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Ambassador shows new student the ropes

Shaina DeBries works with new student David Shen during a connect session. We asked the student ambassadors what questions they get the most from new students. Find out what they had to say on **page A5**.

Campus cops meet students where they live—their phones

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI
Editor

This summer, the WCC Public Safety department launched a smartphone application branded “WCC Safe.” The app is intended to promote campus safety, strengthen the lines of communication between students and public safety officers, and provide services to better keep students safe, both on and off

campus. “We’re always looking for better ways to communicate and engage with the community,” said Scott Hilden, chief of public safety at WCC. “Our focus really is customer service.”

WCC is not the first college in the area to use a public safety app—the University of Michigan has a similar one available for its student body. However, WCC’s app is

unique because of the Virtual Walkhome and Friend Walk features it offers.

Through the app, users walking on or off campus can request location-aware safety monitoring via live GPS. Campus safety officers will monitor on-campus activities during regular hours, while friends and family can monitor off-campus or after regular hours.

Using the “Virtual Walkhome” feature, a public safety officer will monitor on-campus trips until the user reaches their destination and alerts the officer that they’ve arrived safely. If at any point during their walk the user needs help or feels unsafe, they can tap the “emergency” button on the app, which will immediately alert public safety.

Public safety officers will also be alerted if it’s taking someone an unusually long time to reach their destination. The “Friend Walk” fea-

ture works similarly, except it alerts a designated friend or family member if anything goes wrong.

Students also have the option to trigger a “Mobile BlueLight” on the app, which sends the user’s location to public safety while simultaneously calling dispatch.

It’s important to note that public safety only monitors WCC campus, so using GPS services that request campus safety attention is not available when a student is off-campus. If an emergency situation occurs away from campus, dial 911 instead.

The WCC Safe app can also be used to report tips and concerns to public safety. Users can fill out an in-app form, call public safety directly or by use a chat box to speak with an officer.

SEE SAFETY APP, A2



Scott Hilden, chief of public safety, demonstrates how the Virtual Walkhome feature works on the new campus safety app.

Campus tips and tricks to help you get ahead

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

As the fall semester begins, so does the stress of an academic workload paired with other responsibilities—like a full or part-time job, kids at home or a tight budget.

We compiled both popular and little-known WCC-specific tricks and resources to help you work smart, not hard, this semester.

Free software for students

For those who want more powerful applications on their personal computers, the Microsoft Office 365 package is available for students to download for free using their WCC email. The package includes Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote. A retail subscription is normally priced at \$70 per year. Visit WCC’s Information Technology Services department for assistance with installing and using the system.

Keep your energy up at a low cost

The Spot offers \$1 coffee refills when patrons bring in a reusable coffee mug or cup. There is also another coffee machine on the parking garage side of the LA building, located on the first floor just under the bridge. This particular machine is convenient because it is easy to access from the parking garage and Clark Road parking lot. This machine provides surprisingly good coffee for the affordable price of \$1 and has everything ranging from lattes to regular coffee to mochas.

SEE TIPS, A7

Team sports provide camaraderie, help relieve student stress

4 new sports on the roster for fall semester

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

Throughout the fall, Washtenaw Community College is offering a plethora of Wolfpack club and intramural sports to spice up the daily grind, including some new ones: flag football, kickball, basketball and soccer.

Students with a strong competitive edge can choose to partake in any of the club sports offered, too: cross country, men’s baseball, women’s soccer, men’s soccer, men’s volleyball, women’s volleyball, ice hockey, competitive dance, women’s basketball and men’s basketball.

Getting involved in an athletic club or intramural sport offers many benefits to students. Joining a sport can help students make new friends and become more involved in the campus community.

“When I came to WCC I was really excited to find they had a cross country program; it allowed me to continue

something that I loved in high school into college,” said Matt Rosolowski, a second year student. “I’ve met a lot of great people and I’ve gotten to know a lot of people that share the same passion.”

“I really have made some great friends here at WCC getting involved in a sports program,” Rosolowski added.

Another key benefit of getting involved in campus sports is that it can help students budget their time more effectively, said Matt Lucas, supervisor of sports at WCC.

“An active student on the campus and in the community is going to be more engaged with their schoolwork and more structured,” said Lucas. “Sports does a great job of teaching that.”

Rosolowski said running cross country is not only a great way to have fun but also burn off stress.

“There have been several times where I’ve been studying for an exam for most of the day, and I would take a quick break and run,” he said. “It helped me focus and blow off some steam; there were a bunch of benefits there.”

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Matt Rosolowski is a student-athlete at WCC who runs cross country.



Student fills a reusable mug with coffee at the Java Spot in the Student Center.



Print editions of The Washtenaw Voice will now come out every other Tuesday, which is a change from the previous Monday print date.

Publication date change for Voice print editions

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI
Editor

Beginning this fall, print editions of The Washtenaw Voice will hit the news stands every other Tuesday, instead of the previous every-other-Monday schedule.

This change is due to the Voice’s move to a new printing company, Grand Blanc Printing in Genesee County.

The Voice team doesn’t anticipate any major disruption to print readers.

“We know from monitoring news racks, that members of the campus community pick up the print editions throughout each edition’s two-week life cycle,” said Judy McGovern, adviser for the Voice. “So we don’t think readers will be concerned about a life cycle that starts on a different day.”

In addition, the Voice team aims to publish time-

sensitive news to its website, washtenawvoice.com, and include less timely content in print editions.

Print copies of the newspaper can be found on the news racks located in each building across campus.

The Voice was previously printed by Adrian Telegram in Lenawee County. The new printing contract was awarded using a “request for proposals” process, which is on par with how most other significant college purchases are made.

The Voice printing budget for the 2019-20 school year is a maximum of \$10,000, according to McGovern.

The Voice team meets on Mondays at 5 p.m. in TI-106. Students interested in getting involved with the paper are invited to stop by a meeting or email the editor at lgkujawski@wccnet.edu for more information.

Fall sports

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Club sports typically have two practices per week and play local colleges and universities on weekends. For questions on how to get involved, visit the WCC sports office located in room 108 in the Student Center or call the office at 734-973-3500.



Baseball is one of the fall sports offered this semester.

Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Gamma Alpha and WCC sports are also teaming up for a fall field day. This event will be held at the WCC sports fields on Friday, September 13 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. A variety of sports, including basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and kickball will be played, and food will be served.

