Schoolcraft Connection

Coins to \$25,000

College accomplishes goal to help build school in Uganda

BY LAUREN LUKENS AND ELAINE GEROU

In September 2011, the Coins to Change program was created to support the work of Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, author of "The Price of Stones: Building a School for My Village." Due to ongoing generosity and support from the Schoolcraft College community, President Conway A. Jeffress awarded \$25,000 to Kaguri on Tuesday, April 14 in Kehrl Auditorium of the VisTaTech Center.

"It makes you feel great. What he is doing and what he can do for those kids is amazing. I guess the only thing is you wish you could do more, and maybe we can," said Jeffress. "This is one drive; maybe we can have another. When you look at pictures from these villages where they have been devastated by AIDS and, at least in that moment, having no hope, it is so heartbreaking. To help out in any way, it makes you feel good."

The money is contributing to the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, which was started by Kaguri after coming face-to-face with Uganda's HIV/AIDS pandemic when his brother and sister died, leaving him to care for his family. Knowing he could not stand it any longer, he took the \$5,000 he had for a down payment on his own home and built Nyaka's first school. The organization provides education and extra-

curricular activities to children who have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS.

Contributions from Schoolcraft and the surrounding community will help the existing Nakaya Vocational Secondary School expand to aid suffering children in Uganda.

"It has been four years of waiting. To finally have it in hand and being able to go and present it to the children is so exciting. I cannot explain it; it is a beautiful feeling. I am so happy for the students who have collected so many coins to make \$25,000," said Kaguri. "Each coin in Uganda means so much; it stretches way more than it does here in the United States. This is huge for Schoolcraft, but mostly the students in Uganda."

In the United States, \$25,000 is not enough for one to obtain a bachelor's degree at a university, but it is equivalent to \$50 million in Ugandan shillings. Various classrooms will be built, one dedicated to Schoolcraft. Uniforms, beds, pillows, blankets, uniforms, school supplies and more will also be purchased with the generous donation.

Schoolcraft's Honors Program, various clubs and community volunteers continuously col-

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Twesigye Jackson Kaguri speaks to students, faculty, staff and community members during the April 14 ceremony. Kaguri's message was to continue making a difference in the world, as he graciously accepted a check for \$25,000 to benefit the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project.

Top mathematical students Fang, Paruchuri

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Gary Fang, Pythagorean Prize winner, tutors math, physics and chemistry in the Learning Assistance Center.

### A wise prize

BY ELAINE GEROU

The 20th Annual Pythagorean Prize, which is an award that recognizes Schoolcraft's top mathematics students every year, was announced in early April. This year's top honor goes to Gary Fang. In addition, two other outstanding students were also recognized for their mathematical achievements. These two students were Anvitha Paruchuri and Ruby Araj

"It is such a pleasure for us, as a department, to be able to present this award," said Professor Sandra Kerr,

#### chair of the Pythagorean prize committee.

and Araj win awards

To qualify for consideration, students must be completing or have completed at least three mathematics courses at Schoolcraft College (one at the 200 level or above), have an overall grade point average of at least 3.25, have a grade average of at least 3.5 in mathematics courses, not have been a first place winner of this award previously and have completed and submitted an application and essay by the deadline.

"We place considerable emphasis

on the paper they write. We also take into consideration the contributions they make to the Schoolcraft College community, the community outside of Schoolcraft College and the contributions they make in their classes," Kerr said. "It is not an easy decision."

A committee of five mathematics faculty members read through each application and essay, then meet to discuss each impressive candidate before deciding winners. This year was

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### NEWSANDFEATURES





**BY ELAINE GEROU** 

#### **BRINGING UP DETROIT**

The Michigan Radio launched a new, yearlong series called "Bringing Up Detroit" at the end of March. The producer, Zak Rosen, will follow three Detroit families, all living in separate areas during the series to focus on the challenges of raising successful, healthy children in this unpredictable city. Listeners of the series will mentally be able to walk through these families' shoes where there are poor school systems, economy, limited public transportation and tough neighborhoods.

#### MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Several bills were introduced as a package to the state House regarding domestic violence. The proposed bills would create confidentiality programs for victims, allowing unemployment benefits if they leave a job due to abuse, use sick leave to make time to meet with legal and medical professionals and forbid landlords from evicting tenants who experience disruptions from domestic violence. Democratic Representative Winnie Binks is the primary sponsor of the package. **SHOWERS FOR EVERYONE** 

San Francisco now has a portible shower service called Lava Mae bringing homeless people free showers on buses. Founder Doniece Sandoval implemented her idea of turning decommissioned city buses into shower stations for the homeless, and the city loves it. One bus has already been donated, and three more will possibly be donated in the future if all goes well. The Public Utilities Commission also is allowing the buses to plug the bus into fire hydrants if Lava Mae pays for the water. One bus can hold two showers, and Sandoval thinks 2,000 showers could be provided a week. The only problem is that Lava Mae is \$80,000 short on the year's budget of \$365,000. Donations will power these showers.

#### DRIVE TO EUROPE?

According to The Siberian Times on March 23, Russian Railways president Vladmir Yakunin proposed a highway that would run from London, through all of Russia, all the way to New York at a Moscow-based Russian Academy of Science meeting. Of course the 55 miles of ocean between Russia and Alaska must be conquered by either bridge or tunnel for the highway in order to work, and specifics on addressing that problem have not been announced.

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lected donations, which were mostly coins, to reach the goal. Anna Maheshwari, Head of the English Department and full-time faculty member, has partnered with Kaguri since the beginning of the Coins to Change project, and she organized several events and tables at Schoolcraft throughout the years to help reach the goal.

"Anna [Maheshwari] worked hard. She is a determined person, and she has encouraged and inspired so many adults and younger people at this school to take on making a difference in the world," said Kaguri. "Bridging the gap between Schoolcraft here in Michigan and a school in Uganda is mostly because of the leadership and dedication

of Anna [Maheshwari], students and staff here."

Maheshwari said that the support of Schoolcraft students, faculty members and administrators all made it happen. Also, Novi and Northville High Schools generously contributed.

"It was a team effort; it could not have been does otherwise," said Maheshwari. "I am very, very excited. This is the day we had been dreaming of for the past couple of years, and we finally made it."

Kaguri mentioned that the school in Uganda will adopt Schoolcraft's principles of education.

"I think it just shows the strength and the willpower of our students and staff to support an initiative outside of our small community, and I commend them for their energy,"

PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER | PHOTO EDITOR

Kaguri, left, poses with Raya Lasiewski, holding a copy of his book "The Price of Stones: A School for My Village."

said Cheryl Hawkins, Dean of Liberal Arts and Science. "It's not just Schoolcraft; it's community partners. I'm excited that we are helping build this educational building for them."

Those who did not get a chance to give to the Coins to Change project can always donate online at www.nyakaschool.org. There are also opportunities on the website to get involved by going on volunteer trips.



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(From left to right) Taylor Struna, Schoolcraft student, Simran Reddy, Northville High School and Schoolcraft dual-enrolled student, and Ashi Arora, Novi High School and Schoolcraft College dual-enrolled student, pose together in support of the Coins to Change program. The money will go to a free boarding school that educates HIV/AIDS orphans in Uganda.



#### **SWIPED CHECKBOOK**

On April 2, a student came to the Campus Police Authority (CPA) and reported that his checkbook was stolen. The male victim believed his checkbook was stolen on March 24 while he was working out at the Fitness Center. He said it could have been stolen from his car or the locker room, but he did not know how because he usually locks his car doors, and there was no visible damage to his vehicle.

He realized on March 28 that his checkbook was missing, and when he checked with his bank, there was a

fraudulent withdrawal of \$500 and another unauthorized withdrawal on March 31. The male victim, desperate to find the perpetrator, contacted his bank again and found out whom the checks were written to. The victim then "googled" the suspect's name and found the suspect is a student at the college. The Livonia Police Department is investigating as well, and the case is pending.

#### MISSING WALLET

On March 25, a male victim reported a stolen wallet from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room.

The Campus Police Author-

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ity investigated the locker room, and in a near by trash can, the victim's wallet was found, but his wallet, Driver's License and school I.D. were gone. The next day, two black males, described as twenty years old with wavy black hair in gym clothes with backpacks, were found to be looking through unlocked lockers and are suspected to be the ones who stole the wallet. After reviewing a videotape, no solid evidence could be found, and the case was closed.

#### MISSING IPAD

On the afternoon of April 4, a student reported their iPad

missing from a class in the Radcliff Center. Upon contacting CPA, action was taken to determine the location of the iPad by using the student login to their iCloud account. This resulted in CPA officers obtaining and confirming the address of the missing iPad.

It was found to be located at another student's house that was in the same class as the student with the stolen iPad. The Canton Police Department was contacted to retrieve the iPad from the student in question. The student was consequently referred for student discipline.

### Haggerty's new highlight

### Northville Park Place offers restaurants and speciality shops

BY JOE ZYLKA

Many residents who live and work around Schoolcraft's campus seem to have one recurring issue with residing in the area—there's not much to do.

Schostak Brothers & Company is looking to change the bland feeling around these parts with an exciting new shopping center called Northville Park Place, located at the northwest corner of 7 mile and Haggerty.

Schostak is a Livonia-based real estate firm and in recent years has been gobbling up property across the country faster than Pac-Man. MLive reported in July of last year that the firm acquired 23 shopping centers in 19 states, and they are now turning their attention to a prime area of real estate right in their own backyard.

"This corner of Haggerty and 7 Mile is a gem of commercial real estate, so we started purchasing land there way back in 2005," said Warren Strietzel, the Chief Operations Officer at Schostak. "We have 80 acres of total land to develop, and it will consist of a mix-use development: retail, restaurants, service business, medical and other commercially reasonable businesses. We also have several more deals in negoti-

ations and hope to announce very soon the other businesses that will be joining these."

Schostak teamed up with REI Investment Group to break ground on the project last June. The Northville Park Place will include many amenities, such as water ponds with floating fountains, an elevated waterfall, a gathering area, walking paths and outdoor seating throughout the property, as well as a variety of perennials, ornamental grasses and flower features.

"It will provide a place for social interaction and more job opportunities for students, and I'm very excited to try everything there," said Schoolcraft student Nick Griwicki.

Schostak signed lease agreements with five additional businesses in January to go along with the six that previously inked deals. The five new faces included Tom + Chee, Red Olive, Sports Clips, Gazelle Sports and MOD Pizza. The new tenants will join the already star-studded lineup of Chipotle, Jimmy John's, BurgerFi, Granite City Food & Brewery, Rusty Bucket and Sherwin Williams Paint, making Northville Park Place a hub of commerce and interest right across the street from Schoolcraft.

"This is great for the entire community, (it will) increase sales tax revenue, include very esthetically appealing buildings and add new businesses to the community," Strietzel said.

The details of the grand opening of Northville Park Place have not yet been released. However, shoppers and area residents can expect several businesses to officially open in the spring, with more openings over the course of the summer. With so much new commerce happening on the Haggerty Road corridor, the Schoolcraft is now anything but boring.



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ABOVE: Northville Park Place is going through the final stages of development. Developer Schostak Brothers & Company says its tenants will begin business starting in spring 2015.

**BELOW:** The new move-ins include Chipotle, Red Olive, Jimmy John's and more. There will also be a salon and sports store in the new shopping area. Schostak hopes to bring in new jobs and sales tax revenue to the Northville and Livonia areas.



### More than just fun and games

#### Local salon Arcade Cuts is quickly making waves

BY JOE ZYLKA

Getting a haircut can seem like a painstaking process for a family: long lines, boring atmosphere and the screaming and complaining of children drives parents and hair stylists up the wall.

Michael Makki has a solution; he wfounded and opened four Arcade Cuts last October in the Metro Detroit area,

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a revolutionary idea in the haircut arena. The salons are in Westland, Canton and Northville, including a salon on Haggerty Road, right across the street from Schoolcraft's campus.

Wanting to do business in a sports-oriented area, Makki choosing the Livonia and Northville areas to open a salon was a no-brainer.

"We wanted to do business in a robust community that had an emphasis on sports," said Makki. "We know when there are sports involved, mom, dad and the kids can come together."

Every Arcade Cuts location features an Air Hockey table, a Foosball table, five flat-screen TV's and a tablet area where children can go to play their favorite games and watch their favorite videos while they wait for their siblings or parents' hair cut.

"Our salons are clean, safe, inviting, entertaining and provide a destination where dad or mom can bring the boys and girls to be entertained and

get a great cut for the entire family at a very reasonable price," said Makki.

Sports are not the only thing that is drawing people into the new salon. Makki explained that the stores reward loyal and local customers and organizations through its revenue sharing program.

"We give each player, coach, family member or employee of a community team, church or any civic organization a loyalty card," Makki explained. "These cards would identify and track their activities at any of our salons. We also return one dollar per each cut to their organization to be paid on a monthly basis accompanied with a monthly statement. In addition, each card holder will also enjoy any promotions that we may be running at the time of their service."

The young business is looking to build on its success by opening six new locations across Metro Detroit in 2015 in addition to the stores that opened last year. Their ultimate goal is to open a total of



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Arcade Cuts is not only a fantastic place to relax and get a stylish haircut, but one can also enjoy its fine amenities, such as flatscreen TV's, an air hockey table and a foosball table.

20 stores by the end of next year.

The salon has certainly grabbed the attention of many around the area, including Schoolcraft mathematics professor Lawrence Choraszewski.

"I would certainly take my children to a haircut place like this," said Choraszewski. "With all of the fun and creative ways to entertain clients, how could anybody ever be bored? Arcade Cuts has such a novel concept going for them, and it seems as though they did not 'cut' any corners when it comes to trying to satisfy customers' cravings for entertainment. I think the only hassle we'd experience is trying to get the kids (and myself) to leave!"

Arcade Cuts is a family-oriented facility dedicated to great service and fun experiences.

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and memorable dining.

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sports and observers to enjoy, and a vibrant downtown shop-

ping district is just a short walk away from the Grand Traverse

Bay. Visitors will usually experience live music, friendly locals

has locations for swimmers, boaters, those who do water





#### MACKINAC ISLAND

Taking one back to a time without motor transportation, Mackinac Island is a must-see. The island is only about eight miles around, and people can bike, walk or take a horse drawn carriage on the scenic paved trails. Overnight guests often stay at the Grand Hotel, which was established in 1887 and is home to the world's largest porch. If visiting, make sure to try the island's famous fudge.



### MICHIGAN ESCAPES Where to go for a short trip or lasting vacation

BY LAUREN LUKENS **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** 

Summer is a time to kick back, relax and enjoy the gift of life. Even if working and taking spring or summer classes, make sure to take a break and flee the metro Detroit area. These Michigan vacation destinations appeal to all ages and offer adventure, history, beautiful scenery and more, allowing countless opportunities to make lifelong memories.



#### **GRAND RAPIDS**

Located about two hours west of Schoolcraft College, Grand Rapids has lots to offer. Nature lovers will love Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, as well as the John Ball Zoological Garden. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is a one-of-a-kind way to learn about the United State's 38th president, and the Public Museum of Grand Rapids appeals to all ages.



#### SILVER LAKE SAND DUNES

Nestled between the shores of Lake Michigan and Silver Lake in Oceana County, a perfect vacation awaits. A variety of attractions, dining and shopping guarantee an enjoyable time no matter what one's idea of fun is. The Silver Lake Sand Dunes are the only ones in Michigan allowing guests to ride their own vehicles on the dunes, as well as rent personal vehicles or go on a group tour.



#### LANSING

Many Michiganders have never been to the state's capital. If looking for a daylong trip or an overnight stay, there is plenty to offer in Lansing. Those looking for a historic and educational experience can attend guided tours Monday through Friday at the Michigan State Capitol building. Other attrac-



tions include Potter Park Zoo, R.E. Olds Transportation Museum and the Impression 5 Science Center.

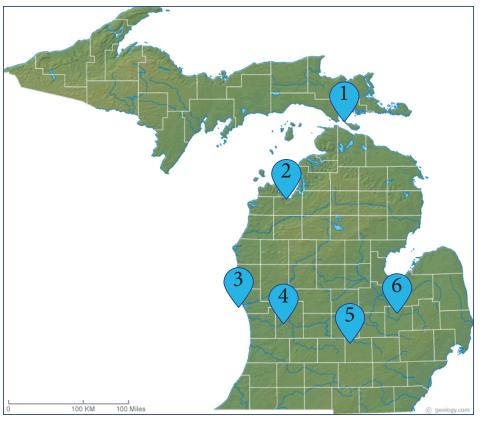


#### FRANKENMUTH

Only about an hour away, Frankenmuth is ideal for a day trip or weekend stay. People can eat a world class, family style chicken dinner at the Ger-



man-themed Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Guests will find tons of unique shops in the picturesque town. If wanting to spend the night, the Bavarian Inn Lodge features four indoor pools, two waterslides, three whirlpools, putt-putt golf and more.



These six locations offer an unforgettable vacation. Visit michigan.org for more information about these destinations, as well as other scenic, family-friendly areas in Michigan.

