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Culinary Arts student, Austin Hannah, practices with one of his dishes prior to the week of national competition held in Orlando, Florida, August 2 through 5.

Compliments to the Chef

Culinary Arts student Austin Hannah wins silver in national competition

BEN BOLSTRUM
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Austin Hannah has been surrounded by cooking all his life. With a mother who would cook big, elaborate meals for the holidays, and a grandmother who was always baking, it's no surprise that he would soon become an accomplished cook himself. Now with a silver medal in the National Student Chef of the Year

Competition, Hannah has gone a long way since his days of high school where this future chef found his calling.

"I didn't really find cooking until my junior year of high school at Saline. They offered a culinary program that was run by Sam Musto, who is also an instructor at Schoolcraft," Hannah explains. "I got into it my sophomore year and that was when I met chef Polly Brown. She worked underneath

him. I just started cooking for fun and it was just something that I was wanting to learn how to do just for life purposes."

Hannah was already a competitive student in high school, participating in sports such as football, basketball, track and ultimate frisbee, so cooking served as another outlet to showcase his skills.

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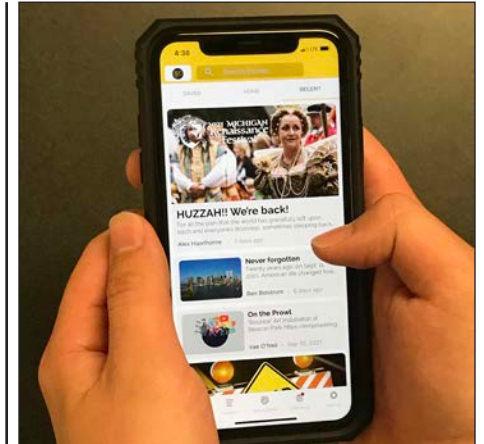


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Stay Connected on the Go

Schoolcraft Connection mobile app available for download

BEN BOLSTRUM
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Looking for ways to keep up to date with the latest news on and off campus? The Schoolcraft Connection has that covered.

Sometimes, it can be inconvenient to look up and follow news on the go. Having no laptop or computer to rely on means that events must be researched only on mobile phones where websites may be laggy or constructed poorly. This is true for many sites, however, this is not the case for the Schoolcraft Connection anymore due to the new College News Source app.

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In the Spotlight

Career Services to host virtual presentations for job seekers

BEN BOLSTRUM
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the wake of COVID-19, finding the right job can become a struggle due to such a competitive market. In light of this, Schoolcraft Career Services has launched the Employer Spotlight. Co-sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Business Club, this event entails a series of free zoom presentations which are open to the public. Employers from different companies and organizations will be featured and share strategies on how to thrive in today's job market.

Scheduled events for September and October include: Amazon: Jobs & Careers with Amazon, Cyberforce Q: Building a Network with LinkedIn, KLA: High-tech Careers, Hagopian: Navigating Your Career Search, UWM: Prepping for a Job Interview & Building a LinkedIn Profile, Ascension Providence

Park Hospital: Nursing & Patient Care Clinical Careers, Bridgewater Interiors: Careers In the Automotive Industry and Pepsi: A Day in the Life in the Beverage Industry.

"Many of our employers will be providing students and today's job seekers with valuable information to find employment or advance their careers, like how to network, how to prepare for a job interview, how to create a strong LinkedIn profile and to learn about job & career options that they may not have thought of," explains Director of Career Services JoAnne Stadnicar. Many of the employers presenting during this spotlight will also have current openings, giving attendees the perfect chance to learn what is needed of them and how to further pursue their career. This is all done in the hopes of providing job seekers with critical tools needed to connect with employers who happen to regularly hire Schoolcraft students, grads and members of our surrounding community. Stadnicar believes that there is something to gain for anyone attending.

Students may prepare for their future role in the job market, experienced job seekers can expand their knowledge and gain tips to find what's right for them and those exploring their options can gain new opportunities with these events open to all.

"I often find that our students think they must wait until they graduate before using our services or talking with employers," Stadnicar states. "Nothing could be further from the truth! There are so many ways that Career Services can help students prepare from day one for their eventual careers. Even community members should be aware that all of our services (except for student employment on campus) are open to them, free of charge."

