

Washtenaw Works!

Keeping up the good work for our students & community

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A New Beginning

One of the many great things about working at WCC is we're able to experience a fresh start three times each year. In our case, a clean slate is less about the ability to move beyond mistakes of the past but rather to build upon the successes we've had thanks to the continual innovation and adaptability of our faculty, staff and students.

There's plenty of hard and important work left to do as we close out the Fall semester and turn our attention to Winter. I hope you enjoy this look back at some of the work done during November.

Rose B. Bellanca, Ed.D.
WCC President



Transitioning from
Fall to Winter!



New Welding 3+1

There aren't many ways for welding students to put their unique skillset toward a four-year degree, but such an opportunity became available when the WCC Board of Trustees approved a new 3+1 agreement with Wayne State University at its November meeting. Students complete a Welding Technology associate degree, some electrical and advanced math courses, and all general education credits at WCC before completing a bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering Technology at Wayne State.

FUN FACT

The new partnership with Wayne State brings the total number of 3+1 articulation agreements WCC has with four-year universities to **50**. Completing three years' worth of credits at WCC's low tuition rate saves students thousands of dollars..

Honoring veterans

WCC continued its annual Veterans Day ceremony virtually in November. The event, organized by Student Activities and the Wadhams Veterans Center, included a return appearance by a number of WCC student veteran alumni who are now studying at prestigious four-year universities.

Veteran Student Advisor Janine Militello gathered profiles of some current Student veterans for the college to feature on social media and wccnet.edu/news (including Jasmine Jones, below).

“

Veterans are just regular people experiencing the same issues as everyone else. Military training makes you more disciplined and skilled, but it does not turn you into a robot..

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— **Jasmine Jones**,
WCC Addiction
Studies student



Discussing election

So what happens when you host a discussion about the results of a recent election, but those results aren't yet decided? If you're Michigan capitol correspondent Tim Skubick appearing at a Washtenaw Economic Club event on November 5, you do it with flair and a dry wit!

Read about the appearance at wccnet.edu/news.



JASMINE JONES

Hometown: Pontiac, Mich.



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THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Student Resource Center continued its annual tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets to students in need. Case managers Cheryl Finley and Leslie Neal selected student recipients from the SRC's current caseload and Carol Tinkle created and distributed the baskets.

This year's baskets were funded through the Business & Computer Technologies Division's sales of pumpkin tealights and chocolate truffles; and by the Phi Theta Kappa service project in which members coordinate with Recycle Department to collect returnable bottles from around campus.



ON-CAMPUS



The WCC Police Academy hosted a socially-distanced graduation ceremony on Friday, Nov. 20. The 33 members of the Class of 2020 — the largest class in Police Academy history — spread out across Towsley Auditorium while speakers appeared virtually and friends and family watched from home on a live stream provided by Media Services. Having an unusual graduation was nothing new for the recruits. Senior Director of Public Service Training Joyce VanMeter said “almost every minute of the 807 hours of curriculum was forced to change in some way for safe learning, but their resilient drive and determination pushed them across the finish line and into a life of service to others.”

The graduating class paid tribute to the efforts made to keep them safe by creating a new “Class MVP” award to present to Manager of Events & Conference Services Patrick Downey, who was primarily responsible for carrying out the COVID-19 safety protocols during the academy.



ON-CAMPUS

WCC photography students got outside for some on-campus learning time.



One last glimpse of autumn on campus, captured during a Marketing Department photo shoot.

ONLINE

THANK YOU!
Have a great day and enjoy the conference!

Chat

Use Instagram Carousels--visual tool for "stories"

From Maha Makki to Everyone: 10:59 AM
Also, if you connect your Instagram to your Facebook page (you can change that in the settings); anytime you post on Instagram, it will also post on Facebook simultaneously. Great idea. :)

From Jay Marietti to Everyone: 11:09 AM
MORTIFIED :D

From Maha Makki to Everyone: 11:09 AM
This is hilarious.

From Whitney Dettmer to Everyone: 11:18 AM
Brilliant... interest form! Duh! Thanks so much!!!! We have done so many of the things from your session last year. You are brilliant! :)

From Michael O'Connor to Everyone: 11:19 AM
Great session! Beth makes this very understandable for folks who are not super tech savvy. Thank you

From Kito Jumanne-Marshall to Everyone:
I'm sorry - are you saying use interest forms on FB?

To: Everyone

Type message here...