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### Cutting back on safety

#### Funding for police training in trouble

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA

Michigan has seen a drastic cut in funding for mainly county police services in the past ten to fifteen years, and now it is even worse. The cuts have lessened the number of officers able to be paid; therefore, fewer police officers are on duty.

Funding for continued education for officers after they graduate from the budget of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) has also dwindled. The MCOLES receives funding from tickets written in Michigan, and with fewer cops on the job, fewer tickets are written, leading to a cash flow problem.

MCOLES also issues grants for the continuing education of cops, prosecutors and defense lawyers. Recently, the commission said it would not accept any applications for competitive grants in 2016 due to a cut in the staff and funding. These grants traditionally cover 40 percent of overall funding for officer training. Without funding from outside sources, the criminal justice system may suffer due to a lack of proper training for officers.

"Failure to train becomes a major legal issue if a matter goes into court. If an officer has not been properly trained in how to handle a situation, it can come back to haunt them and their department and city," said Fred Stanton, coordinator of the Wayne County Regional Police training center, to the

Detroit News.

In 1982, a five dollar surcharge on traffic tickets was imposed to raise money for the training of officers specifically as part of the Michigan Justice Training Fund. Sixty percent of this revenue was distributed to departments across Michigan, and forty percent went to competitive grants and the training of defense attorneys and prosecutors.

Money for this program was cut into when Governor John Engler combined the Criminal Justice Training and Law Enforcement Standard Commission in 2001, which caused many employees to be laid off and resources and funding to be cut. There are 18,522 officers in Michigan, down from 22,488 officers in 2001 as a result of budget cuts, according to commission Executive Director David Harvey reported by the Detroit

"We were getting \$5 million annually from traffic ticket surcharges. That has dropped. Additionally, despite our staff being reduced from 28 to 18 people, our costs have gone up. There is a \$3.7 million annual cost to run MCOLES, about \$750,000 comes from the State Police general fund, but that is going to be eliminated," Harvey said to the Detroit Free Press.

With money being cut, departments are now left in charge of solely training officers before putting them in the



PHOTO FROM MAINE GOV

The consistent cuts for county police services funding over the past decade or longer are forcing the number of paid law enforcement on duty to decrease. Some of the funding comes from ticket fines, and with fewer police to write tickets, it puts financial strains on police departments.

field after the private academies have trained them with standards that could be different.

Outside funding has been received in recent years from sources such as Delta College, who donates funds to other colleges training police and city police departments. These funds are split between college training programs such as Schoolcraft College, Northern Michigan University and Grand Valley State University in addition to being split between police departments across Michigan.

"I feel that it is ridiculous that funding for training police officers is being cut," said Schoolcraft student Ruby Alzemac. "Officers are meant to protect people, and with less of them on duty or being trained properly, that means more issues in the legal process later on."

Financial support will continue to drop over the next few years according to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, due to a lack of concern by the state to delegate money from other sources to the budget to the police training fund, and the mandates for more strict and advanced training for police officers continues to be enforced without any new funding.

Departments now cannot pay for training for officers on their own, leaving more cops on the sidelines and leaving citizens with fewer police to protect them. Those who want this to change can attempt contacting their local representatives to have their voices heard.



### Cracking down

#### New legislation could close open carry loopholes in Michigan

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA

Gun legislation in Michigan for openly carrying rifles is strict, but not tough enough for many. A loophole in Michigan gun regulations allow those who have open carry licenses for their guns to walk into gun-free zones, such as schools, with their guns. This has caused many incidents of school lockdowns and run-ins with angry faculty, parents and law enforcement.

Republican state Senator Mike Green from Mayville is drafting a bill that will change the law that allows gun owners to openly carry their weapons in gun-free zones and would allow people with concealed weapons permits and extensive training to carry a concealed weapon in gun-free

"We're going to try and do what we can do and close the open-carry loophole in the gun zones, not out and about. I can understand why folks in schools would be nervous about somebody carrying a gun down the halls of a school and nobody knows who they are or where they came from,"

said Green in an interview with the Detroit Free Press.

In 2012, Governor Rick Snyder vetoed a similar bill that was also sponsored by Green, which also allowed for concealed weapons to be carried in gun-free zones, but not

Several schools, including Lamphere High School in Madison Heights, have faced issues with gun owners entering schools carrying their weapons. In March, a man was walking with a long gun strapped to his shoulder and approached the school, but when law enforcement was called, nothing could be done. It caused mass disruption, sending the school into a lock down and the police being called in to handle the situation as if it were an attempted school shooting. Several school districts across the state are against any legislation allowing any gun to be carried on their campuses, concealed or open.

"I feel that the loophole should be closed, but concealed weapons should not be allowed to be carried either," said Schoolcraft student Matt Pook. "I feel that any guns on



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Many Michiganders are outraged by the open carry loophole in the state's gun regulations. School districts have had several incidents regarding the law, and state Senator Mike Green is proposing new legislation to make gun free school zones safer.

campuses like schools should be banned because they legally are gun-free zones and should stay that way because of all the dangers they have caused in mass school shootings in the past few years."

Brady Schickinger, Executive Director of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, said his group supported Green's bill in 2012, which included the prohibition on openly carrying weapons in gun-free zones, but would have to review the details for the new legisla-

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tion before supporting Green again in a statement released by the organization. Phillip Hofmeister, President of Michigan Open Carry Inc., said the group would not support the legislation.

"It's not the children who are afraid of the guns, it's the school administration who are really causing a panic. Banning open carry in schools, that's a compromise that we're not willing to make," Hofmeister said to the Detroit Free Press.

The bill would add exten-

sive training legislation for those with concealed weapons permits on top of the training already is in place, and the specifics of this training have not been decided yet. A special permit in addition to the concealed weapons permit would also be needed to carry in a gun-free zone. Green hopes that when he introduces the bill, it will quickly be taken up

for discussion.

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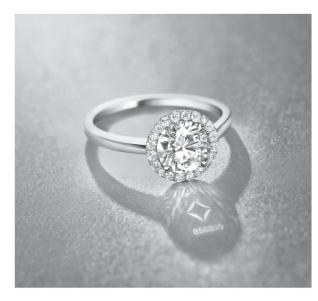
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## The thirst is real

Record-setting California drought could impact Michigan

**BY JOE ZYLKA**NEWS EDITOR

Many people in Michigan love to complain about the climate and are usually envious of the weather in California; it is always sunny, not too hot and not too cold. Right now, however, the people of California would do anything to live in Michigan with the Great Lakes wrapped around them, as a record-setting drought continues to cripple that state.

California is entering the fourth year of what experts call the "worst drought in a millennium." A paper published in "Geophysical Research Letters" by Daniel Griffin and Kevin Anchukaitis concluded that the 2012 to 2014 drought in California was the state's most intense in at least 1,200 years.

The study used Blue Oak tree ring cores from southern and central California as well the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) in their research.

Blue Oak tree rings cores are "as close to nature's rain gauges as we can get," said Griffin in the report. "The current event is the most severe drought in the last 1,200 years, with single year (2014) and accumulated moisture deficits worse than any previous continuous span of dry years ...



**IMAGE FROM NBC NEWS** 

The drought that has plagued California for the past few years has caused many lakes and streams to dry up. Pictured is Folsom Lake almost completely dried up in northern California. The drought is impacting how much water Californians are allowed to use and how many types of fruits and vegetables Americans enjoy.

In terms of cumulative severity, it is the worst drought on record (-14.55 cumulative PDSI), more extreme than longer (4- to 9-year) droughts."

The state is also suffering from extreme heat waves to go along with below-average rainfall.

"It's like a one-two punch, not having enough water to fill our reservoirs and having the hot weather evaporate the little that we do have," said Jeanine Jones, Deputy Drought Manager for California's Department of Water Resources in an interview with The Guardian.

It is clear that California's drought is of historic proportions, but how does this impact the folks in Michigan?

According to a study by the California Department of Food & Agriculture and the California Water Resources Department, "much of the fresh pro-

duce and nuts you find in your local supermarket comes from California. In fact, more than half of all U.S. fresh produce comes from the state...including over 90 percent of all U.S. walnuts, almonds, pistachios, broccoli, strawberries, grapes and tomatoes...and 74 percent of U.S. lettuce." The drought could increase prices at grocery stores across the nation.

One possible solution is to send Great Lakes water to the California. However, many Michiganders, including Schoolcraft student Mason Mills, are opposed to the idea.

"The situation in California seems to be getting worse every day," said Mills. "However, I would not send them any of Michigan's Great Lakes water, as it could quickly run out."

NASA scientist Jay Famigiletti said in March that at the current rate of

consumption, California could run out of water within one year. More precautionary measures are being taken in order to prevent that prediction from coming true.

Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a \$1 billion plan on March 27 that will bring emergency relief to the worst areas the drought has impacted. The plan will also include projects to fund long-term projects in water recycling, flood control and conservation awareness, as California enters an "uncertain period," according to Brown.

As California enters the uncertain period declared by Brown, it will be interesting to see if California's residents will step up to the plate and conserve water, before it all dries up.

#### **Prize winners**

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especially tough to make a decision with 14 candidates qualifying.

Pythagorean Prize winner Gary Fang, 23, of Canton, was awared the first prize for his outstand academic achievement in mathematics. Fang aced all his math courses in his tenure



FILE PHOTO

Anvitha Paruchuri, second place Pythagorean Prize winner, participates in the Student Activites Office leadership retreat in 2014.

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Only about two years ago Gary lived in Hong Kong, China, knowing no English. When he came to the States, he only knew how to say hello, and now, he tutors math, physics and chemistry in his second language in the Learning Assistance Center. He was also Vice President of the Math and Physics Club this semester.

"I came here by myself. Part of my family, they live here— my grandparents, my uncle," Fang said.

While in China, Fang attended pharmacy school for two years.

"That was not my thing. That's why I moved here to start [over] again," Fang said.

Currently, the prizewinner is finishing up his last semester at Schoolcraft with hopes of attending the University of Michigan next year to complete a double major in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics. After that, he would like to get at least a masters degree, if not also attaining a PhD.

"You just need the passion for your own career," Fang said.

#### ANVITHA PARUCHURI

Second place winner, Anvitha
Paruchuri, 20, of Plymouth not only
immigrated from India to Michigan in
2012 to earn straight 4.0s in all of her
classes at Schoolcraft, she rarely even
missed points in her classes. She also
managed her time efficiently in order
to be Secretary of the Phi Theta Kappa
Honor Society, where she focused on
event promotion and computer work

and be the Vice President for the Math and Physics Club.

"I am very determined to accomplish my goals, so I always strive very hard to reach my goals and be successful in my life," Paruchuri said.

Currently, she is working on a bachelor degree in Computer Science Engineering at the University of Michigan and is considering a masters degree as well.

"Ultimately, I aspire to become a renowned Enterprise Data Architect. My ideal company is a progressive, high-tech company, e.g. Google or Microsoft," Paruchuri said. "Eventually I would like to run my own computer firm."

#### **RUBY ARAJ**

Third place winner Ruby Araj, 20, also aced all of her Schoolcraft courses. In addition to academic excellence, Araj is bilingual, speaking fluent Arabic, and she has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Jordan. While at Schoolcraft, she was also active in the Math and Physics Club where she loved to be able to work to solve problems in a stress-free zone.

"The satisfaction of solving a problem correctly drives me to do well," Araj said.

Araj is currently enrolled at the University of Michigan, working on an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Project project through the U of M Physics Department, conducting scientific experiments with a team.

"One of my career goals is to work

in one of the national laboratories to advance science and technology. I enjoy scientific research and discovery," Araj said.

With such high goals, Araj is sure to spend much time in school, furthering her education. She envisions grad school in her not too distant future.

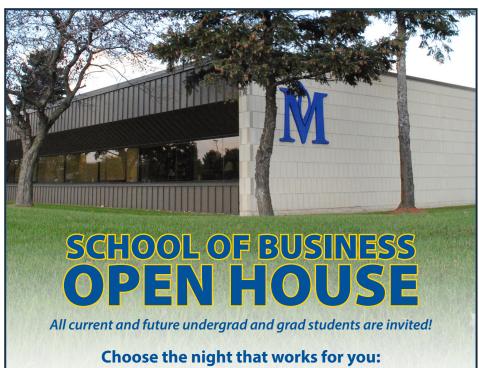
#### THEN AND NOW

Twenty years ago in 1995, Mathematics professor Larry Williams, who is now an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, founded the Pythagorean Prize award to honor the top mathematics students. Professor Sandra Kerr took over as the Chair of the Committee nine years ago when Williams retired.

The Schoolcraft College Foundation, Student Services, the Science Division, instructors and other donors fund the award. This year, Marian Kerhl's family made a generous donation to increase the monetary awards. Last year, the first place prize was \$1,000 and the second was \$500. This year, the first place prize is \$3,000, second place is \$1,500 and third place is \$1,000. The other students who qualified will receive awards, recognition and \$100 campus gift cards.

Everyone is invited to attend the award reception taking place on April 21 at 3:15 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center and to hear comments from the awardees and their professors.





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#### -EDITORIAL-

### Another academic year for the books

The of 2014-2015 academic year brought Schoolcraft College's campus an amplitude of changes. The most noted alteration was the introduction of the Jeffress Center, but events, such as the first ever swing dance fundraiser, and several Schoolcraft Athletics accomplishments did not go unnoticed.

Construction seemed to be everywhere throughout the last year. Renovating the Jeffress Center was vital for the progression of the college, as it introduced the Schoolcraft to U partnership, which joined the campus with Wayne State and University of Toledo. Students now have the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree under the two university names, but on Schoolcraft's campus. The Intelligence Operations Center in the Jeffress Center drastically increased the safety of campus, and new offices are now home to President Dr. Conway Jeffress and other administrative offices and per-

One the original buildings on campus, home of the Continuing Education and Professional Development offices, was demolished to make room for one of two new parking lots; the other lot was constructed behind the Biomedical Technology Center and Physical Education building. The newly paved lots allow easier access to buildings, which creates greater comfort for students with special needs and an easier walk to class for those who dread a haul across campus. Several departments in the McDowell Center also received makeovers to better cater to the Schoolcraft community.

Construction was not the only noteworthy occurrence on campus this year. An existing International Institute and the upcoming introduction of an English as a Second Language program are bringing diverse minds to campus, and events like the 14th annual Multicultural Fair showcased Schoolcraft's value of culture.

Pick-up volleyball games in the fall created a welcoming environment for all, while education workshops in the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) assisted students through their toughest classes and helped them learn new study skills. The Student Activities Office put on holiday dances, and clubs consistently held meetings and events. People from all over metro Detroit came to the Schoolcraft Theatre Department's versions of "The Star-Spangled Girl" and "A View from the Bridge," as well

as the annual jazz festival and noon concert series.

Schoolcraft also did a fine job fundraising, which brought the entire community together. Phi Theta Kappa put on a formal swing dance to benefit veterans, called Swinging into Service for Our Soldiers. Schoolcraft gave back to the hungry through its Empty Bowls fundraiser and consistent food pantry contributions. The college also reached their \$25,000 goal of over four years to benefit Coins for Change, which helped create a school in Uganda.

Athletics made local and national headlines. All teams did exceptionally well, but the men's soccer team, both basketball teams and the bowling team stood out by performing in national tournaments.

One of the most attention-grabbing announcements of the year was adding baseball and softball teams into the mix for the spring of 2016. The announcement came in late February, accompanied by two proposals for potential new athletic complexes.

Whether it be carpet replacement, repainting or new furniture, Schoolcraft's facilities management team

works hard behind the scenes to keep the campus up to date. They create a clean, welcoming environment that should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The physical renovation and expansion on campus demonstrates how much Schoolcraft is dedicated to developing as a college, its programs and events available to the students and community. The 2014-2015 academic year was one for the books, but exponential trends in Schoolcraft's history suggest that even better is to come in the future.



### The ultimate stepping stone



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#### Schoolcraft takes the cake compared to other local colleges

People all over the world make their way to metro Detroit for numerous reasons, and many make Livonia their short-term or permanent stomping grounds. Being one of the finest higher learning institutes in the area, Schoolcraft College is a common choice for those seeking education past high school; there is exceptional reasoning for

Schoolcraft has a spot for everyone. Associate's degrees of various disciplines are offered, like nursing, science and culinary arts. Specialty programs, such as the police and firefighting academies, land graduates a job in their

trade almost immediately after earning a certificate. Even **Continuing Education courses** allow people of all ages and education levels to go back to school in a low-stress environ-

Some people use the campus as a pit stop on their way to a university, while others choose the Wayne State and University of Toledo branches of the Jeffress Center to complete a bachelor's with the new Schoolcraft to U partnership. Schoolcraft even desires to have four-year programs of its own in the future, which is unheard of in Michigan.

The variety of options Schoolcraft offers brings diverse personalities to campus. Whether in the classroom, attending a free event, studying in an open area or hanging out on campus, students can meet inspirational faculty, make life-changing friends and, if nothing else, experience oneof-a-kind people-watching.

