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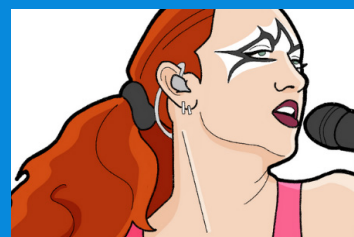
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## Grants and scholarships make college accessible

Get free money for schooling, deadlines coming soon for WCC students

SASHA HATINGER  
Staff Writer

Whether you are a first-time student or returning to WCC, paying for tuition, books and supplies can be a daunting process for many students.

WCC's Financial Aid office provides a number of resources for students interested in applying for grants and scholarships and are available to help students.

Andrew Munguia, executive director of Financial Aid, breaks it down in simple terms.

When asked about the difference between scholarships and grants, Munguia said, "They're both free money to help you pay for any expense for college."

Applying for scholarships and grants allows students to ease their burden of financial debt they accrue while pursuing their degrees.

"Scholarships are typically merit [based], you have to earn them," Munguia said. "Grants are typically free money that can go to a student primarily based off of need."

It is essential for students to know what scholarships and grants are available to them. Part of that process, for grants specifically, is the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Financial Aid Office is available to help stu-



Andrew Munguia, the executive director of Financial Aid, since November of 2022, has been committed to helping students through college expenses. He has on numerous occasions helped fill out FAFSA forms.

dents with their FAFSA application.

According to Munguia, for the academic year 2022-2023, 6,363 WCC students received \$34,930,676 in some sort of financial aid.

The Pell Grant is a federal grant and is part of the

FAFSA application; along with the other significant, and more importantly, free federal grant programs.

Munguia highlighted that 3,777 students at WCC received \$12,773,762 in Federal Pell Grants in the academic year 2022-2023.

The WCC Foundation Scholarship is available for students who exhibit financial hardships and perform well in school.

Kayla Friedland-Volz, manager of advancement (Scholarship and Student Emergency Fund) for WCC

Foundation, offers guidance for students interested in applying for the WCC Foundation Scholarship.

"We recommend that you write your personal statement before you even sign in to apply," Friedland-Volz said. "The committee's normally

looking for if you have any financial need. What you're doing at WCC, like your program and your future plans."

There are also external scholarships available, like the Michigan Reconnect Scholarship.

"The Michigan Reconnect program is an initiative to try to increase the number of students with [a] college education," Munguia said. "They have a plan called 'Sixty by 30.' They want to increase the number of college degrees to 60% by the year 2030."

There are many students already taking advantage of the Michigan Reconnect Scholarship at WCC. "In 2022-2023, we disbursed \$1,366,417 of Michigan Reconnect to students 25 and older," Munguia said.

The scholarship was originally designed for students 25 and older, however, it was recently extended to students between the ages 21-24 this past year.

Students within that age range should act fast if interested in applying for the Michigan Reconnect Scholarship. According to the Michigan.gov website, the "Reconnect Expansion for ages 21-24" is only temporary. The deadline to apply is Nov. 15, 2024.

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



COURTNEY PRIELIPP | WASHTENAW VOICE

Joshua Wooten, 29, an independent contractor with Detroit Action, has been taking the bus since his car engine flooded with water. He relies on the bus to go to work.

## Changes are coming to a bus stop near you

ALICE MCGUIRE  
Deputy Editor

What's changed since you last took the bus?

In 2022, residents of Washtenaw county voted to improve public transportation in their local community by passing a millage that would fund the first phase of TheRide's 2045 Long-Range Plan.

This past spring, the first of these changes—Route 104, an express route that connects Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor—went into effect.

Starting August 2025, most routes will be revamped in some manner, with highlights including an expansion of hours of operation on both weekdays and weekends as well as an increase in the frequency of service for many routes.

**BUS STOP, A7**

## Who's on the ballot: Michigan election 2024 lineup

YANA MCGUIRE  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, 26% of registered Washtenaw County voters took to the polls for the 2024 primary election. The turnout was 10% lower than 2020s primary election, which also occurred simultaneously with the presidential election. The following is a brief overview of some key winners.

### U.S. Senator

#### Democrat

The announcement of longtime Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow's retirement came as a surprise to many and left the seat open to the beginning of a new era. Elissa Slotkin won 76.3% of the votes, beating Hill Harper's 23.7%.

Before leaving her U.S. Rep. seat to run for the U.S. Senate Democratic nomination, Slotkin was ranked as the

most bipartisan member of Michigan's U.S. House delegation by the Lugar Center-McCourt School Bipartisan Index. Slotkin has been endorsed by retiring incumbent Sen. Stabenow. According to Fox 2 Detroit, Stabenow believes that Slotkin "understands the skills you need in the Senate—not just to give speeches—but to actually get things done." The two worked together to pass the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 that helped Medicare recipients' insulin medication costs cap at 35 USD a month.

#### Republican

Former U.S. Representative Mike Rogers pulled 63.2% of the votes, winning over Justin Amash (15.7%), Sherry O'Donnell (12.1%), and Sandy Pensler (9.1%).

During his U.S. House tenure, Rogers sponsored the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act 2006, which prohibited demonstrations at national cemeteries. This Act



PHOTO FROM TRIBUNE

Elissa Slotkin will be on the Nov. 5 ballot next to her opponent Mike Rogers. Polling stations on Election Day are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

passed with a majority of 408 to three and was signed into law by President George W. Bush.

Rogers has the full support of former President Donald Trump. In a statement issued on social media platform, Truth, Trump vowed that "Mike Rogers will be a Great and Powerful Senator for Michigan, and has my Complete and Total Endorsement. HE KNOWS HOW

TO WIN!"

The former FBI agent and army veteran also has the support of national Republican groups, but has a long road to November due to the fact that since 1994 no republican has won a Michigan U.S. Senate election.



**ELECTION RESULTS, A7**

## STI cases rise in Washtenaw, resources available

LILY COLE  
Editor

Recent data from the Washtenaw County Health Department revealed Washtenaw County experienced a rise in sexually transmitted infections (STI), more specifically gonorrhea and chlamydia, among teens between the ages of 13 and 17 in 2023.

According to the Health Department, teenagers were the only demographic to ex-

perience an increase in these diseases, and MLive reports, "Combined chlamydia and gonorrhea case rate in local teens increased 23% from 2022 to 2023."

However, as of July 2024, all cases county-wide have decreased. Yet, there are still risks, and proper precautions can be taken if an infection is diagnosed.