Unmute Start Video Participants 48 Chat Share Screen Record Reactions Leave

Adult Transitions Student Success Specialist Beth Feldkamp stepped in at the last minute for someone who could not present at the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education. Based on the comments, she did a great job!

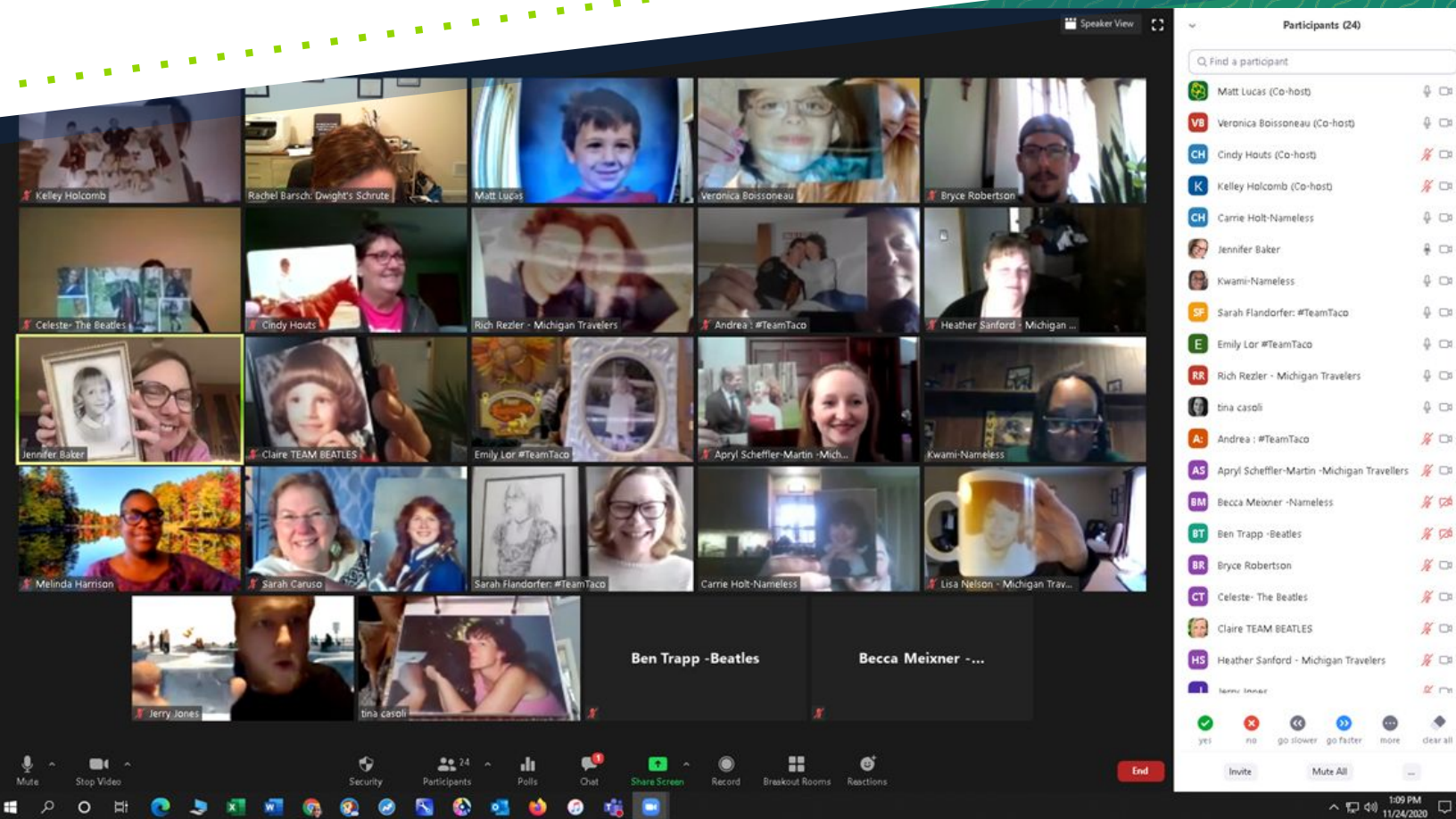


Kristin Gapske, Director of the Entrepreneurship Center at WCC, speaks during a "Success Tools: Strategies for the Small Business Owner" webinar.

The Entrepreneurship Center and the college's Economic & College Development division partnered to create a series of four webinars that were offered free to current business owners and future entrepreneurs in the community in November.