Opportunities for students to come together to share ideas and grow as students are offered at Schoolcraft. At other local colleges, many students strictly go to campus to attend class, and once dismissed, they head straight to their car to leave. At Schoolcraft, there is a large attendance to all events, such as School Daze and the Earth Day Celebration, because students actually enjoy the campus atmosphere and are eager to learn.

Over 40 clubs are active throughout the year, which include the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Rugby Club, The Schoolcraft Connection and Poképals. These are simple ways for one to get involved, build their resume, make friends and gain responsibility. Sports teams are also available in the fall, winter and spring, all creating a memorable college experience and attracting athletes from across the globe.

Those who want to gain leadership experience can take higher roles in clubs or participate in volunteer activities, such as joining an event committee. Even if leading others is not appealing to a student, they can still get involved however they feel comfortable due to the endless opportunities

People who need help in classes can get free one-onone tutoring in the Learning Assistance Center (LAC), giving every student the opportunity to succeed. Those who feel they excel in a particular subject can even become a paid LAC tutor, which benefits both themselves and the campus population.

Local students are not the only ones getting involved in Schoolcraft's rigorous programs and clubs, as the Second Language programs will increase the amount of international students starting in the spring, and thus improve the learning community. The International Institute already caters to students of various cultures, and both faculty and classmates learn from interacting with students that are not from the United States.

Students can trust Schoolcraft to have small class sizes and a no-classes-cancelled guarantee, which gives students comfort when enrolling. With two convenient locations in Livonia and the Garden City Radcliff campus, as well as online and Open Entry/Open Exit classes, people in almost any situation can find classes accommodating their schedules to earn a degree. Scholarships, financial aid and jobs available make it affordable to attend one of the best colleges Michigan, which is why thousands of people enroll in classes each semester.

From honors students to Continuing Education, Schoolcraft is well known for valuing education, offering affordable classes and being convenient. After attending class every semester for two years, I can honestly say that Schoolcraft is the best choice right out of high school for metro Detroiters, and it is a smart decision to register at any age if desiring a phenomenal education.

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### TO VOTE OR NOT TO VOTE?



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### Voting should be mandatory in the United States

President Barack Obama is on the right track by suggesting voting should be mandatory. Without the entire voting population actually voting, segments of the United States are underrepresented, especially when most of the voters are wealthier, old Caucasians who usually care most about Medicare, Social Security or lowering taxes.

These voters do not care for future generations as much as they care for their own; therefore, they vote to benefit their own demographic segment and not the next generations because of their age. If more young and lower income people vote, the coming years may look brighter because more would hit the polls to help the future prosper.

In the U.S., citizens are fortunate to have as many rights as they do, and immigrants and citizens had to fight for years to earn all Americans the right to vote. Currently, the option to not vote is also a right. Without people voting though, these rights could diminish. In this country, people need to vote to keep the government running properly. When only an older, wealthier minority of Americans voting, the majority does not have a say in how things are ran, and

the majority rules is one of the best reasons to live here.

With mandatory voting, there would be the major concern of more people not educating themselves on what or who to vote for. Citizens would have the option to enter the booths and fill in whatever bubbles looked cool, just how students have the option to do that on Scantron tests. This eventually would negatively affect those voters though, just how it would if they were to take a test like that because when one fills in answers care lessly, they are usually negatively affected by their choices. They in turn would learn to change their ways and start studying for tests to earn good grades and learn about politicians to vote for the one who will represent them best.

Voting is easy to do. The booths are open nearly all day, and there are even absentee ballots for voters who cannot make it to the booths that day. Filling out a ballot is already encouraged along with not committing crimes, but encouragement has been proven to not be effective. Trying to convince people who complain about the governments' decisions, but do not vote because they do not think their voice will be heard is about as effective as speaking to a brick

There is no need to continuously waste precious breaths on those people. They should be forced to use their brains to help solve problems in this country; voting is one's civic duty. Jury duty is also a civic duty, but there are punitive consequences for not showing up. The civic duty to vote should also be mandatory.

Making voting mandatory would make the U.S. a better-represented body of people, which would benefit the country as a whole.



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### Voting should be encouraged, not enforced

At a recent town hall meeting in Cleveland, President
Barack Obama suggested the idea of voting as a mandatory practice for United States citizens in an effort to offset the "big money" of politics. While this intent seems promising, especially considering that the majority of citizens who do not currently vote are young and of a lower income, there is an underlying conflict with the idea that counteracts what President Obama seeks to fix.

Many countries already participate in this compulsory type of voting, including Australia, where there is a fine for not voting. Those vying for election already have to pay an expenditure to get their message out to the pool of voters. If this pool went from say

50 percent to 100 percent that would mean those running in the election would have to expand their advertising by double, resulting in double the price.

Any politicians who can easily pay out big money ads would not have a problem; however, those with little money would not be able to afford to run in an election. Primarily this would be an issue for local officials of the middle class, since candidates for upper positions, such as president, already pay an astronomical amount of money. Local officials cannot afford to put out big budgets in order to be elected. As a result this, would cause even richer people to enter politics than the rich politicians already involved

In addition, many people see the choice of not voting as a right. If it was required that everyone vote at fear of penalty, it would only cause a greater number of voters to vote while likely being uninformed on issues. People would increasingly vote just for the sake of avoiding punishment. This would be especially harmful because it would be like a wildcard on picking who would win and represent the people.

While President Obama is likely to have said this as an

off-the-cuff statement in order to address the bigger issue of a lack of voter turnout, he brings up a necessary conversation that is needed in our country. The small percentage of people who vote should certainly be increased; however, instead of making it mandatory, there should be more accessibility to voting, such as longer poll hours, along with informing people of why they should vote.

In the end, the individual should still choose whether they want to vote or not in accordance with our constitutional freedoms, but those who choose not to vote should still be educated and encouraged on why they should vote. Many of the groups that do not participate in voting feel that their voice does not matter or are so overwhelmed with the issues before them, such as the crime rate in Detroit, they don't see how voting can influence change.

People need to be convinced instead of ordered to institute a positive change in our country. They need to be informed of how their vote directly affects their representation and their lives, and that it can in fact institute change. Voting is an important right that should be cheered on, but not mandated to the public.



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#### **Pricy punches**



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One hundred dollars is a ridiculous amount to pay to watch a boxing match

In the prime of legends, such as Muhammad Ali, George Forman and Joe Frazier, about 50 years ago, boxing was the premier sport in the United States. Since then, boxing has seen a severe decline in the public and sporting world's eye and is now one of the least popular sports stateside. The only two relevant names in boxing are currently Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao, and their long awaited fight that is scheduled on May 2 will be available for viewers to watch on pay-per-view (PPV) television for \$99.95.

That is right; one hundred dollars just to watch two men punch each other in the face.

This is what is causing boxing's demise. The Mayweather-Pacquiao fight, dubbed the "Fight of the Century," will be boxing's most lucrative and

publicized event ever and the average Joe will not even be able to watch it without spending a sizeable amount of

Boxing experts expect this fight to be the richest fight in boxing history, estimating that \$300 million could be generated. Imagine what the payout would be if the match was on cable. This event wouldn't have the same viewership as the NCAA National Basketball Championship Game did with 28.3 million viewers, but the money and popularity that would be brought in by expanding the match beyond PPV viewership has to be much greater than the money brought in by the PPV viewers.

Although PPV has increased the money that boxing generates, it killed the popularity of what was once the pinnacle of the sporting world. Boxing is one of mans oldest sports, dating back the third millennium B.C. The sport evolved from a primitive form of entertainment into a rich man's sport that requires someone to pay anywhere from \$50-\$100 just to watch a single bout.

High stakes and high profile matches, such as Mayweather-Pacquiao, should be free to watch on cable or network television in order to bring relevance and publicity back to boxing. The only form of television time that boxing gets these days is Friday Night Fights on ESPN2, which highlights matches of relatively unknown boxers and is on in a less than stellar time slot (11:30 p.m.). Making boxing relevant again would do wonders for sports and would increase the money flowing through the

already expanding world of sports betting.

It is ludicrous that something as simple as a boxing match costs \$100 dollars to watch. The PPV system that is making boxing obsolete needs to end so that what was once America's most popular sport can regain the relevance in the eyes of sports fans and gamblers alike



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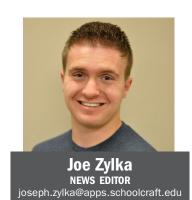


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### **Motivation 101**



The grind must be year-round to ensure sucess

As the winter semester winds down to a close, students across campus and the nation are prepping for finals. The libraries are jammed, study halls overfilled and motivation captivates most.

Despite the enthusiasm that spreads at the end of the semester, the question that must be asked is, where was this motivation throughout the

When observing highly successful people, one can see they stand out from the rest because of their work ethic and ability to get tasks done in a timely and efficient manner. The work ethic among successful people is not present just around finals time or at the beginning of the semester; it is a year-round, sometimes lifetime commitment to becoming a better student, person, spouse and/or parent.

What can one do to become highly motivated and successful throughout all areas of life? Here are a few ideas.

#### **SET GOALS AND MAKE A LIST**

Whether the goal is to lose weight, stop smoking, get better grades or become a better person/community member, a goal must first be set. Goals can take years to achieve, but making a list stating the reasons why one wants to achieve the goal is a great place to start. When the feeling of quitting eventually starts to creep in, one can look back and remember why they embarked on the journey to begin with. WIN THE DAY

College football fans have probably heard the University of Oregon's football slogan, which is "Win the Day." This slogan can also help one in their quest to stay motivated and achieve their goals.

Each day, one must fight the battle between doing what is necessary to achieve their

goals or reverting back to the same habits that prevent one from reaching those goals.

Take, for example, a student who wants to raise their grade. The student has the choice to knock out homework and start studying for a test in advance or they can "study later" and instead chat with friends, go home, sleep, watch Netflix,

One must Win the Day work harder and win those daily, internal battles to achieve their goals.

#### **STRATEGIZE**

The great Thomas Edison once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Have a strategy in place when setting up goals in order to navigate the tough process

in achieving them. However, be willing to change and modify that strategy on the fly.

Motivation is not a pill one can swallow or drive to a local convenience store to pick up on the way home from work. However, it is something that lies within all of us, and in order to realize your full potential, motivation must be brought to the surface and used year-round.

Remember, one must set goals and make a list, win the day and strategize in order to achieve both long term and short-term goals.

No matter what goals one embarks on this summer, remember the powerful words of the late Jim Valvano at his famous 1993 speech at the ES-PY's, "Don't give up! Don't ever give up!"

### Spend summer efficiently



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#### Apply for scholarships throughout the summer

Summer is a time to kick back and relax. It is a time to hang out with friends and not fret about the upcoming school year until mid-August. However, the most rewarding activity that students should do over summer is the opposite. They should reflect about the upcoming school year because it is the perfect time to start planning about future classes and how to pay off the upcoming semester tuition bills. Scholarships are an ideal way to do that.

Most students who attend Schoolcraft College will most likely transfer within two years to go on to a university. The price difference between Schoolcraft and a university can be difficult to afford. That is why summer is the time to apply for scholarships and is actually when many are being awarded.

Many schools offer scholarships, and financial aid offers loans and grants, which helps, but most likely is not enough to cover all classes. Grants are financial aid that does not have to be paid back, but loans offered must be paid back if accepted. Subsidized loans are a less-expensive option for students because the federal government pays the interest on these loans during periods of authorized deferment, which can be while finishing school or facing economic hardship. On unsubsidized loans, the

interest remains the responsibility of the borrower to pay off by the appointed date, which can sometimes be a lot to pay off just like credit cards.

Scholarships and grants may be the two best options to receive money for school. These funds can be used to pay for books, class supplies, food and sometimes gas needed to get to and from school depending on the type of funding. Although it can be sometimes difficult to find scholarship opportunities, there are numerous available online.

Websites such as scholarships.com or bigfuture.collegeboard.org stay up-to-date with new scholarships all year round. They also offer extra resources on writing essays or applying to scholarships such as resume advice, reference sheets and tests to take that will help individual's apply for the scholarships offered by gearing them towards an applicant's specific interest.

Scholarships can be broad or specific,.Local communities offer scholarships with smaller pools of applicants, which may make them easier to earn, and private organizations such as the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation or the Pepsi-Cola Corporation also offer them. It is worth it to apply to all scholarships that could potentially be granted.

The benefits of scholarships can be tremendous. Just a little time put into applying for them could equal earning more money than can be earned at a job worked the entire summer. More gifted money means that fewer loans will have to be taken out; therefore, one will have less money and interest to pay back.

Instead of spending the summer months sitting inside, being lazy, playing videogames or wasting time on Facebook, try to fill out one scholarship a day no matter what. An hour a day could be time spent towards bettering the future.

#### Bathroom pass



Proposed bill against transgender individuals would only cause harm

Recently, several states throughout the United States and the Canadian legislature have proposed bills that would prevent transgender individuals from using the bathroom of their chosen gender identity. These bills, which have been proposed to protect women's safety, are preposterous.

In reality, transgender women, or individuals who were born in a male's body, and are transitioning to become a female, are the ones who face the greatest threat. Many men find themselves unable to keep their mouths shut when they pass fully clothed women in public and get angry when the women they contact do not accept the unwanted catcalls. Imagine how a trans woman would feel, as she already has to be on her guard all day, walking into a men's bathroom, which, just on entering, would immediately call her out as transgender.

Famous trans women Laverne Cox, Isis King, Janet Mock and Jenna Talackova do not belong in a restroom with

If any of these bills were to pass, it would be a problem not only for transgender people, but there would the possibility for creepy cisgender (a person who identifies as the gender they were born as) men and women to walk into the restroom of the opposite sex for the fun of it. The women these

bills are supposed to protect would be constantly on their guard, waiting for a cisgender man to come walking into the bathroom, claiming to be a trans man, someone who was born in a female's body, but is transitioning to become male.

Some transgender individuals are in different stages of transitioning, and a trans woman may still have a penis and a trans man might still have a vagina; however, their genitals are their business, not anyone else's.

The bills also say that those who report a transgender individual in the "wrong" bathroom would be able to collect a reward. If these bills were to pass, cisgender people who are accused of being transgender would be suing for their trou-

Public restrooms all have privacy walls, so as long as everyone is focused on doing their business, it should not matter how another person urinates. The only time people might see each other are when everyone is fully dressed and washing their hands.

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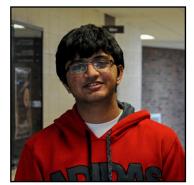


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### Ocelot Opinions

#### Interviews and photos by Durwin Johnson Staff Photographer



**Jay Patel** Major: Chemical Engineering "Getting an internship for chemical engineering, finishing up my associates and getting my six pack"



Jurgen Hoxha Major: Chemistry "Getting an internship at a hospital pharmacy and taking the PCAT, the admissions test for pharmacy school"



**Mazen Khalil** Major: Biochemistry "Traveling overseas to Turkey to teach children English"



Major: Undecided "Going back to school to work on my degree"

**Katie Birch** 



**Amanda Zammit** Major: Elementary Education "Working and maybe hanging out with friends"



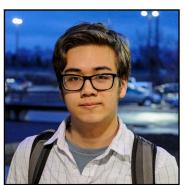
**Bhakti Sevak** Major: Nursing "I'm looking forward to reading, volunteering and getting involved in athletics."



**Brandon Chafin** Major: Biology "Going to Florida for a week and staying at a beach house. Have about 20 people going"



Erika Moore Major: Nursing "Probably visiting my dad in



**Johnathan Miles** Major: Math/Physics "Writing and recording music. Music is a big part of my life."



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### **CAMPUSLIFE**

### Haven for Whovians

### Sci-Fi lovers have a club dedicated to "Doctor Who"

BY CASEY SAMYN CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

"Doctor Who" is one of the most popular television shows on air right now, so it is only fitting that Schoolcraft has a club to go along with it. The "Doctor Who" club meets every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Lower Waterman. The club is a place where lovers of the show come to share time together. Many members would not have talked to each other had it not been for meeting each other at the club.

The "Doctor Who" club co-presidents Joe Zigila and Adam Chevalier teamed up and revived the club last year from the dormant state it was in after the previous president graduated. The co-presidents work together to come up with different activities and alert the group of upcoming events in the sci-fi world. Zigila owns all of the episodes that are available on DVD and often brings them, so the group can watch episodes together.

"I really enjoy watching the episodes again, and there are some I've never even seen," said Zigila. "There's a lot I love about 'Doctor Who' and a lot of monsters [in the show]."

For those unfamiliar with the series, "Doctor Who" originally aired in 1963 and has 813 episodes, so there is always something to discuss. The show is centered around a time-traveling alien who calls himself the Doctor. He appears human, and he normally has a human companion or

two whom he time-travels with. Together, they encounter various people and aliens—friend and foe. The Doctor has the ability to regenerate into a different version of himself when he is fatally wounded, which is how the show has been running for so long—when the Doctor regenerates, he is replaced with a new actor

"It's a fantastic place to come and hangout with people with similar interests," said club member Sara Quinn. "To be able to come and discuss episodes, movies and series conspiracies in person with others make it a fun environment."

