer the invite, briefly

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Prefix with dynamic

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Grammar, grammatically,
e.g.

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Crazy Eights cousin

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WWII vessels

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No __ traffic

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Pierced with a fork

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Initial stage

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"Eureka!"

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E to E, in music

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Pulsate

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Car dealer's offering

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Ref. to a prior ref.

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Manufactures

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investigator

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Island near Maui

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Percussion instrument

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Pod in gumbo

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"Snow White" collectible

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Grocery sack

IT CAME... IT GREW... IT MADE NANA
SAY **BAD** WORDS...

OW!
YOU ROTTEN
#@!!*!

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2+2=8: THIRTY YEARS OF HEIDELBERG

This exhibition celebrates Tyree Guyton's iconic outdoor art installation which spans over two city blocks on the East Side of Detroit. \$5 suggested donation.
Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit | 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Happening now through Jan. 7, 2019. MOCAD hours vary, check website

ZELL VISITING WRITERS SERIES: SIGRID NUNEZ AND ARACELIS GIRMAY

It's back! The University of Michigan's Zell Writer's Program is known for bringing in big name writers to Ann Arbor. Featuring renowned writers Nunez and Girmay, this event is free and open to the public.
Helmut Stern Auditorium Museum of Art | 525 S State St, Ann Arbor
Sept. 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

ANNA CLARK: THE POISONED CITY

Join Detroit journalist Anna Clark as she discusses her book *The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy* and the politics of accessible, safe drinking water. Free and open to the public.
Nicola's Books | 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor
Oct. 2, 7:00 p.m.



Tyree Guyton, Heidelberg Project, 1986-ongoing. Photo: Tim Johnson, 2018.

OKTOBERFEST

The famed event will take place over the span of two days, and will feature performances from the Rhinelanders, Pajamas, and Wire in the Wood. Traditional German beer and food will be served.
Arbor Brewing Company | 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor
Sept. 28 and 29, 5 p.m.-12 a.m.

TARANTINO PARTY

For those who love Pulp Fiction, Kill Bill, and other Quentin Tarantino films, this event is for you! Dress as your character and head out for a night of dancing to all the iconic soundtrack music. Themed drinks will be served. This 18+ event is free before 11 p.m. and \$3 after.
The Blind Pig | 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor
Sept. 29, Doors at 9 p.m.

'90S BAR CRAWL

Hit up all the local bars with a cool crew of '90s kids. The night will include drink specials and '90s music. Prices range from \$30-40, check 90sbarcrawl.com for registration and specifics. Don't forget your chokers and an impending fear of Y2K.
The Pretzel Bell | 226 S. Main St., Ann Arbor
Sept. 29, 3:00-10:00 p.m.



SUIT UP FOR YOUR CAREER

WCC and JCPenny team up for this annual event to help you dress for success. It will include up to 40% off select career apparel for men and women, personal shoppers, appointments at the hair salon and optical department, and makeup tips from Sephora.
JCPenney | 500 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor
Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

FALL TRANSFER FAIR

If you're interested in transferring to a university, stop by to meet representatives from colleges and get more information about the transfer process. For the first time, a representative from the Detroit Historically Black Colleges and Universities Network will be on campus to talk to students about the benefits of transferring to an HBCU.
Student Center second floor
Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

FALL CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR

Employers will be on campus looking to hire prospective students for jobs and internships.
Morris Lawrence Building | Room 258
Oct. 9, 4:00-6:00 p.m.



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