

Documenting history

Schoolcraft collaborates with community members to highlight Detroit's best chefs

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Humans have recorded history in various ways throughout the years. From cave paintings, written documents starting with the Egyptians, to now media. This act of documentation has diversity in its motive, with some being memorial; such as a way to honor those who have passed, as well as highlighting true talent. This is exactly what the upcoming 2024 fall "Detroit: The City of Chefs" documentary encompasses.

Filmed all throughout the city at some of Detroit's top chefs' restaurants, there was a particularly special place that needed to be included in the filming: Schoolcraft College.

"I've always had a deep relationship with the Schoolcraft Culinary department dating back to when I worked for Chef



Behind the scenes of "Detroit The City of Chefs" group photo of Schoolcraft chefs and film crew. Photo courtesy of Schoolcraft College.

Benson; one of the first culinary instructors at the college," said Executive Producer/Director of "Detroit: The City of Chefs" and Visionalist Entertainment Productions Chef Keith Famie. "While I

never attended Schoolcraft or any culinary college for that matter, Schoolcraft has always held a special spot in my heart for so many reasons. Many of the instructors are close friends of mine for

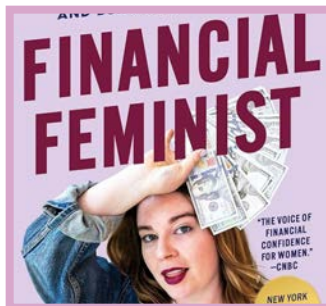
many years for a wide range of reasons; both professional and personal." Detroit is famous for its automotive

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Portrait of Certified Master Baker and Certified Executive Pastry Chef Heather Moore. Photo courtesy of Schoolcraft College.

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boom with Henry Ford and soulful music. However, something that accompanies these two things is food; which as argued by Culinary Arts Program Coordinator and Faculty member Chef Chris Misiak, is a Detroit quality that often goes unnoticed. The proposal of involvement presented by Famie to Misiak was met by excitement, as well as enticement to the rest of campus once word got out.

"Being the Faculty Co-Chair for Core Abilities gives me a unique opportunity to keep in contact with faculty all over campus at Schoolcraft. When Chef Misiak explained the project to me, I instantly wanted to become involved.

What Chef Misiak is doing with the Culinary department is beyond outstanding," said CGT Faculty and Department Chair Jeremy Salo. "Food is a major part of culture right along with art and music. We just use different mediums. The possibility of tying them all together while paying homage to the greats of the area was very intriguing. To hear that the well known Director and Chef Famie was producing this made it even more exciting."

Schoolcraft is featured in the trailer, with personal interviews with the current and former Culinary Arts instructors, and alums who founded restaurants in Metro Detroit. Not only were Schoolcraft faculty involved in

collaboration while filming at the College, but active students were an essential part of the video production, interviews and sound recording for the documentary.

"We actually recorded the music for the opening scene, which is a bunch of chefs in stop motion claymation developed by College of Creative Studies [student Alexandra Martinescul who dedicated a 15 week winter semester to the creation]," said Misiak. "The music was created in collaboration with the Sound Recording Technology Department and kitchen equipment; chopping of knives, whisking in bowls and pepper shakers shaking like maracas."

Passion is enveloped in the "Detroit: The City of Chefs" documentary. This opportunity prompted the ability to

highlight the artists behind the kitchen, who's work cannot be hung in a museum.

"I've enjoyed every moment immensely working with both the students and leadership at Schoolcraft, it's always an adventure," noted Famie, as positivity radiated from the film set.

"We only have so much time in this life. People would rather do a job that brings them joy and meaning over becoming filthy rich. Storytelling, art and complex forms of communication is what makes us human," said Salo. "You cannot have a happy and successful society without them. Some of us are lucky enough to be creators of media and art

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Clay motion of chefs prepped to go on the final cake. Photo courtesy of Schoolcraft College.



CMPC Joe Decker and CMB CEPC Heather Moore assembling final cake in "Detroit: The City of Chefs." Photo courtesy of Schoolcraft College.

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for a living. If we give people a chance to be creative and share their talents with the world, they will do so and we will all benefit."

The "Detroit: The City of Chefs" 90 minute documentary will debut on PBS and Detroit Public Television.

The year-long production has not disclosed a specific date, but it will be available to the public during the fall semester.

For more information on "Detroit: The City of Chefs" and to see the trailer now go to <https://detroitcityofchefs.com/>.



The Schoolcraft College Jazz Studies Program presents Guest Artist

Darmon Meader



Recognized in both the jazz vocal and instrumental worlds, Darmon Meader is a distinguished vocalist, arranger and saxophonist. Darmon has achieved international recognition as the founder, musical director, chief arranger, composer, saxophonist, and tenor vocalist with New York Voices. As a member of NYV, he has released numerous recordings and has performed and recorded with a variety of artists including Ray Brown, Bobby McFerrin, Don Sebesky, Ivan Lins, Jon Hendricks, Jim Hall, Paquito D'Rivera, the Count Basie Orchestra, and the Royal Bopsters. Touring in the U.S. and abroad, he has performed at such renowned venues as Carnegie Hall, Montreux Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival, and the Blue Note Jazz Clubs in New York and Japan. In addition to arranging and orchestrating the majority of the NYV songbook, Darmon has arranged music for various artists including Nancy Wilson, the Boston Pops, Ann Hampton Calloway, and Ilona Knopfler. Darmon is currently a member of the Indiana University vocal jazz faculty, and is actively involved in music education as a conductor and clinician at both the high school and university level. Many of his vocal jazz and choral works have been published by various publishers, including Carl Fischer Music, Shawnee Press, Hal Leonard and Alfred Music.

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Up Jumped Spring Concert Featuring Darmon Meader

Monday April 15, 2024

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Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center, Diponio Room

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Dr. Riccardo Selva, Director

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Jazz Improvisation Combo, and

guest artist Darmon Meader

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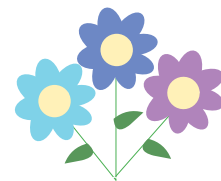
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Join us for a chill break at the Free Bubble Tea Event made by members of the Asian Student Association. Get some complimentary bubble tea, snacks, and join in on crafts, origami, and games. It's a laid-back time to hang out, recharge, and connect with other students.

For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



Boom boom into our hearts

Culinary instructor gives back while paying homage to 80s icon

JESS MICHAEL
MANAGING EDITOR



PPL Instructor George Rapitis performing on stage in Royal Oak. (Photo courtesy of George Rapitis).

Every story has a beginning and, for this story it begins on a Halloween night where a 17 year old George Rapitis dressed in his best George Michael costume. Unbeknownst to him, this was the beginning to a long and beautiful road paying tribute to his idol.

His love of Michael began with the band WHAM!, a 1981 British pop band that starred both Michael and Andrew Ridgeley. Michael went solo in 1987 with his first album "Faith." Rapitis found himself inspired by the artist; so much so that he began performing as him for the first time at what was once Rockstarz Karaoke Bar on Ford Road in Garden City now called Renegades Bar and Grill. His first performance landed him in second place, and won him a big

check, literally, and a trophy. Once he took off he never stopped, he now performs for charities for cancer research. He began performing for a charity called Bringing back the 80's in Frankenmuth and 80's Party with a Purpose. These fundraisers raise money for cancer research or awareness. Although he does it for fun, he states, "most of the time it's for charity."

Rapitis always was inspired by Michael, an artist that behind the scenes would anonymously donate to charities, and even paid for a waitress's debts. Rapitis is truly inspired and states what he would say to the famous pop star, "Thanks for being such a great influence and how much I love his music and how impactful he has been with so many people."

When not performing for charity, Rapitis can also be found taking the stage at local venues with other local bands such as the Mega 80's and Powerplay. Together they perform some of his favorites, "Faith" and "Wake Me Before You Go Go". He hopes that George Michael would be okay with him impersonating him. With how kind he seems to be, it can be agreed that George Michael would be flattered by Rapitis's performances.

Rapitis will take his performances to Facebook live, though his favorite is clearly George Michael, he will do different artists which include, Prince, Rock, Poison and Def Leppard.

Passion for food and teaching

When Rapitis isn't performing you can find him sharing his passion for food with the community. He is a well known culinary instructor at Schoolcraft through its PPL programs who combines his love of food with his expansive knowledge of nutrition.