The television show celebrated its 50th anniversary in December of 2013, but this March was the tenth anniversary of the show's revival, as it went on hiatus in 1989. The club celebrated by watching the first episode of the series revival and discussing how much the show has evolved in the past ten years.

"I like the in depth conversations we have about 'Doctor

Who and the inner workings. I've actually learned a lot about Doctor Who," said member Austin Scurlock.

Meetings often have a certain theme to them, and members will spend time focusing on episodes from a specific time period or a certain reincarnation of the Doctor.

The show is often lighthearted, which is one of the best things about it, people of all ages and backgrounds love "Doctor Who." Many families have multiple generations of Whovians (the self-proclaimed name for fans) running through it, thanks to the grandparents who watched the show when it first came out. These people have since shared their love for the show with their children, grandchildren and in some cases, great-grandchildren.

The "Doctor Who" club is always open to new companions regardless of whether they are experts on the show or would like to start watching. For more information on the club, call the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



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BELOW: Club members (left to right) Adam Chevalier, Julia Schwartz, Joe Zigila, Sara Quinn and Molly Cooper prepare to watch a clip from a classic episode at a club meeting.



PHOTO BY MIRANDA MALEC | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### **Equal opportunity**

BY CASEY SAMYN CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Looking around campus, one might notice visible accommodations such as wheelchair ramps, handicap parking spaces and closed captioning on the televisions. While this is typical of most public places, Schoolcraft College offers additional resources to students with disabilities thanks to the Disability Support Services Office (DSS), a branch of the Counseling Department.

"In the Disability Support Services Office, we work with students with a variety of disabilities: physical disabilities, learning disabilities, visual impairments, hearing impairments and emotional impairments," said Denise Schell, Disability Support Service Counselor at Schoolcraft. "We also provide support for conditions of a more temporary nature, for example, broken arms, pregnancies, etc."

Along with Schell, the DSS is made up of Amy Ockerman, Giselle Laird and Bob Cox. Schell and Ockerman are both Licensed Professional Counselors. Laird, the Counseling and Career Services Associate, helps schedule appointments, sets up interpreter services when needed and sends out accommodation letters to teachers at the start of each semester. Cox is the front desk staff and alternative media specialist, work with them as well.

Students with disabilities, mental or physical, can receive assistance from the DSS in order to receive accommodations in the classroom that minimize the effect of their

also provide support for conditions of a more temporary schoolwork. particular disability on their schoolwork.

"People with disabilities are easily isolated in the societal setting, based on their mental abilities to contemplate between right and wrong," said Kevin Camilleri, a Schoolcraft student with Aspergers. "In a learning environment, I would expect caring and committed support for all persons on disability spectrums, without any negativity."

Schell and Ockerman provide students with exactly that, working with students to break down any barriers that may prevent them in succeeding in their education and future job fields.

"Our goal is to collaborate with students in their pursuit of higher education by providing equal access to the classroom experience. We work



Disability Support Services provides students

in need with additional resources

(left to right)
Denise Schell,
Amy Ockerman
and Bob Cox
have the goal of
helping every
student succeed
academically.

PHOTO BY ANDREW RELLINGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

with students to determine how their condition impacts them in the academic environment," said Schell.

The DSS is also a resource for information about community and campus wide programs and services that also improve a student's chances to succeed. They work with faculty and instructors by alerting them beforehand of students that require extra assistance in

the classroom, such as copies of notes or longer testing periods. Schoolcraft helps every student succeed in his or her career path.

Any student that is interested in receiving assistance through the DSS should make an appointment to meet with a Schell or Ockerman by calling 734-462-4421.

### Jump-starting young minds

#### Kids on Campus returns for 36th year

BY ANTHONY PLESCIA STAFF WRITER

Every July and early August, thousands of pre-school through high school students converge onto the campus of Schoolcraft College for Kids on Campus. Kids on Campus is a program that debuted 36 years ago to offer young students an opportunity to come onto campus for an exciting handson learning experience.

"It exposes my kids to skills that they would otherwise not recieve in the K-12, such as culinary arts, building robots and nursing," said Jerry Piasentin, Project Engineer for Schoolcraft whose children have participated in the program for several years.

At the time of its formation, Kids on Campus was called Kaleidoscope, and was offered to learners between the ages of eight and 14, and a separate

program known as Adventures in Learning was offered to talented and gifted pupils between the ages of six and 14. Since then, Kids on Campus has expanded to provide access to courses for learners of all grades from pre-school through high school. Students can participate in classes covering subjects such as mathematics, science, writing, arts and engineering.

"Traditionally, the most popular courses are our culinary courses," said Kids on Campus Program Manager Michele Bialo. "Along with that, our technology courses are always popular for students. Technology and culinary arts are our first to fill, followed by science classes."

Skills workshops are also available for those in grades six to 12 who want to become more academically involved in mathematics, english, writing, keyboarding and study skills, which are \$185 each. Workshops are held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Jeffress Center during the weeks of July 6 and

gram has shown steady growth each year by adding additional courses based on student demand and eliminating unpopular curriculums. Operational elements, which include safety and student transportation, are always reviewed and changed as necessary. For example, a couple of years ago, Kids on Campus adjusted its procedures for student drop-offs and pick-ups to make parents feel more comfortable when they take their children to and from school. As for safety, the organization was recently able to get its students' parents on the RAVE alert system for improved

The Kids on Campus pro-

communication.

Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) instructor Gene Keyes said, "They [his students] enjoy the hands-on portion. When you learn with hands-on, you end up using all of your senses to learn something."

Learners enrolled in Keyes' class come in Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The students begin the course by learning how to use CNC to make their own aluminum nameplates. By the end of the course, they use the CNC machines to make peg games. Finally, software called Master Cam is used to convert online images to 3D images and engrave them onto aluminum

plates.

Nearly all other classes meet Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost less than \$250. In many of these other courses, students can participate in creative activities, which include pottery, imagery, robotics, and rocketry.

This year, the Kids on Campus program runs from July 6 to Aug. 7. It is a thrilling program for young students to participate in to develop skills they will use later in life. For more information about the Kids on Campus program, call the Continuing Education and Professional Development Office at 734-462-4448 or email koc@schoolcraft.edu.



**PHOTOS BY ELLEN J. HOCHBERG** 

ABOVE: Rocket Science instructor Jordan Orlewicz, left, assists a student with his rocket prior to the launching.

LEFT: Preschooler Eva Radke, 4, participated in The Preschool Adventures course last summer while mother Brianne Radke watches.



### Secrets of the Quill

Q: I can write essays no problem, but creative writing is what I struggle with. Writing is already so hard! Then, I'm supposed to make it fun and entertaining to read? I'm not a miracle worker. How am I supposed to do both?

Sincerely, -Confused

A: Dear Confused,

Your frustration is justified, but I have to respectfully disagree with your statement. Writing is not hard; we are all writers, some still waiting to find their voice. What's hard is revising, taking out the unneeded and leaving the rest. Then, you take what's left and change it 100 times until you like how it sounds. Nothing makes reading more mundane than redundancy, extra and

unnecessary verbiage and bland, predictable prose. With that being said, revised writing and entertaining writing go together like cake and icing. Just think of the editing process as adding whipped cream, sprinkles, fudge and a sparkler. You need not be concerned with being a great writer; this is a mistake that many beginning writers have made. There are only a few things to keep in mind when writing.

First, do not spend too much time agonizing about how you will write something before you even write it. Once it is on paper, you may change it as many times as you'd like. A good writer is not one who can generate a flawless rough draft; revising is where they shine. You may rewrite something endless times and still not be content with the way it sounds, like Dorothy Parker who said she can't write five words without changing seven. The final draft is what

matters; no one needs to know what was written first. As American author, C.J. Cherryh wrote, "It is perfectly okay to write garbage—as long as you edit brilliantly."

With engaged writing, it does not matter what you say; what matters is how you say it. There are countless different words, yet most go unused. Likewise, there are numerous similar words, but many people stick to using one or two. Writing is like painting a blank canvas; there are thousands of distinct colors, and each color has hundreds of different shades. Why only use a few?

I could say that my dog ran fast in the backyard last night, or I can say that my dog rushed swiftly through his playground under last night's starry gaze. The added description and use of expressive language gives the reader a better picture of the story and provides more than simply a record of what happened, and this was done with the revision of a few words.

Now, you're the painter, so have fun with it! But

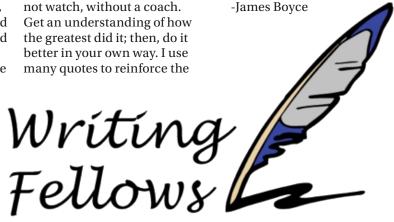
remember, some colors go together better than others, and too many can be hard on the eyes. Let's take a tip from Mark Twain, "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is ... the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.

We must remember that a great way to learn to become a more entertaining, lively writer is to read! Practice is the way to improve any skill. For writing, reading is like being in a class with all the best teachers from history at your disposal. Conversely, writing without reading is like trying to master a sport that you do not watch, without a coach.

idea that, if we are to improve our craft, we must learn from those who came before us.

Writing well and making it entertaining can be achieved, but this will not happen the second fingers hit the keyboard. Utilizing every great wonder that language offers us and learning to revise until satisfied will go a long way. That extra step will come in the preparing stage of reading.

Another way to help improve your writing is to come see the Writing Fellows at the Learning Assistance Center in the Bradner Library. We cannot wait to see you guys!



### Reaching out

#### Schoolcraft dual-enrolled student dedicates life to service

BY CASEY SAMYN AND ELIZABETH CHAPA

CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR AND ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For millions of high school seniors, the last year of high school means pursuing the college of one's choice, looking forward to graduation and planning for future careers. However, for Novi High School student, Ashi Arora, her senior year has been different then the norm.

Arora has an interesting story to tell. She has been dual-enrolled in Novi Public Schools and Schoolcraft College since 2010 as an eighth grader when she enrolled in ENG 055.

At 17 years old, she is well on her way to pursuing a career in biological sciences. Currently, Arora is working for an associates degree and taking Nutrition and Child Psychology and has plans to dedicate her life to serving others.

"It's [community service] something that defines who I am. I don't think I'd ever be the person who I am if I hadn't volunteered," said Arora. "I can admit that, at first, it was for the résumé and was for the credit, but when you start it, you can't stop. I think that just shows how empowering and meaningful community service is."

Volunteering with numerous community outreach programs, Arora has helped with the Red Wagon Early Literacy

Project and the Share the Joy Project, both benefiting low-income families in Wayne County. She also aspires to contribute to the revitalization of Detroit.

Arora is co-president of the **Asian Student Association** (ASA) and Membership Chair of the College Project for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). In addition, she has had several personal accomplishments, such as graduating from the Scholars Honors Program in 2014.

However, some of her goals have yet to be reached. Arora's main goal throughout high school was with a program she started called the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Science Fair, or simply the STEM Science Fair, at the Academy of the Americas, a dual immersion bilingual school, located in a neighborhood right outside of Mexican Town in Detroit.

With her program, Arora teaches students how interesting science can be. Arora received a grant from the Youth Services of America to continue and expand her program in Detroit. She worked with past commissioner for the city of Livonia John Dalton and past Congressman Kerry Bentivolio to expand her program and raise awareness.

Her Novi High School Span-

ish teacher, Stacey Schaefer, has inspired her to move out of her comfort zone with other programs, like gardening at the Academy of the Americas. Arora is starting a system where the students from Novi High School present their projects to younger kids, like a tutoring system, which helps them apply what they have learned.

"Ashi has matured into a confident, caring, empathetic and a motivated student. Her seriousness of purpose combined with her desire to bring a positive change in the world will aid her in her future endeavors," said Professor Anna Maheshwari, head of English Department at Schoolcraft College.

Arora looks up to Maheshwari, who has been one of her mentors since sixth grade and is largely involved with the Coins to Change program and the ASA, because of her compassionate and dedicated nature.

"She [Maheshwari] taught me that you don't do it for the résumé, you don't do it for the entitlement of something, you don't do it for the credit, but you do it for the pure joy of it," said Arora. "When you give back to your community, you will get it back in tenfold."

As the current ambassador



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Novi High School senior, Ashi Arora, has been dual-enrolled at Schoolcraft since she was in eighth grade. Arora is actively involved in volunteering for organizations across Metro Detroit while attending Schoolcraft.

for the state of Michigan for the Youth Services of America, which gives those interested several chances to volunteer, Arora is fulfilling her role as a citizen. In the past, she has received several awards coming out of Novi, Detroit and the state of Michigan.

"On Saturdays she'll go to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, and she'll volunteer weekly at the ER at Providence Hospital. She has the walking club at Waldenwood Senior Center and goes to her Indian church and prays every day," said Arora's mother, Karuna Arora. "She's very empathetic, sensitive and grateful for her friends. She's learned how to be humble

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even with all of her achievements. Truly, I feel like it was Elizabeth [Machniak, Administrative Assistant for the Student Activities Office and Todd [Stowell, Student Activities Director] who have been really helpful for her."

Arora will eventually transfer to a four year university and hopes to apply her experience and knowledge to become a physician scientist, where she would take care of patients, understand their diseases and try to find cures through research. Until then, she will continue her journey as a student and global citizen, all while giving back.

THE FOLLOWING CLUBS TAKE PLACE IN THE LOWER WATERMAN CONFERENCE **ROOMS. FOR MORE** INFORMATION, CONTACT THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE AT 734-462-4422.

#### **BUSINESS CLUB**

#### Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m.

Come to develop one's knowledge of the business world. Discuss anything business related meetings and attend additional seminars and network possibilities related to future employment.

#### CHESS CLUB

#### Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

This club aims to create a network of chess players and teach people how to strategically play the game. Learn what moves to make and when to make them. Whether a seasoned or player or a beginner, all are welcome.

#### **CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE**

#### Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m.

This club challenges participants to explore the Lord's Word and improve the overall college experience through God. Help others grow spiritually by promoting friendship and participating in Bible discussions.

#### **DOCTOR WHO CLUB**

#### Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

This group brings students with an interest in science fiction together and introduces newcomers to the show "Doctor Who." The club hosts social events like costume parties and game nights themed around the show.

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#### **HATE THE WASTE CLUB**

#### Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.

The Hate the Waste Club is a group of young people conscious and concerned about the amount of wasted food in America. The club gives members an opportunity to volunteer and give back to those in need of food.

#### **LGBTQI ALLIANCE**

#### Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

The alliance creates awareness of gender and sexual identities and creates a safe place for LGBTQI people. Come inspire change and educate others through events like symposiums and social gatherings.

#### **OTAKU ANIME CLUB**

#### Next meeting April 25 from 5 to 10

Students who have an interest in anime and manga should attend these meetings to meet like-minded individuals and build new friendships. Meetings consist of watching anime and other related topics.

#### **PING PONG CLUB**

#### Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Ping Pong can be taken to worldwide competition levels. Come to this club for practices and casual mini tournaments where contestants play up to 11 points and the winner continues on to the next round.

#### **POKÉ PALS**

#### Wednesdays at 4 to 5 p.m.

This club is the place for those who are long-time Pokémon fans or people who are just starting out. Play Pokémon and discuss the various facets of Pokémon like the television show. Anyone interested in Pokémon is encouraged to come.

#### **PROJECT PLAYHEM GAMING**

#### Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m.

This group unites members by creating a sense of community among student gamers academically, socially and competitively. Like-minded individuals can connect for tournaments and get-togethers.

#### THE SCHOOLCRAFT CONNECTION

#### Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Become part of the bi-monthly, award-winning student newspaper and help express student opinion and report college and world news related to Schoolcraft. Photograph, write, design, produce videos and multimedia and edit to find a niche in the media.

#### STUDENTS OF ACTIVELY MOVING FORWARD (AMF)

#### Every other Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. (next meeting on April 23)

This organization run by students is dedicated to emotionally supporting college students grieving the illness or death of a loved one. The group connects students together for support.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

#### Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Along with involving students in community, the SAB hosts service projects on campus and with local charities. Come to this club to plan events for fellow students to

#### **TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB**

#### Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 10 p.m. This club is responsible for a fun

environment in which students can enjoy various non-electronic games. Students who enjoy classic games can join for fun and to make

#### **VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB**

#### Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

This club helps those interested in the multimedia field learn more about the dynamics of media. Anyone interested is welcome to come to the club.

THESE CLUBS ARE SPONSORED AND HELD AT SCHOOLCRAFT, BUT NOT IN THE LOWER WATERMAN. UNDER THE CLUB MEETING TIMES, ONE CAN FIND THE LOCATION OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS.

#### **BREAK DANCE CLUB** Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

This club provides students the chance to express themselves through dance. Attendees have fun while learning various dance styles, practicing and meeting new people. Students can compete amongst themselves and showcase their skills.

#### **CHEMISTRY CLUB** Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m.

F 120 Students of all different chemistry

levels are welcome to come to this meeting. The group discusses study tactics, helps one another with tough problems and organizes study sessions.

#### **CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION CLUB** Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon **LA 130**

This organization promotes, educates and works towards the expression of identity and rights of those on campus and beyond. Members strive to involve stumunity to promote this purpose.