More details and replays of the presentations [are available online.](#)

ONLINE



The CHEERS Committee hosted a trivia contest for all faculty and staff before the Thanksgiving break. At the moment this screenshot was taken, players on the four teams were participating in a scavenger hunt and are displaying photos of themselves as a teenager or younger.



The WCC Foundation staff has a little fun during one of their bi-weekly meetings.

ONLINE

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VIRTUAL FALL TREE TOUR 2020

For WCC to earn Tree Campus USA distinction for the fifth consecutive year, the application process requires hosting a learning event. With on-campus operations suspended, the college was limited to a virtual event. The result was a video of Landscape Planner Donna Reincke leading a fall color tour of our beautiful campus. The video, created by Jeremy Liesen of the WCC Media Services department, is available on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).



WCC and Washtenaw Voice alumna Chanel Stitt (left), now a reporter at the Detroit Free Press, spoke at the student newspapers' Fall 2020 Virtual Summit and taught student reporters how to put networking to use to advance within their journalism careers.

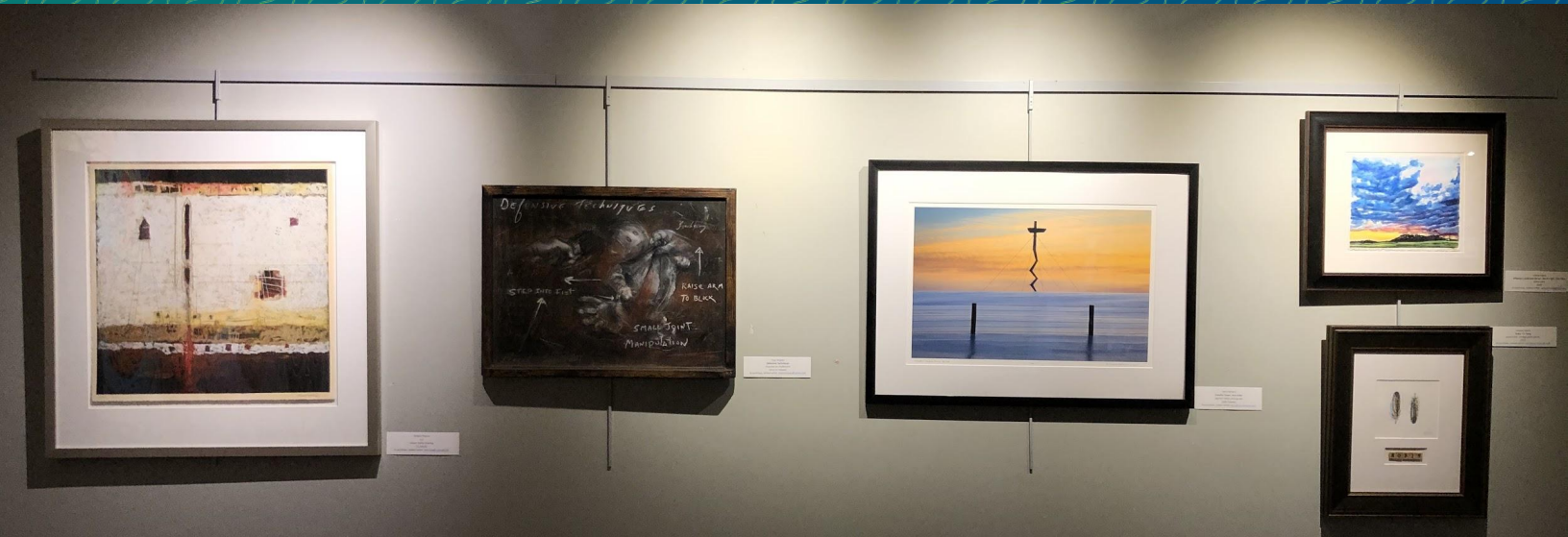
AROUND TOWN



At left, Adult Transitions Student Success Specialist Beth Feldkamp makes her second appearance in this issue — this time placing yard signs in the community.

Below, a WCC faculty art exhibit is on display at Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea on Cross Street in Ypsilanti through January 15.

Included in the show is work by WCC instructors Terry Abrams, Lena Ellis-Boatman, Heidi Haire, Jill Jepsen, Jennifer Lickers, Valerie Mann, Traci Shipley and Robert Throne.



THANK YOU, WCC!



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