It was his mother, Carol Rapitis, who worked at Schoolcraft and introduced him to the Schoolcraft's rich culinary culture and was the person who inspired Rapitis to come to the college.

Starting as a Schoolcraft Culinary Arts student, he has been teaching at Schoolcraft since 2001 in the PPL (Personal and Professional Learning) program. After completing his studies at Schoolcraft he transferred to Madonna University to study dietetics; the science and studies of how food and nutrition affects human health. Filled with passion, he returned to Schoolcraft ready to teach others about their health and what foods can help them achieve wellness.

His most popular class is his Spanakopita pie, or more commonly known as spinach pie. A Spanakopita pie is a Greek dish with flaky phyllo dough, spinach and feta cheese. He applies his expansive nutrition knowledge and teaches a cooking light class as well.

"When I do the cooking light, that's for people who want to get healthier and want to learn how to cook healthy," said Rapitis. Along with his cooking light class, he also teaches athletes what to eat before and after practice or a big game. Rapitis is also an accomplished author. He has authored 6 books, his first being "The Healthy Pregnancy Cookbook." Having been translated in multiple languages including; Greek, Polish, and numerous others. He has now self published five books about culinary arts and nutrition, with his most popular being "The Lighter Side of Dark Chocolate." All of his published books are available on Amazon either through Kindle or paperback.

You would think at this point how else could this culinary instructor be any kinder and purposeful, but there is more.

Though Rapitis finds Schoolcraft to be a second home, his passion and heart is at Cambridge, an alternative Garden City high school. From Monday through Thursday, he can be found teaching at-risk students basic kitchen life skills. He teaches them to be self-sufficient, such as food budgets and healthier food options. In the

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hopes that when they graduate students can apply the life skills Rapitis teaches. Though, it is a challenge to keep them motivated; he finds game based learning and the promise of teaching his students special dishes help. "It can be challenging but it is rewarding," Rapitis said.

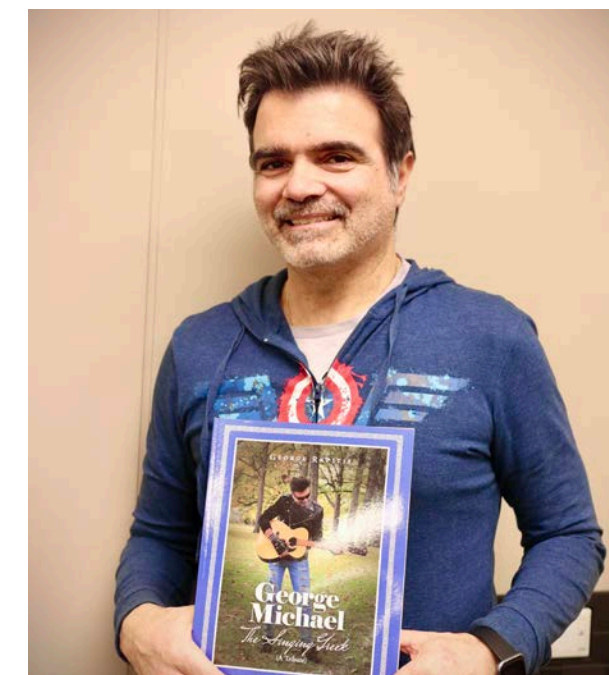
To put it briefly, we cannot know who our professors or instructors really are until we delve deep by having conversation and asking a couple good questions. There is no doubt that Rapitis is one of those who has a heart of gold and someone who you want to get to know. He emulates his idols, his mother and George Michael, by performing for charity, helping others with his cooking skills and teaching his students important life skills. He can be

found Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year inside Vistatech Center teaching his PPL students.

This is why Rapitis will boom, boom into the hearts of all he encounters.

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PPL Instructor Geoge Rapitis paying homage to George Michael. Photo by Jess Michael.

Let's fight hunger

Schoolcraft's Food Pantry aids in food insecurity



IZABELLA ALLIE
CONTENT MANAGER

We often worry about children and teens ages newborn through eighteen going hungry, but hunger doesn't stop at adulthood. Recent studies have shown that students learn better on a full, not hungry stomach. Let's face it, times are tough. No one should experience food insecurity and here at Schoolcraft, we recognize that.

Many students are unaware of the amenities that Schoolcraft has to offer. The Student Activities Office in the Lower Level of the Vistat-

ech Center assists students daily in applying for and visiting the food pantry. Something you can expect from the Student Activities Office is discretion with zero questions or judgment. All credit students and faculty, no matter their financial status or amount of credits completed, can take home 4 bags of groceries per month. These items include but aren't limited to mac and cheese, spaghetti, soups, canned fruits and vegetables. Thanks to our wonderful colleagues in The Hinkle Center, we are now able to pair gift cards for local meats, dairy and fresh produce, upon request.

The Food Pantry relies partially on donations from the community with the goal to maintain well stocked canned goods. Specifically, it has seen a spike in the need for microwave meals. Many students lack access to stoves and ovens. Supplying microwavable meals closes that gap as Schoolcraft offers public microwaves on campus.

For those interested in donating or to sign up for the food pantry, visit the Student Activities Office in the Lower Level of Vistatech, or call us at 734-462-4422.

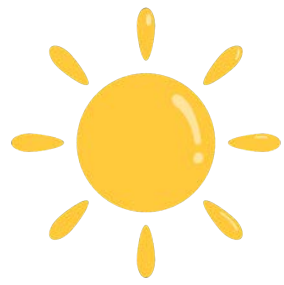


SAO Staff stocking food pantry shelves. Photo by Josh Hardy.

Pythagorean Prize Ceremony to honor top mathematical achievers set for April 17

CAITLIN CHERRY
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

**29th Annual Pythagorean Prize Ceremony and Reception
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Waterman A – C (in the Vistatech Center)
Start time is 2:30 p.m., with presentations at 3:00 p.m.**



For the 29th year, Schoolcraft will honor its top math students with its most coveted prize. The Pythagorean Prize is one of the college's highest honors to receive, highlighting students for their extraordinary mathematical achievement. Winning this competitive prize can be a significant recognition for individuals' hard work and personal triumph. This year's 29th Annual Pythagorean Theorem Prize awards ceremony takes place on April 17, 2024 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Vistatech Center.

In order to qualify, students must meet a highly selective criteria and show unique extracurricular background towards the subject matter in math-related fields. Those who are selected gain a myriad of new opportunities, with not only receiving monetary rewards but also positive networking connections along with social affirmation.

Current Mathematics Professor and former Pythagorean Prize winner himself, Larry Chorazewski, kindly commented on how this scholarship came about.



Previous Pythagorean Theorem Prize winner. Photo by Josh Hardy.

"The [Pythagorean Theorem] Prize is a highly celebrated and supported one. Not only are those within the Schoolcraft Mathematics department involved in supporting and sustaining the Prize, but many other departments around campus, as well as within the community at-large, have been generously supporting it as well," said Chorazewski. Dating back to 1995, the prize was awarded for the very first time by Larry Williams, a previous Mathematics Professor at Schoolcraft.

Originally, the award was created to acknowledge the top three performing mathematics students of the academic year, celebrating their accomplishments and providing monetary compensation.

Student winners this year are able to receive up to \$3000 in scholarship money, a total of \$1000 for third place winners, \$1500 for second place, and \$3000 for the first place winner. Students were encouraged to not only meet basic criteria for the prize but to also include any clubs

related to the subject and required to attach a personal essay about the role mathematics has played in their life.

It is true that this prize indeed has an impact, being something recipients remember as an important accomplishment in their lives. Schoolcraft College takes pride in their student winners and the positive effect it has on their futures. Visit the Pythagorean Prize information page at <https://www.schoolcraft.edu/sclanding/pythagorean-prize/> or stop by the mathematics' department's display case in the Biotechnology Center and see all of the past recipients.



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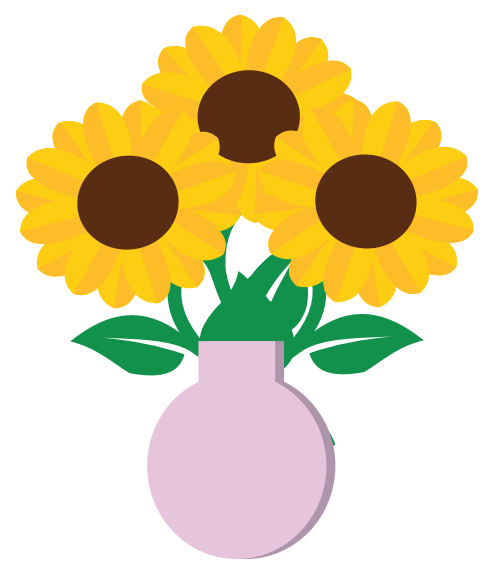
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Submit your film by scanning the QR Code. Submissions due by April 20, 2024. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

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Check out our Diversions on page 26 to brighten your day and cure your boredom!