New web specialist certificates open paths

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

WCC is offering five new web development certificates this fall in the following disciplines: client-side web development, digital strategy, user interface design, user experience design and server-side web development.

To meet the demands of the web industry, WCC tailored these certificates for students looking to become specialists in as little as two semesters.

“The specialization allowed us to reduce the number of courses that are in a certificate,” said Jason Withrow, a web design and devel-

opment instructor at WCC. “What preceded them were longer certificates, so they had more classes and they focused on being more of a generalist.”

“These new certificates take the individual pathways, like, for example, coding, user experience, digital marketing and interface design and they split them out so you can go down a pathway that is of interest to you,” he said.

No experience in these fields is necessary to begin the certificate programs, and many of them can be completed online.

“Our first classes don’t assume any knowledge of the field,” Withrow said. “You don’t have to come in knowing this; you start with the foundation and we build up from there.”

Students don’t have to take the certificate path though, especially if they want to pursue an associate degree, for example. With three courses required per certificate, students have the option to blend multiple certificates with a general studies associate degree or oc-

cupational studies associate.

“It’s more open in terms of students being able to create their own program that’s specialized to what they want to do,” said Linda Blakey, vice president of student and academic services. “It just adds on top of their skillset.”

“We also have a lot of students who are already working, or we have college graduates who come back and want a short-term marketable skillset with a short-term certificate,” she added.

NEW CERTIFICATES Available in five disciplines:

- Client-side web development
- Digital strategy
- User interface design
- User experience design
- Server-side web development



Jason Withrow, a web design and development instructor.

Safety app

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“What we are trying to constantly communicate throughout campus is that, if you see something, please say something,” Hilden said. “It is the responsibility of everybody on this campus to contribute to the safety of this campus and the way you do that is when you see behavior that potentially is bad or dangerous, that you immediately report it to the public safety department, so that we can ensure the safety of everyone.”

“You don’t have to necessarily get involved, but by being an active bystander, you can communicate the concerns directly to us,” he added. “It’s not about being a snitch; it’s about doing the right thing.”

In the age of smartphones—97% of college students own one, according to a 2017 study from the Educause Center of Analysis and Research—Hilden hopes the app will reach students through a platform to which they relate.

“This application gives you another avenue to communicate to us,” Hilden said.

The app is a product of

the AppArmor company, but personalizations and modifications to the software were tailored by the WCC public safety officers to meet the specific needs of WCC.

The idea to implement the app came from Hilden about a year ago, but he said the process and design has been a team effort from the entire public safety department.

Hilden said the public safety team aims to build a strong relationship with students so they feel comfortable communicating with the officers, and are not intimidated by them; he hopes this new app can help with that.

“I don’t want students to have to worry about being safe here, that’s our job,” Hilden said. “But when they do see something, helping contribute to that safety is important.”

The app also serves as a way for public safety to communicate emergency alerts to the student body.

The cost of the WCC Safe app was packaged with an internal “crisis team” application which is used by WCC administrators, according to Hilden. The combined cost of the two is \$9,996 per year.

The WCC Safe app is available for free on Apple’s App Store and Google Play.

WCC SAFE APP FEATURES

Virtual Walkhome

Lets users request public safety to monitor their walk on campus via live GPS with the ability to send an emergency alert if they feel unsafe.

Friend Walk

Similar to the Virtual Walkhome, but available off-campus and monitored by a friend or family instead of public safety officers.

Mobile BlueLight

When triggered, calls public safety emergency dispatch while sending the user’s location to public safety.

Emergency Contact List

Lets users call emergency and non-emergency numbers from the app. Includes 911, WCC public safety, and the local police non-emergency line.

Safety Toolbox

Offers various tools including live chat with public safety and an “I’m ok” notification for friends and family.

Report a Tip

Lets users report a concern or crime tip within the app.

Campus Maps

Includes various campus maps and locations of defibrillators, fire extinguishers, pull stations, and emergency phones

Emergency Plans

Outlines and evacuation protocols for various incidents and emergency situations.

Campus Resources

Connects users with academic, sexual assault, mental health and grief support services.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG 🔒

Danny Villalobos | Contributor

The following incidents were reported to WCC’s public safety office between July 26 and Aug. 12.

Disorderly Conduct

A man around 30 years of age was asked to leave the campus July 26, around 3:34 p.m., after a verbal altercation with campus authorities. Campus security said the man reportedly slept on campus grounds the previous night. When security officers approached him, he became erratic, used profanity and racial slurs. Campus security provided options for social services. The man refused.

Larceny

A student on campus had his wallet stolen after he left it unattended in the Student Center on Aug. 6 while registering for fall classes. Security cameras show the student using a computer, then leaving the work station and another person going to the computer and taking the wallet, which contained a credit card, driver’s license, green card and Social Security card. A credit card transaction was attempted the next day. The case is under investigation.

A Health and Fitness Center patron reported a credit card stolen from his wallet while working out on Aug. 8. The case is under investigation.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Campus Connect gets an upgrade

The WCC student social media site Campus Connect was recently revamped with more interactive features and opportunities to discover events and activities on campus. Students can track data like their club memberships and service hours using the co-curricular transcript feature and use a new “event pass” to check in when they attend events. The site also has a new look and keeps timely, relevant information at the top under the “updates” and “latest news” banners.

College closed for Labor Day

WCC will be closed on Sept. 2 for Labor Day and no credit classes will be held the following day, Sept. 3, either. Classes will resume on on Sept. 4.

Last day to ‘drop’ a class varies by start, end date

The last day to drop a class from your schedule and still receive a full refund depends on whether it’s a late-starting class or not and the number of weeks the class lasts. The last date to drop should be posted next to each class you’re taking in your course schedule, but a full list of dates is also available here: wccnet.edu/studentconnection/registration/drop/. Keep track to avoid an unwanted “W” on your transcript in case you can no longer take a class.

New 3+1 agreements

The board of trustees approved nine new 3+1 articulation agreements at the July public board meeting, bringing the total number of 3+1 agreements to 49.

The agreements allow students to use up to 90 credits completed at a two-year college toward a bachelor’s degree.

Seven new agreements apply to Eastern Michigan University and include accounting, management, retail management, supply chain, computer system and networking, graphic design, and retail management.

One new agreement with University of Michigan-Flint was approved in nursing, and one new agreement with Siena Heights University was approved in environmental science.

Bellanca contract extended

The board of trustees voted unanimously to extend the contract of WCC President Rose Bellanca at its July public meeting.