With goals rooted in building a stronger community, helping employers find qualified job candidates and providing the resources that can help everyone advance their employment search and careers are the first steps.

To attend these events, live on Zoom, use the meeting ID# 287 214 1120 For more information. Contact Career Services at 734-462-4421 or careerservices@schoolcraft.edu.

Career Services Employer Spotlight: September and October Events

Amazon: Jobs & Careers with
Amazon
Sept. 21
10 a.m.- noon

Cyberforce Q: Building a
Network with LinkedIn
Sept. 23
1 - 2 p.m.

KLA: High-tech Careers
Sept. 29
1 - 2 p.m.

Hagopian: Navigating Your
Career Search
Sept. 30
1 - 2 p.m.

UWM: Prepping for a Job
Interview & Building a
LinkedIn Profile
Oct. 6
1 - 2 p.m.

Ascension Providence Park
Hospital: Nursing & Patient Care
Clinical Careers
Oct. 7
1- 2 p.m.

Bridgewater Interiors: Careers
in the Automotive Industry
Oct. 20
1- 2 p.m.

Pepsi: A Day in the Life in the
Beverage Industry
Oct. 26
1- 2 p.m.

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With the support of these individuals as well as Schoolcraft Culinary instructors Chef Shawn Loving, Brian Beland and Chris Misiak along with his family and fiancée at his side, Hannah feels lucky in that he has so much support. It was this support group that helped him arrive at a local ACF (American Culinary Federation) competition, nominated by Chef Loving in 2019. Hannah would go on to win the competition and as a result was titled Regional Student Chef of the Year. With this accomplishment, National Student Chef of the Year was now in his sights.

In August 2021, Hannah found himself at the national competition held in Orlando, Florida, from Aug. 2-5 an event sponsored by the American Culinary Foundation (ACF). Competing in the Hot Foods division, he endured a two-hour competition consisting of a market basket filled with proteins such as lobster, flat iron scallops and pancetta. On top of this, Hannah also worked with several vegetables and starches. Every ingredient was required to be utilized in

dishes. The judges also based their verdicts off of professionalism, competency, taste and flavors, sanitation and techniques.

As a result of Hannah's skill in the kitchen, he was awarded second place overall (the silver medal) in the competition which made him the best Hot Food candidate and best out of the other 8 competitors in his category.

“You feel like a winner, no matter what,” states Hannah. “You walk away from the whole experience learning such a great deal and you can't help, but walk away feeling like a winner. I feel like I placed first to be completely honest. I took away more from that than I think anyone else could have.”

Experience is the bottom line for Hannah. He believes that even if he had won nothing he would be just as happy due to the honor and knowledge gained from participating in the event. He also knows how difficult breaking into cooking as a career can be for newcomers and veterans alike of the art.

“I think that for those who are

coming into the culinary program and aren't sure exactly where this is going to lead them, but if they want to be a chef, I just always encourage them to go for it, put yourself out there, make yourself uncomfortable, go through those certifications.”

Hannah views these certifications as vital when it comes to learning the craft. They are a controversial topic wherein many opinions differ on their effectiveness and utility, but for Hannah, having Chef Loving as a mentor has cemented his trust in them.

“The culinary industry is this giant wave and there's so many people. There are so many restaurants. So there's this giant wave of just cooks, but only so many. There can only be so many surfers on this wave.”

Hannah views this as a way to be distinguishable from other chefs.

Well on the way to mastering his craft, Hannah continues to hone his skills when it comes to all things cooking and plans to pursue more competitions such as this one in the future.

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-Austin Hannah

Schoolcraft Culinary Arts student



Photo courtesy of Schoolcraft College

Austin Hannah won the silver medal during the ACF Student Chef of the Year national competition in Orlando, Florida on August 5, 2021.

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To download this free app and read stories related to the Schoolcraft community, visit either the App Store for Apple devices or the Google Play for Android devices, type “College News Source,” into the search bar and then download the app.

Once installed, click on it and search “Schoolcraft” into the search bar. After finding the college, a prompt will pop up asking whether the user would like push notifications to be displayed when a new story is posted. This option can be changed later and can also be adjusted so notifications will only be sent out

for certain writers or sections.