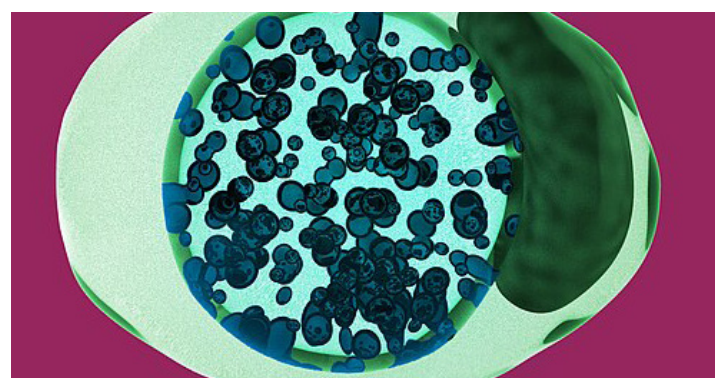


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Illustration depicting a chlamydia infected cell. Symptoms appear between one to three weeks after unprotected sex and sometimes can take months to appear. They can go unnoticed by the infected.

**STI CASES, A7**



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# VOICE BOX

What do you think students should look forward to this semester?

"There is so much excitement happening around campus and there's a lot of things that every office has been working hard over this past summer to put on cool [events] for students this year. When students come back in the fall we will have our Welcome Day event, which I'm really looking forward to. We have two different times this year and that's new for us because we want to make sure that we are engaging more students. I think students should be looking forward to it as well because they get to interact with all the resources on campus."

**Christy Main**  
Supervisor of Student Activities  
Student Development and Activities Office



"We'll have our career fair Wednesday, Oct 16. In the two weeks leading up to that event we'll have prep events like Resume-a-rama. This year we'll be partnering with a lot of different student organizations on campus. As always this fall we'll have workshop sessions to help with not only regular employment but also internships and learning ways to gain experience." (Kristen)

"Our mission is to assist students with their employment search. We can help with the job search, resume writing, and strengthening interviewing skills. If a student is looking for employment, either on campus or off, they can always come and see us to get some assistance. The big point is a lot of students think 'I can only go to that office when I'm getting ready to graduate.' No, we try to connect with students as early as possible in their time here at WCC." (David)

**Krysten Rue and David Wildfong**  
Director and Career Coach  
Center for Career Success



"Our club sports are the same nine that we offer every semester. The only exception is going to be softball which is only offered in the spring. We rotate what intramurals we offer and that's usually led by student interest. So if you know a couple people and they're interested in tennis, we can offer intramural tennis. That's how we determine our intramurals. We'll potentially be doing flag football and a 3v3 basketball tournament." (Ben)

"I would say the upcoming club sports and tryouts. I think with the NBA playoffs we're going to be doing a bracket challenge. It's geared towards working and online students who aren't able to come to campus all the time." (Wesley)

**Ben Trapp and Wesley Banks**  
Sports Clerk and Sports Student Assistant  
Office of Sports and Esports



Yana McGuire, the Voice's advice columnist.

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**LET'S CHAT: ADVICE COLUMN**

The road to successfully obtaining your college degree may be a bumpy one. Luckily, you don't have to make the journey on your own.

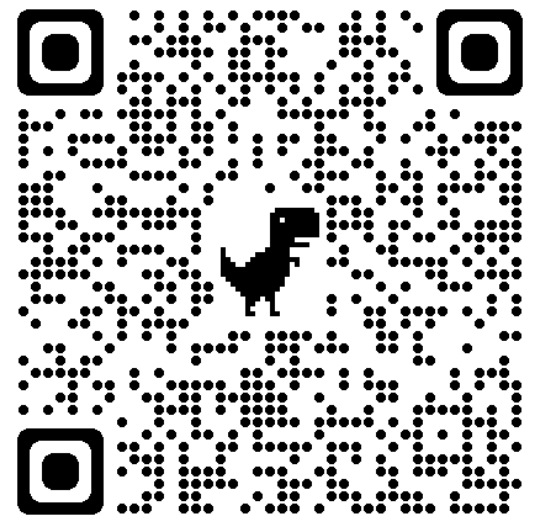
Need some school advice, have any questions, or do you just want to talk things out to gain some clarity?  
No worries, we're here to help!

The Voice is pleased to introduce our advice column from contributing writer Yana McGuire: Let's Chat.

We want to know we're hearing from the WCC community. Use your student email and we'll use a pseudonym to keep your name private ("Angsty in A2," for example).

See A5 for advice on mental health during finals.

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## Lyric Lane

THE VOICE STAFF PICKS: TOP SUMMER SONG

**"The Mollusk" by Ween**

JADA HAUSER, GRAPHIC DESIGNER  
I chose this song because it is the title track off the album I was obsessed with this summer. It's such a fun and quirky album. It also served as the inspiration for Spongebob Squarepants!



**"Dragostea din tei" by O-Zone.**

JACK SINK, BUSINESS MANAGER  
One of my personal classics. I've always loved this song ever since I first listened to it as a kid. It has a lot of nostalgic value to me and is a fun listen even if I can't understand the lyrics.



**"Maybe Not" by Souly Had & Mac Ayres**

YANA MCGUIRE, STAFF WRITER  
This song captures that magical moment when someone finds unexpected love on a hot summer night. When listening to it, you can feel the warmth of summer love.



**"You're Gonna Go Far, Kid" by The Offspring**

COURTNEY PRIELIPP, PHOTO EDITOR  
Whenever this song comes on, it makes me feel so good. It makes me want to jump and scream the lyrics which are not a lot of songs that to me.



**"We Didn't Start The Fire" by Billy Joel**

CHARLIE TRUMBULL, STAFF WRITER  
To a history nerd there is no better song to belt while driving with the windows down. That is, if you can memorize all the topics.



**"Time of the Season" by The Zombies**

SASHA HATINGER, STAFF WRITER  
Honestly such a groovy song! I can't help but to sing along and dance whenever I hear it. I may, or may not have listened to it on repeat for a week straight.



**"Fast Cars and Freedom" by Rascal Flatts**

LILY COLE, EDITOR  
I haven't heard this song in years, but I couldn't turn it off when my cousin played it when she came into town this summer. It reminds me of my childhood-camping and swimming in lakes. It's a window rolled down, cranked-up country masterpiece.



**"Danza Kuduro" by Don Omar ft. Lucenzo**

ZEINAB AGBARIA, GRAPHIC DESIGNER  
I chose this song because it always me want to dance to it. I almost always play it in the car while driving and it always gives me good vibes.