The board increased Bellanca’s salary 1.5% to \$224,097 for 2019-20 and will also provide paid bereavement leave to be used before 2020. The contract will expire June 30, 2022.

Ellucian takes over campus IT services following board of trustees vote

The Virginia-based higher education software company Ellucian replaced WCC’s formerly in-house Information Technology Services department this summer after the WCC Board of Trustees voted to approve a proposal for the change.

The proposal was met with public outcry from ITS employees, WCC faculty, staff and students, and some community taxpayers.

Five trustees voted “yes” on the proposal: Christina Fleming, Bill Milliken, Angela Davis, Henry Landeau and Diana McKnight-Morton; two voted “no” and include Dave DeVarti and Ruth Hatcher.

WCC Foundation scholarships still available

The deadline to apply for a scholarship from the WCC Foundation for the fall semester has been extended to Oct. 1. Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of financial need and merit. Applicants must complete the Free Application for Financial Student Aid, or FAFSA, to apply for a foundation scholarship, and a letter of recommendation is recommended. Scholarship amounts range from \$250-1000, depending on the number of credit hours the student is taking that semester. For more information and to apply, visit wccnet.edu/services/financial-aid/scholarships/foundation-scholarships/





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On being a professional student



BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM
Deputy Editor

We’re right back to where we started: the dawn of a fall semester. This is when students tell the best self-lies, such as “I’m going to stay on track this time” and “I’m gonna get a 4.0 in every class.”

Sure. Right. Right? Cue the professional student.

According to Wikipedia there are three definitions for a professional student, none of which suit the scenario this article describes.

Here’s a new definition: a professional student is one who prioritizes school as a job, a real career step and a gig worth acing; a student who brings professionalism and strong ethics to learning and academics, in general.

Here are some student success tips from Cindy Kowall, a part-time faculty instructor at WCC, as well as yours truly, a self-described “professional student.”

Manage your time

An anonymous sage once supposedly said, “It is astonishing how long it takes to finish something you’re not working on.”

If possible, reserve time each day to dedicate to course

work. Put it on your planner or calendar, which you should have.

A schedule, planner or calendar is mandatory for the professional student—there are too many due dates, exam dates and other easy-to-forget items. Once the syllabus is in-hand, it’s a good idea to enter everything with a date or time at the very start.

According to Kowall one of the biggest surprises students have is how much time is expected outside of class. Students should reserve up to twice the amount of credit hours per course each week.

“I think a lot of students take a three credit hour class and say, “three hours a week and I’m good!” when really they’re expected to spend twice that much time outside of class. So if they’re taking a three credit hour class they may—depending on the course—have to spend up to six hours outside of class,” Kowall said.

Be self-disciplined

One tired debate pits discipline against motivation, asking which is better. Motivation feels great, but it’s fleeting and is never around when you need it.

Discipline is a grumpier, grittier thing, which requires you be your own drill sergeant.

How to develop self discipline? By making clear priorities.

Coursework, like real-world work, has a nasty habit of conflicting. It’s best to focus on one thing at a time.

Kowall recommends lists, with important items at the

top and periodically re-ordering as circumstances permit.

Kowall said students may consider “weighting” assignments, prioritizing them either based on points or due date.

“If you have something worth 20 points, or 2 percent, in one class, but another thing worth 200 points or 20 percent in another, you want to put the higher-value assignment before the lower,” she said.

Handwrite notes, and write in general

Shelby Foote, novelist and historian, wrote his novels with a dip quill pen. He claimed it slowed his writing and forced him to think clearly. You may want to try his method yourself.

Additionally, a 2014 study by Psychological Science shows handwritten notes help with long-term information recall, compared to typed.

Annotating course reading helps comprehension, according to Kowall. She said students can better understand material when they note questions or comments as they read the text.

Kowall also recommends Cornell Notes for in-class note taking, as well as annotations and time-stamping recorded lectures.

When brainstorming: keep a pen/notebook or smartphone/voice recorder handy to record ideas when they arise naturally. Inspiration often strikes randomly, away from keyboards.

When suffering writer’s block: just write anything.



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A professional student must balance conflicting responsibilities.

Kowall recommends to simply keep the pencil/keys moving, and see what happens. Remember, drafts—especially early ones—are rarely pretty sights.

Participate in class

The prerequisite to participation is showing up to class, which instructors shout from rooftops from day one.

Make sure to go to the first class and gauge the instructor’s participation preferences, in case it’s not mentioned on the syllabus.

Ask questions and “lean in” during class discussion. Be curious and dig. Those annotations from readings will be handy just about now.

As a professional student, you’re also modeling ideal behavior to newer students.

Manage anxiety

Kowall says keeping a journal is one way to deal with academic anxiety. She said anxiety and depression are the most common topics her students discuss in their classroom journals, which she assigns each semester.

She also advised that students suffering from anxiety, depressio should seek help from campus resources.

“What I tell my students is if they’ve been diagnosed with a disability or have something in play, one of the first places they should go is to Learning Assistance or Disability Services and get accommodations,” she said. “Do it before you have an issue, since they work with you [from the point of the first visit].”

WCC also offers one-on-one counseling.

Supplement class materials

Use drill sheets, flash cards and smartphone apps in your down time, such as when you’re standing in line at the store.

Employ mnemonics to recall dense material. Can’t remember sine, cosine, tangent and the other trig functions? Well, you might remember “SohCahToa.” You can invent your own mnemonics for many topics—they work.

Hit up Khan Academy, MIT Youtube and university faculty websites (such as Paul’s Online Notes for Calculus practice) for supplementary materials and additional lectures.

See a tutor if things get ugly.

VOICE BOX

Q: What is something unexpected that happened during your summer?

By Claire Convis | Staff Writer

“Taking full-time classes.”

Fatimah Mohammed-Ali, 19
Pre-Med Chemistry



“I went to Faster Horses, it’s a big country music festival.”

Matthew Vanburen, 20
Mechanical Engineering,



“I went to Vegas.”

Sean Cline, 22
Physical Therapy



“I got accepted into medical school!”

Mariah Syrocki, 27
Public Health



“I went to South Bend, Indiana, just to travel.”

Anthony Leflouria, 25
Business



“I went on vacation to Silver Lake.”

Connor Koons, 21
Accounting



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New group prioritizes community action



Robert Barber (far right) and members of the new WCC chapter of the Young Democratic Socialists of America. They organized a sit-in protest over the summer to pushback against a proposal to outsource the ITS department at WCC.