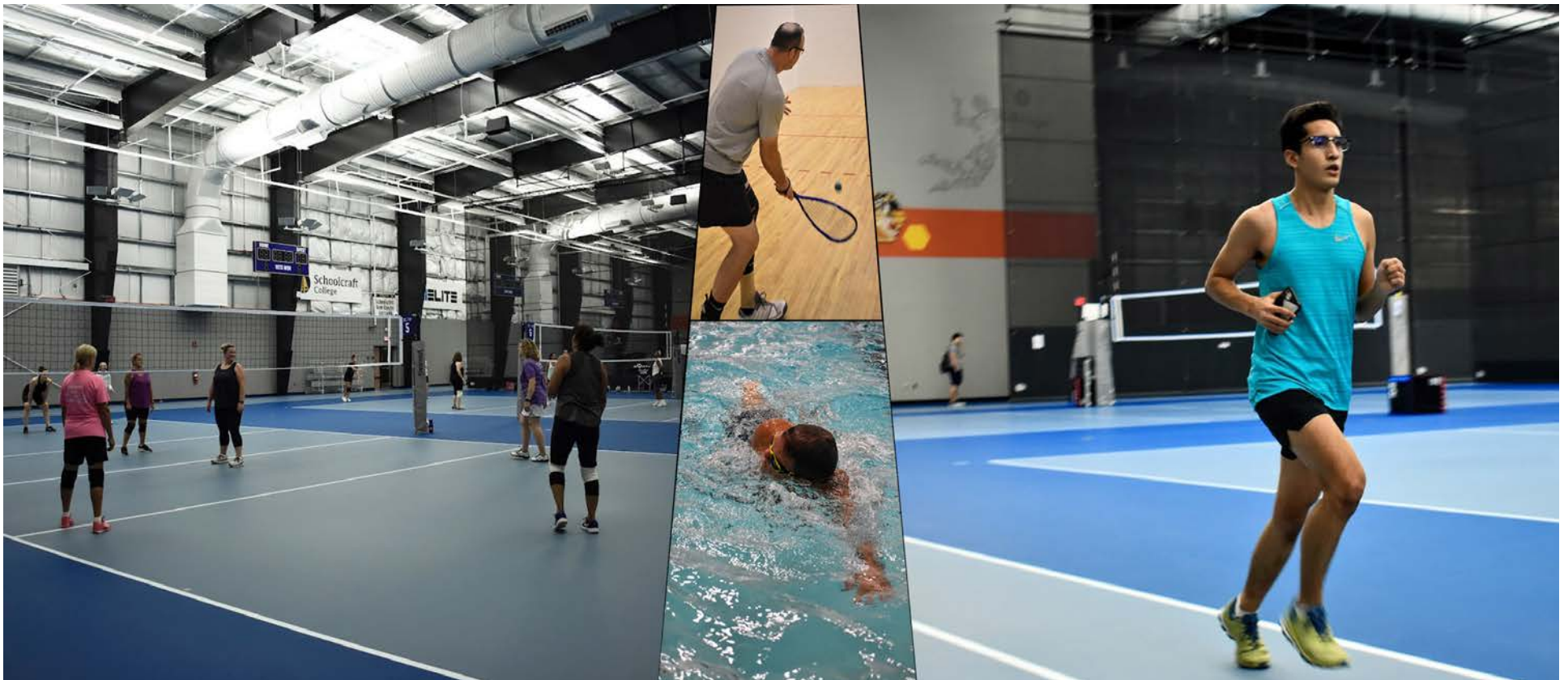
After selecting an option, the Connection front page will become the homepage for the app and will appear whenever it is launched.

This new app, along with the updated website has allowed the Connection to continue keeping viewers looped in on all the latest events, news stories and ongoing activities in and around campus. Now stay up to date with everything Schoolcraft on the go, and at home. Remember, stay connected, Ocelots!

For more information, visit the Schoolcraft Connection Youtube Channel.

CAMPUS LIFE

It's more than just a Gym



Photos by Claire Smith

The Schoolcraft Fitness Center offers a variety of activities such as volleyball, racquetball, swimming, running and walking, for students, staff, faculty members and community members to take part in.