Expanding access to higher education

Schoolcraft receives state funds to pay for more dual enrollment students

KATHRYN WENSKE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As many of us are aware, college is expensive. It can be pricey not only for anyone ages 18 and over but also for those who are still attending high school. The State of Michigan has instituted programs like Michigan Reconnect to fund for adults who are returning to college, but what about those high school age students who are trying to get a headstart in their collegiate education?

Schoolcraft is now expanding the dual enrollment pilot program to more local districts; including Livonia Public Schools, Garden City Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, Novi Community School District and Northville Public Schools from a \$1.2 million state-funded grant. The funding was secured by State Senator Dayna Polehanki to allow for more flexibility and opportunity in offering educational services to more high school students.

“This program is a victory for everyone involved,” said President of Schoolcraft College, Dr. Glenn Cerny. “It allows our local high school students the ease of dual enrollment and provides our school districts peace of mind in regard to funding.”

Previously, the amount of these proactive high school students who are interested in attending college but dependent on their



Schoolcraft College recently received \$1.2 million in State funding to help expand its dual enrollment program. Special thanks to Senator Cavanagh, Rep. Pohutsky and Senator Polehanki. Photo courtesy of Schoolcraft College.

school’s funding, which is already limited, included only a handful. Now, this grant will allow for more high school students to be dual enrolled and get a head start in their collegiate education; which may offer easier transitions from education to the workforce and numerous other benefits.

“Having our students dual enroll is a great way for them to get the jumpstart on college and prepare them for the next step in their educational career,” said Amanda Pelukas, Early Middle

College Coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. “We see plenty of our students take advantage of dual enrolling at Schoolcraft College and this program will help continue to grow this important program without sacrificing the

high school experience.”

This dual enrollment program kickstarted earlier this year with Clarenceville Community Schools, and is the first grant of its kind in the state. Schoolcraft and the local school districts are hopeful that this initiative will install a movement in other community colleges and districts state-wide.

“Dual enrollment is a great opportunity for high school students to begin their college experience, while in high school and complete their high school requirements while they do it.

And most importantly, they do this at no cost to the families,” said Aaron Baughman, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services for the Northville Public Schools. “For some students, dual

enrollment is a head start, for others it is a way forward. No matter how you look at it, it is win-win for everyone involved and we encourage parents and students to seriously consider taking at least a few courses at Schoolcraft during their high school years.”

For interested high school students, it is recommended to coordinate with their high school counselor in guidance and eligibility. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

For more information on how to apply and other inquiries, visit <https://www.schoolcraft.edu/admissions/apply-to-sc/high-school-students/>.

CAMPUS & CLUB EVENTS

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

Wednesday Noon Jazz Concerts featuring Sencalar-Glassman Quintet

March 21
12 p.m.
Kehrl Auditorium, Vistatech Center

See the Sencalar-Glassman Quintet perform in person at Schoolcraft! This weekly event takes place at noon and is welcome to all.

Bubble Tea Social Hour

March 21
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vistatech Center, Lower Level
Join the Asian Student Association for a chill break at the FREE Bubble Tea event made by members of the Asian Student Association. Get some complimentary bubble tea and snacks. Join in on crafts, origami and games. It's a laid-back time to hang out, recharge and connect with other students.

Fitness Center Rec Nights

March 21
9-11 p.m.
Fitness Center, Gym and Trinity EliteSport Center

Featuring extended hours of the Fitness Center and other amenities such as basketball, turf space and volleyball. Enjoy snacks and drinks to refuel after your workout. Schoolcraft students and Fitness members are free. Guests are \$5.

Volcanic Wonders

March 26
6-7 p.m.

Forum Building, Room F360

Professor Samer Hariri takes us on a pictorial journey of earth's most blazing volcanoes. Join us to explore and discover the hazards and wonders of nature's inferno.

Pageturners Book Club: The Firekeeper's Daughter Book Discussion

March 26
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

BTC 120

Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug.

Reluctantly, Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined, exposing secrets and old scars. At the same time, she grows concerned with an investigation that seems more focused on punishing the offenders than protecting the victims. Now, as the deceptions and deaths keep growing, Daunis must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go for her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known.

Pageturners Book Club: Screening of Songs My Brothers Taught Me

March 28
2:30 p.m.

MC100 B&C

Join the Pageturners Book Club on March 28, 2024 for an afternoon watching "Songs My Brothers Taught Me."

19th annual Multicultural Fair

March 28
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DiPonio Room, Vistatech Center

Take a trip around the world! Free cultural displays, performances, language demonstrations and international foods. Students, staff, faculty and community members are welcome!

STEAMzSchoolcraft

March 29
TBD
Vistatech Center

After four years of over 40 student resentations, 3 virtual, and one in person event. Schoolcraft College's Center for Experiential Learning, Learning Support Services and the Liberal Arts and Sciences faculty are excited to share STEAMzSchoolcraft is returning for a fifth year! Schoolcraft College's Center for Experiential Learning and Learning Support Services invite students, staff, faculty, and community members to attend the annual STEAMz-Schoolcraft student-led event. STEAMzSchoolcraft: Bridging the Arts, Humanities and Sciences, investigates how these disciplines effectively build on one another in real-world settings to support our students' academic and professional

goals. This Year's Theme: Local Engagement, Global Impact. Students will be encouraged and mentored by Schoolcraft College faculty and staff to explore this theme. Proposals submitted come from participants with diverse backgrounds and interests who creatively address the theme with an original presentation, activity or poster presentation. The presentations focus on ideas, findings and experiences highlighting academic and professional successes. Presenters address specific values, skills and experiences needed to set and achieve thoughtful and actionable goals as they transition into university life or the workforce. Register for the Conference.

Wednesday Noon Jazz Concerts featuring Darmon Meader, saxophone, vocals

April 17
12 p.m.
Kehrl Auditorium, Vistatech Center

Touch a Job 2024

April 20
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft College's Manufacturing and Engineering Center
13001 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48150

Free and open to the public. Geared towards middle and high school students and their families. Explore several in-demand careers with hands-on experiences. For more information contact 734-462-7020.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The cultural horcrux of nostalgia

The wizarding world of potions, wands and mythical creatures

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Relish in nostalgia and experience the enchantment with the very beginning of the story of the boy who lived in the magical film, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

This motion picture was brilliantly directed by Chris Columbus and follows the story of a young boy named Harry Potter, played by actor Daniel Radcliffe with friends. Shortly into the film, Potter discovers he is a wizard accepted into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He is promptly taken into the wizarding world by a gentle giant named Rubeus Hagrid, played by actor Robbie Coltrane, who briefly explains to him his magical genealogy while helping him gather his unique school supplies. Early Sept. first, Potter embarks to Platform 9 ¾ to board the Hogwarts Express where he meets new friends named Hermione Granger, played by actor Emma Watson, and Ron Weasley played by actor Rupert Grint.

Upon entry to Hogwarts, new captivating and mysterious characters emerge, including Professor McGonagall who is played by actor Dame Maggie Smith, Headmaster Albus Dumbledore who is played by actor Richard Harris and Professor Severus Snape who is played by actor Alan Rickman. After entering the main corridor, students are then sorted by a spellbound sorting hat into one of four Hogwarts Houses; Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw.

The newly defined trio quickly

find themselves engulfed in many eerie circumstances; including Potter's incident during a Quidditch game, a troll in the girls' bathroom, a dangerous life-sized game of wizard's chess and a three headed dog. Among the threatening events, Potter experiences an exceptionally narrow escape from the dark wizard who murdered his parents, Lord Voldemort, played by actor Ralph Fiennes.

This film is an exceptionally close adaptation from the novel

series of the same name, that was written by author J.K Rowling. It presents an entire world full of new powerful potions, bewitching wands and spells, mythological creatures and so much more. The acting is phenomenal, and each character was beautifully developed with distinguished and lovable personalities. The scenes in this film are breathtaking as they capture some of Scotland's stunning architecture, views of nature and intricate paintings embellished by some exceptional

special effects. Its contents also feature hilarious comedic reliefs, touching moments and intense heart pounding action. Audience members will easily find themselves immersed in this world, feeling as though they are right there living it.