**Lost Heaven by L'Arc-en-ciel**

ALICE MCGUIRE, DEPUTY EDITOR  
Chosen because the Elric brothers (from Fullmetal Alchemist) continue to inspire me in 2024.



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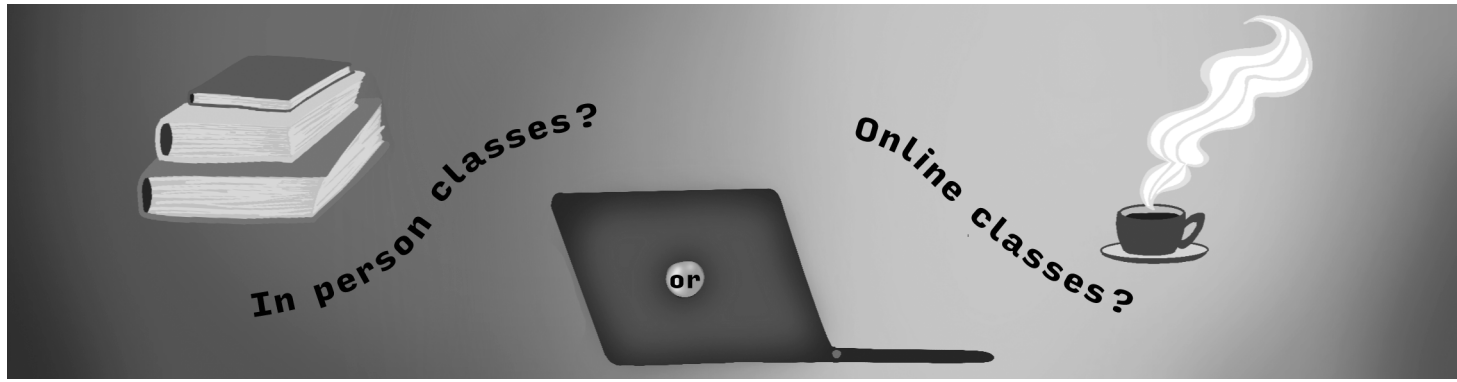
Asynchronous classes: benefits, downfalls, what to do?



ALICE MCGUIRE Deputy Editor

I'm tired of being stuck at the computer

As a starry eyed youth, I embraced MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) readily and registered for every course that caught my eye, convinced I would become a self-trained scholar in a matter of weeks. Reality soon humbled me. Without external structure, peer interaction, or a reason to get out of bed, learning proved impossible. Fast forward to the present day: asynchronous classes have become commonplace at Washtenaw Community College and elsewhere. Browsing the catalog for this past summer semester felt like an exercise in disappointment, with every course that caught my eye marked by a troubling lack of meeting times or room numbers. In the hopes of expanding my options, I spoke with Professor Claire Sparklin, faculty in Communication, who explained a bit about what makes



There are many classes available in-person and asynchronous. Late start classes begin Sept. 18, Oct. 2, and Oct. 18.

asynchronous classes at WCC different from what I had experienced. "It's not you, it's the MOOC," said Sparklin, who went on to explain that the format of WCC's asynchronous courses entails weekly due dates rather than offering the entire course's content at once and that each student should have at least two touch points with their instructor every week. "Your instructor is there to be your partner," Sparklin said. Sparklin, who designed her first asynchronous class for WCC in 2010, explained that she begins her online classes with an engaging, ungraded activity and a chance for reflection before moving on to "microlearning" segments, which teach the content in a "short, to the point" style, eventually building up to a "resume-worthy assignment." "I always figure that a course is successful if a student can tune into a module and

immediately begin to apply it to their life," said Sparklin. Sparklin said WCC's asynchronous courses are unique in that all instructors teach the best version of the course. After Professor Sparklin assured me that I could try out an asynchronous course without worrying about my GPA thanks to WCC's withdrawal policy allowing students to nope out at any point before the 80% mark, I gave it sincere consideration and concluded that, if I absolutely had to take an asynchronous class, there's no place that I would trust more than WCC to do it right. But I'd still be mad about it. While I am glad that asynchronous classes exist for those who enjoy or need them, I am someone who went from homeschool to finishing a Bachelor's degree on Zoom during a pandemic. When I pay tuition, it doesn't feel worth it unless it buys me access to a safe space to learn to be human IRL.

Virtually anything is possible with online learning

Technology is at the forefront of all our lives today. This is certainly the case for students furthering their education online at WCC. Instructors and staff support students to ensure academic success with WCC's online learning. Online learning at WCC has diversified the means of which students can gain access in continuing their education to reach their academic goals. By having online access to classes at WCC, students can learn and complete their coursework, virtually, anywhere. As a student at WCC that lives in East Lansing, online classes have played a huge role in my success and ability to further my education. Remaining

JADA HAUSER | WASHTENAW VOICE

successful has been dependent upon my flexibility, time-management skills and self-motivation. I have only taken classes at WCC online or virtually, until this fall semester. I also have only been a part-time student, which allows me to align my personal life with my academic goals. Grace Fama, director of Advising and Success Coaching shares tips for success for students that are taking online classes. "In your first semester, [take] one or two classes, that way, you can get the hang of it, get a sense of what this workload is actually like," Fama said. "I think the other big thing is knowing how to get a hold of your faculty, whether it's office hours or contacting your instructor over email. Just because you're taking an online only class does not mean you are on your own." Staying in contact with instructors helps build rapport and ensures that students get



SASHA HATINGER Staff Writer

the support that they need. Wanda Gunderson, faculty in the Life Sciences department is an online instructor at WCC, who has also taught in person and virtually in the past. Her advice to prospective online students, "Make sure they are self-motivated and have the discipline to sit down and do the work." I wouldn't have made it as far as I have on my academic journey if online classes were not available at WCC. "I do prefer teaching face to face," Gunderson said. "But again, I know how [for] some students, this is the only way they're going to be able to get their degree—is to offer these online courses." The benefits of online classes extend further than just the students, "That's what I think keeps me going teaching, is knowing that I'm helping students get ahead," Gunderson said.

EDITORIAL



PHOTO FROM WASHTENAW VOICE ARCHIVE The Voice's 2023-2024 scholarship and contributing team attending the MCCPA Conference at Central Michigan University.