#### **FIT CLUB**

Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

#### Fitness Center, PE Building

This group introduces various fitness principles and proper techniques through different exercises that will improve fitness levels and team building skills. Students who come to this club will improve their overall health and mindset.





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#### ALL EVENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

#### CLINIC/WORKSHOP WITH ROGER INGRAM, TRUMPET -

#### Monday, April 20 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. VisTaTech

Roger Ingram is a huge leader in the world of trumpet players, having thousands of performances and recordings. Ingram began playing professionally at age 16 with several notable acts. He will facilitate this workshop for anyone who is interested. This event is open to the general public.

#### **ASK AN ATTORNEY**

#### Monday, April 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. MC 105

An attorney from the firm Creighton, McLean and Shea will be available on a walk in, first come, first serve basis. The attorney will provide students, alumni and community members with information about divorce and family law.

#### KNOW YOUR NUMBERS - 5 KEYS TO USING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tuesday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### **JC 103**

This is a state-wide training program designed to strengthen a business owner's abilities in financial literacy and improving cash flow in order to grow. Attendees will learn how to solve problems on balance sheets and income statements and improve decision making. The fee for this event is \$25. Call 734-462-4438 for more information.

#### **SMART MONEY WEEK**

#### Tuesday, April 21 from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Wilson Room, VisTaTech The Schoolcraft Business Club, Student Activities, Financial Aid and Learning Support Services are facilitating these events for aspiring money management. The events will cover topics like financial records and the importance of budgeting and evaluating money.

#### **SMALL BIZ BUZZ: A NEXT STEP FORUM FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

#### Tuesday, April 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. VisTaTech

This event is set up in a similar format to speed dating, attendees can choose topics of interest, with up to six total. Experts in fields like banking, accounting and marketing will be available. For more information and to pre-register for the event, visit https://clients. sbdcmichigan.org/workshop.aspx-?ekey=97350071.

#### PLANNING YOUR COURSEWORK FOR A CAREER **IN ACCOUNTING**

#### Tuesday, April 21 from 3:30 - 5:00

**WSU Center at Schoolcraft College** JC 326/327

This workshop will provide the information you need, including: What different career opportunities are available in accounting and auditing? What are the requirements for professional certification exams? What courses should you take to prepare for these opportunities? What makes students successful in landing jobs in accounting and auditing? This event is also available online.

Students from all colleges and universities are welcome to attend. The program is free but advance registration is required! For more information or to register, visit business.wayne.edu/accounting-careers or call 313-577-4530.

#### WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S OPEN HOUSE

#### Wednesday, April 22 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. **VisTaTech**

Learn about WSU's degree programs offered at the Schoolcraft Center. Degree programs include: Accounting, Management, Computer Science, Computer Technology and Engineering Technology. You will be able to apply on-site and speak with admissions counselors, academic advisors and financial aid representatives. Reserve your spot today and qualify for a preliminary transfer credit evaluation at go.wayne.edu/schoolcraft-open-

#### **DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP -LEGAL ASPECTS OF DIVORCE**

#### Tuesday, April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The divorce support group will have guest attorney Caroline Garmo present on the process of divorce and help attendees gain knowledge on property settlements, custody, child support and spousal support.

#### **MONEY MATTERS IN DIVORCE** Monday, May 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. MC 105

This event provides students, alumni and community members with the chance to talk to Vickie D. McLellan, a certified divorce financial analyst from Equitable Divorce Resolutions. All clients are walk-in and will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

#### **STARTING A BUSINESS**

Tuesday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, June 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 11 from 4 to 7 p.m.

For those who are thinking about self-employment or starting their own business, this workshop will provide an introductory session to help individuals increase their ability as leaders. The fee for this event is \$35. For more information call 734-462-4438.

#### **FAFSA WORKSHOP**

Friday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 4 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Friday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 Friday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 29 from 2 to 6 p.m. MC 050

This event will alleviate any confusion or concerns one may have about completing FASFA. Attendees should bring the student's 2014 federal tax return and W-2s, the spouse's if they are married, the parent's if they were born Jan. 1, 1992 or later, the student's driver's license, the student's and parent's FASFA PIN, which is available at www.PIN.ed.gov and current savings, checking and investment information.

#### **MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS** Tuesday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to

#### 12:30 p.m. **JC 103**

Those interested in starting a small business should attend this event to hear tips on market analysis and research, target marketing and more. Attendees can examine strategic approaches to marketing. The fee for this event is \$45. For more information, call 734-462-4438.

#### THE SUMMIT ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY

#### Thursday, May 28 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

#### VisTaTech

Join government contractors for discussions on Information Technology and cyber security. The goal of this event is to expand the awareness of Michigan's IT and cyber communities on many different levels. The fee for this event is \$75. For more information, call 734-462-4438

#### **LOAN WORKSHOP FOR GROWING BUSINESSES**

#### Tuesday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 11

#### **JC 103**

This workshop will help small business owners procure a loan or a line of credit. Attendees will learn about what is necessary in obtaining loans and what other options they may have for their business. This event is open to the public.

#### **UP JUMPED SPRING CONCERT** 2015 WITH ROGER INGRAM, TRUMPET - GUEST ARTIST

#### Monday, April 20 from 7:30 to 9:30

#### **VisTaTech**

The Schoolcraft College Jazz Studies Program will perform with esteemed trumpeter, Roger Ingram. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and \$5 for children under 12. Please purchase the tickets in advance at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore. For more information contact rselva@schoolcraft.edu.

#### **COURSEWORK FOR A CAREER**

#### Tuesday, April 21 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. **WSU Center at Schoolcraft**

Those who attend this workshop will walk away knowing the different career opportunities in the field of accounting and what the requirements for each field are. Interested students should attend this event to learn what classes they should take and what makes a person successful in the accounting fields.

#### **WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN**

Thursday, May 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 13 from 4 to 7

#### **JC 103**

Learn about increasing chances for successful self-employment. Discover specifics of marketing, finance, legal, regulatory and operations issues. The fee is \$45. For more information call 734-462-

#### **COLLEGE VISITS**

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY** 

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**HENRY'S, VISTATECH** 

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY** 

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23 FROM 10** A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**HENRY'S VISTATECH** 

**NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY** 

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23 FROM 10** A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**APPLIED SCIENCE** 

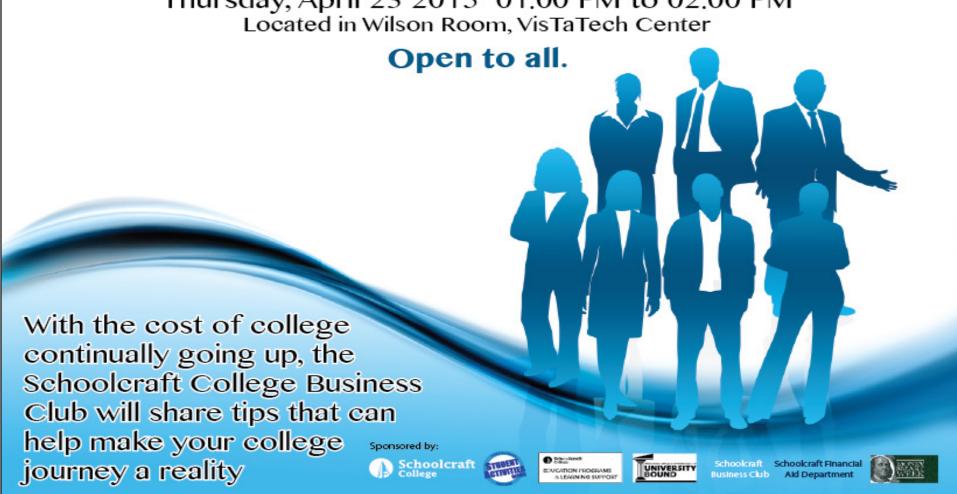
**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-ANN ARBOR** 

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29 FROM 10:30** A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

LIBERAL ARTS

#### Ten Tips for Personal Finance Success in College.

Thursday, April 23 2015 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM Located in Wilson Room, VisTaTech Center



Contact the Student Activities Office for additional information or call 734-462-4422. Saving & Planning for College

## #2010

### Innovation defines Schoolcraft's current decade

BY LAUREN LUKENS AND CASEY SAMYN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

For fifty years, Schoolcraft has provided students with an unforgettable start to their education; however, this would not be possible without the strong roots formed in 1961, when Haggerty was full of fields and cell phones were not a priority. In 2011, Schoolcraft celebrated its 50th anniversary by commemorating many alumni and hardworking faculty members, and the 50th commencement ceremony will take place this May.

Since the year 2010, society has been changing more rapidly than ever before, and Schoolcraft has followed the trend.

"Schoolcraft College has kick-started my education by letting me take classes that I can transfer to Madonna University. It helped me explore what type of field I wanted to go into," said Raya Laisewski, who first attended Schoolcraft at the Radcliff campus in 2012 and will be participating in this year's commencement ceremony. "When I was a freshman at Schoolcraft, I didn't really enjoy school until I decided to get involved in Student Activities. Schoolcraft College is an amazing school with amazing professors and counselors."

The amount of clubs the Student Activities Office (SAO) has

today has grown; club meetings range six days a week with varying hours from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in different convenient locations. Clubs do not only appeal to honors students and those building a resume, but laid-back and enjoyable clubs, such as Project Playhem, offer a comfortable atmosphere to get involved outside of class.

"I was part of a lot of clubs in high school, and it's so cool to see that all those clubs are at Schoolcraft too," said Melissa McGreevy, a Stevenson High School student who will attend Schoolcraft in the fall 2015 semester. "There are a lot more there [at Schoolcraft] that really interest me."

Some major construction has taken place between demolishing the old Continuing **Education and Professional** Development building and replacing it with an expanded bookstore parking lot, revamping the McDowell Center and expanding the campus even more with the purchase and renovation of the Jeffress Center. The miles of cornfield-lined roads that existed at Schoolcraft's birth are now a distant memory held by Schoolcraft's previous students and faculty.

"We don't want people coming here and not having a place to park. We don't want people

coming here who can't find the things that they want," said President Conway A. Jeffress. "We want people to see the kinds of equipment available, talk to our faculty and enjoy themselves. This will serve Schoolcraft well into the future."

The many programs that Schoolcraft offers students has expanded to include two universities, Wayne State University and the University of Toledo, thanks to the Schoolcraft to U program, a partnership between the three colleges that allows one to achieve a bachelor's while simultaneously earning a Schoolcraft degree.

"What Schoolcraft is really good at is being proactive," said Campus Police Authority Lieutenant Mark Engstrom.

The 2010s have been memorable so far, and advancements made on campus truly define the century. Today, people are quick-thinkers, innovative and tech-savvy, and Schoolcraft has adjusted to cater to students and the community. Much has changed in a mere 50 years at Schoolcraft, and one can only imagine what the future holds.



ABOVE RIGHT: The bell tower still holds its original bells, five of which are from 19th century area schoolhouses and two that were made specifically for Schoolcraft. The bells ring every 15 minutes and can be heard throughout campus grounds.

LEFT: Schoolcraft students Courtney Deska and Anthony Sloan participate in the Swing into Service dance that Phi Theta Kappa held in late 2014. The money raised from the dance benefited many veterans.

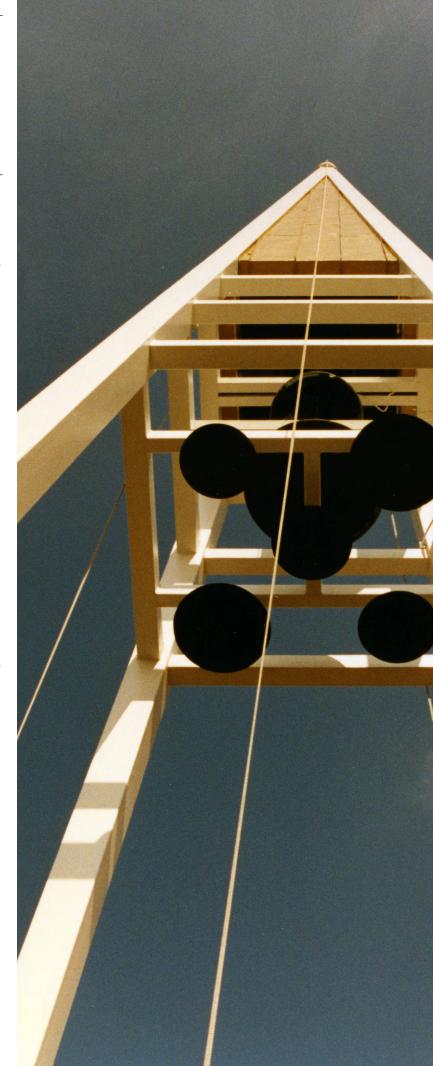


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ABOVE: The 2010 graduates of Schoolcraft's Fire Academy stand during their commencement ceremony. Schoolcraft also trains the area's many police officers and Emergency Medical Technicians.

LEFT: Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, Schoolcraft President, gives a short speech in front of the newly renovated Jeffress Center, which was named in his honor.

BELOW: The Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) building was demolished at the beginning of the Fall 2014 semester. CEPD moved into the Jeffress Center in order for the department to expand, as well as to make room for additional bookstore parking.

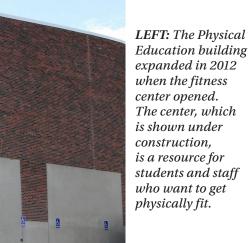




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#### **HUNTING FOR THE BEST** FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BY ELIZABETH CHAPA
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Nothing is better than having fresh fruit and vegetables to make a delicious, nutritious meal with. Spring and summer are finally approaching to invite farmers markets selling local grown, in season fruits and vegetables to open for business.

Most fruits are usually in season earlier than vegetables. Fruits that will be in season this summer/late spring include many berries, such as blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, boysenberries and strawberries. Other fruits include cherries, kiwi, peaches, nectarines, apricots and mangoes. Watermelon and peaches are in season, but will be at its prime towards the end of the summer.

Vegetables that will be in season include arugula, cucumber, rhubarb, zucchini, peas and summer squash. Majority of the vegetables are in season in the later months, the list of in season produce are usually harvested up to the early transition of the fall months.

Once one has all this fresh produce at home, they may need a few ideas as to how to make the most of the fruits and vegetables.

Two quick, easy ways to use the fruits would be to cut up some fruit and make a fruit salad or buy a vari-

ety of berries and make a berry mix, which is the perfect breakfast or a mid day snack. The second quick way is to make a refreshing smoothie, accompanied by ice and yogurt.

Why not venture to try baking a pie using the fruits. The use of the fresh fruits will make a huge difference in taste. Consider using peaches, apricots or cherries as a pie filling.

As for the vegetables, since cucumbers are in season, try a cucumber salad; it is one of the most refreshing side dishes to eat in the summer. There are a variety of ways to make a cucumber salad, so put a twist to it and risk making your own recipe, whether it be adding different spices or just simply combining it with different vegetables.

Keep in mind that all of these fruits and vegetables can be found year round, but if they are out of season, they will be more expensive and not as tasty. Take advantage of what the earth offers during these seasons. The prime location to buy produce in the summer is at farmers markets. They are all around the area, not only do they have affordable prices, but they also a great way to support the local economy.

Eastern Market is one of the largest farmers market in Michigan. It is open year-round, but offers some of the best produce in the warm season.

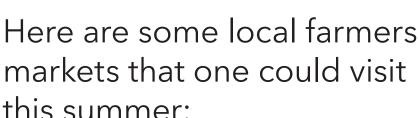
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Local farmers markets are located all around the campus area, including the one that opens in May for the summer in Plymouth.

The Westland Farmers Market will be open soon for everyone to enjoy local fresh produce of fruits and vegetables at a local city.





this summer:

Livonia Farmers' Market at Wilson Barn

29350 WEST CHICAGO,

**LIVONIA, MI 48150** 

EVERY SATURDAY, JUNE 20 UNTIL OCT. 10 FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Canton Farmers Market

500 N. RIDGE ROAD.

**CANTON, MI 48187** 

EVERY SUNDAY, MAY 17 UNTIL OCT. 18 FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Detroit Eastern Market

2934 RUSSELL STREET,

DETROIT, MI 48207

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AND SATURDAY FROM 7 A.M.

Northville Farmers Market

195 SOUTH MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48375

EVERY THURSDAY, MAY 1 UNTIL OCT. 30 FROM 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Plymouth Farmers Market

50 WEST ANN ARBOR TRAIL, PLYMOUTH, MI 4817

**IMAGE FROM COMMONS.WIKIMEDIA.ORG** 

EVERY SATURDAY, MAY UNTIL OCTOBER FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Downtown Allen Park Farmers' Market

PARK AVENUE AND HARRISON AVENUE, ALLEN PARK, MI 48101

EVERY FRIDAY, JUNE UNTIL OCTOBER FROM 1 TO 6 P.M.

**Westland Farmers Market** 

36601 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MI 48185

EVERY THURSDAY, MAY UNTIL

OCTOBER FROM 3 TO 7 P.M.