Of course, some things from the book did not make it into the film's adaptation, such as Weasleys brother Charlie helping to save Hagrid's pet dragon named Norbert and Potter also seeing his parents in the mirror of Erised. Some aspects have also slightly changed, such as when and how Potter opens his gifted Nimbus 2000 and the way that Professor Quirrell dies. These minor changes did not impact on the film's quality, keeping it at a firm 10 out of 10 stars.

No matter your age, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" makes for an enchanting escape on the big screen. Grab your chocolate frogs, a glass of butterbeer, and keep your wands ready for a magical movie night with Harry Potter!

For reviews of the remaining the films series. Look for them online at: www.schoolcraftconnection.com in the upcoming weeks.

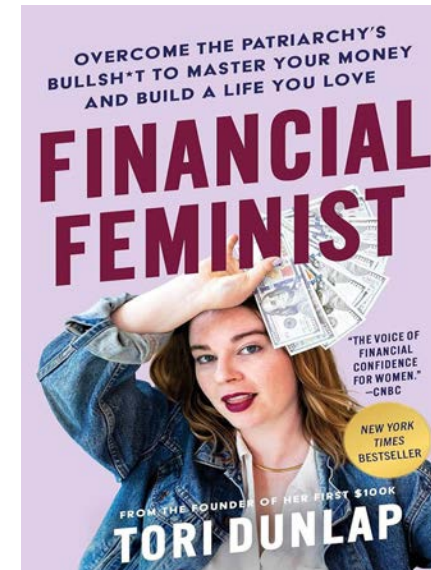
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It's not the lattes!

Protesting with a financial education

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Financial Feminist

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Category: Self-help, Adult

Trigger warning: Use of profanity and references of SA

What does money mean?

It can mean power, social status and for many it simply means stability. The topic of money can feel taboo or even shameful to be talked about amongst co-workers and friends. Some may feel embarrassed because they are inept in money conversations, or feel that the desire for more is selfish; this can be true with women. "Financial Feminist" by Tori Dunlap explores and offers advice in financial literacy that is specific to women.

According to a study done by Bank of America, women feel less in-

clined to invest and are more apt to save. According to Dunlap, 90% of articles and how-tos aimed at women regarding money are in fact centered around saving. In contrast, the advice men receive is centered around investing and building wealth. The way to build wealth is making strategic, long term financial decisions that will benefit in 30 plus years. Additionally, it is addressed that there is a gap in the education of financial literacy between women and those of marginalized groups.

However, some feel blessed just to have a job because of lack of education, and feel they cannot ask for more. Therefore, they feel they should work harder to prove themselves. Employers can take advantage of this: perpetuating the cycle of low wages and the continuation of exploiting women and marginalized groups.

Companies ask you not to discuss wages, because they would have to answer why some are paid more. Speaking to others about salaries is important, as it holds companies accountable to have fair wages between all employees. Dunlap is passionate about educating everyone on how to become financially stable, leading to less feelings of shame about asking for their worth. She provides a script in her book to follow when asking for a raise. Dunlap states "a financial education is a women's best form of protest." This can be said for anyone, as the best form of protest against a system that seems to be taking advantage of those with less knowledge is to gain that knowledge.

In "Financial Feminist," there are

different aspects of how to invest and what savings accounts we should be considering: such as, a HYSA (High yielding savings account) and how to pick a 401K. Dunlap guides readers through what debt to pay off first and how to do it. Yes, certain debt should be paid first before others. Dunlap helps her consumers build their knowledge for financial growth in easy, digestible steps. The best part, it comes shame free and with less restrictions. Furthermore, most of us do not respond well to restriction, as it makes us want it even more.

Dunlap begins with the emotions around money; what our first memory is of money. She goes on to explain that this can shape our entire relationship with money and why we interact with it the way we do. If you grew up with a parent who told you every three months that you may lose your home, you may become overly frugal and frightened to lose money.

Throughout the book, homework is given at the end of each chapter. It is important to be mindful with our money and the homework helps with just that. Working through the narratives within your thoughts about money, either positive or negative. Her belief is that she wants you to grow into a healthy relationship with money. An important chapter regards budgeting, which Dunlap manufactured her own system for. Her system allows

one to enjoy their life while still saving and paying off debt. "I don't believe in deprivation in any sense of the word, and there is a reason I created my own budgeting system, because none of the rest of them worked very well," stated Dunlap.

Reading "Financial Feminist" is enlightening and a healthy dose of financial reality. Although the book is available on audiobook platforms, it is recommended to have a hard copy. Dunlap provides the homework that is required to guide the reader to better comprehend what she is teaching. With her advice and homework, it forces the reader to address their financial shortcomings.

Dunlap's book is a must for anyone who is curious on how to build their financial future. There is no doubt that she has most of the answers, with a published book, world known podcast and a huge following on her social media. "Financial Feminist" can guide anyone to a better financial future.



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Sometimes being more expressive than writing articles, Sara Mallory shares some of her transformative-themed poetry.

Wildflowers

Wildflowers still grow
 On the side of the road
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 Why flowers still grow
 Addicted to the night breeze

As full as the seven seas
 At home with the weeds
 With the cool of the shady tree
 Yesterday is an accessory
 Today is a memory
 Tomorrow will bring
 Wildflowers

Changing of the seasons

An absence of presence
 Forms from the wild wind blowing through
 As the world shutters away from winter
 Bringing spring anew

The pinnacle of the zenith
 Was found searching for the rainbows end
 Upon clouds of amber
 Around comes summers bend

An epiphany of eternity
 Lives upon a dream of stars and whispers
 About a change of colors bright and cheerful
 Now it's autumns time to linger

The new beginnings end

Waltzes in with ice and snow
 Waiting once again on a miracle
 It's winter time, you know?

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According to the HOL volunteer, Laurie, generous volunteers have donated their time to make the yard spaces extra special. A local artist painted a few of the adoptable dogs!



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Merriment, melodies and marvelous creations

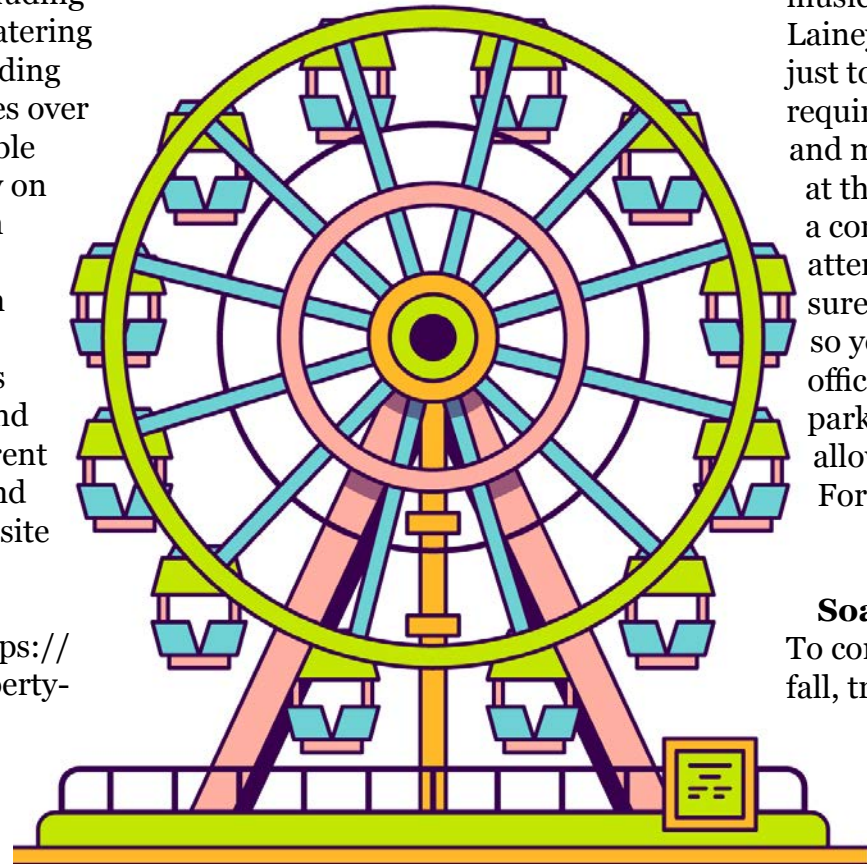
Chill summer festivals to keep your vibe cool

ELIZABETH LUX
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Soak up the sun this summer, while exploring some of Michigan's fantastic summer festivals! These exciting festivals provide the perfect opportunity to take a break from life's busy schedule to bond and celebrate with our communities and loved ones. They evoke a sense of wonder in all their guests, supply endless educational opportunities and promote diversity. Whether you are looking for music, art or just some fun, Michigan summer festivals will have you covered with something special to offer everyone.