Students form WCC chapter of Young Democratic Socialists of America

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
Staff Writer

A new addition to the student organizations at WCC is the Young Democratic Socialists of America. The YDSA protested during the summer

in hopes that the board of trustees would choose not to outsource the college’s IT department.

“Community action is very important,” said Robert Barber, chairperson of the YDSA. When asked about the

summer protesting, Barber said, “I think some important things came out of it. We raised awareness in the community... we laid the change for the future.”

Nearby YDSA chapters include those at the Univer-

sity of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University.

“Our YDSA chapter is just a small piece of a much broader movement,” said Barber.

The foremost belief of the group is democracy for all, with particular regard for marginalized and oppressed groups.

“YDSA is explicitly pro-LGBTQ, pro-African-American, pro-religious diversity, pro-multi-culturalism; we do not discriminate against people if they have had mental health issues [or] substance use issues,” Barber said. “We really believe in uplifting all members of the community.”

So who should join the YDSA? People who want to make more of an effort in their community and create safe spaces for everyone. Barber mentioned the recent mass shooting in El Paso, Texas, saying that these tragic events are happening more and more frequently, and that the YDSA is committed to taking action in these disturbing times.

“DSA has to be about showing the community that we have their backs, and that people feel safe and comfortable being around us,” Barber said. “Because we are living in an increasingly unsafe world.”

Setting goals and making a course of action for the 2019-20 school year is really up to the group as a whole, as they are a democracy.

Barber said the group hopes to “...expand and build and lay down roots that are going to outlast those of us who are in the group currently.”

Brandon Moore is a member of the YDSA who joined because of the group’s campaign against the proposal to outsource WCC’s IT department.

Moore said that the YDSA is focusing on welcome week, collaborating with other DSA chapters and encouraging other students to join the group.

“There is definitely a stigma around the word ‘socialism’ that has been implanted by mass media and by the gov-

ernment itself,” Moore said.

Moore encourages students to be more open-minded and realize that socialism is often misunderstood and grouped in with communism, but the two concepts are not the same.

“People should definitely be more involved in politics, whether or not they agree with our opinions,” Moore said.

The YDSA is one of many student organizations at WCC. Some of these organizations are have a political focus, while some are academic groups, and others are centered around recreational activities, such as gaming.

Veronica Boissoneau, coordinator of student organizations at WCC, encourages students to get involved in student organizations and intramural sports.

“Find your place where you belong on campus. It’s as simple as meeting people who can encourage you to become the best version of yourself,” she said.

Fresh finds for a productive semester

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
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LILY MERRITT
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Put organization at the forefront this semester with stylish tools and products for every budget. Here are some options to consider from local stores and online retailers:

Planners

Many basic academic planners range from \$7 to \$15 at stores such as Marshalls, Staples and Barnes and Noble. Students can plan out their week and keep track of deadlines, homework assignments and other responsibilities.

For students looking for a fun, inspiring planner, Ban.do offers planners with cute notes, artwork and pages of stickers. Most of its planners are on the thicker side, containing pockets and pages for notes and yearly goals. Students can find them at the WCC Bookstore and online at bando.com, with prices ranging from \$20-28.

Bullet journaling is a new concept for creatives who wish to design their own planner. Start with Rachel Wilkerson

Miller’s dot journaling how-to guide and journal, available from Target for \$23.95.

For a sleek, modern option with ample lined space to plan your daily schedule, the Moleskine daily planner makes a good choice. Moleskine planners are available at Literati Bookstore in various sizes, and prices range from \$17.95 to \$27.95, depending on the style and size selected.

Laptops

Shoppers on tighter budgets might consider a Chromebook, which runs on Google’s Chrome operating system instead of Windows, Mac or standard Linux. Chromebooks are great for running lightweight productivity applications on the cloud, as well as email and general internet browsing and streaming video. Don’t try intense gaming on Chromebooks, however. Prices start at about \$140 on Amazon.

Lenovo also offers student and teacher discounts on tech and accessories, with a wide range of laptops to choose from, starting at \$300. The Microsoft Surface Go—currently \$398 on Amazon—is another good option for students, due to the laptop’s light

and portable design and the creator’s efforts to include useful tech features at an affordable price.

The Acer Switch 5, another tablet/laptop option, sits on the market for \$303 at Walmart. The Switch 5 boasts a battery life of 8 hours and 45 minutes, and it is described as handling everyday tasks well.

Backpacks

Find backpacks for under \$30 at stores like T.J. Maxx, Target and Staples—many of which offer back to school coupons and sales.

Gently-used, affordable backpacks can also be found for \$20 or less at Plato’s Closet, Value World, Salvation Army and other resale and thrift shops.

For students looking for unique style and creative colors, the Fjallraven Kanken is another choice; the Kanken comes in a variety of styles and many include a padded sleeve for a laptop. Similarly, Herschel brand backpacks offer stylish selections. Herschel backpacks start at around \$40, while Fjallraven brand bags are upwards of \$80.

Ambassadors reveal top new student concerns

DANNY VILLALOBOS | *Contributor*

During orientation, students new to WCC have the opportunity to learn the ropes from student ambassadors. The ambassadors guide new students through WCC’s various resources, activities and programs.

We asked the ambassadors to share with us the questions they get the most—and the answers.



Ali Attar, 17, General Studies, Math and Science



Janelle Smith, 16, Liberal Arts Transfer



Tailen Tolever, 20, Business

Where can I take my placement tests?

“You can take your placement tests in the testing center room at room SC 300A. The hours of operation are posted online. Also, if you don’t get the score that you want, then your next step should be to meet with an adviser.”

How do I find a job and make myself ready for that job?

“Career Transitions will help you in finding a job, an internship or an apprenticeship and they can also help in fixing your cover letter, resumes and do mock interviews with you.”

I have a sickness/disability that prevents me from doing my best work in school, where can I get help?

“Go and tell Disability Services which is on the first floor of the LA building. They’ll help you get accommodated.”

What classes do you think I should take?

“You should look at the degrees that [WCC offers] and once you’ve chosen you can pick out the classes you want to take; but if you’re still not completely sure, then you should speak with an adviser.”

What's the difference between a 100 and a 200 level class?

“In my personal opinion, the difference between a 100 and a 200 is the difficulty and pacing of the course. So definitely when you’re taking a 200 level course you want to be very attentive during a lecture and be with good communication with your professor.”

Where do I register for classes?