Welcome back from the Voice

At the end of December, an editorial explained the paper's absence and why publications stopped. With the hiring of our new adviser, publications resumed, and the Voice had a great winter semester. So, on behalf of the Washtenaw Voice this semester, welcome back! This is our first complete fall publication since 2022, and we're excited to develop student voices with respect and dedication. As an independent stu-

dent publication, the Voice prides itself on providing accurate, newsworthy content to the campus community. We are a team of students for students, and it's our job to give the voice to you, the reader. We're a team that consists of editors, staff writers, photographers, graphic designers, and even a business manager. SC-109 is always open to anyone who wanders in with ideas, news tips, or curiosity about us or journalism in general. We are protected under the First Amendment, meaning we have the right to a free press and, like professional journalists, to seek and report the truth. As student journalists, we

follow a Code of Ethics: seek truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently, and be accountable and transparent. We firmly uphold this policy and do our diligence to protect it. At the Voice, we hold ourselves accountable and want to be held accountable for the stories we publish. Suppose something seems off about an article, and questions arise. In that case, editor emails are always open to anyone who wants to voice their concerns or have questions about said stories, policy and more. For this semester, we want to be the megaphone students speak through. There's something special about WCC and

its community of faculty, students and administrators. We are such a diverse campus, and here at the Voice, we want to unite this community into something bigger than itself. We're always looking for news tips, contributors, and feedback to ensure we're the best we can be. We have weekly Monday meetings at 5 p.m. in SC-109 for anyone interested. Editors/other team members: (734) 677-5125 or thewashtenawvoice@gmail.com. Voice adviser, Lilly Kujawski: 734-677-5405 or lgkujawski@wccnet.edu. For advertising, please call 734-677-5405 or email wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com.

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Embrace a new ideology: how to be 'brat' and more



LILY COLE Editor

Thanks to artist Charli XCX and her album "BRAT," this year's summer color was definitely lime green. Why abandon the "brat" ideology as we move into fall?

What is "BRAT"



"BRAT" is the hyperpop album recorded and released in June. Charli garnered praise with her album, with albumthefear.org rating it 96%. According to Charli, her version of brat was explained in a June 8 Instagram post, saying, "[brat is] me, my flaws, my f—ups, my ego all rolled into one." The artist had already explored some of her emotions in her five other studio albums. However, "BRAT" embraces a new party girl aesthetic. She explains it more in a TikTok video, "You're just like that girl who is a little messy and likes to party and maybe



JADA HAUSER | WASHTENAW VOICE Charli XCX has been releasing music since 2016 and has risen to fame with popular albums such as "Pop 2," "how i'm feeling now" and "BRAT."

says some dumb things sometimes. But kind of like, parties through it, is very honest, very blunt. Like, does dumb things. But it's brat. You're brat. That's brat." How to be "brat" and more We can see that "brat" is

a more straightforward way of saying radical acceptance. In short, radical acceptance is based on the idea that suffering doesn't come directly from pain but from one's addiction to it. The first step to a more healthy mindset is to accept. It's a part of dialectic

behavior therapy (DBT), which teaches you to recognize things the way they are, even if they are not good. It's a form I've tried and found very beneficial. This might sound like: this thing sucks. This thought makes me feel terrible. But I cannot change that. I must learn to accept my emotions and the reality of life. So, how does this relate to "brat summer?" If "brat" is carefree and messy, radical acceptance is that, but without the mess. You can live an unbothered life and healthily embrace your not-so-good qualities. This can be achieved by

simply feeling your emotions. Wherever you are, cry, laugh, take time, and understand why you're feeling a certain way about something. It's easier said than done, but once you are genuinely in tune with your mind and how you react to certain things, life becomes as carefree as a club on Saturday night playing "365." So, as we move into "demure fall" (TikTok user Joolieannie's newest trend, replacing "brat"), keep in mind radical acceptance, how it relates to "brat" (and even "demure fall") and mostly its benefits to being a more mindful, unworried person.

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24 Sticker that may be good forever
28 Target, as an audience
31 Intl. peacekeeping alliance
32 '\_\_\_ you kidding?'
33 'No thanks, just had lunch'
35 Scandinavian capital
39 Cosmetic tattoos
44 'Me too!'
45 New Mexico art town
46 Issa of 'Barbie'

- 47 Performed in a choir
51 Kane's last word in 'Citizen Kane'
53 Recreational getaway
57 Snakelike fish
58 Memphis record company
59 Move crabwise
63 Top-level performance
65 Soup legumes, or a phonetic description of 17-, 24-, 39-, and 53-Across
68 Toys with tails
69 Quick look

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72 Plumlike gin flavoring
73 Japanese-Peruvian fusion chain
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3 Family \_\_\_: genealogy chart
4 Mexican cloak
5 Happy hour locale
6 Kerfuffle

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8 Assail, as a reputation
9 If everything goes smoothly
10 Hair salon stock
11 Honshu port city
12 Chest
13 Ready to go
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narcotics
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27 Swiped
28 Beansies
29 Length x width
30 Semester or quarter
34 Sinus specialist, briefly
36 Belgrade native

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Audio Visual (AV) Technology Engineer Intern | The Henry Ford can expect to work fully on-site, which requires the ability to commute to our campus in Dearborn, MI.

and sound. You will also learn troubleshooting techniques and work through problems that may arise in the systems.