Canton Liberty Fest

Get your summer party started with the 31st annual Canton Liberty Fest, taking place the weekend of June 13-15 at Heritage Park in Canton, Michigan. This festival is loaded with lively entertainment including carnival rides and games, a mouthwatering food truck rally and two stages providing riveting live concerts. Other festivities over the weekend will include the incredible firework show happening exclusively on Friday, the Third Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration and the 10th Annual Liberty Run. Guests can download the "Canton Liberty Fest" app on their smart phones or devices to stay one step ahead of the game and up to date with a map and other current information. Both regular parking and Handicap accessible are available onsite for free, while the carnival rides and games will require a fee. For additional information, visit: <https://www.cantonmi.gov/924/Canton-Liberty-Fest>.



Art In The Park

The middle of July brings along the ever-popular summer event Art In The Park, happening June 12-14 in the heart of Downtown Plymouth, Michigan. The streets and Kellogg Park are engulfed in magnificent art ranging from paintings to sculptures, jewelry and more! Guests can further enjoy the event with the soothing sounds of the reggae band, Roots Vibration, who will perform all weekend long in Kellogg Park. Visitors can also take a dive into some new foods with several food truck vendors that will be located throughout the festival grounds. Paid parking and Handicap accessible will be available downtown,

with extra Handicap being offered along Union Street. As an alternative, Schoolcraft will be offering free parking for patrons with a round-trip shuttle ride to Plymouth City Hall that is six dollars for adults and free for children twelve and younger. Due to the crowding and elevated temperatures, this event specifically recommends leaving furry friends at home. For additional information, visit: <https://artinthepark.com/>.

Faster Horses Festival

Country music fans rejoice! Faster Horses Festival is back, setting the stage once again from July 19 –21 in Brooklyn, Michigan,. This festival is a three day long camping concert extravaganza that is jam packed with some of the biggest names in country music. Headliners include Jelly Roll, Lainey Wilson, Hardy and Old Dominion; just to name a few. While camping is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Food and merchandise vendors will be available at the venue, and campsites will feature a convenience store. If you would like to attend but camping isn't your thing, be sure to purchase a three-day parking spot so you can commute back and forth. The official website states that no single day parking will be sold, and they will not allow pets.

For additional information, visit: <https://fasterhorsesfestival.com/>.

Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats and Eats

To conclude summer and welcome fall, try the Soaring Eagle Arts, Beats

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and Eats Festival from Aug. 30-Sept. 2 in Royal Oak, Michigan. Watch the seasonal colors change by taking a stroll through the impeccable art booths to find incredible works of art in ceramics, glass, photography, painting, etc. Soak in the sounds of the refreshing beats at some of the heart pounding concerts that will be taking place on several stages throughout the weekend; ranging from tribute bands, to famous rock stars. Finally, indulge in some of the delicious savory foods this festival will have to offer at its many food vendors that will be among the festivities on the festival grounds. This event is free, but concerts will require a ticket purchased in advance and all parking will be available for a fee. This festival will not allow pets other than approved ADA Service Animals. For additional information, visit: <https://artsbeatseats.com/>.

Marinate in the merriment, mellow in the melodies and marvel in magnificent creations of some of Michigan's finest summer festivals. Among all the excitement, don't forget to practice safety when visiting festivals and other public events, stay well hydrated and dress accordingly for the weather. Start your planning now and let the summer celebrations begin!



Photo courtesy of Canton Liberty Fest.



Photo courtesy of Art in the park.



Getting back on the ice

Schoolcraft to bring back hockey under athletics department for 2024-25 season



ISABELLE RICHMOND
INTERN

Exciting things are happening here at Schoolcraft for fall 2024. The men's ice hockey team is back and will be lacing up their skates as a part of the athletics program.

It's been four years since Schoolcraft housed a team which was an independent club team from 2015-2020 formed through the Student Activities Office. The team was initially created in the fall of 2015 by three students, Andrew Lindsay, Sheldon Varhol and Brendan Barger. Unfortunately in March 2020 the Ocelots were put on ice due to the start of the global pandemic and it wasn't until 2023 that the program was moved to the athletics department and will debut in the ACHA as a team come fall

2024. Taking over the program is Dan Phelps who brings 24 years of coaching experience to the team. Phelps' passion pours out to the teams of young men he coaches.

"The biggest thing you get out of coaching is the relationship you create with your players, getting to know them from outside of hockey or the recruiting process."

He also loves this cliché quote about coaching, "They don't care how much you know, till they know how much you care." He uses this tactic daily as a coach. Assuring your team that you believe in them only strengthens bonds. Seeing them succeed is the joy he continually gets.

Phelps feels like hockey and coaching isn't his priority but rather a delight in his day-to-day life. "I'm not really in the business of coaching hockey, I'm in the

business of raising young men and hockey is just something be both like."

Recruiting has been a long process since this past November. Forming a team takes more than just the skills. It includes communication, knowing the athletes and connecting with them. Phelps agrees with this statement because he stands by creating powerful and joyous teams.

"We're continuing to build our roster through outwatching games, talking with other coaches, meeting players, meeting their families, letting them come see the campus, getting them involved and making sure that Schoolcraft is the right fit for them."

The team is currently being constructed, with roughly a third of the men locked in. Phelps and his staff are looking to roster 20-25 players. Since the start of the new year, there have been three prospect skate sessions to recruit members for the team with roughly 30-40 attendees each session.

He wants a team full of players who are driven and have a pathway in life. Their academics plays a huge role in that. This isn't made for the weak, nothing about this is easy but Phelps knows that this does work.

Having an ice hockey team on the list of intercollegiate sports offered on campus opens up many opportunities. This is for athletes, coaching jobs and a fan base.

Phelps had this position brought to his attention and could not leave it hanging.

"My visions and the College's visions lined up, I've been very impressed with the administration and the athletic department."

The staff here supported the team and made efforts for the beginning of the season. Bringing this program back will definitely benefit the athletes and coaches. Furthermore, this creates outlooks for other things to come in future years.

Those who have reached out to the coaching staff about joining the team have been playing for many years and at various levels. Many are fresh out of high school, just about to graduate or some have experience in other leagues and levels and are looking for a fresh start. Phelps is presuming that his team will be very full of energy, which creates character. In any group of people standing out amongst the others is a great quality.

Additional tryouts are planned in April. All dates are tentative,



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but the intent is all athletes with interest get the opportunity to show off their skills.

"We're really excited to bring this sport back to Schoolcraft College, especially with the supportive athletic department that we have," said Phelps.

This team will be a welcome addition to the pride of Schoolcraft

Athletics.

You can look forward to watching your Ocelots play in the fall at Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland, MI.

For any further information, questions you have, future rosters or schedules you can reach out to the athletic department or visit www.schoolcraftocelots.com amongst the others is a great quality.

What we should all look out for as the season will quickly approaches

us, is a spring tryouts, session hopefully in April and the rest will kick off from there. All dates are tentative, but the hope is all athletes with interest get the opportunity to show off their skills. There will be many more times for you to shine in front of the ice hockey coaching staff. With that being said, reach out because you have nothing to lose and potentially something phenomenal to gain.

To conclude from Phelps,

"We're really excited to bring this sport back to Schoolcraft College, especially with the supportive athletic department that we have." This team will fit right in and will bring exactly what's missing to athletics here at Schoolcraft.

For any further information, questions you have, future rosters or schedules you can reach out to the athletic department or visit www.schoolcraftocelots.com.

The push for equality in sports

Women's sports still doesn't get the recognition it deserves

ISABELLE RICHMOND
INTERN

It's fair to say that a significant amount of promotion and media attention is directed towards men's athletics. But why is that? Nothing makes them different other than their gender. All athletes are striving to be the best and are deserving of being recognized. Gender stereotypes should not apply and they should be seen as equal.