Novi All Seasons Market

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NOVI, MI 48375

EVERY SATURDAY, JUNE UNTIL OCT. 25 FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

### **Experience the evolution**

### World's premiere trade show puts the gaming industry on display

BY STEPHAN BROWN

Imagine being a game developer working on an up and coming release and trying to suppress the urge to announce the game too early. That is where the Electronic Entertainment Expo, E3, the biggest gaming convention expo in the world, comes into play.

This expo allows video game developers to announce and preview games that they have worked tirelessly on for years. E3 is the perfect platform to create hype over the games, with the help of media, press and online streaming.

It is hosted every year around the beginning of summer and has a wide variety of developers and publishers showcasing what they have in store next for gaming. This year, the convention will be hosted at the Los Angeles Convention Center from June 16 to 18 by the Entertainment Software Association (ESA), which boasts membership of the largest mainstream videogame publishers in the industry. Over 125 developers will be exhibitors at E3, including developers like Nintendo, press like IGN Entertainment and other expos, like the Game Developers Conference (GDC).

Other than exhibitions, some publishers hold their own conferences at E3. Last year, Sony, Microsoft, Electronic Arts and Ubisoft held conferences showing off cinematic and gameplay trailers for upcoming games, many which still have still not been released. Offsetting this, Nintendo stated they will only be showcasing 2015 releases at this years E3, but it does not include the new "Legend of Zelda" for Wii U. As Nitendo's Group Manager for the Software Development Group, Eiji Aonuma announced, "The Legend of Zelda game for Wii U is no longer targeted as a 2015 release."

Nintendo is likely to talk about Super Smash Bros and a re-release of amiibo for the game at their E3 Nintendo direct. Sony is likely to spend a large portion of the conference talking about Project Morpheus, a peripheral for virtual reality they announced at the Tokyo Game Show last year. Microsoft will speak at length about Windows 10 integration and go into the details of their new game streaming service, as well as the new Xbox app on Windows 10.

Ubisoft and Electronic Arts will most likely follow predictable patterns and apologize for past mistakes. It is up

in the air to see what Bethesda, the developers of "The Elder Scrolls" and "Fallout" series, will have in store for E3. Bethesda excitedly shared, "Please plan to join us the evening of June 14, 2015 for our first-ever E3 Showcase!" as they plan to host their very first conference this year.

The news of which has led many to believe they are announcing a new title. The rumor mill seems to point toward that title being "Fallout 4," a highly anticipated rpg/shooter. Gamers are also still expecting "Half-Life 3" to be announced by Valve. Valve founder Gabe Newell shared with the Washington Post, "When we started out we were a single-player video game company that could have been really successful just doing Half-Life sequel after Half-Life sequel, but we collectively said let's try to make multiplayer games even though there's never been a commercial successful multiplayer game." Acknowledging the fact that gamers want more from the "Half-Life" series

he knows what the people want, but it is a matter of if he actually will follow through with fulfilling their wants.

There are also rumors that "Mass Effect 4" by BioWare will be officially announced at E3, but at least it is common knowledge that it is already in production.

E3 is a professional trade event. Only members of the Interactive entertainment, arts and media industry related professionals are allowed to attend.

However, for interested gamers the media provides a great deal of live coverage for the event and the big conferences are all live-streamed over the web as well on sites like gametrailers. com. So if finding out what is in store from the best game developers is an interest, be sure to stay updated with E3 news via web the month of June. One will have to wait to see what sort of surprises exhibitors will have on display.



IMAGE FROM O.CANADA.COM

The 2014 convention was held in Los Angeles, displaying the latest works from game developers, including a video game published by Nintendo, "Splatoon," which is set to release this May.

### Sizzling summer flicks

Must see movies hitting the big screen

BY COLIN HICKSON AND ALYSSA BERCZEL

"Jurassic World" Rated: PG-13

Release Date: June 12

Again dinosaurs will be taking over theaters early June for "Jurassic World's 3D" release. The film features a new and improved park with modern and high definition features. Within the park, a new genetically modified species of dinosaurs has been created, and like last time... everything goes downhill.

"Paper Towns"
Rated: PG-13

Release Date: July 24

"Paper Towns" portrays the story of Quentin Jacobsen, played by Nat Wolff, a straight-laced young man who forever had a crush on his next-door neighbor, Margo Roth Spiegelman, played by the supermodel Cara Delevingne. That is until his crush turned into a real friendship. Margo sends Quentin on the adventure of his life, finding friendship and love in "Paper Towns." "Ted 2"

Rated: Not Released Release Date: June 26

The foul-mouthed, beer guzzling, weed smoking, sentient teddy bear, voiced by Seth MacFarlene is back. Now a happily married toy, Ted and his wife, Tami-Lynn, voiced by Jessica Barth, want a kid. However, in order to keep custody of their unborn child, Ted has to prove he is human...

"The Man from U.N.C.L.E."

Rated: PG-13

Release Date: Aug. 14

Henry Cavill and Armie Hammer trade in superpowers and guns for spy work in this adaptation of the classic sixties TV series. Set in 1963, spies, Napoleon Solo (Cavill) and Illya Kuryakin (Hamner), must join forces to put an end to a mysterious criminal organization. Can they do it without killing each other?

"Poltergeist"
Rated: PG- 13
Release Date: May 22

A remake to the famed 1982 horror film will hit theaters this summer where a flood of angry spirits invade the suburban home of newly moved Californian residents. Stopping at nothing to cause agony to the family, the spirits hold their youngest daughter captive. The family has to fight the poltergeist in order to get their daughter back.

"Ant-Man" Rated: Not released Release Date: July 17

Heroes come in all sizes —even the size of an insect. Hank Pym, played by Michael Douglas, is recruited by his mentor to safeguard his technology. Ex-con Scott Lang, played by Paul Rudd, becomes the diminutive superhero, Ant-Man, and must use his new powers to pull off a seemingly impossible heist.



IMAGE FROM JURASSICPARK.WIKIA.COM

"Jurassic World" is one of the many big time movies to hit theaters this summer, making it a must-watch when it is released July 24.

### Hot season tracks

#### Summer album releases that will be heating up the charts

BY AMANDA KOCHANOWSKI

The Vaccines "English Graffiti"



**MAY 26** 

Known for their alternative/ indie sound, The Vaccines released their third album this May. Lead single "Handsome"

is one of the 11 new tracks featured on the album. A deluxe version is available with seven additional tracks including "Handsome Reimagined (Dave Fridmann Edit)," which has already been released.

Florence + the Machine "How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful"



**ISLAND RECORDS** 

JUNE 2

Florence Welsh, British singer and three-time Grammy nominee, leads Florence + the Machine to their first album since "Ceremonials in 2011." The single "What Kind of Man" paves the way for the new record, as it has had an appearance on the Billboard charts. The band will also headline Chicago's Lollapalooza festival at the end of July. Muse "Drones"



JUNE 9

Alternative rock vets Muse will release "Drones" in early June. Tracks "Dead Inside" and "Psycho" have been released as promotional singles. Lead vocalist Matthew Bellamy has been using Twitter to communicate the deep themes of the record, tweeting links to articles about brainwashing techniques, psychopaths and government conspiracies.

**Kanye West** "So Help Me God"



**DATE TBA** 

Kanye West, ever present in the public eye for his media antics, will drop a new album this year. While he sure has a lot to say about other people's music it seems his lips are sealed about this project. Stay updated for news on when his next album will be released, as it does not have a specific release date yet.

Sia "This is Acting"



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The "Chandelier" singer is back for more this summer with a new album. A release date has not been set for "This is Acting," and the label is unknown at this time. However, Sia is bound to bring more big hits to follow "1000 Forms of Fear," her first hit album in the U.S.

### Diving under 🥩 Underground hip-hop label utopia for indie artists BY MATIAS CARVAJAL

Chris Manak, a.k.a. Peanut Butter Wolf, a.k.a. Folerio, is the man behind the very essence of Stones Throw Records. Stones Throw Records is an American independent record label based out of Los Angeles, which began as a hip hop dream lab, housing some of the brightest minds of hip hop MC's and producers in the industry. The company is currently one of the most successful indie labels on the market but still remain housing underground artists, as it does not get enough media attention.

To anyone who does not follow hip-hop, the MC's and groups are something like the "Fantastic Four" in the rap/hip-hop community. Stones Throw opened their doors in 1996 as a mean to release Peanut Butter Wolf and Charizma's classic debut album. Since then, it remained as a label only identified with critically acclaimed acts such as MF Doom, Madlib, Lootpack and Detroit's own J Dilla. Throughout the years, Stones Throw has managed to successfully cultivate a brand of creative freedom and an approach to music production many today would call both innovative and unassuming to the music industry standards.

To understand Stones Throw, one must first get acquainted with its creator Peanut Butter Wolf (PBW). In the music industry, PBW is seen as **ILLUSTRATION BY MATIAS CARVAJAL | STAFF ARTIST** 

one of the few music curators active within the industry. His vast knowledge of music and his vision for music literacy has always been the trait he is best known and praised for.

On the other hand, he is a bit out there for those who do not understand him. In 2002, he signed himself as a new artist under the name of Folerio. He even dressed himself differently when making appearances as Folerio, using a black wig and wearing a little thin pencil line mustache. He recorded one song titled "You're So Precious," which was about how much Folerio wanted to spend time with Alyssa Milano, actress known for the television series "Charmed."

In the song, he describes himself as her soul mate and only candidate for love. Though this is an obvious attempt at comedic satire comparable to the humor seen in Adult Swim's "Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!," many people, including some artists close to PBW, have criticized him for it.

Stones Throw in its present day acts as a music utopia for indie artists from all around the country, transcending genres and focusing on making quality music untainted by commercialism and mainstream etiquette. This formula has given Stones Throw artists and PBW the key to success in the industry.

#### Death Cab For Cutie takes a wrong turn

The release of "Kintsugi" will leave longtime fans disappointed

BY JACK COWPER









Death Cab For Cutie, an American band known for passionate chords and bittersweet lyrics, released their eighth studio-released"Kintsugi." The latest album was released March 27 under Atlantic Records.

The band has been releasing music since 1998 and has built a following and reputation. In many ways, the band can be viewed as a founding father for modern day indie rock. With their influential works like "Transatlanticism" and "Narrow Stairs," it is hard not to consider them a notable band of this generation, but are the glory days of Death Cab long gone?

The latest album "Kintsugi" starts off with the upbeat track "No Room In Frame." After a first listen, listeners may think they are listening to the band, Two Door Cinema Club, which is not necessarily negative, it just shows that Death Cab may be losing some originality.

In some ways, the first three tracks sort of blend together instrumentally, all flowing in a similar style. But when the fourth track "Little Wanderer"

starts, the music and words seem to be sync up in a beautiful, melodic way that paints a picture about a guy in love. It is the first time on the album that the listener can actually believe what lead vocalist Benjamin Gibbard is saying because the songs preceding did not have the same truth to them.

Most of the album contained songs that were too upbeat. It was not until the very last song in the album, "Binary Sea," that listeners get a nostalgic feeling of old school Death Cab For Cutie. It is a refreshing relief to end the album with the older style of slow piano chords and softer vocals with lyrics that tell a story listeners wants to believe is real.

For some bands, it is positive when they evolve and create a new type of sound to prove to the listener that they are capable of more than the expected. Unfortunately, Death Cab For Cutie is not one of those bands that have the ability to transform their sound in such a way.

Bottomline, "Kintsugi" is not a dreadful album, just a disappointing one. From a technical standpoint there is nothing wrong, as the mistakes are merely artistic ones. Death Cab For Cutie casts a big shadow as gods of indie rock, but they do not quite live up to that shadow in this album.

While there are many problems with the album, there are the upsides as well. For one thing, it is an accomplishment in and of itself for a band with so many fans to release an eighth studio album. The other thing that may make listeners happy is seeing the beauty of the acoustic versions of songs from "Kintsugi." When it is just Gibbard and an acoustic guitar, listeners may admire the acoustic versions more because has the old sound known from Death Cab.

As a new fan Death Cab, the sound of the overall feeling of this album could enjoyed while those who have followed the band may not enjoy it as

One can only hope that in the future they will revert back to their classic style of songwriting that initially captured everyone's hearts and minds. The band has made no immediate plans of making any more music, so for the time being, listeners must sit back, look at the new album for what it is, a new album and a new sound. As said by the band themselves in their song "Black Sun," "There is beauty in a failure."

IMAGE FROM ROLLINGSTONE.COM

Death Cab For Cutie comes together once again, even after the abscence of past member, Chris Walla, to release their eighth studio album since they formed their band in

### Book series for summer reading

#### Stories that are too good to end

BY SARAH SISK STAFF WRITER

#### The "Discworld" series By Terry Pratchett Fantasy

The world recently mourned the loss of one of England's fantasy writers when Terry Pratchett died on March 12. Pratchett is known mainly for his satirical and witty "Discworld" book series. In the novels, he simultaneously borrows and parodies classic fantasy story elements to create an absurd and humorous fictional construct where

The "North and South" trilogy

John Jakes wrote this

trio of bestselling novels

broad view of the United

States before and during

George Hazard and Orry

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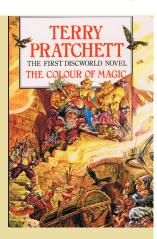
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a saga that captures a

By John Jakes

Historical Fiction

he can allude to societal issues. Each book contains a mostly standalone story set on a flat, disc-shaped world on the back of an enormous turtle: a world that contains colorful wizards, dragons, witches, assassins, trolls, gnomes, gods, golems and even Death (who rids a pale horse named Binky). Pratchett published 40 "Discworld" novels since the first in 1983, along with short stories and other works about the "Discworld" universe.



The 41st novel is set to be published posthumously this September.

nian iron manufacturer, and Orry is the son of a South Carolinian plantation owner. They grow close in their shared ad-

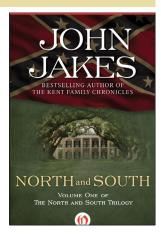
ventures in their shared adventures in the military, but turbulent current events threaten to tear their friendship apart. The tale branches out in many directions as it follows the subplots and character developments of the supporting

characters. The result is

a full-bodied vision of

the fractured political

and societal atmosphere



of the Civil War era, poetically rendered as a polarized drama of two American dynasties. The Harry Bosch crime mysteries By Michael Connely Detective Fiction

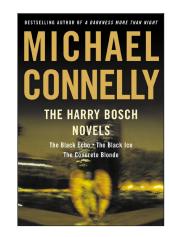
Los Angeles Police Department detective Harry Bosch made his debut in Michael Connely's 1992 novel, "The Black Echo." Since then, Connely has published 17 books starring the abrasive, determined, morally driven sleuth. Throughout the series, Bosch investigates a number of gritty West Coast crimes. Looking into brutal homicides,

The "Foundation" series By Isaac Asimov Science Fiction

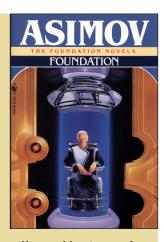
Published in the 1950s, the first three novels of Isaac Asimov's comprehensive science fiction series stood as a trilogy for several decades. Then in the 1980s, Asimov returned to his fictional world and added two sequels and two prequels to his saga, as well as tying in events from his other science fiction works

pitting himself against serial murderers and delving into cold cases are all part of his usual adventures. Connely has set the approximate time frame for each Bosch novel more or less in the same year that he wrote them, meaning that readers can savor the almost biographical experience of Bosch growing older in his twenty-year fictional career. Considering that Connely is still writing prolifically, readers can expect Bosch's career

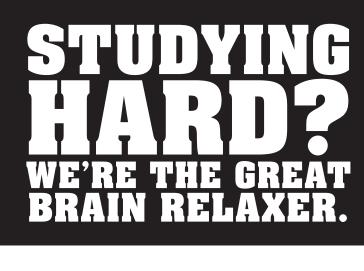
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tion.



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Lana Del Rey Concert Tuesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. DTE Energy Music Theater

The best music venue to be at during the summer, will be hosting Lana Del Rey as she will rock out to music from her latest album "Ultraviolence," which was released last summer, at the show. Also, keep a look out for her fourth studio album which was announced in January of this year, titled "Honeymoon."



"Bowling for Soup Is Finally Legal Tour!!"
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Bowling for Soup is turning 21 this year as a band and is celebrating with a U.S. tour! They will be preforming some of their original older music along with their latest work of music. The band will bring The Dollyrots and Ivory Tribes with them during this tour.



"The Boys of Zummer Tour"
Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m.
DTE Energy Music Theater Clarkston, MI

This concert is bound to be entertaining with this group of artists. Fall Out Boy will feature songs from their new album "American Beauty/American Psycho," Wiz Khalifa will feature music from his 2014 album "Blacc Hollywood" and Hoodie Allen from his 2014 album "People Keep Talking."



89x Birthday Bash Tuesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Fox Theater

89X is celebrating their birthday with an evening of music from Death Cab for Cutie with special guest The Antlers! Death Cab for Cutie is releasing a new album "Kintsugi" and will play songs from it during the show. Tickets start at \$30. Visit 89xradio.com for more information.



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR elizabeth.chapa@apps.schoolcraft.edu

Q: I just looked at my grades, and it made me feel horrible. I've lost all motivation for everything, and the stress of wanting to transfer to another school is getting worse. I feel hopeless; I am losing control of everything. Help.