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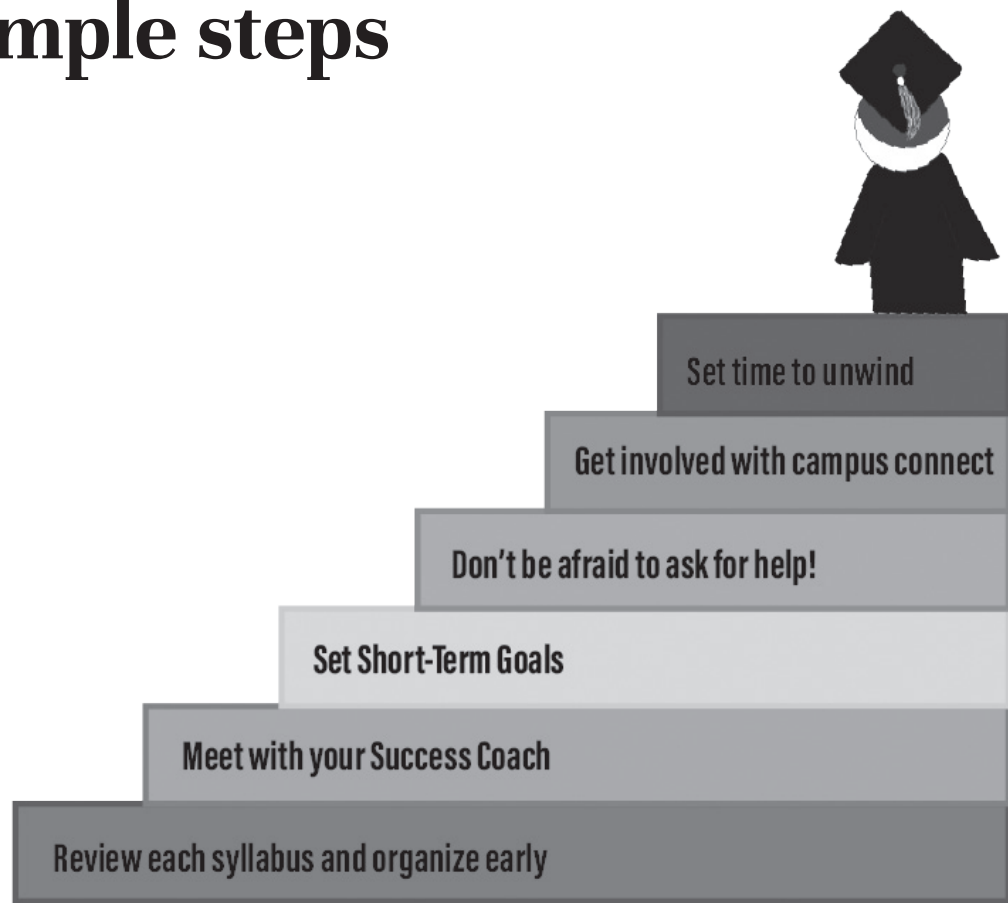
Radiology Technologist - Urgent Care | IHA.

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Part-Time News Reporter | WHMI.

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# How to have a successful semester in 6 simple steps



These six steps can help you be more mindful, get through the school year and graduate with success.

ZEINAB AGBARIA | WASHTENAW VOICE

YANA MCGUIRE  
Staff Writer

Welcome to your fall semester! Whether you are a new or a returning student, you are one step closer to your dreams. Each step takes a lot of hard work and can be a bit overwhelming. Let's take a moment to breathe and review some tips from experts and my own personal experience so that you can take that step with confidence.

### Review each syllabus and organize early

This will give you a full understanding of your class schedule, what will be expected from you, and what materials you will need. Gather all your materials ahead of time and set reminders on your favorite device for important classroom dates.

### Meet with your success coach

Your success coach can connect you to everything WCC has to offer in a one-on-one session geared toward supporting your academic needs. According to WCC Student Success Specialist, Earle Jackson, scheduling an appointment early is key.

"For first year students, anywhere between two and three weeks before the semester starts is best. We can talk

about preparation and navigating blackboard, so you can start day one off on the right foot. For returning students, [scheduling within] the second or third week of the semester so we can discuss how it has been going so far and any challenges or barriers that they have encountered. Then we can do some correcting, if necessary, before they are too far into the semester," he explained.

To schedule an appointment, go to <https://www.wccnet.edu/succeed/success-coach/>

### Set short-term goals

Jackson continues, "I always like to tell students to set some sort of short-term goal. It helps to motivate them. They know they are working towards something that isn't five years down the line. It is harder to see goals that are far away." This is also a great way to hold yourself accountable and reward yourself for a job well done. If you are unsure of what goals to set, your coach can help you.

### Don't be afraid to ask for help!

WCC has many resources available with multiple ways you can access them. The WCC website is a great source

of information. If you like a more personal method, your coach is there to help. More of a people person? One week before the fall and winter semester, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion holds success conferences for new and returning students that will connect you with coaches and resources according to your needs. Christina Do, the Coordinator of Student Equity & Inclusion, strongly encourages students to reach out before burn out sets in.

"I suggest really exploring WCC to the fullest. Don't be afraid to ask for help because you are paying for your education. There are staff here who really care about supporting students. It is a shame to see someone who needs help not ask for it because things could have turned out differently for them. We just want to be here to help students be as successful as they can be," she said.

For more information on the next success conferences, go to <https://www.wccnet.edu/succeed/success-conferences/>

### Get involved with campus connect

Look at the clubs you can join through Campus Connect. Surrounding yourself with positive people that share

similar interests can be a rewarding experience that opens doors for you.

Do states, "I think there is so much to be gained from taking the time and making intentional effort to build connections with people. You never know, your next mentor, friend, or study buddy could help you get your next job."

View all WCC clubs at <https://wccnet.campuslabs.com/engage/>

### Set time to unwind

Make sure you are scheduling time to let your mind rest. When asked what the best tip you could give to keep students motivated, Do states, "Taking care of yourself is always really important. Community college students, in particular, understand how hard it is to balance multiple responsibilities in life. A lot of students are balancing work and family, so school is just one piece of their life. We are seeing more and more now the importance of mental health." To do your best, your mind must rest.

Need some school advice, have any questions, or do you just want to talk things out to gain some clarity?

No worries, we're here to help!

The Voice is pleased to welcome back staff writer Yana McGuire's advice column: Let's Chat.

Scan the QR code to fill out a Google Form with your question and receive a response in the next issue.

We want to know we're hearing from the WCC community. Use your student email and we'll use a pseudonym to keep your name private ("Angsty in A2," for example).



<https://tinyurl.com/2z5ejcd8>

# Defeat stigma, protect your mental health

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Staff Writer

Returning to school in the fall can be a lot for students to handle. Students are under an immense amount of pressure to succeed juggling classes, sports, and clubs, while managing work and maintaining a home life can be hectic to the point that mental health goes on the back burner.

It matters, and there is still a stigma when it comes to mental health.

"More than half of people with mental illness don't receive help for their disorders," according to an article about the stigma regarding mental health on [psychiatry.org](https://psychiatry.org).

The article also highlights that people usually do not seek treatment due to fear of retaliation from others in their everyday lives, "that's because stigma, prejudice, and discrimination against people with mental illness are very much still a problem."

Between adverse beliefs and absence of understanding from others, discrimination from disinformation, or self-shame, the stigma concerning mental health only perpetuates suffering.

Hope Bernard, faculty of Drama and Film at WCC, recognizes the many roles that students have. She talks about mental health for students returning to school this fall saying, "Just know that you're not alone."

WCC has many resources available for students to discuss and work on their mental health in a safe environment.

Jim Bauer, licensed professional counselor (LPC)/case manager at WCC's personal counseling office, located on the second floor of the Student Center, offers insight to the resources available for current students.