For all the little girls out there looking for a role model, women in athletics can be that for them. That one individual giving it their all could be inspiring for millions of others, we would never know that if it was hidden from us.

An article from UN Women has similar thoughts. According to the article, "The ability to drive gender equality by teaching women and girls teamwork, self-reliance, resilience and confidence." It is beneficial for everyone to have equal access to potential privileges, whatever they may be. As humans we're also taught that each person, or in this case a member of a team, should be treated fairly.

In all of this, what's most import-



ant is the action being taken.

The UN Women's organization started the Sport of Generation Equality Initiative, which helps to make people aware of gender equality in our society. We can acknowledge what's happening but if we don't speak up, we're just as much in the wrong for letting it continue. Nothing is wrong with standing up for what you believe in: in fact it makes you more confident than everyone else around you.

Equality's antonym, discrimination, is sadly very prominent. For

example, disregarding a woman to coach for a men's team or refusing to provide women's sports with proper equipment is seen often.

An Open EDU response feels similarly. These are acts of discrimination and are illegal. The Sex Discrimination Act (1975), "It is against the law to discriminate against, bully or treat someone unfairly in a sport because of a personal characteristic." People forget about the legal implications stating that this is wrong.

Speaking in terms of financial discrimination, women are consistently paid less. In some cases, the pay difference was nearly half of what the average male athlete takes home. In 2022, the Utah Chronicle reported, "The pay gap, exposure to fans and media and overall recognition all heavily favor men's sports." What's sad is how true this is when there is no real difference, every sport is played similarly, no matter the gender.

On a positive note, there are occasions when women athletes get lots of attention. One example is the 2020 Olympics which

was the most split between women and men who competed. The Utah Chronicle commented on this in their article. "The 2020 Tokyo Olympics was the most gender-equal Olympics of all time, with a nearly 50-50 split among women and men." This is what we should be seeing, not one ounce of hard work should go without recognition.

To tie this all together, from the very beginning it is mentioned how your actions show the most. Sitting back and letting things stay this way is clearly not going to fix the problem. If we don't address this issue deeper, women will continue to be less noticed.

The Utah Chronicle echoes these thoughts. "Focusing on promoting equal economic opportunities and presenting bias-free representation in the media are ways to further achieve equality in sports," it stated.

Having inclusivity in all sports will allow for equality. Normalizing that women's presence in sports and the industry as a whole is more than okay.



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A jungle of a house



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Associated with creating a calm ambiance and arguably an indicator of personality, house plants make your house feel more like a home. As a tangible object, house plants may reduce anxiety due to the sensation of control given to the caregiver. Plus, you are just cooler with house plants; whether they are real, or fake (foreshadowing).

Pothos

Resilient, green and mighty. Native to China, Southeast Asia, Australia, The Indian subcontinent and numerous islands throughout the Indian and Pacific Oceans the Epipremnum Aureum, otherwise known as Pothos, has become a beloved houseplants by all vine favors. It has relatively easy care with strict rules, as it may tolerate lower lighting and refuses direct sun. This plant enjoys consistently moist, well-draining soil (coconut

coir or substantially farmed sphagnum moss may be good additions), thus excluding clay-based soil. The more indirect sunlight, the more likely there will be variegation, or light streaks, throughout the leaves. Pothos is also relatively pest free and easy to propagate, but is poisonous to humans, cats and dogs due to its calcium oxalates so avoid consumption!

Aloe vera

Aloe vera is a succulent plant species. Aloe vera is a one-stop shop; not only does this plant beautify your home, but it has many other uses. Aloe vera can treat skin injuries such as burns, cuts, insect bites and eczema. Aloe may help with digestive problems



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ti-inflammatory and wound-healing properties. Aloe also contains vitamins A, C and E which promotes hair growth.

Pink Princess Philodendron

The Pink Princess Philodendron, native to Columbia, has deep green heart shaped leaves with bubblegum pink variegation. The pink color occurs naturally, unlike the Philodendron pink congo, their pink leaves are chemically induced. The Pink Princess is considered a rare plant and on many plant collector lists. Though Pink Princesses is classified as an easy plant, it prefers humidity as it is a tropic plant. She would wilt if she was in direct sunlight, therefore, it needs indirect bright light. The soil needs to be well drained and watered when the top of the soil is dry. Pink princess is the perfect plant to captivate your plant loving heart.

String of Hearts

Enchanting with their elegant long vines and lovely heart shaped leaves, the String of Hearts (also known as Ceropegia Woodii) is a delightful addition to any houseplant collection. They exhibit a mostly rich shade of forest green, with some varieties including dark shades of red and purple along the edges of its leaves and stems. This beautiful flora is native to southern Asia, Australia and Africa and can easily be maintained as both an indoor and outdoor plant by simply being placed in the brightest location. Getting as much sunlight as possible not only ensures proper nutrition, while maintaining its gorgeous vivid coloring. The string of hearts grow at a rapid rate when properly cared for; reaching an incredible length of up to four meters long. This charming plant offers several benefits aside from just being beautiful, including air purification and possessing anti-allergen properties. Even more wonderful news, this plant is completely non-toxic to both dogs and cats!



Pachira Aquatica

People often say money doesn't grow on

trees, but this tree says the contrary. The Pachira Aquatica, commonly known as the Money Tree, unfortunately doesn't grow cash. However, it can certainly cost a lot of it! Originally native to Central and South America, this plant has grown into the homes of millions around the globe as a common houseplant. For those without green thumbs, this tree can be a great low maintenance plant choice, handling low light environments with waterings every 2-3 weeks. With its gorgeous, emerald green leaves, sturdy bark and resilient nature, money trees make an excellent choice for adding a little green to your space.

Bonsai

Bonsai trees are a sign of strength and beauty. Contrary to popular belief, bonsais actually require a lot of work and attention. When properly cared for, they can live for hundreds of years! If you're an 80s kid, you've likely heard of the bonsai tree from "Karate Kid." Nowadays, bonsais can be purchased at specialty shops, but they may come at a price. Quality Bonsais range from \$150-15,000!

Fake plants

Roses are red, violets are blue, fake plants are THE plant for you! Naturally, the best houseplants are the unnatural ones. Fake plants are the ideal plant to keep around due to the fact that they are invincible. That feeling you get when a plant dies? You never get that with fake plants! They are your friends forever, even when your human ones decide to ghost you. You get all of the fun with fake plants, but none of the responsibility! (Perfect for people with commitment issues!) You can get fake plants in whatever plant form you want, so you can never go wrong!

Herbs

If you are a minimalist and still want to bring vibrant colors to your home, you can use fresh herbs. Fresh herbs take up less space than most house plants and provide a functional purpose as well. Rosemary is a universally great herb that is easy to grow and goes great in every meal. Rosemary prefers light drought weather, so missing a couple days of watering will not bother this plant. Rosemary does require full sunlight for six hours a day, so it will

need to be placed in a windowsill or the use of a grow lamp. Preferring light drought weather and direct sunlight means rosemary is great at tolerating higher heat than other plants but does not like the cold. For functionality, simply use scissors to snip off four to six inches of stem. Then, you can rinse and use the whole stem or rinse, snip off, and use the leaves themselves. Rosemary is a perfect house plant for the average minimalist. It provides vibrant color and utility, built in a smaller form factor.

Succulents

If you have a busy schedule and still want to have low maintenance plants, succulents are the best option. This plant is known for their ability to store water in their leaves, stems, or roots, allowing them to survive in arid conditions because they don't need frequent watering. Succulents come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and colors which are perfect for decoration. Like other plants, succulents absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen during photosynthesis, improving indoor air quality. Additionally, some succulent varieties can help remove toxins from the air, contributing to a healthier living environment. Overall, succulents are great indoor plants for busy owners, offering beauty, versatility and ease of care.