A: We all reach that point in the semester where all we can think about is summer and going out with friends. It is understandable to want to move school down on the list of priorities and with that it can lead to grades slipping. If you did

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poorly in a couple classes, it is not the end of the world— one can retake the classes if necessary. It may not be an ideal plan, but it is an option.

Realize that you are always one step closer to finishing; whether that may be obtaining your degree or just finishing the semester. Keep focusing on that finish line. It is important to find the motivation lacking within you. Think of why you are going to school. Majority of people want to receive a good education in order to obtain that dream job.

What exactly is making you so stressed about transferring? If it is still not knowing what exactly you are majoring in or what classes you need to take, make an appointment to talk to an academic advisor. Setting a plan of exactly what courses need to be taken and setting the timeline for when these courses will be completed, will make the world of

difference and relieve some

If grades are your concern, consider that they are not everything. From personal experience, I know how hard it is to look at a test score and be disappointed in yourself. Do not get discouraged because of grades received. Academic progress of the semester should not make anyone feel worthless. Instead, turn poor results into the motivation to do better.

Reach out for help. It is understandable to feel discouraged during this struggle. Do not be afraid to seek comfort from others. Whether it may be a friend, parent, teacher or counselor, someone will always be there with an open hand. Just be open and willing to accept the help they are offering. No one should feel that they are losing complete control of their life because of school. Take a deep breath and

know that life will not always be this way. It may not get better in a day or a week, but give it some time and slowly things will start to turn around.

Create positive energy towards school. If you do so, good energy will gravitate towards you. And as a result of the positive energy, good grades and getting to where you need to be will happen. Attempt to look at school in a better light, and do not look at it as the negativity that is currently weighing you down.

First realize and start with telling yourself that you can get through this. If you believe in yourself, then everything else will follow.

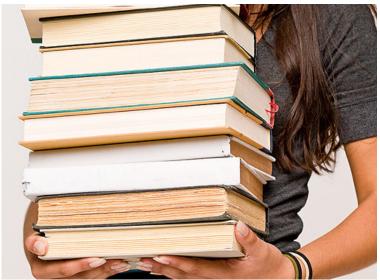


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College stress can become overwhelming towards the end of the semester. Do not get discourgaed over bad grades; just try to keep up and stay motivated to cross the finish line.

### Flying to comic shelves

#### Releases that are the best for passing time

BY COLIN HICKSON

The best way to escape the heat this summer is to spend time browsing the comic store for new reads or even just laying out in hammock reading the latest comics. Here is what will be hitting the shelves throughout the summer.



**COVER ART BY AUTHOR KAARE ANDREWS** 

*In a multi-million dollar penthouse,* Danny Rand, Iron Fist "The Living Weapon," is haunted by the consequences of his past. A message from his mystical homeland of K'un-Lun brings Danny back to his blood soaked origin.

#### "Dr. Fate # 1":

At last, DC's Wonder Wizard returns to his own series. When Anubis plans to wipe away the world, a new Dr. Fate must rise, but with no way of knowing how to control his new powers, can this new Fate save the world? This comic is written by legendary "Legion of Super-Heroes" writer and "Justice Society of America" veteran Paul Levitz, with art by Sunny Liew.

"Iron Fist Epic Collection: The Fury of Iron Fist":

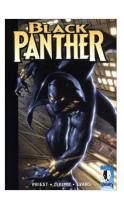
Before he hits Netflix, catch up with the history of the "Living Weapon." Orphaned at a young age, Danny Rand trained for a decade in the martial arts before attaining the power of the Iron Fist, but one should question, can his powers help him against the likes of Scythe, Warhawk and Master Khan? This collection will be complete with "Marvel Premiere" issues 15 through 25, all 15 issues of the original "Iron Fist" comic, and "Marvel Team-Up" issues 62 and 63.

Written by Roy Thomas, known for "The Avengers," Len Wein, known for "Batman," "X-Men" and "Justice League of America" and Chris Claremont, known for "X-Men." Art was done by Gil Kane, known for "Green Lantern" and "the Amazing Spider-Man," Larry Hama, Arvell Jones, Pat Broderick and John Byrne.









"Wonder Woman by George Perez Omnibus Vol. 1":

In 1987, famed "Avengers" artist George Perez plotted and penciled the Post-Crisis version of the world's most famous female superhero. Now, the first 25 issues and first annual of the 1987 relaunch are collected in this omnibus. Watch as the Amazing Amazon battles the likes of Cheetah and Ares, while also trying to teach peace to the world. The comic is written by George Perez, Greg Potter, who has worked on "Jemm, Son of Saturn" and Len Wein. Art is done by Perez, Bruce Patterson, known for "Alpha Fight" and "Green Lantern," and others including Brian Bolland, Chris Marrian, Ross Andru, Curt Swan, John Bolton and Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez.

"Savage Dragon Ultimate Collection Vol. 1":

He is big, he is green, but he is not the Hulk. Relive the action as Dragon, Chicago's resident super-powered cop, pits his super strength and invulnerable lime hide against the forces of the Overlord and his organization, the Vicious Circle, all while also trying the regain his lost memories. Collecting "The Dragon" five part miniseries and "The Savage Dragon" will include issues one through seven. The art and story are done by Erik Larsen in this comic.

"Saved by the Bell Vol.1":

Get excited and ready for a trip back to Bayside High as the classic teen sitcom gets an updated remake. This comic is bringing all of the characters readers have grown to love back such as, Zack, Slater, Kelly, Lisa, Screech, Jessie and Mr. Belding being back to freshman year with a revamped look. The comic was written by Jolle Sellner, accompanied with art by Chynna Clugston and Tim Fish.

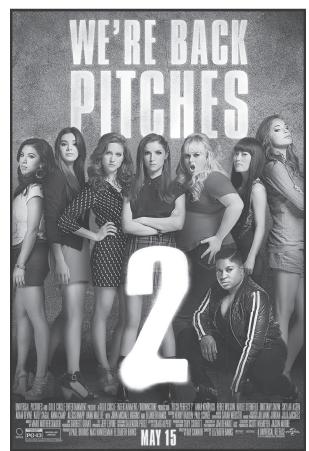
"Black Panther by Christopher Priest: The Complete Collection Vol. 1":

With an appearance in both "Captain America: Civil War" and a spin-off film coming soon, newcomers might want to prepare for the coming of the Black Panther. In the first seven issues of the critically claimed run by veteran "Green Lantern" writer Christopher Priest, the Monarch of Might's Marvel Knights series blends superhero action with political satire and breathes new life into the warrior king of Wakanda. The collection of "Black Panther," Vol. 1, issues one through 17, is written by Priest, complimented with art by Mark Texiara, Joe Jusko, Mike Manley and Sal Velluto.

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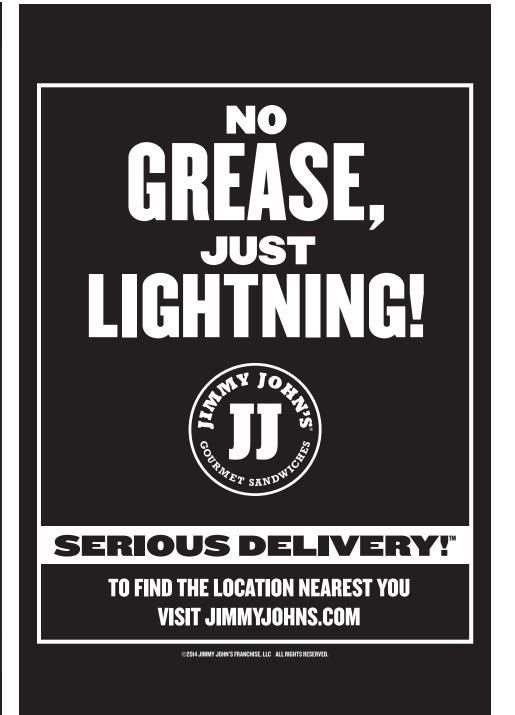
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## Par for the course

### Ocelot golfers open season with fourth place finish

BY NICK MISIAK Sports editor

The Schoolcraft Mens Golf Team finished fourth out of eight eligible teams in the Oakland Community College Invitational held at Pontiac Country Club on Friday, April 10.

The Ocelots shot a team score of 341, good for a +53 on the tournament. Schoolcraft barely edged out Jackson Community College, who finished with 342 shots for a +54. Mott Community College won the tournament with a 307 (+19) behind a even-par 72 from sophomore Tyler Lewis.

"There were a few shots that I had that felt great off the club, and others that I wish I could have back right away," said sophomore Eric Perry. "For my first round of tournament golf in a while, I feel like I did pretty well though."

Perry was Schoolcraft's top individual performer, finishing with an 80 (+8). Freshman Chad Berger shot an 82 (+10), sophomore Austin Harris shot an 88 (+16) and freshman Ray Pokerwinski shot a 91 (+19) to round out the Ocelot golfers.

"For the conditions that we had to play in, our performance was not too shabby," said head coach Paul Brown.
"There were some shots that
I think our guys wish they
could have back, but overall it
was not a bad way to start our
spring."

The Ocelots will next compete in the St. Clair County
Community College Invitational held at Port Huron
Golf Club in Fort Gratiot on
Friday, April 24. For coverage of this and future tournaments
Schoolcraft will be participating in, visit www.mccaa.org

ABOVE: Schoolcraft sophomore Eric Perry watches on as his putt travels towards the cup in the Schoolcraft College

RIGHT: Sophomore Austin Harris eyes up his apporach shot as he tries to hit the ball near the hole in the Schoolcraft College Invitational.

Invitational played at Walnut Creek Country Club.



### Ahead in the count

Informal meet and greet gives baseball and softball coaches opportunity to meet interested players

BY NICK MISIAK AND NATALIE SHIRVANIAN SPORTS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

The newly formed School-craft Baseball and Softball programs recently held their first meetings open to students interested in potentially joining the programs. The meetings gave an opportunity for the coaches to meet players and deliver information about the program, eligibility and the academic services available to Schoolcraft athletes.

#### BASEBALL

On Wednesday, April 8, head coach Rob Fey brought in several high school recruits for a

tour of the college and hosted a meeting for current Schoolcraft students regarding the Schoolcraft baseball program. Director of Athletics Sidney Fox, Schoolcraft alumnus and Student Academic Support Services Coordinator Ryan Lemasters and recently named assistant coach George Kontos joined Fey in addressing potential baseball players about tryouts, academic eligibility requirements and team plans for their inaugural season in Spring 2016.

Tryout dates were not announced, but Fey advised that players be ready to tryout in late May. Fey also discussed plans to play in the fall and announced that the team will play down south to begin its season next spring, but a specific location was not released.

Lemasters spoke about the academic support networks that are available to Schoolcraft athletes and noted that athletes must be enrolled in 12 credit hours and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible

to play.

"Most programs struggle their first few years, but thre large amount of high caliber players that are interested in joining Schoolcraft Baseball, I expect this team to be highly competetive right off the bat in our first year of play," said Fey.

Fey advised all players interested in joining the team to email him with information about themselves such as their position, former teams and contact information of former and/or current coaches. Coach Fey can be reached at rfey@schoolcraft.edu.

#### SOFTBALL

On Monday, April 6, potential softball athletes for the Ocelots met with head coach Rey Linares, Fox and Lemasters, as they spoke with students about academics and athletics at the collegiate level.

Dates for tryouts have not yet been set but are expected to be held in mid to late May. "Scrimmages will take place in the fall once the team forms, and practices will begin after scrimmages," said Linares.
"The team will also take a trip down south during spring break to go into a warmer climate to prepare for the spring season."

LeMasters spoke about the academic support network that is available for athletes. College tutors will be available during the season to ensure that college athletes get the assistance and support needed to keep them on track with their classes.

More details will come soon as the program continues to develop. Interested students can contact Coach Rey Linares through email at rlinares@schoolcraft.edu.

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### The year of the Ocelots

Schoolcraft Athletics 2014-2015 season concludes with athletic honors and program expansion

BY NICK MISIAK

The 2014-15 academic year was an impressive one for the Schoolcraft Athletics program. Men's soccer and both the men's and women's basketball teams won regional championships and experienced national tournament berths. In addition to these highlights, both men's baseball and women's softball were introduced for the 2015-2016 school year.

The fall sports season with men's and women's soccer, cross country and women's vollevball set the tone for Schoolcraft sports this year.

#### **MENS'S SOCCER**

Men's soccer, led by Venezuelan freshman duo Victor Contreras and Jon Quintana, began their season with eight straight wins and finished the regular season 15-2 (7-1 conference. This was their first NJ-CAA Region XII Championship since 2011, which began when freshman Costa Wells scored a goal in double overtime en route to a 1-0 victory over Ancilla Community College. The Ocelots then advanced to the national tournament, but were unable to beat top seeded Iowa Western Community Col-

lege in the first round, ending their season with a record of 17-3-1. The team earned the Sportsmanship Award at the National Tournament as the team that is judged to be the most sportsmanlike by the tournament committee, Contreras was named a Third Team NJCAA Division I Men's Soccer All-American and head coach Rick Larson was named Region XII Coach of the Year.

#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Women's soccer was equally as impressive. Freshman Shae van Gassen scored 14 goals in 12 games as the Ocelots' leading scorer, and the team also started the season out on an eight game win streak. The Ocelots finished first in the MCCAA with a record of 10-1-1 in the regular season. Despite their dominance during the regular season, Schoolcraft's post season efforts fell short as they team was defeated by Owens Community College in the NJCAA Region XII Championship match, ending their season at 11-2-1. Van Gassen, sophomore Jessica Parry and freshman Kaitlyn Dangelmaier were given NJCAA Region XII First Team honors, while freshmen Lacey Canady and Cynthia Konan earned NJCAA Region XII Second Team honors. **CROSS-COUNTRY** 

Cross-country also impressed at the Division III National Cross-Country Championship, held in Canadaigua, NY. Freshman Audrey Baetz earned thirty-fourth place in the women's 5K run in 22:58. Sophomore Ethan Levack finished the mens 8K run 26 seconds behind the final All-American spot with a time of 29:56, giving him twenty-fourth place.

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's volleyball had a disappointing regular season, going 2-8 in the conference and 8-16 overall, but still qualifying for the NJCAA District E Tournament. In the tournament, the Ocelots were unable to upset Oakland Community College in the first round, and fell to St. Clair County in the consolation game to end their season.

As the fall season came to a close, the momentum shifted to court for the men's and women's basketball teams, who, for the first time since 2001, both qualified for the national tournament.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's team began their season 11-2, highlighted by a



**PHOTO BY MARGARET SHAW** 





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106-101 2 OT victory over rival Owens Community College. Emerging freshman scorers Ronald Booth and Ja'Christian Biles led an incredibly talented freshmen based squad throughout the season, and after opening league play with a loss to Macomb Community College, the Ocelots did not lose a game for the rest of their conference schedule. Schoolcraft won their next 18 games, including a convincing 79-55 win over Delta Community College in the District 10 Championship to clinch the MCCAA Championship and a berth to the Division II National Tournament. The impressive win streak also made Schoolcraft the top ranked team in the nation for four straight weeks from mid February to mid March. After a first round win, the Ocelots were ousted out of title contention in the national quarterfinals, losing 89-66 to John Wood (IL) Community College. With their overall record of 31-5, the team impressed many and will be given high expectations to repeat their successes next season. Sophomore forward Javan Thomas was named to the District 10 All-Tournament team, Freshman guard was voted District 10 Tournament MVP and head coach Abe Mashhour was named District 10 Coach of the Year.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team enjoyed its fair share of accomplishments this season, vastly improving their performance from previous years. Coming into conference play 9-4, the Ocelots clawed and scratched their way through several tough opponents, but could not pass St. Clair County or Macomb for the top spot in conference standings. Schoolcraft finished the conference season 11-5 for third place. A surprising run through the District H tournament was completed by a 68-58 victory over St. Clair County in the final, propelling the Ocelots to the national tournament. The Ocelots unfortunately lost to Gulliford Tech (NC) in the first round of the tournament, but won three straight in the conABOVE LEFT: Freshman Jalen Teifer chips out of the sand trap and onto the green in the Schoolcraft College Invitational held on

**BELOW LEFT:** Freshman guard Ashley Bland goes up and over a Mid- Michigan CC defender in the Ocelots 75-64 win over the Lakers on Dec. 3.

**BELOW:** Freshman Bianca Greco bowls in the Schoolcraft College Invitational at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia on Feb. 13.



PHOTO BY ANDREW RELLINGER

solation bracket to finish seventh overall in the standings. Freshman guard T'era Nesbitt was named to the District H All-Tournament team, freshman guard Ashley Bland was named District H Tournament MVP and head coach Kara Kizner was named District H Coach of the Year.

#### **BOWLING**

In the winter, the Bowling team competed in the NJCAA National Bowling Tournament. The men finished twelfth, and the women finished tenth overall. Sophomore Angela Rodriguez finished sixth in the women's competition and was named to her second straight All-America team. Freshman Leon Hutchcraft finished seventeenth for the men as their top overall finisher.