"We've got a few," Bauer said. "We provide a short-term solution focused style of counseling." Students can re-

ceive services in person, or via Zoom, if the student is in the state of Michigan.

Another service offered is, "After Hours Crisis Resources-Mental Health," which can be found online at the Personal Counseling Office's website, or by calling, "833-WCC-4-YOU." Students can call the hotline anytime and talk about anything.

Taking advantage of the resources available is just the first step. "Know your resources. Know where you can get support. Build your support network," Bauer said. "Talk to the people, come up with game plans and how you're going to take care of your vulnerabilities."

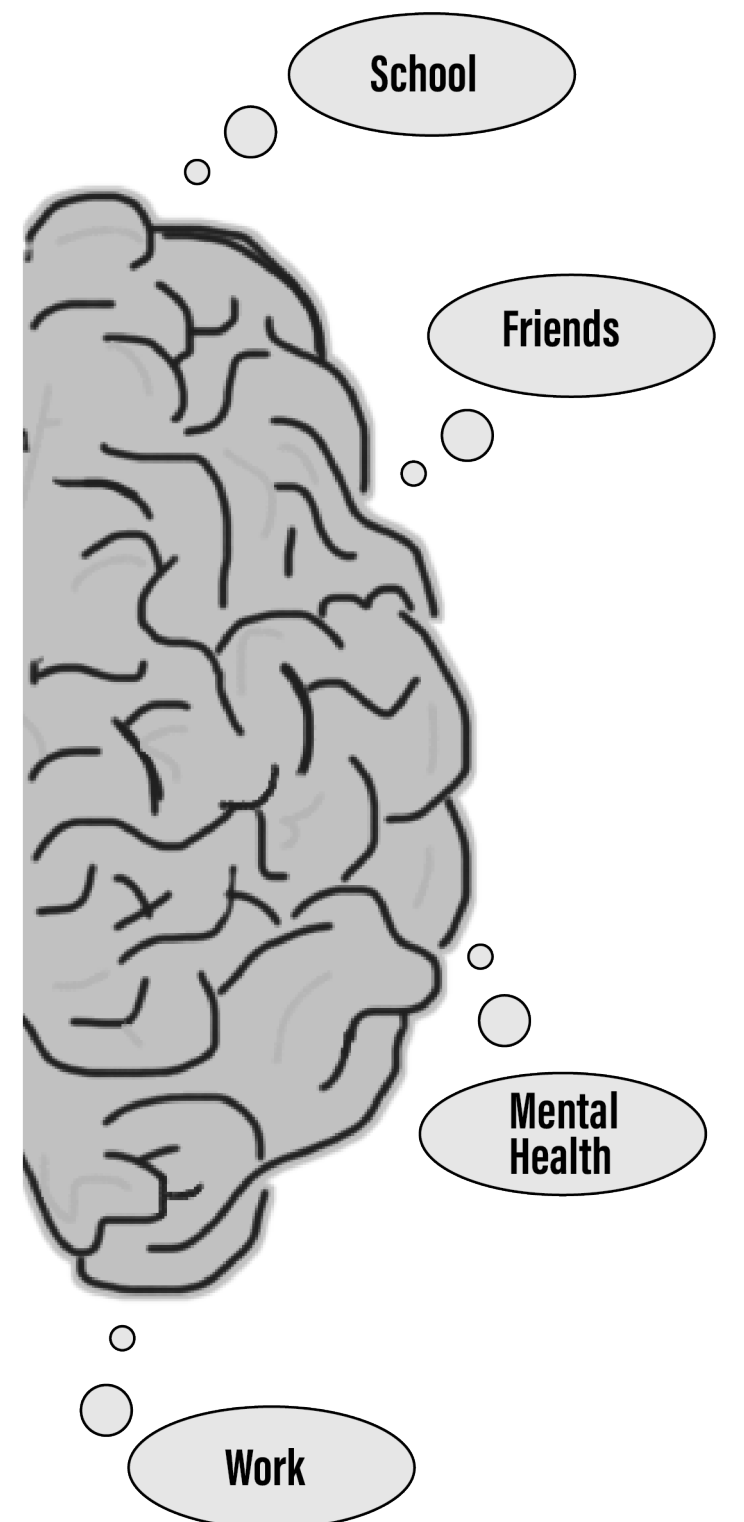
Israel Shriki, a journalism student at WCC offers sincere and solid advice for students returning to WCC this fall who learn that a peer is struggling with their mental health.

"My natural behavior will be to reach out to this person and try to be friendly with them and try to speak to them and or listen to them, and try to be a friend," Shriki said. "I feel that there is a lot of support at WCC regarding mental health, and it's something we should pay attention to, because it's very important. It's part of life."

Support is available for students returning to school this fall that are in need, from staff and peers.

It is time to take action to end the stigma surrounding mental health. "I think it's a two-part thing," Bernard said. "Be willing to share, combined with being willing to listen to someone else."

According to Bauer, students can help reduce the stigma by being supportive of other students. "Having a huge dose of empathy," Bauer said. "Recognizing that they are human just like you and deserving of love and compassion and respect, just like you could go a long way in reducing the mental health stigma."



The brain is a complex organ that controls many processes in the body, including thought, memory, emotion, movement and senses.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

# WELCOME DAY

## FALL 2024

- ★ September 4
- Session one:  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Session two:  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- ★ Community Park
- ★ Freebies, Food, Games & Fun

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<https://tinyurl.com/fallwd2024>

Have questions? Contact Student Activities at [studentlife@wccnet.edu](mailto:studentlife@wccnet.edu)

# Bus stop

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Joshua Wooten, an independent contractor, has used the bus ever since moving to Ypsilanti four years ago.

“This is the first city that I’ve lived in that has actually had an option for public transit—it’s been super helpful!” said Wooten, who attributed access to public transit to his ability to earn a living wage.

When informed about the upcoming changes, Wooten expressed excitement, stating that weekend hours have been “very annoying” and that he is looking forward to “the ability to plan out my day better” as well as less time spent waiting around at transit centers.



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Jeremy Muhammad, a Global Studies Major, looks forward to the new changes.

Jeremy Muhammad, 22, is a student majoring in Global Studies, and he has been using public transit for most of his life.

Upon learning about the upcoming changes, Muhammad expressed hope that he might be able to pick up more hours at work as well as positive feelings about the new express route, noting that it was quicker and less crowded than Route 4.

“With the way that society is moving, it heavily relies on people having vehicles, which is not always the case,” Muhammad said.

