

A Fall to Remember

Mother Nature certainly is providing us with spectacular weather the last several months. Either we just experienced the most enjoyable autumn in recent memory, or this is the first time in a while I've taken the time to fully appreciate October in Michigan.

Our Marketing Department capitalized on the weather and conducted a photo shoot on our beautiful campus. One picture is at right, and I'm sure you'll be seeing more soon.

I hope you all found time to enjoy it, too! Rumors have it that we're in for a perfect weekend, so please find time to relax, decompress and have a little fun!

I hope you also take a few moments to scroll through this newsletter to look back at a sampling of the great work WCC accomplished during the month of October.

Dr. Rose B. Bellanca
WCC President



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Keeping up the good work for our students & community

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FUN FACT

The HVAC Partnership Pipeline is driven by the fact that HVAC is a trades area where a large percentage of technicians will become entrepreneurs, but the failure rate of businesses in that field is higher than other small businesses.

HVAC Partnership Pipeline

As one of five winners in a national competition, WCC was granted \$23,000 to help prepare HVAC graduates for business ownership.

Winners of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship's second annual Pitch for the Trades contest were announced on October 13. [Read more on our News page.](#)

INCLUSIVE INTERNSHIPS

Washtenaw Community College and the Entrepreneurship Center at WCC are sponsoring a program that will provide underrepresented college students with paid internship opportunities with local tech startups and venture capital firms.

The Ann Arbor Entrepreneurs Fund's (A2EF) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Internship Program will offer at least 14 paid, part-time, remote-based Internships.

Applications are being accepted now and WCC students are encouraged to participate. [Read more.](#)

“ We started building this program in May as a collaborative response to the racial injustice that was happening across the country. ”

— Trista Van Time,
A2EF Director



\$275K for Charity

Remember the Ultimate Tailgate Truck that WCC students and faculty helped create for Truck Hero?

It was sold on live television by famed auction house Barrett-Jackson on October 23 for a whopping \$275,000!

All proceeds from the sale were donated to Building Homes for Heroes.



 **A2 Entrepreneurs Fund**
Diversity, Equity
& Inclusion
Internship Program

Visit wccnet.edu/news for full versions of these and other stories.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Sandra McCarthy is the inaugural recipient of the Academic Librarian of the Year Award, presented during the 2020 Michigan Library Awards on Thursday, Oct. 29. The annual ceremony is considered the state's highest honors within the library community.

"I'm not the kind of person who becomes speechless, but when I received word that I was the recipient of this award, I didn't have words to express myself," said McCarthy, who has worked at Bailey Library since 1999. "I'm really honored to be nominated and recognized by my peers.."

[Read more on our News page.](#)

Mary Mullalond was named 2020 Faculty of the Year by the National Organization for Student Success: Michigan Chapter (NOSSMI).

In typical 2020 fashion, the award was presented during an October videoconference. The photo at right was taken as Mullalond gave her acceptance speech from her deck.

"My colleagues worked together to produce the nomination, so I see it as the college thanking me for the work I have done," said the English and College Readiness faculty member. "It's also a great testament to the fact that WCC has some really great stuff going on and it makes a big difference for our students."