Creating leaders one student at a time

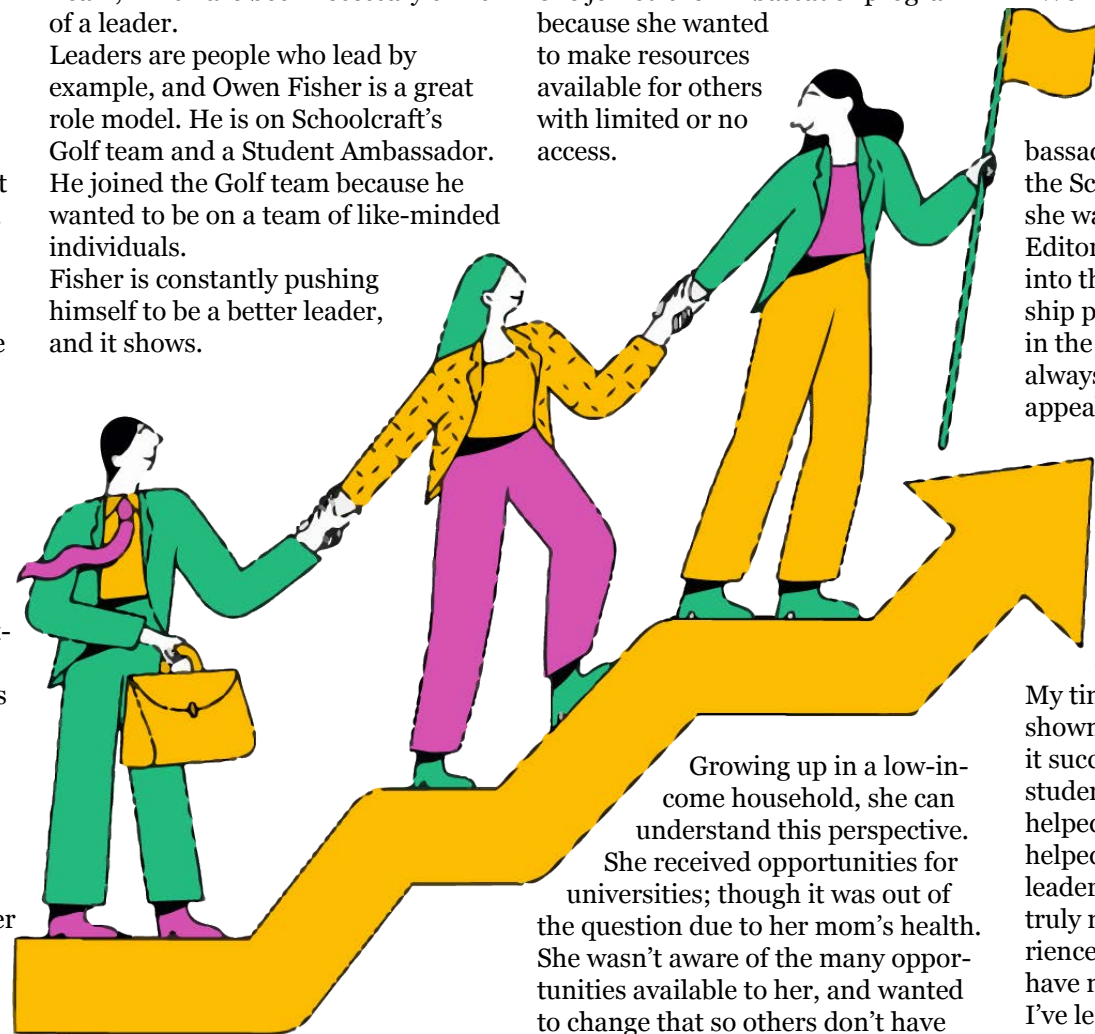
MADISYN BROOKS
MULTIMEDIA STAFFER

Leadership is something that no organization can function properly without, but what makes Schoolcraft College so special is that it provides a foundation for student leaders to grow. Multiple different studies show that being involved on campus creates a better college experience for the student, and often students who are involved have a higher GPA. Being supportive, being an example and building a community are all different aspects of what being a leader means. Whether they are the president of a club, a Student Ambassador or an editor on the Schoolcraft Connection; students are able to make a difference in so many people's lives.

Evan Allen is a student striving to make a consistent difference and can always be found on campus. He is currently a Student Ambassador, in the Honors Studies program and one of the current vice-presidents of the Film Production Club. Allen joined the Honors program because he wanted a way to connect and volunteer around campus. His leadership shows through his helpful and compassionate nature. He has confidence like no other and can always be himself in any given situation. During the time that I've known Evan, I have seen his selflessness and consideration in action hundreds of times. One encounter with Evan and you know that he truly cares about you; one of the biggest attributes of a leader.

Helping others to feel included is a huge part in what being a leader means, and Jade Cloud definitely does that. Cloud is the President of Black Student Union, and a captain of the Cheer team. She joined BSU with the desire to become more involved in the community and to feel included. BSU is dedicated to helping black students feel welcome, involved and heard on campus. Cloud is perfect for the role

as she has an incredibly warm personality. Cloud is incredibly respectable and has contributed to multiple different on-campus events. Her creativity and team building abilities really come into play in her role with the Cheer Team, which are both necessary skills of a leader. Leaders are people who lead by example, and Owen Fisher is a great role model. He is on Schoolcraft's Golf team and a Student Ambassador. He joined the Golf team because he wanted to be on a team of like-minded individuals. Fisher is constantly pushing himself to be a better leader, and it shows.



He believes that being a leader means there is weight behind what you say and do, and he holds himself to that standard. His motivation is very evident, as he has an incredibly strong work ethic. Being with Fisher is always enjoyable, as he's incredibly personable; however, his most admirable trait is his integrity. His integrity stands out and sets him apart from others: which is one of the

most important traits of a leader. Responsibility is another attribute to being a successful leader, and Aline Villanueva is no exception. She is a Student Ambassador and a member of the Cheer team. She joined the Ambassador program because she wanted to make resources available for others with limited or no access.

Growing up in a low-income household, she can understand this perspective. She received opportunities for universities; though it was out of the question due to her mom's health. She wasn't aware of the many opportunities available to her, and wanted to change that so others don't have the same experience. Becoming a Student Ambassador meant helping other students be aware of on campus resources that would benefit them and help with opportunities. No matter what situation it is, Villanueva is willing to take charge and do what needs to be done in order to help. Responsibility is one of the biggest obstacles of leadership, but I've seen Villanueva's approach to it on and off campus and

it's incredibly commendable. Kathryn Wenske is the definition of the word "leadership." When I first joined the Schoolcraft Connection, I was very timid due to the fact that I was homeschooled growing up, but Wenske immediately befriended me. Since meeting her, she has shown me incredible compassion, support and guidance. She is a tutor, Student Ambassador and the Editor-in-Chief of the Schoolcraft Connection. While she was sprung into the position of Editor-in-Chief, she naturally fits into that role, as well as other leadership positions. She became involved in the newspaper because she had always liked writing and the position appealed to her. Furthermore, she wanted to allow others who were unable to communicate to have a voice and a power to speak up through her. Wenske creates a positive environment where all opinions are heard and welcome: one of the best qualities a leader could possess.

My time at Schoolcraft College has shown me that leaders are what makes it successful. There are so many student leaders on campus that have helped shape me into who I am and helped me lead better. As a student leader myself, I can say that it has truly made my entire college experience more positive. Many leaders have made a difference in my life, and I've learned so much from my time attending here. Schoolcraft has built an environment that allows individuals to come together and create a community. The leaders on campus will continue to inspire me, even after graduation. I know Schoolcraft, its faculty and its staff are going to continue building up leaders who are going to do important things. I can't wait to see what the future holds for these student leaders.

Ocelot Opinions

What celebrity would play you in a movie?

For a further breakdown on Ocelot Opinions, check out our YouTube Channel at The Schoolcraft Connection



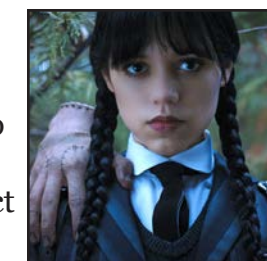
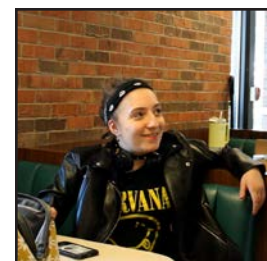
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Thanks for checking in on this week's Ocelot Opinions! Our topic this week taps into every person's childhood fantasy of becoming a moviestar. We asked students what celebrity they think would play them in a movie and why. Let's jump right in!

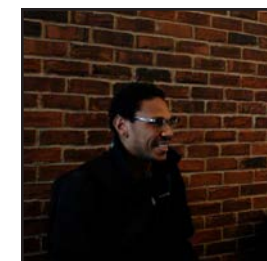
Sydney Durkos
Major: Veterinary

With her spooky feel and excellent acting in the Netflix hit Wednesday, Durkos thinks Jenna Ortega would do a great job playing her in a movie. It would be cool, she says, "because she's got that really creepy vibe going on with like Wednesday Addams and I really like horror stuff like that." In addition, the emo rock vibe Ortega gives off and the fact she has played so many roles in Durko's favorite horror films makes the star seem like a perfect candidate.