Rebecca Thomas, a Digital Media Arts major, expressed trepidation as she will have to choose between leaving earlier and leaving later than usual with the updated service schedule, though she added that she was excited for the increased frequency of service.

“If you need to come here on the weekend and study at the library, it’s nice that you can do that. You couldn’t do that before.” Thomas said

Copies of the RideGuide, updated to reflect the Aug. 25 2024 service changes, can be found in the student center.

# Dine-in for different food options at WCC

COMPILED BY CHARLIE TRUMBULL | STAFF WRITER

### VEGAN

Assorted bagels \$1.64.....	Java Spot Cafe
Fresh fruit cups \$3.25.....	Java Spot Cafe
Impossible Panini \$5.95.....	Java Spot Cafe
Lentil soup \$5.25.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Falafel wrap \$8.49.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Falafel bowl \$9.99.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Greek Salad \$8.99.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Garden Salad \$8.99.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Chickpea Lasala \$9.99.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Oatmeal cup \$2.75.....	Java Spot Cafe
Tofu bowl \$6.36.....	Java Spot Cafe

### VEGETARIAN

Garden Salad \$8.99.....	Spot Market
Black bean burger \$5.51.....	SC Spot Grill
Onion rings \$2.39.....	SC Spot Grill
Protein Bento Box \$4.95.....	Spot Market
Lentil soup \$5.25.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Greek Salad \$8.99.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe
Samosas \$5.30.....	Java Spot Cafe
Masala Dosas \$6.36.....	Java Spot Cafe
Chana Masala bowl \$6.36.....	Java Spot Cafe

### PESCATARIAN

Assorted sushi \$7.49.....	Java Spot Cafe
Tuna Salad Wrap \$5.95.....	Java Spot Cafe

### BEVERAGES

Hyperion black coffee \$2.95.....	Java Spot Cafe
Fruit smoothies \$4.95.....	Java Spot Cafe
Cappuccino \$4.66.....	Java Spot Cafe
Fresh pressed juices \$4.95.....	Ready, Set, Go! Cafe



LILY COLE | WASHTENAW VOICE

A plethora of food options are provided at WCC. The Java Spot is open 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Grill will reopen for the fall semester, hours provided soon. The Spot Market is open 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

# Election results

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## Michigan 7th Congressional District

Slotkin vacated her 7th Congressional District seat, leaving it up for grabs. Democrat Curtis Hertel Jr. and Republican Tom Barrett were both uncontested and will face off on the November ballot.

## Washtenaw County Results

Washtenaw County Sheriff Incumbent Democrat Jerry Clayton has decided not to run, opening the race to new candidates. Alyshia Dyer won the Democratic nomination by 384 votes, narrowly beating Derrick Jackson. Dyer will be the first woman to serve as County Sheriff.

A new Treasurer will soon be serving Washtenaw county after 28 years of Democrat Catherine McClary holding the position. Republican Robert Zimmerman beat Brian Bennett with 66.65% of the votes. He will be facing uncontested Democrat Latitia Lamelle Sharp this November.

### PROPOSAL RESULTS

Prop A Roads  
Yes (68.65%)

Prop B Conservation  
Yes (69.41%)

Prop C Parks  
Yes (69.84%)

# STI cases

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that the safest way to prevent an STI is to abstain from sex altogether. Exposure can be reduced by limiting the number of sex partners and getting regular testing.

“Practice a mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and does not have an STI, and use condoms the right way every time you have sex,” the CDC also said.

Planned Parenthood has two Ann Arbor locations that

offer STI testing options, and the Washtenaw County Health Department provides STI testing and treatment. Both have fees for their testing. However, they do provide free condoms.

The Corner Health Center specializes in comprehensive health services for young people aged 12 to 25 and their children. It also offers testing options for a fee.

Additionally, the University of Michigan offers free testing on its campus for students and nonstudents.

- **Washtenaw County Health Department:** 555 Towner Street in Ypsilanti. Call 734-544-6840 to schedule an appointment.
- **Planned Parenthood:** one is located at 3100 Professional Drive near the intersection of Washtenaw and Huron Parkway. The second is on the west side of Ann Arbor, at 2370 West Stadium.
- **The Corner Health Center:** located at 47 North Huron Street, Ypsilanti Visit the Corner Health Center website or call 734-484-3600.
- **University Health Services (UHS):** located at 207 Fletcher Street Ann Arbor. Appointments are required. Schedule by calling 734-764-8320.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE EXTENSION