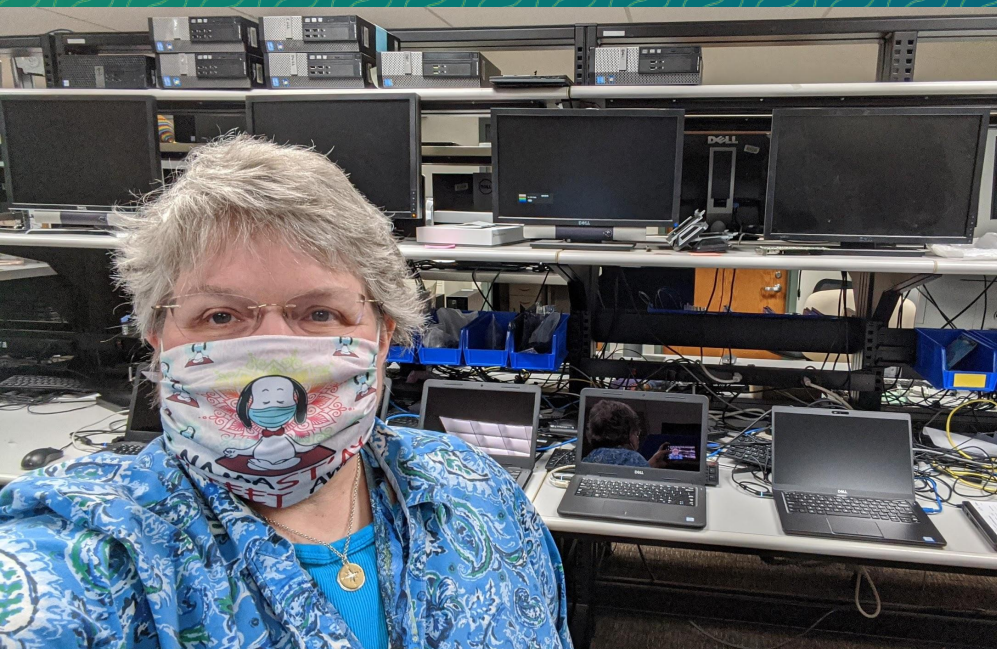
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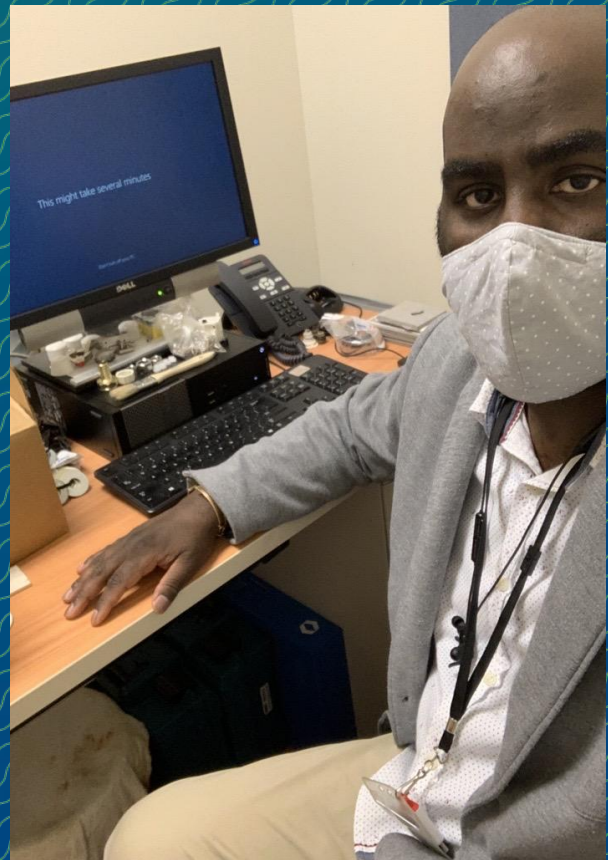
ON CAMPUS



Photography instructor Don Werthmann gives students tips on properly lighting a portrait.



Information Technology Services employees are hard at work on campus. Above, Annie Sutherland is imaging laptops. At right, Jason Wiggins updates a personal computer.



ON-CAMPUS

Medical
Assisting
students
practice
taking a pulse.



At left, Bethany Kennedy delivers prizes to students who participated in a Bailey Library virtual activity.

At right, Michelle Toth snapped this selfie while processing student laptops at the library.



ON-CAMPUS



The retention pond outside the Morris Lawrence Building is being restored after 30 years of sediment and other organics made it too shallow to properly hold storm run-off from campus building roofs and parking lots. The pond has been dredged down five feet to its original depth.



WCC Campus Resource Officers received domestic violence training during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

ON CAMPUS



Remote operations has allowed Facilities Management to step up to the challenge of helping the college meet its 2% energy reduction goal.

Over the past several months, Facilities has been replacing fluorescent lighting in the Crane Liberal Arts Building and Student Center with LED lights, which consume 60% less energy, are more durable with a lifespan 15 times longer and provide improved lighting in offices and classrooms.

Recycling Operations has been a big contributor to this project, as well, breaking down old fixtures and recycling parts when possible as part of the college's sustainability goals.



ON-CAMPUS



WCC student Wisdom Onyishi participates in one of the trainer-led workouts that WCC Sports offered every Tuesday and Thursday throughout October.



Learning continues in the advanced technologies and automotive labs inside the OE Building.