“You can register for classes at home, but if you’re having trouble you can always come by and meet with the [student ambassadors]. Our job here is to help you with any questions. Another place you can register at the Student Connection.”

Student Connection is located on the second floor of the Student Center.

The student ambassadors are available to answer questions and provide students with more information about WCC. They can be reached via email at student.ambassadors@wccnet.edu or you can send them a message on the “New Student Network” page on Campus Connect.

Editor’s note: This Q&A was edited for clarity and length.

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Ban.do planners offer pockets, stickers and more.



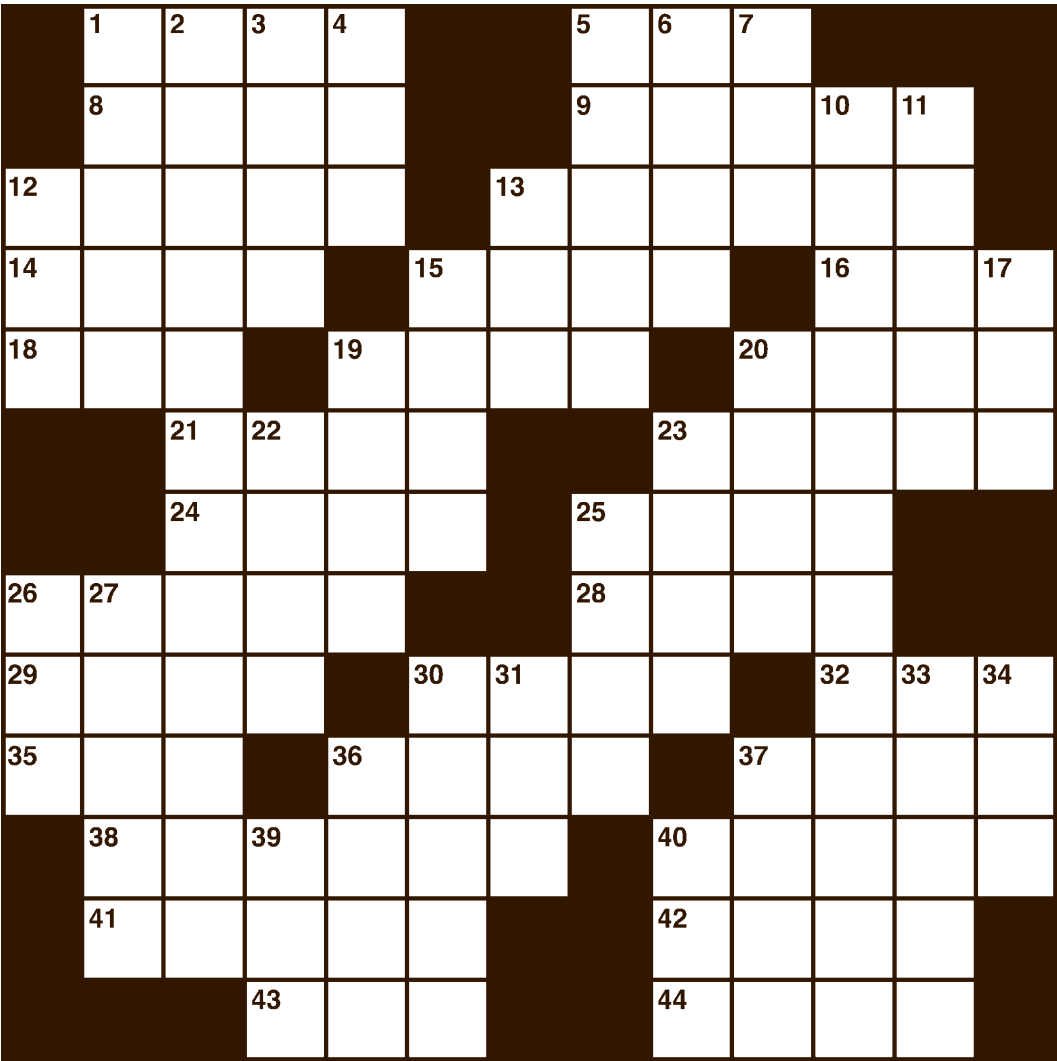
Find backpacks from Staples and TJ Maxx for under \$25.

A Ban.do planner is thicker and includes various pocket and stickers, while budget laptops are appropriate for light use such as word processing and web browsing.