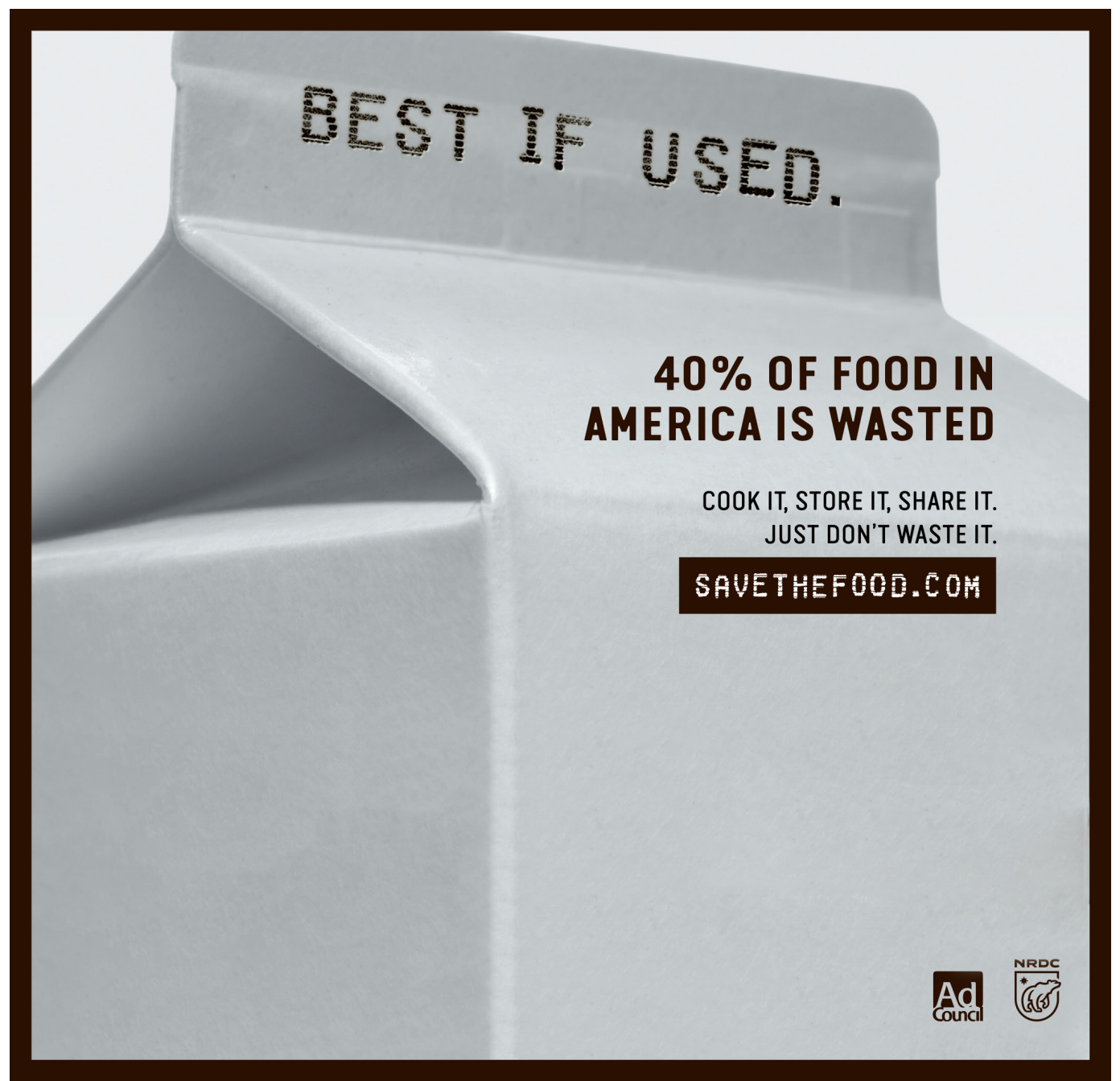
The deadline for students to withdraw from classes has been extended from mid semester to post-midterms. The change reflects the Office of the Registrar’s attempts to provide students with more flexibility in their schedules and to manage their academic success. The new withdrawal deadline for the Fall 2024 semester is Nov. 19 for session I courses. For more information visit the Registration Dates and Important Deadlines site.

## CHANGES TO GRADING PROCEDURES

Previously, faculty was able to offer grades of “W” (withdrawal) and “AU” (audit) at the end of the semester. The new grading procedures come with the extension of the withdrawal deadlines. Now, students must withdraw prior to the new withdrawal deadline to receive a “W” grade.

## CRIME LOG

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# events

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## ARTS & CRAFTS

## MUSIC & FUN

## ON CAMPUS

### ARTIST TRADING CARDS - CRAFT & CHILL

Aug. 27 | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

SCRAP Creative Reuse | 4567 Washtenaw Ave. Ann Arbor

Artists aged seven and up are invited to learn how to create art on a miniature scale. Layering and mark making with found objects techniques will be the focus. Tickets are six dollars. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### RIVERSIDE'S YPSI FINE ARTS CLUB

Sept. 4 | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Riverside Arts Center: Off Center | 76 North Huron, Ypsilanti

Artists can present and discuss their work on a first-come, first-served basis. Art lovers can view and support local artists. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Presentations start at 5:30 p.m.

### RUMBLE OF THE BUMBLE ENVIRONMENTAL FESTIVAL

Sept. 7 | 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Depot Town | 39 E Cross St. Ypsilanti

This free, family-friendly street festival will host numerous interactive arts and craft activities, music, a live wrestling show, and much more. The event runs all day.

### THE ARK'S OPEN STAGE

Aug. 28 | 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m

The Ark | 316 S. Main Ann Arbor

Have a talent you want to share? Take center stage at The Ark and let your talent shine. Don't want to share? Come out and support local talent. Students get in free.

### SONIC LUNCH'S SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT FEATURING THE CRANE WIVES WITH ANNA ASH

Aug. 29 | 11:30 p.m Doors open at 10:30 p.m

Liberty Plaza | 310 S Division St. Ann Arbor

Michigan native folk/rock and roll artists Anna Ash and The Crane Wives will perform their hit songs at the Liberty Plaza. This is a free event and a perfect way to celebrate the end of summer. Lunch will be available for purchase for all attendees.

### FIRST FRIDAYS MOVIE NIGHT

Sept. 6 | 8 p.m.

Frog Island Park | 699 Rice St. Ypsilanti

Attendees are welcomed to bring snacks to the free viewing of The Lorax in an outdoor cinema. The event starts at 8pm. The movie starts at dusk. In the event of rain, showtime will be canceled.

### STUDENT LIFE SHOWCASE

Aug. 28 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First Floor of the Student Center

Students can learn about various sports clubs and student organizations while meeting other students with similar interests. All are welcome to come see what WCC campus life has to offer.

### FALL 2024 WELCOME DAY

Sept. 4 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Community Park

Start the new semester off right by making friends, connecting with faculty, and learning about available resources on this year's Welcome Day. Morning and afternoon sessions are being offered to provide flexibility.

### LATINX HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF

Sept. 4 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Community Park

A kick-off of Latinx Heritage Month will be hosted by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion during the Welcome Day event. Everyone is invited.

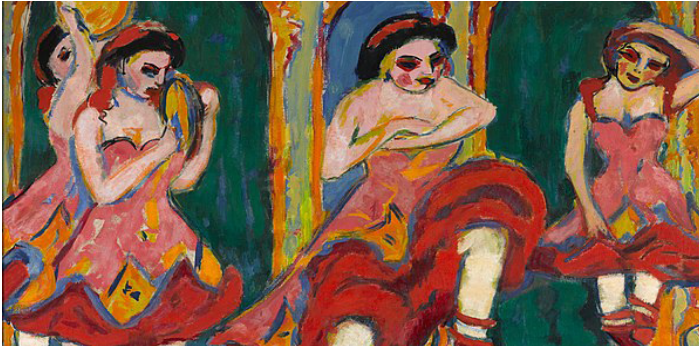


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Mini art is a fine art form that includes paintings, engravings and sculptures that are very small. Ernst Ludwig Kirchner's art "Czardas dancers" is a form of this.



PHOTO FROM WIKIMEDIA COMMONS | DWIGHT BURDETTE

The Ark features over 300 live performers each year and currently seats around 400 patrons.



PHOTO FROM VOICE ARCHIVE

Welcome Day caters to new and returning students providing them resources and information about many things around campus.

## 'Significant summer snippets'

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