Fitness Center and Campus Recreation services offer up activities for every fitness level

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Many things have changed and adapted since students have last stepped on campus. Chief among them being the large building that has been under construction by St. Joe's Sports Dome has now been completed and serves as the Mercy Elite Sports Center (ESC). As students continue to return to campus, things are slowly beginning to go back to normal, but there are still

some new things to look out for.

Schoolcraft College's Fitness Center has several new features and events planned for the upcoming semester just waiting for students, staff, faculty and community members to participate in.

When asked what there was for students to do at the center, Director of Recreation Services Patty Donohue-Ebach stated that there's something for everyone.

"We just really want people to know we're here, we're open and

they should come over and check us out and get involved. FREE for all credit students-just have to enroll as a member to enjoy all the benefits!"

The Fitness Center offers a fully stocked free-weight area with total body strength and cardio equipment for any exercise needs along with a walking track in the Mercy Elite Sport Center Building and full locker room and towel service.

The effects that COVID held over the safety of businesses and institutions resulted in the hours the center operated to be reduced so that students, staff and attendees could remain safe, but the Fitness Center is now back open seven days

a week. Hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Fridays from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday & Sunday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

On top of this, several sport activities are available for visitors to participate in and lose that extra COVID weight.

Open Lap Swim

Need to practice that backstroke? Students can cool down by taking an open lap swim from 12-1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free for Fitness Center members, credit students, PPL students, faculty and staff. Other visitors can use the

facility for just a \$5 drop-in fee.

Racquetball and Wallyball

Need to practice that topspin? Visitors can reserve and rent a court for racquetball or wallyball games. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. These services are free of charge for Fitness Center members credit students, faculty and staff every day until 3 p.m. and weekends. Contact the Fitness Center front desk to reserve your court. Drop-in charge of \$5 per person for a 90 minute period for all others.

Open Volleyball

Ready for a serve? Open volleyball is now available in the ESC so get out on those courts and at the following times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11:30 a.m., 12-2:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. Credit students are free; all others must pay \$5 per player for the 2.5 hour period.

Open Basketball

Get those bank shots from half-court! Open basketball is now available Monday and Thursday nights from 7-9:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the main gym in the Physical Education building main gym. This service is for free for Fitness Center members and credit students. All others are required to pay a \$5 drop-in fee.

Pickleball

How about the ever so popular game of Pickleball. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to noon and noon to 2 p.m. A fee of \$8 per player per two hour block is required to play. To reserve a court, contact the Fitness Center by 7 a.m.

ESC Track

Run for the hills! The track in the Sports Center is open all the hours that the Fitness Center is operational during, Visitors may go for a walk, jog, run or anything in between. All in a comfortable, temperature controlled environment. Seven laps around the track equals one mile.

"Everyone there is very friendly and very accepting to people of all walks of life," Accounting major Matt Karbownik states. "The equipment and other gear supplied at this facility is very good and worth using to get the best results for your workouts and definitely is worth getting a membership for." He also compliments the staff for keeping the facility and equipment sanitary with all the proper care needed. He cites this as a reason why a membership at the center is very valuable and worthwhile.

That's not where the fun stops either.

Look out for special events hosted by the Fitness Center throughout the semester. One such event is "Fitness Center After Hours" which will be held Sept. 30 from 8-10 p.m. For a \$5 entrance fee, visitors will have opportunities to enjoy refreshments, an open fitness floor, volleyball, dodgeball, basketball, wallyball, and a raffle. Not only is this a perfect return to campus, but attendees may meet up with their friends or meet new ones to create some memories.

The Schoolcraft Fitness Center provides the perfect habitat for Ocelots to roam in their free time. There are many activities to pursue and things to see. Whether waiting for a class to begin, or looking to blow off steam, the Schoolcraft Fitness Center is the perfect place to be.

For more information, visit the Fitness Center website at <https://home.schoolcraft.edu/fitnesscenter>, call at 734-462-4348, or email at scfitnesscenter@schoolcraft.edu.

Another page turned

Annual Pageturners Book Club releases fall semester selections

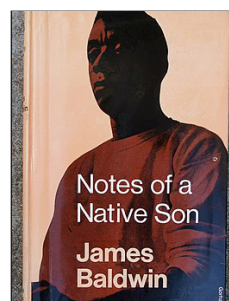
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Are you tired of not being able to find a good reading group? Looking for a new book to pick up, or for a way to engage with like-minded people? Then the Schoolcraft Pageturners virtual book club is the place to be.