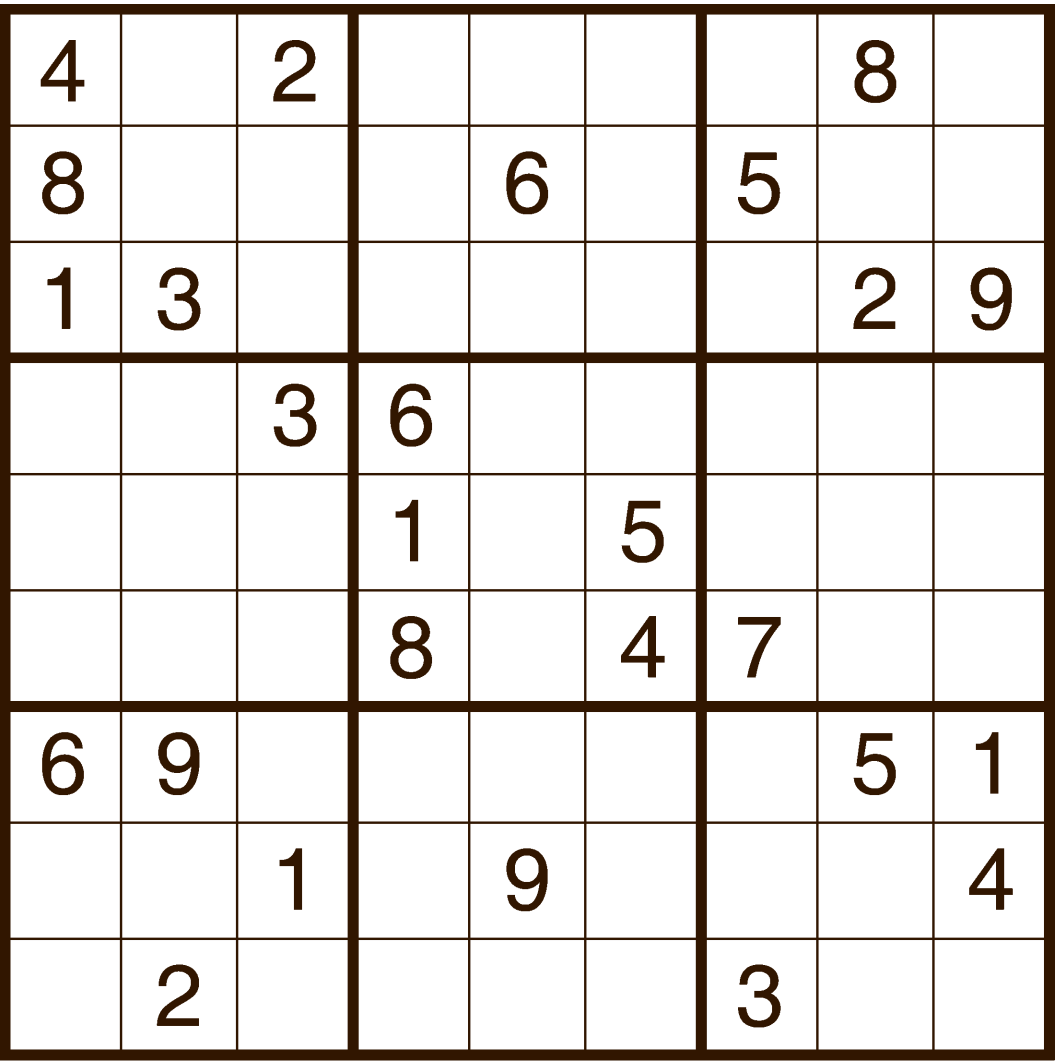


Budget laptops are appropriate for productivity and internet tasks.





Solutions to puzzles on washtenawvoice.com



ACROSS

- 1 Ladd or Thicke

5 "The Kids ___ Alright"

8 "What's My ___?"

9 "Teenage Mutant ___ Turtles"

12 Hair color

13 "___ at Black Rock"; Spencer Tracy film

14 "Yours, ___ & Ours"; Dennis Quaid movie

15 Actress Lange

16 "Boys Don't ___"; film for Hilary Swank

18 "___ Willie Winkie"
- 19 Comic actress Martha ___

20 ___-Ball; classic arcade game

21 Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"

23 ___ nova; '50s/'60s dance

24 Smell to high heaven

25 Woody Guthrie's boy

26 Actress Kelly

28 Spinks or Uris

29 Gas station chain

30 "___ Willy"; film about a whale

32 "Avengers: ___ of Ultron"
- 35 Slangy refusal

36 Mr. Severeid

37 Folk singer & actor Burl

38 Star of "Barney Miller"

40 Foreboding signs

41 Connery & Penn

42 Passenger's payment

43 Cry from the bleachers

44 Grant & Carter

DOWN

- 1 "Kate & ___"

2 "American Idol" judge

3 Actress Meara

4 "___ and Stacey"

5 As hairy as ___

6 "Ticket to ___"; Beatles hit

7 "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's ___"

10 Role on "Grey's Anatomy"

11 Actor Lew ___

12 German auto

13 "___ Meets World"

15 "___! The Herald Angels Sing"
- 17 ___ or nay; voting choices

19 Carla's portrayer on "Cheers"

20 "___: A Star Wars Story"; Woody Harrelson film

22 Prefix for space or dynamics

23 "Desperate Housewives" role

25 Guinness or Baldwin

26 "___ with a Plan"

27 Grad exams, often
- 30 "___ Off the Boat"

31 "The Adventures of ___ Tin Tin"

33 Wilder & Hackman

34 Suffix for lion or heir

36 Poet ___ St. Vincent Millay

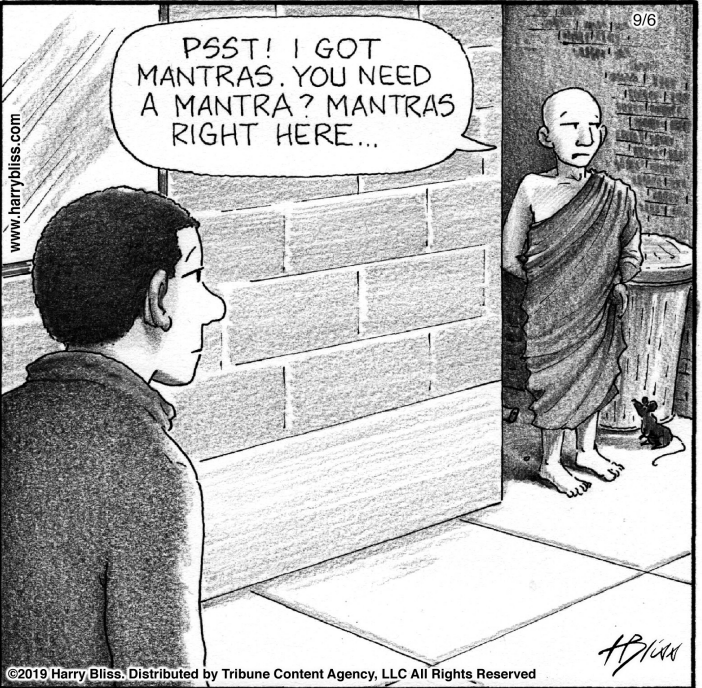
37 Mosque leader

39 VP Rockefeller's initials

40 "Men ___ Certain Age"



"My father used to bring me here when I was a kid and nothing's changed. Except it was a forest."



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

Career Transitions

SC 112
8:00am – 5:00pm.
Mondays through Fridays

(734) 677-5155
careers@wccnet.edu
wccnet.edu/careerconnec-
tion

Below is a sample of recent
employment want ads which
have been posted with WCC
Career Services. Students are
invited to apply on the Career
Transitions job portal. For opti-
mal application results, sched-
ule an appointment today with
a career advisor.

Deli Associate

Calling all Foodies! Don't ro-
maine calm, Busch's is HIRING!
Do you love food, fun and
people? Are you looking for
growth, development and ex-
cellent wages? We could make
the perfect pear! Busch's
offers its employees benefits
such as employee discounts,
medical benefits including
dental and optical, 401K with
company match (restrictions
apply) and even tuition reim-
bursement for qualifying stu-
dents! Specific Accountabili-
ties: Provide hospitality and
exceptional service to guests
by making product recommen-

Health & Human Services Internship Opportunity

Heartland Hospice interns offer
support, companionship and
practical, compassionate help
to people nearing the end of
life and those who sup-
port them. Volunteers help in
numerous ways, such as: Read-
ing, talking to or providing a
comforting touch for patients,
Playing or singing soothing
music to patients, staying with
patients so family members
can rest, keeping vigil with
patients in their final hours,
helping with office support
tasks at the agency

As a Heartland Hospice intern,
your schedule is flexible. You
can work as much or as little
of your time as you desire.
We work with you to find a
geographic area or service that
is uniquely suited to you and
provides you with the greatest
personal satisfaction.