Michael Rolan
Major: Nursing

Rolan thinks Chris Brown or John Legend would play him in a movie because he's told he looks like them often. "I always get told I look like him or a bunch of different actors. Him or John Legend," said Rolan. He also thinks he would want to be in the tv show Supernatural or a movie where he can display his musical talents, such as playing the violin.



Liam Fahey
Major: Engineering

Fahey thinks Leonardo DiCaprio would play him in a movie. "Everyone tells me that's who I look like." If the movie was a mystery like Scooby Doo, he thinks the plot would be interesting if it involves DiCaprio, aliens and strange CEOs; convinced it would draw the audience in.



Alex Wenske
Major: Engineering

In a movie, Liam Neeson would play Wenske as a sergeant general of war. He believes it would be especially interesting because they are both supposedly tall and tough. "He would play me in a 1970s Vietnam movie about guerilla warfare and I would get kidnapped by the Vietnamese government and held on trial," said Wenske. If this were the plot, he would be all in.



Parting is such sweet sorrow

A person of dramatics

KATHRYN WENSKE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Growing up and spending my whole life as a dancer, there was nothing more rewarding than the final bow of the performance. That moment was filled with honor, gratitude and a little bit of pure exhaustion. They could sometimes feel a little unfulfilled or stagnant, as I put so much work and passion into this, and now it's done? That's it? Thankfully, this final bow does not meet the same fate of disgruntlement.

I have had the pleasure and honor to serve as Editor-in-Chief from 2022-2024. Although two years does not seem like a lot of time, they have been the most transitional and influential of my whole life. I got to work with some absolutely talented and dedicated people who will forever stick with me; including continuing to help and support each other even when our paths have deviated.

I really found my voice and how to convey that voice in a productive manner that is respectful, while remaining true to how I feel. I have been truly spoiled by the teams I have worked with, and their trust in my leadership is something that I will always be grateful for. I appreciate their willingness to go along with my obnoxious group photos that go into the editorials and trying new strategies in our production. For what we have accomplished, I will ever be so proud of and I look forward to reading the tall stack of newspapers at the end of my desk.

Thank you again to my team, the Schoolcraft campus and community friends who have picked up a newspaper and supported the Connection, and my mother for encouraging me to join the team back in May, 2022. Little shoutout to Ben Bolstrum who mentored me in the first year of my position and his patience for allowing me to learn at my own pace. Lastly, thank you Todd Stowell and Rena Laverty for being wonderful mentors and your unrelenting support in the student voice; my voice.

I wish good luck to the future editors, especially the Editor-in-Chief. I know you will do wonderful things and I hope you get as much out of this position as I did. I look forward to reading. Merde!

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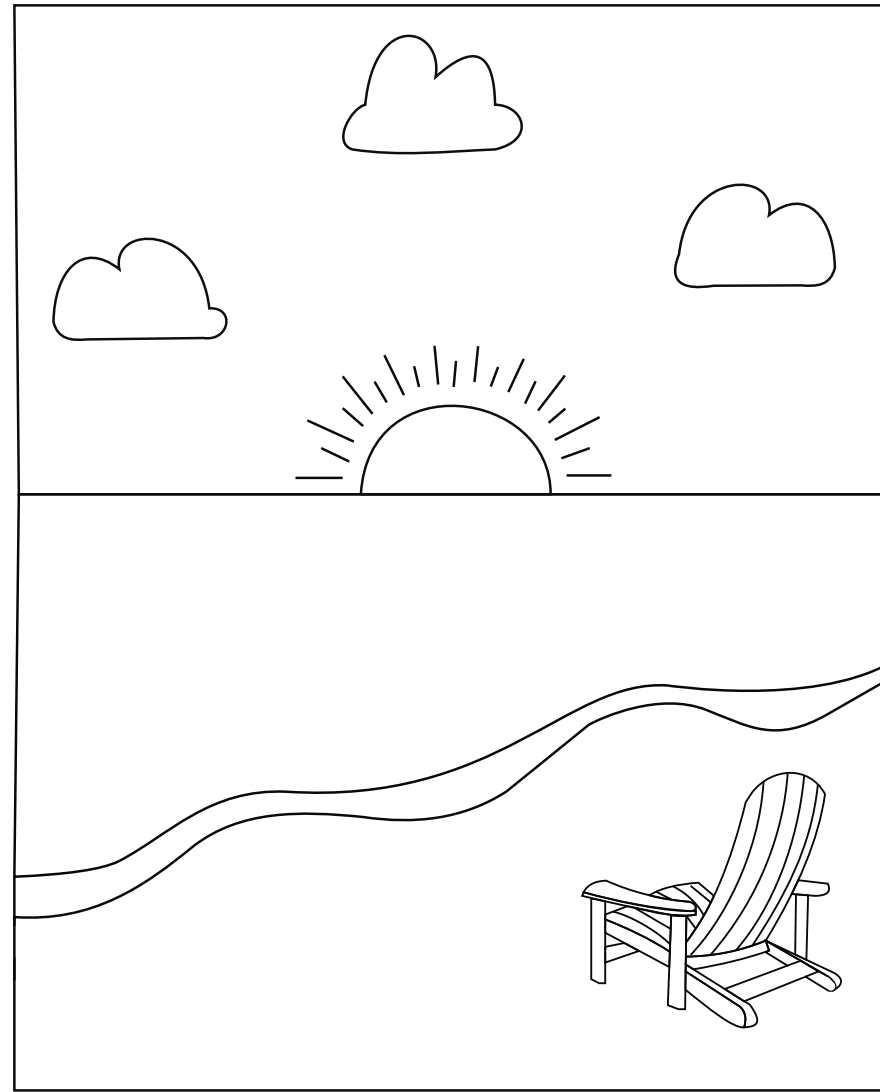
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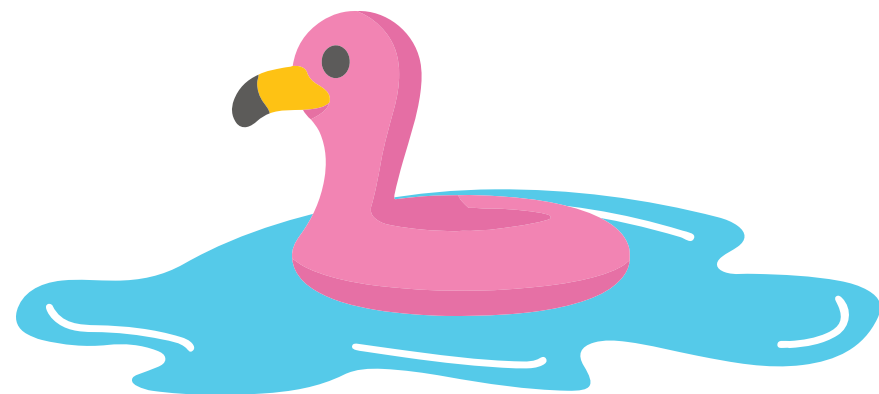
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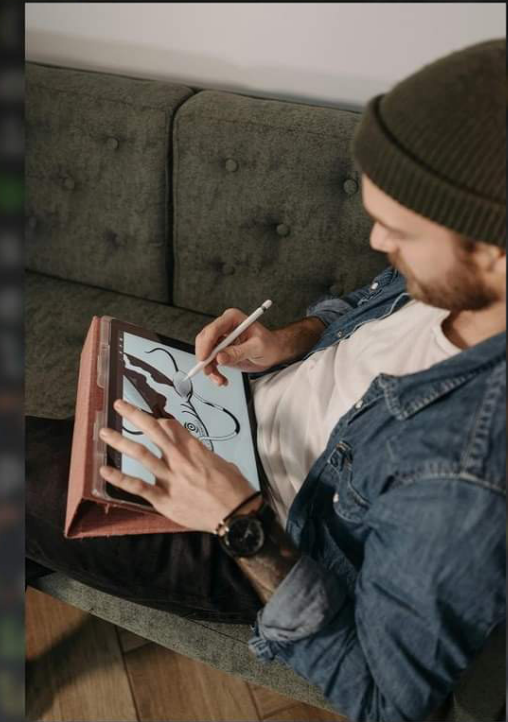
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