Pageturners is a book club where at least once a month Schoolcraft students, staff, faculty and community meet in order to engage and discuss a selected featured book. Three books are chosen each semester covering a variety of themes and topics. These books were chosen based on the "recommendations from faculty, staff and community members" according to Denise Schell, Co-Coordinator of the Pageturners Book Club.

September: "Notes of a Native Son"

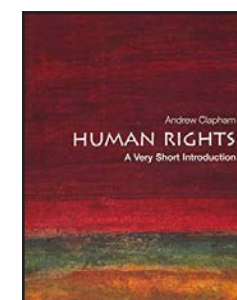
Leading off the semester's book selection for September is "Notes of a Native Son" by James Baldwin. This book is a set of personal essays from Baldwin detailing his experiences in his twenties



as a black man between the 1940s and 1950s. Throughout the book he gives a lot of insight into the many complexities facing black America during that time including the start of the civil rights movement. "Notes of a Native Son" book discussion will take place Sept. 28 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. virtually on Zoom.

October: "Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction"

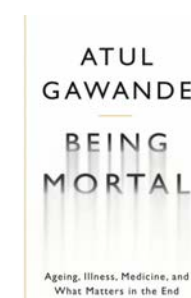
October's book selection is "Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction" by Andrew Clapham.



Clapham brings attention to human rights issues in a modern perspective with the many intricacies of which they carry. In this highlighting of issues Clapham also dives deep

into philosophy, history, and legality of these issues to give a better understanding for the future of the human rights movement. "Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction" book discussion will take place Oct. 26 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Zoom. Jump out of the virtual world for a moment and come to campus and join the panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Mark Huston on Oct. 28 from 1:30- 2:45 p.m. in LA200.

November: "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End"



November's book selection is "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande. The book deals with the issues within the medical field on the premise that humans should

aim with medicine to increase their quality of life to the highest level. It deals with aspects primarily associated with nursing homes, surgery and hospitals for the potential end

CAMPUS & CLUB EVENTS

(All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted)

TouchPoint/Ascension Providence Park: Non-Clinical Jobs in Healthcare

September 21, 2021

10 to 11a.m.

Live on Zoom: www.zoom.us

Meeting ID# 287 214 1120

Career Services brings to you Employer Spotlight in which area employers will share insights to help job seekers succeed in today's competitive labor market. Learn strategies to advance your career. Questions can be directed to Career Services at 734-462-4421 or careerservices@schoolcraft.edu. This event is open to the public and no advance registration is required.

SchoolDaze Fall Festival

September 21-22, 2021

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Between the Liberal Arts and Forum Buildings

Join the Student Activities Office for its Annual SchoolDaze Fall Festival. This festival will feature student clubs and organizations, college student services, local businesses, 50 cent hotdogs, popcorn, DJ, games, prizes and much more.

Community Service Fair

September 21, 2021

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Between the Liberal Arts and Forum Buildings

Join us for our Community Service Fair to connect with our community partners and explore the resources

they have to offer. Organizations scheduled to appear include: CNH Healthcare, Double Up Food Bucks, Dress for Success, First Step, Forever Families, Gleaners

Outdoor Study Hall with a Dueling Piano Show

September 23, 2021

Outdoor Study Hall:

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. and 2- 4:30 p.m.

Dueling Piano Show: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Under the tent between the Forum and Liberal Arts Building

Join the Learning Support Services and Student Activities Office for an opportunity to study outdoors and listen to some entertaining Dueling Piano Show. This event is free. For more information contact the Learning Support Services at 734-462-4436 or the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Resources for Argumentative Research

September 23, 2021

10 a.m.

Blackboard Collaborate

Join the Bradner Library for their fall workshops. This workshop will feature Resources for Argumentative Research.

Cyberforce Q: Building a Network with LinkedIn

September 23, 2021

1 to 2 p.m.

Live on Zoom: www.zoom.us

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Blood Drive

September 28, 2021

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

Turn over a new leaf, fall into giving by giving blood to those in need. Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome as the schedule allows. Call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI to schedule an appointment. All donors will receive a free t-shirt celebrating Sickle Cell Awareness.