Graphic Designer II

This is a dynamic position
requiring strong communica-
tions skills, broad industry

Child Care Assistant

Community Day Care (CDC) is
a private non-profit charitable
organization committed to
offering stimulating, child cen-
tered, play based programs.
CDC's Mission is to educate,
guide and nurture each child,
while supporting families and
creating community. CDC's
Kids Club is a before and after
school enrichment program
where kids learn life skills by
making their own choices with
the support of counselors who
act as friends and mentors.
Our programs operate in pub-
lic schools in Ann Arbor.

Barista

We are looking for a Barista
to prepare and serve hot and
cold beverages, including
various types of coffee and tea.
Barista responsibilities include
educating customers on our
drinks menu, making recom-
mendations based on their
preferences, up-selling special
items and taking orders. To
be successful in this role, you
should have customer service
skills and knowledge of how
brewing equipment operates.
You should also be able to
work various shifts. Respon-
sibilities: Greet customers
as they enter, Give custom-
ers drink menus and answer
their questions regarding
ingredients, Take orders while
paying attention to details (e.g.
preferences of coffee blend,
dairy and sugar ratios), Prepare
beverages following recipes,
Serve beverages and prepared
food, like cookies, pastries,
and muffins.

Part Time Animal Care Attendant

Assists with the operations of
all facets of the animal shelter,
caring for stray and aban-
doned animals and serving
the public in regard to animal
shelter services. Performs data
entry pertaining to animals
handled. Works with volun-
teers and Code Enforcement
officers.

Dental Assistant

Ann Arbor Family Dentistry
is seeking a full time dental
assistant. Experience with
taking radiographs, impres-
sions, assisting Doctor, making
temporaries.

Automotive Office Manager

A brief description of the
automotive office manager
expectations & responsibilities:
Submit finance applications,
Acquire insurance information
from customers, Process pay-
ments, Complete necessary
paperwork, Obtain proof of
necessary car rental require-
ments, Ensure rental custom-
ers meet the company require-
ments for rental, Logistics and
scheduling.

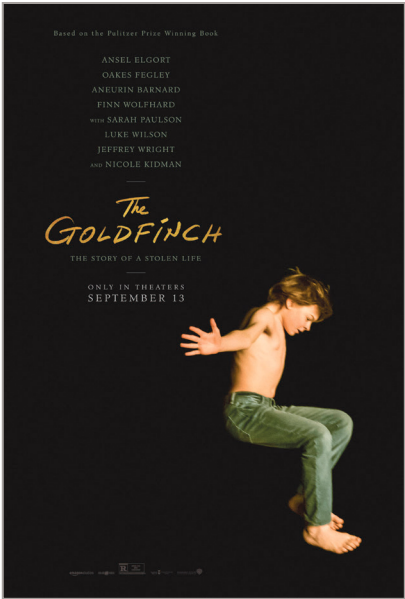
HR Generalist

Barracuda Networks Inc. is
looking for a talented HR
Generalist, based in our Ann
Arbor, MI location, to join our
growing global HR organiza-
tion and support the imple-
mentation and execution of
HR strategies, programs, and
policies. Working directly with
employee groups across the
company, this team member
will need to have demon-
strated success performing in
a fast-paced, ever-changing,
service-oriented technology
environment.

From navigating the differenc-
es between client cultures to

Whole Foods Market, Inc.

We're a company that's little
different and we think that's
just all right. It's our one-of-a-
kind Team Members who con-
tribute to creating an amazing
place to work and phenom-
enal place to shop. In their
own unique way, every one of
our Team Members contribute
to their local community and
makes the world a little better
than they found it. That's why
we firmly believe in recruiting
current University Students
and Graduates that can bring
their whole self to work, pas-
sion, personality. Bring it all to
work, because you shouldn't
have to leave your authentic
self at home.



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Movies on our radar: September

BY CATHERINE ENGSTROM
Staff Writer

It was a killer summer for film. “Midsommar,” “Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark” and “The Farewell” were all brilliant summer hits, but this September has some surprises in store it seems, including a slew of R-rated movies for us to dig into. Here are some movies to keep an eye out for next month.

READY OR NOT
Premieres August 21
RATED R; MYSTERY/THRILLER

Ok, this isn’t a September release, however it’s very close and I could not be happier with this sleeper hit for the end of the summer. “Ready or Not” could easily be this year’s greatest horror-comedy. An orphan (Samara Weaving) is marrying Daniel (Mark O’Brien), a rich kid with a very eccentric family. On their wedding night her new family asks her to play a game with them where she realizes quickly that she is being hunted by her new in-laws. She realizes it’s kill or be killed and fights for her life. “Ready or Not” presents a simple plot but it’s even more clever than the trailers let on and is worth a night at the movies—but maybe don’t bring your in-laws.

THE GOLDFINCH
Premieres September 13
RATED R; DRAMA

John Crowley (“True Detective,” “Boy A”) brings the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Donna Tartt to the big screen. The story centers Theo, a young boy whose mother is killed in a bombing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, sending his life into shambles. Theo holds onto a small painting of a goldfinch taken from the museum after the bombing, using it a symbol of hope during his journey. Ansel Elgort, Finn Wolfhard and Nicole Kidman star in this drama.

AD ASTRA
Premieres September 20
RATED PG-13; DRAMA/FANTASY

Brad Pitt stars as Roy McBride, an astronaut who travels to the outer edges of the solar system on a mission to find his missing father and unravel the mystery that is threatening the survival of earth. “Ad Astra’s” trailers give us just enough stunning shots to realize that IMAX is the way to see this film, with a similar vibe as “Solaris” or “Interstellar.” Although the production did have set backs, with two pushed back premiere dates, I am still highly anticipating this film.

ZEROVILLE
Premieres September 20
RATED R; COMEDY

Based on the novel by Steve Erickson, “Zeroville” tells a dreamlike tale of a Russian architecture student on a journey in Los Angeles during the ‘60s. Jerome is drawn to California by his love for film, and becomes involved in the world of film, conspiracies and partying upon his arrival. The film was directed by James Franco, who also stars in it along with Seth Rogen, Will Ferrell and Megan Fox.