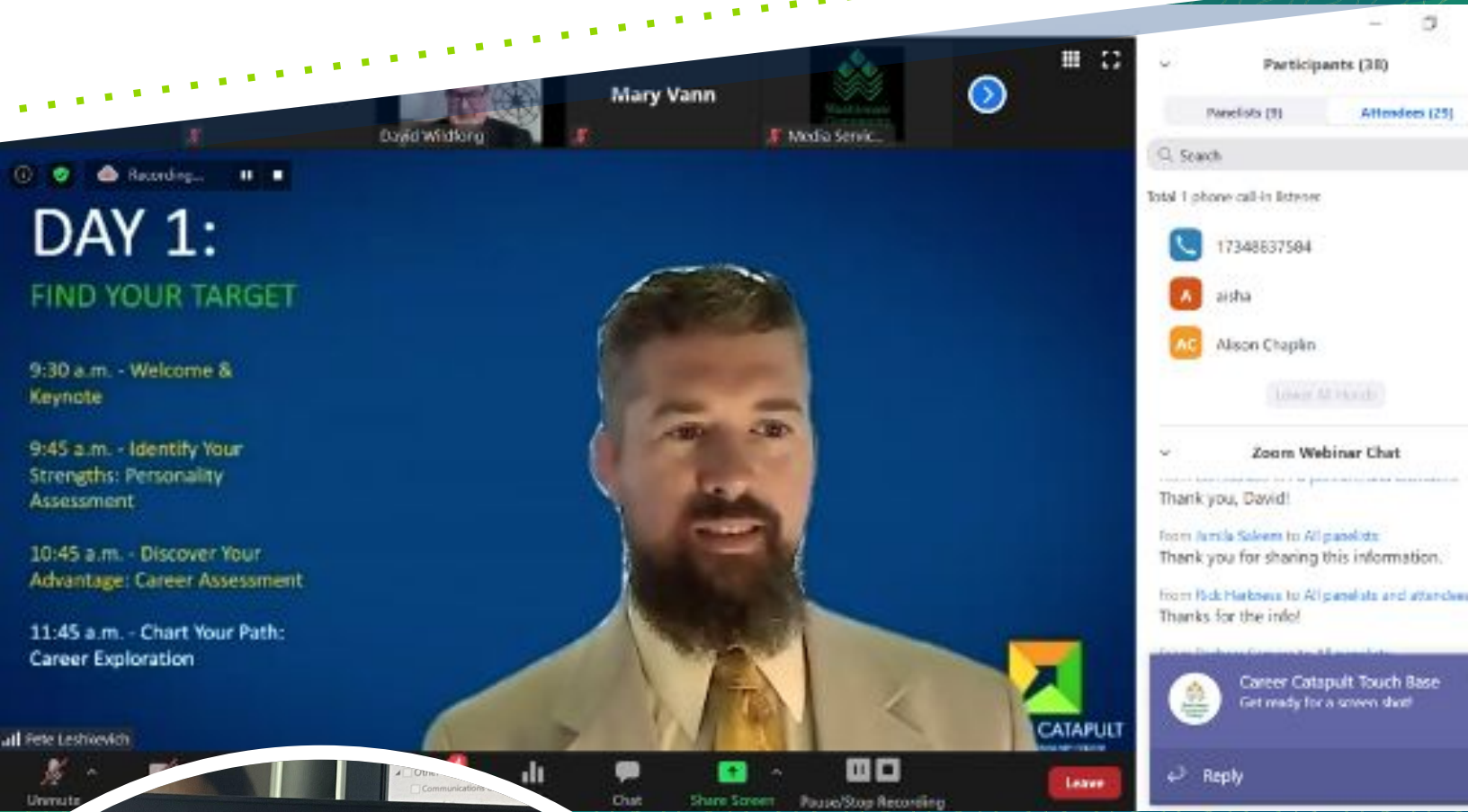
ONLINE

Faculty and staff show some holiday spirit on Halloween Eve.



The Washtenaw Economic Club hosted a discussion on police reform and community relations that included (clockwise, from top left) State Senator Jeff Irwin, Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Saline Police Chief Jerrod Hart and Ann Arbor Police Chief Michael Cox. [Read a recap on our News page.](#)

ONLINE



WCC presented [Career Catapult](#) to the community on October 20-22. The free, three-day event provided nine different workshops for those looking to find a new job or upskill in the one they have.

Above, Pete Leshkevich serves as moderator on the first day of the virtual presentation. At left, planning committee members have a little fun in Microsoft Teams theater mode during a meeting.



CAREER CATAPULT

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GOODBYE, FALL!



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