Karaoke

September 28, 2021

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

Join the Student Activities Office for some Karaoke. Grab a friend or go solo! Don't miss out on this fun opportunity. All are welcome.

Pageturners Virtual Book Discussion: Notes of a Native Son

September 28, 2021

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Visit the Pageturners main webpage at www.schoolcraft.edu/pageturners Join Pageturners Virtual Book Club for

a book discussion on Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin. For more information, please contact Denise Schell at dschell@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-7189.

Free Cider and Donuts Day

September 29, 2021

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lower Level, VisTaTech Center

Join the Student Activities Board for FREE Cider and Donuts to welcome in the fall. While supplies last.

KLA: High Tech Careers

September 29, 2021

1 to 2 p.m.

Live on Zoom: www.zoom.us

Meeting ID# 287 214 1120

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Using EBSCO eBook and Springer eBook Collections

September 30, 2021

10 a.m.

Blackboard Collaborate

Join the Bradner Library for their fall workshops. This workshop will feature Using EBSCO eBook and

Springer eBook Collections.

Hagopian: Navigating Your Career Search

September 30, 2021

1 to 2 p.m.

Live on Zoom: www.zoom.us

Meeting ID# 287 214 1120

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Schoolcraft Soccer Tailgate Party

October 2, 2021

1 - 4:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer Game: 2 p.m.

Men's Soccer Game: 4 p.m.

Schoolcraft College Outdoor Soccer Field

Join the Schoolcraft Athletics Department and Schoolcraft College Foundation for a Tailgate Party showcasing our Women's and Men's Soccer teams. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate, \$10 Kids ages 6-12 and Free

for kids ages 5 and under. Order online by September 27 at bit.ly/SCTailgate21. Tickets include a hospitality tent and admission to both games. Join us for hotdogs, hamburgers and more as the Ocelots Men's and Women's Soccer teams take on the Muskegon Community College Jayhawks. Questions can be directed to the Athletics Department at 734-462-5324. All proceeds support Schoolcraft College Athletics.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Orientation

October 4, 2021

7 p.m.

Kehrl Auditorium-VisTaTech Center

Do you have a G.P.A of 3.5 or higher? Join the largest organization on campus. Benefits include graduating with honors, transfer scholarships, leadership skills, building a resume, getting involved on campus, participating in community service, meeting new people, creating friendships and much more. Please RSVP to 734-462-4422.

Resume Essentials

October 5, 2021

1-2:30 p.m.

Zoom

ID: 287 214 1120

A certified professional resume writer will teach participants how to build a targeted resume that strategically "sells" skills, education and/or experience to employers. Learn what employers are looking for in a resume and cover letter. Please log into the Zoom meeting room 5-10 minutes prior to the presentation start time. Resume Essentials will start prompting at 1 p.m. The live presentation will end with an opportunity to ask questions. Everyone is welcome to stay after the presentation. No advance registration required. For more information, contact Career Services at 734-462-4421 or careerservices@schoolcraft.edu.

UWM: Prepping for a Job Interview and Building a LinkedIn Profile

October 6, 2021

1 to 2 p.m.

Live on Zoom: www.zoom.us

Meeting ID# 287 214 1120

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and building a LinkedIn Profile. Questions can be directed to Career Services at 734-462-4421 or careerservices@schoolcraft.edu. This event is open to the public and no advance registration is required.

Dress for Success Michigan on Campus

October 7, 2021

10 to 2 p.m.

Waterman 210B (VisTaTech Center)

Have an interview or a new job? Are you in need of new business attire? Career Services and the Hinkle Center in partnership with Dress for Success will be offering a Dress for Success, free brand new professional attire and accessories exclusively for Schoolcraft students. Walk-ins are welcome.

Fall 2021 Job Fair

October 12, 2021

1 to 3 p.m.

VisTaTech Center

Are you looking to change careers or find a new job? Come to the Fall 2021 Job Fair. More than 70 employers will be on hand to answer your questions and talk to you about opportunities for employment in their organization. For more information, contact Career Services at 734-462-4421. This event is open to the public.

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of someone's life. "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" book discussion will take place Nov. 16 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Zoom.