#### PROGRAM EXPANSION

In February, the college announced the addition of both baseball and softball teams that will begin league play in the spring of 2016. Rob Fey was named head coach of the baseball team, and Rey Linares will be head coach of the softball team. Discussions about the building of new baseball fields and possibly a domed athletic facility for year-round use are also still underway. Construction of the project that the Board of Trustees decides on is expected to begin early this summer, with the hopes of the facility being ready for next spring's inaugural season.

It has been an exhilarating year for Schoolcraft Athletics. Four regular season titles, three regional championships and several exceptional performances at national tournaments is an accomplishment that Schoolcraft Athletics, faculty, students and fans should be proud of.



Freshman forward Victor Contreras was named Third Team NJCAA Division I All-American during the 2014 season.



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER

Freshman forward Shae van Gassen recieved NJCAA Region XII First Team honors and scored 14 goals in 12 games this past season



**PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER** 

Sophomore Ethan Lavack sprints to the finish during the Tommy Titan Invitational on Sept. 6.



PHOTO BY MARGARET SHAW

ABOVE: Sophomore Ajsha Davie spikes the ball over a St. Clair County CC side hitter in a match the Ocelots would win in four sets on Sept. 30.

RIGHT: Freshman guard DeShawndre Black works twoards the hoop around a Glen Oaks defender in Schoolcraft's 95-85 victory on Nov. 22.



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### Kick, run, score

#### Victory Soccer Camps offer developmental fun

BY NATALIE SHIRVANIAN

Rick Larson has created an elite program for the Schoolcraft Men's soccer team since he began his tenure as head coach in 2006. In 2010, Larson teamed up with several local high school coaches, former players and coaches from area select teams to create Victory Soccer, a program at Schoolcraft College that runs soccer camps for young, enthusiastic soccer players. The camps are an all-inclusive, developmental programs for kids ages seven to 18.

"Teaching soccer has always been a passion of mine," Larson said. "Camps are a great mode to make that happen."

Victory Soccer Camps offer several different training camps for players of all ages and ability. Parents can choose between Victory's week long recreation camps, which begin on June 15 and are open to any player from 7U to 14U, to much more competitive camps like the Victory Elite Camp, which offers 10U to 12U players everything a competitive, soccer-loving player looks for. Running from July 6 to July 24, the program offers 15 sessions of intense soccer training, giving players an unforgettable experience and providing them with all of the fundamentals necessary on the field to compete at a high level.

For many high school players, the Victory Prospect Camp that runs from June 17 to June 19 will allow for the opportunity to work with many college coaches associated with NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA experience. The camp will give

players feedback and knowledge on what colleges will expect of them and also which schools will be the best fits for them.

Victory Soccer also provides a three-week long camp specifically for 10U to 18U goalkeepers, which runs from July 13 to July 31.

"Its nice to help young kids develop and it is a great camp to come out, learn and have fun," said Schoolcraft freshman goalkeeper Colton Robison, who assists in coaching the camps.

The ongoing summer camps feature coaches from organizations such as the Michigan Wolves and Hawks, Michigan Rush, AC Milan Detroit, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College, Western Michigan University, University of Detroit Mercy and several local high schools. The Schoolcraft Mens Soccer Team also assists in the production of the camps.

"We put a lot of our sophomore and junior players to volunteer as coaches, and I have seen some of them grow into assistant coaches and head coaches," said Larson.

These programs held on campus at Schoolcraft College helps kids develop their own unique style and skills, encourages playing as a team and brings out the best in every athlete. All players are honored and awarded with a certificate after every camp and have the opportunity to work with some of the top coaches in the area.

"This is a really cool thing to



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Schoolcraft Athletic Support Services Coordinator Ryan Lemasters instructs campers on fundementals before they partake in some drills during a Victory Soccer camp in August 2014.

be involved in. From helping out as a player to eventually coaching in this program, it has given me the opportunity to work on my coaching and have fun with some kids at the same time," said Schoolcraft **Athletic Support Services** Coordinator and Schoolcraft Scooer alumnus Ryan LeMas-

Camp packages start as low as \$120, and include lunch in the academic buildings at Schoolcraft and a swim in the Schoolcraft pool for those who register for an all day camp.

"The kids get to break up their camp and swim in the pool, which is a real highlight for the kids," said Larson.

For more information about Victory Soccer Camps and registration, visit www.victorysoccer.org.



Youngsters go after the ball in a friendly scrimmage near the end of their day at Victory Soccer camp in August 2014.

### Enjoyable summer runs

Runs that will inspire one to get in shape over break

**BY ELAINE GEROU** 

The warm summer months that Michigan has to offer provide opportunities for residents to participate in several different runs put on throughout the summer in the Metro Detroit area. Here are some of the notable events that offer fun and challenging tests for area runners.

#### **THE COLOR RUN**

Ypsilanti, MI June 27 at 8 a.m. thecolorrun.com/ypsilanti/

The Color Run is all about the party and is also known as "The Happiest 5K on the Planet." At this race, runners and walkers get covered from head to toe in paint with smiles on their faces. Right now, prices are \$45 for a solo runner and \$39.50 for a team price, but prices increase about \$5 on May 15. Teams must have at least four people.

#### **WARRIOR DASH**

Mt. Morris, MI Aug. 1 and 2 warriordash.com/location/2015-warrior-dash-michigan/

The Warrior Dash includes 11 challenging obstacles in a wooded area for athletes up to the challenge. The price is \$60 until April 28, and it increases every month until the race day. If one waits to register until July 30 or after, it will cost \$100. For training tips and more information regarding included obstacles, visit the website.



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THE GLO RUN SAFARI

Lansing, MI Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. theglorun.com/lansing/index.html

Lights, neon, action! This run/walk travels through a brightly lit night and includes a post DJ party and costume contest. Standard prices now are \$30, and sales end on April 30. For an "energy upgrade," it is \$50 with sales ending on May 26. The run includes a shirt, three items of glo swag, and a bag. The energy upgrade includes LED shutter shades and double the glo swag.

#### **TOUGH MUDDER**

10-12 miles Michigan International Speedway Sept. 26 and 27 toughmudder.com/events/2015-michigan

Fun runs, such as the Color Run in Ypsilanti and Warrior Dash in Mt. Morris, are the ultimate way to get

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the Tough Mdder.

Featuring swampy wetlands, meandering trails and brand new obstacles fresh out of the Tough Mudder Obstacle Innovation Lab, teams of runners need to work together to reach the finish flag. Standard registration already costs about \$145, and it increases at the end of the month and the months preceding the run.



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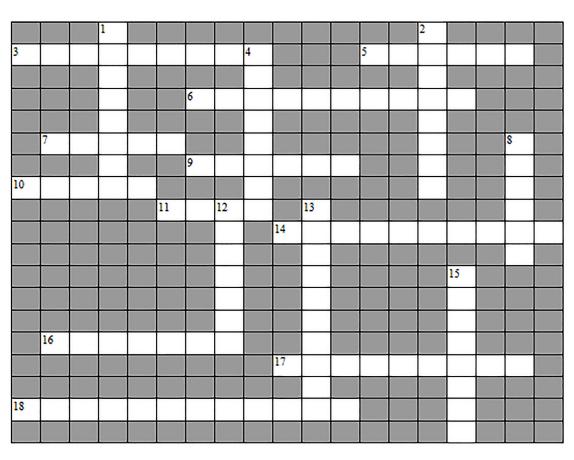
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#### **Summer Word Search Puzzle**

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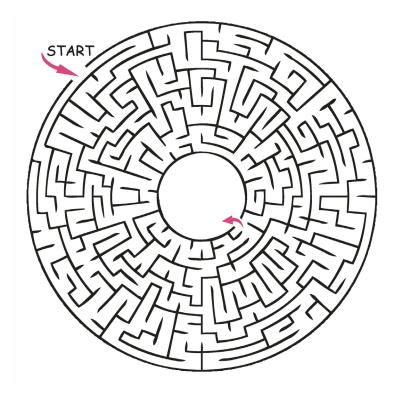


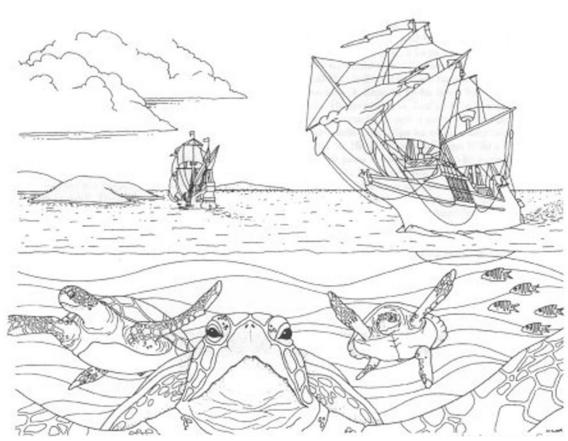
#### **ACROSS**

- 3. Display that goes off on summer nights 1. A sweet and sour drink summer drink
- 5. Something people do when they want 2. Sport played on a diamond to see more of the world
- 6. Protect your eyes with these
- 7. Location with sand and swimming
- 9. In the summer, you trade your pants for for a while these
- 10. Michigan is surrounded by them and 15. Frozen treat they're fun to swim in
- 11. " ball"
- 14. Don't swallow the seeds of this fruit
- 16. Where you sit and wait for a catch
- 17. Small, glowing bugs
- 18. A small red summer fruit

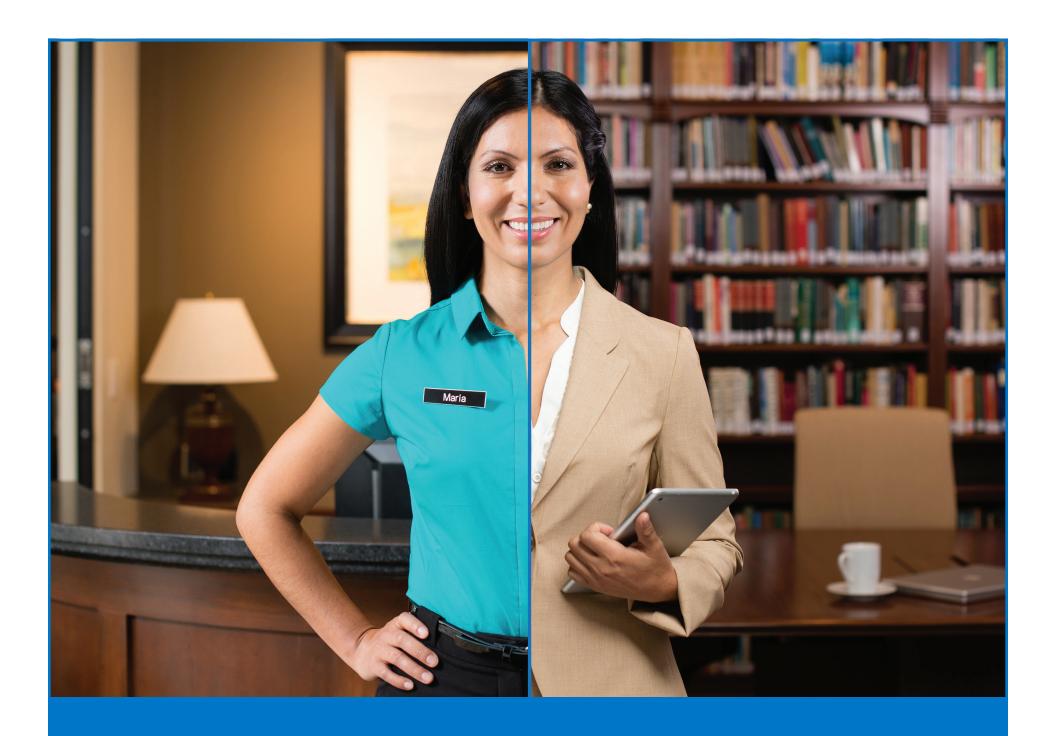
#### **DOWN**

- 4. Don't forget this item on a sunny day
- 8. Grilling favorite
- 12. Where people go to live out in nature
- 13. A ride you go down at a water park





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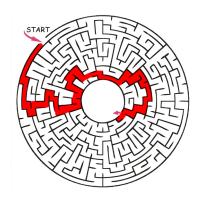
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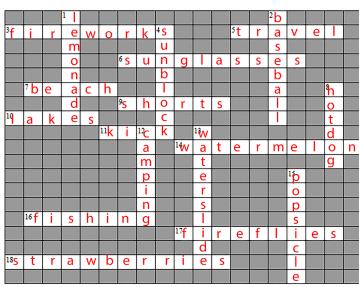


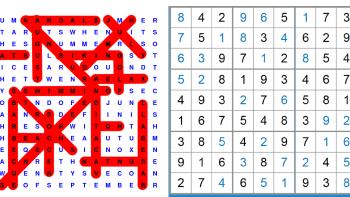
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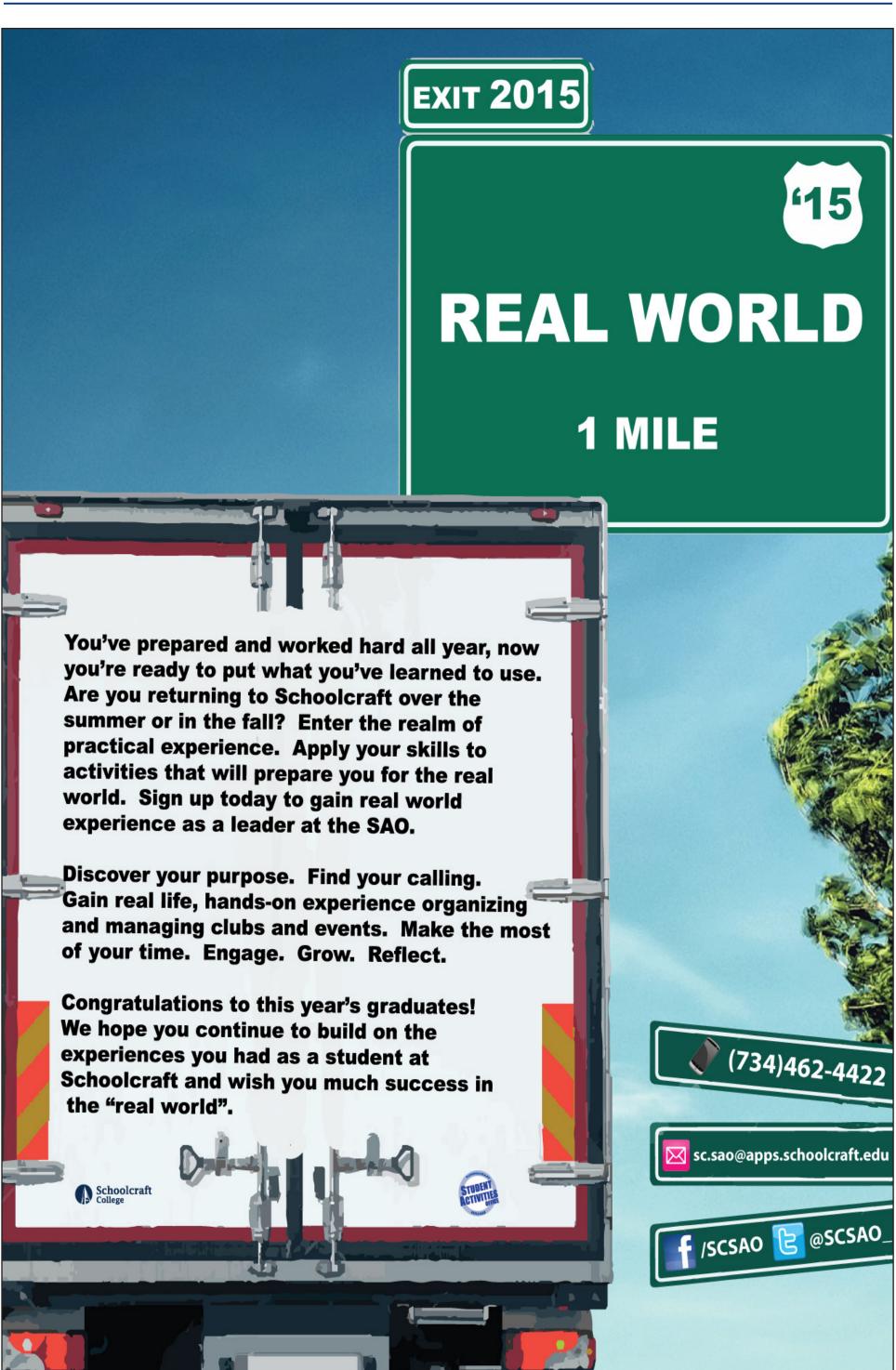
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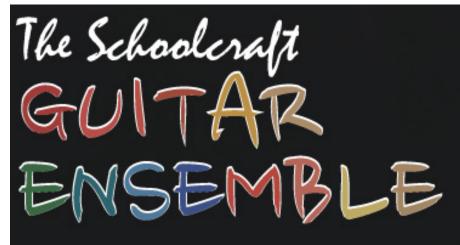












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