IT: CHAPTER 2
Premieres September 5
RATED R; HORROR

After 27 years of peace, the town of Derry has a missing child problem again. The losers club has grown up, drifted apart, but they have to come back together to fight Pennywise and get rid of him for good this time. Billy Hader (Richie Tozier) steals the show in the 2 hour and 49-minute end of the classic tale from Stephen King.



A student waits for the bus near the Student Center.

Tips

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Need a lift?

WCC offers free rides from the college on the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority bus line. Students will need their WCC photo ID to swipe when boarding one of the three bus stops located on campus. Bus routes with stops at WCC include routes 3 and 24. Bus schedules for these routes can be found at theride.org.

Get it write

For a comfortable and friendly place to study, have written works critiqued, eat lunch or meet with friends, look to the Writing Center.

“We’ll look at any kind of writing that a student, faculty or staff needs help with; these include assignments for classes, cover letters, resumes,” said Zach Baker, a secretary at the Writing Center. “We encourage people to bring creative pieces in.”

There is more to the Writing Center than just its writing support services, Baker said.

“We also have other resources; one being our space—we have a really beautiful space on campus where students can come and study, hang out, do group projects, they can eat in here,” he said. “Attached to the Writing Center is also a computer lab. As long as there’s not a class going on, students are welcome to use that as well.”

Space to collaborate

Students looking to work on group projects or hold study sessions with peers can use one of the group study rooms in the Bailey Library. Rooms can be checked out for two hours at a time and sessions may be extended based on room availability. There is also space available for students who wish to study by themselves.

“A lot of students need individual study space, and we have an individual study space you can check out for an hour,” said Kennedy. “If you need a quiet study space for yourself or if you’re doing a Skype interview, meeting with a class [online] or recording something, we have that room available.”

Text, tech and more

Students can borrow class textbooks, laptops, headphones and calculators for free at the Richard W. Bailey Library using their student ID. It is important to note that these items are only available for use in the library and can only be checked out for two hours at a time, but checkout periods can be renewed depending on availability.

The resources available inside the library are just the beginning, though, according to Bethany Kennedy, library director.

“The majority of our resources are online and available 24/7,” said Kennedy. “So even if you are working on something and it is 1 a.m., you can still go online and access e-books, databases, and Kanopy, a streaming video service with documentaries and full-length feature films.”

Take a break in nature

Fall will soon be upon the WCC campus, bringing out beautiful colors, falling leaves and cooler days. Students can take a break from the stress of school and enjoy some fresh air with a hike through the WCC nature trail. The trailhead begins on the Clark Road side of the GM building next to the parking lot and pond. This two mile hiking path winds around small ponds and deciduous and coniferous forests. Wildlife is abundant, so expect to see birds, squirrels and even deer.



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A sign points hikers towards the WCC Nature Trail.

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events

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FLICKS ON BRICKS

Enjoy a free screening of “A Star Is Born” outside after sunset at the historic Ann Arbor Farmers Market. Bring a blanket or use the chairs provided. Come early for dinner at a food truck, beer from the beer garden and free pre-movie circus performances. Popcorn will be provided for free.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market | 315 Detroit St., Ann Arbor

Sept. 4, 6 p.m.

THE MOTH STORYSLAM FROM MICHIGAN RADIO

Prepare your own five-minute story for the “moth storySLAM,” an open mic story-telling competition. Sign up when you arrive or just enjoy the show as a listener. The theme of this competition is neighborhoods and community. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and need to be purchased in advance at themoth.org/events/neighborhoods-ann-arbor

Zingermans Greyline | 100 N. Ashley St., Ann Arbor

Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.

NEW YORK DOG FILM FESTIVAL

An annual celebration of the love between dogs and their people through short films from around the world. 10% of ticket sales will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Admission is \$8.50 with a valid student ID. Tickets can be purchased on the Michigan Theater website.

Michigan Theater | 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Aug. 26, 7 p.m.



DANCING IN THE STREETS

Sample many different music and dance traditions in the downtown area. Multiple stages are provided to showcase music and dance traditions from all over the world and allow people to try different styles of dancing. Families welcome!

Downtown Ann Arbor | Main and Washington Streets

Sept. 1, 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FIFTH WALL PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS “MICHIGAN TREES”

Join the Fifth Wall Performing Arts group for the premiere of the opera “Michigan Trees: A Guide to the Trees of Michigan and the Great Lakes Regions” that follows the journey of Orna, a transgender woman, as she grapples with self-acceptance. Tickets range from \$10 to \$35. More information and a link to purchase tickets can be found on the Fifth Wall Performing Arts Facebook page.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse | 100 Market Pl., Ypsilanti

Aug. 28 and 29, 8:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF THE HONEY BEE

The seventh annual Festival of the Honey Bee, created in partnership with First Fridays Ypsilanti, is a city-wide celebration of all things honey bee. The event will feature free educational activities, live music and more. Find more information on firstfridaysypsi.com.

Downtown Ypsilanti | North Washington St.

Sept. 6, 5-9 p.m.



WCC INFORMATION STATIONS

If you have any questions or concerns during the first week of school, stop by one of the information tables located in the Student Center, Technical and Industrial, Business Education, Crane Liberal Arts and Sciences, Gunder Myran and Occupational Education buildings.

WCC Campus

Aug. 27, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 28-29, 5-7 p.m.

AAUW 67TH ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

On the hunt for a few new reads? The AAUW Ann Arbor Branch collects books from all over the community and the sales go towards money for national fellowships, local scholarships and awards to graduating high school seniors. A win for everyone! More information available at annarbor-mi.aauw.net.

Morris Lawrence Building

Sept. 6-8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FALL SPORTS RECRUITING DAYS

Student-athletes from each of WCC’s 11 club sports will have tables set up to answer questions about sports at WCC and to help interested students get involved.

Student Center, First Floor

Aug. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Welcome to WCC!

Let Us Help ...

Our goal is to circle you with the support you need to be successful in meeting your education goals.

We can answer your questions or connect you with the right place. Here’s a list of resources and services available to support you when you need a little help to get through:

- ▶ Free Tutoring
- ▶ Writing Center
- ▶ Computer Commons
- ▶ Counseling and Career Planning
- ▶ Learning Support Services
- ▶ Student Resource Center
- ▶ Job Assistance

and Many More!

Happy Learning!

Contact Student Connection to get started:



Visit us: 2nd floor of the Student Center



Call us: 734-973-3543



Email us: studrec@wccnet.com



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