One of the biggest takeaways for an attendee of Pageturners is "the opportunity to read a good book and share their experiences with it. Some students feel an affinity with one of the main characters; others

may have a very strong emotional response to the themes in the story itself. Another really great feature of Pageturners is that there are no wrong take-aways; everyone's opinions and experiences are valued equally," according to Schell.

For those in the market for some social time with fellow Ocelot readers, then this is where to be.

For more information about

Pageturners contact Co-Coordinator Denise Schell at dschell@schoolcraft.edu or Co-Coordinator Wayne Pricer at wpricer@schoolcraft.edu. All discussions are free and open to the public. Discussion sessions are facilitated by Schoolcraft students.

To log into discussions, visit the Pageturners main webpage at www.schoolcraft.edu/pageturners then click the link for the virtual book discussion you wish to join or use Blackboard Collaborate using the

link here: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/56dd8e40ea5348f3baf4b-0253de6fc12>

For the best experience, please use Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari; Internet Explorer 11 is not supported. To dial in use +1-571-392-7650 and use the PIN: 261 549 3157.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

80 Years ago in America

Richard Wright novel "Native Son" is unenjoyable for all the right reasons

VAE O'NEIL

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Ratings: 9/10

The last year-and-a-half have been a time of protest and solidarity in the name of justice for racial disparity. Many know this has been a problem long before even the original colonies ran ashore; many also know of racism's more notorious footnotes - slavery, emancipation and the Civil Rights movement with its laws and assassinations that came forthwith. While the history of racism's blood and law is well-known, we don't often learn of the history of its dialogue; one such historical book-mark is *Native Son*, a book released in 1940 about the fear that is instilled by systematic racism, and the following consequences of that fear.

The story stars Bigger Thomas as the main character; he's a young black man 20 years of age living with his mother, brother and sister in a single-room apartment in the South of Chicago. He's known as a bit of a troublemaker, picking fights and stealing; deep down he expects himself to get arrested, or even executed, for one thing or another. Against his recalcitrant personality, he's forced to take a new job he's not too keen

on since he's the only member of his family old and able enough to work; he begrudgingly goes to work as a chauffeur for an affluent white family who think themselves charitable for hiring him. Unfortunately, not even a full 24 hours into his new job goes by before things go horribly wrong; in a moment of sheer panic he ends up accidentally murdering a young white woman. From that moment onward, he follows the anger and fear within himself to try to save his skin.

For a story published in 1940, the images depicted therein are surprisingly sharp; graphic murder, sexual assault, and portrayals of several prejudices present during the time warrant that this book is not for those in pursuit of fun or amusement. *Native Son* is neither of these things; it may be a work of fiction, but it was heavily inspired by the experiences of its late author Richard Wright.

Wright was a Black man himself, growing up abused, in many homes and with sparse schooling; regardless of all of this he came to be an autodidact of sorts - someone who's educated themselves independently, without a teacher or formal education.

Of the many things Wright had

experienced, a few key things made their way into his works; violence, politics and religion. Violence, because of how much he experienced, and not only the physical sort, but verbal and rhetorical as well, kinds that may not leave bruises but nevertheless takes power from the individual it's aimed at, the kind that Wright was subjected to since birth. Politics, because of his brief affair with the Communist Party. Religion, because of his abusive family forcing him to pray so that he might "build a relationship with God." *Native Son* has a bit of all of these things.

That being said, this book is not meant to entertain - and it shouldn't; the protagonist is despicable, most if not all of the characters are shallow, the pacing is often sluggish and there is no happy ending (or happy middle or beginning, for that matter). This is a book about the forces at play in 1940s America; how the prejudices of a society's institution can bring to life the very demons they fabricated in the first place.

Neither Bigger nor the book apologizes for the murders he commits, and the story puts its entire chest behind what it has to say; the United States may be beyond redemption, regardless of whether or not it wants

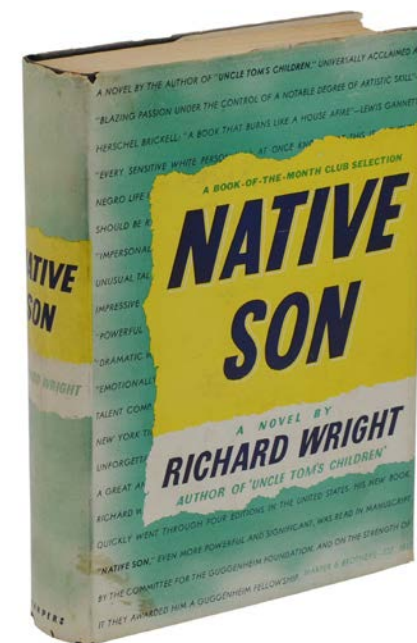


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Book cover for Richard Wright's *Native Son*.

to be redeemed in the first place, and attempts to stamp out resistance to the ever-present venom of history's transgressions will only fuel an oncoming storm.

Native Son still has its quirks. The story is very cynical, bloody and bleak; Bigger Thomas has been criticized as a character who pushes the angry and violent black man stereotype; and while the book is over 350 pages long it is broken up into only about three chapters, which affects the pacing.

Overall, *Native son* is an insightful - if dreadful - read for those interested in the dialogue of racism in America.



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A Respectable Retrospection

Angel Olsen's "Aisles" is a tasty take on a handful of classics

VAE O'NEIL
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Ratings 7/10

Growing up in Saint Louis, Missouri, Angel Olsen grew up fascinated by the past and passionate about music. In her teenage years she attended many punk rock and music shows while learning piano and guitar at the same time. She began writing her own music, and at 16 joined a local band. Today Olsen continues making music, most recently an EP named "Aisles," a collection of five covers of 80s classics so wonderfully flavored by her style that it might take most listeners until "Forever Young" to realize that these aren't completely original works. That, or it's because this particular listener is rather young.

What sets these covers apart is Olsen's sound; it's a kind of 80s synthesizer-and-drum base with some indie acoustics and such for seasoning. Definitely the kind of thing someone would find in a Guitar Hero game. As this is an EP of covers, "Aisles" is apparently somewhat of a departure from her usual releases; the complete list of tracks are "Gloria", "Eyes Without a Face", "Safety Dance", "If You Leave", and "Forever Young", and the inspiration is rather unorthodox for Olson.



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Album cover for Angel Olsen's "Aisles".

According to her press release for the album, the songs were ones that have been cradled by her memory, such as "Gloria": "I'd heard 'Gloria' for the first time at a family Christmas gathering and was amazed at all the aunts who got up to dance... I imagined them all dancing and laughing in slow motion, and that's when I got the idea to slow the entire song down and try it out in this way."

With her usual track record (is that a pun?) being enormous and labor-intensive projects, this particular creation is one that Olson has described in interviews as a sort of spontaneous breather. Keeping that in mind, it is a damn good breather to toss an ear to "Aisles" and Angel Olsen's other music is available pretty much anywhere on the internet where music is streamed and sold.



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Welcome back to reality



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Despite the continuum of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Delta Variant, we find ourselves going back to reality with how the Schoolcraft College experience is meant to be for this semester. More jobs on campus are opening up again and the opportunity to expand within these roles is ever-growing. Beyond that, most classes have opened up to being in-person and more services are being offered for those that need help to succeed in their prospective classes.

As a word of advice, it is highly recommended that you take advantage of these opportunities so that you can make the most of your time at having a successful experience at Schoolcraft.

The effect of COVID over the past two years cannot be understated. It was and continues to be unexplored territory for us all. That being said, solace can be taken in the fact that we're all in this together. As we begin to step back out in the real world, we do so knowing that it won't be easy. The Schoolcraft cam-

pus has gone through many changes that will take some time adapting to, but as a community, we can soon enter a post-COVID world by staying smart, safe and diligent. That isn't to say that you can't have any fun while staying safe. You're always welcome to stop by the Student Activities Center to see what sort of events that Schoolcraft has going on. You may see some of our staff hanging out or working hard while you're down there, don't be afraid to say hello. Stay with us at the Connection as we continue to pursue our ultimate goal: Making sure we all stay connected.

If we all do our part, nothing can stop our passion. Adhering to guidelines and being mindful of risks, so long as there aren't any unexpected deltas in our current trajectory as a community college. Though, if the last year has shown us anything, it is that no matter what happens we can and will adapt to the situation accordingly - but hopefully the road ahead won't be quite as rocky as the one we just rode in on.

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9/21 vs Macomb	7 p.m.
9/28 vs Mott	7 p.m.
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10/7 vs Oakland CC	7 p.m.
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