If you have any questions or concerns, advisors in the International Center are available to you via phone, email or Zoom. Please email internationaladvisor@schoolcraft.edu or call (734) 462-4429 between 8am and 5pm, Monday-Friday, to make a phone appointment with us, or click here to schedule a Zoom appointment.

As we continue to navigate the global Covid-19 crisis, please check the Schoolcraft website here as it is being constantly updated with new communications from Schoolcraft College, and it also contains additional information, links and other valuable resources for students. Continue to check your Schoolcraft email regularly as well.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

**INTERESTED IN OPT?**

If you are graduating soon and interested in learning about Optional Practical Training (OPT) but were unable to attend the recent workshop we offered, please schedule an appointment with an advisor.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The general Schoolcraft scholarship application for the 2021-2022 academic year opened on February 1, 2021. For more information, visit here.

**TAXES**

**Tax Day: April 15th, 2021**

We will be offering 2 Tax Workshops over Zoom: March 3 and March 12. See page 3 of this newsletter for more details. If you were in the U.S. on any visa at any point in 2020, you must file tax forms.

**I-20 EXPIRING SOON?**

If your I-20 is expiring soon, you should have received an email from us with some options for you. Please be sure to respond and do not wait until the last minute! If you would like to discuss these options with an advisor, call us to set up a phone appointment.
Important Academic Dates (for a complete list, click here):

- March 1-7: No Classes — Mid-Term Break
- March 27: Registration for Spring semester begins
- May 1: Commencement
- May 10: First day of the Spring semester
- May 15: Registration for Fall semester begins
- August 30: First day of the Fall semester

Are you graduating in May?
Are you planning on taking a Spring class?
Do you want to get a jump start on thinking about the Fall semester?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, please schedule a phone appointment with an international advisor now to begin discussing your options. If you wait too long, your options will become limited.

Represent your home country during Multicultural Education Week:

Multicultural Education Week is a time for the Schoolcraft College Community to learn about different cultures. During this week, there will be an event called Cultural Conversations. Cultural Conversations will be Wednesday 3/24, from 11:00-1:00 pm. Participants can join any time and learn about other countries through presentations by students like you! You can volunteer by presenting on your own country. This event will be held on Zoom and you can present on your country in a Zoom breakout room. If you are interested in being a presenter or participating in any way, click HERE. If you have any questions, please contact Annika Sholander at 734-462-5326 or asholand@schoolcraft.edu.

Save the Date!

The Schoolcraft International Institute & Student Activities present

MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION WEEK
MARCH 23–25, 2021

Tune in for three days of virtual lectures, acts, and events. Mark your calendars and watch email—more information will be coming soon.
JOIN US FOR A TAX WORKSHOP OVER ZOOM ON

**WED, MARCH 3, 11AM-12PM by clicking [here](#)**

(Meeting ID: 820 5129 8070 & Passcode: 324836)

**OR**

**FRI, MARCH 12, 11AM-12PM by clicking [here](#)**

(Meeting ID: 886 3815 1612 & Passcode: 738950)

No registration is required. For more information, email

internationaladvisor@schoolcraft.edu

Schoolcraft College
**STAY INFORMED...**

If you have not done so already, register [here](#) to receive text, email and/or voicemail messages alerting you to weather-related college closings and other emergencies affecting Schoolcraft College and the surrounding area.

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**Read your Schoolcraft Email daily**

Your Schoolcraft email address is the only email address that the International Center and your instructors will use when communicating with you. Be sure to check your SC mail every day to stay informed. You are responsible for reading and responding to the information that is sent to you in a timely manner.

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**Spring Forward: Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 14**

Daylight Saving Time involves setting the clocks forward one hour in order to enjoy more sunlight during the summer months. Daylight Saving is observed by 40% of the world's countries. Daylight Saving will happen in Michigan at 2am on Sunday, March 14th. Most clocks will automatically skip an hour ahead but you will have to remember to adjust others. For more information about Daylight Saving click [here](#)!

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**St. Patrick’s Day** is on March 17th each year and honors the patron saint of Ireland. This Irish holiday is celebrated in many countries throughout the world, including here in the United States. St. Patrick’s Day is often celebrated with people dressing up in the colors of the Irish flag (green, white and orange). Other popular ways to celebrate include attending a parade, eating some Irish stew, and for those who are the legal age, enjoying a green pint. Different cities have some unique traditions. The city of Chicago dyes the Chicago River green for St. Patrick’s Day!

For more traditions, click [here](#)!
F-1 EMPLOYMENT REMINDERS:

- F-1 international students who are maintaining status may work part-time (up to 20 hours per week) on campus at Schoolcraft College. Schoolcraft Jobs are available now. Interested students should contact careerservices@schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4421 for more information.

- Working off-campus requires special authorization from USCIS and is only available under special circumstances.

- The U.S. government takes working illegally very seriously!

- If we find out that you are working without permission, we must report it through SEVIS, meaning your SEVIS record will be terminated. This means that you will have to leave the United States immediately, and you may not be allowed to return.

- If you have any questions about these employment rules, please schedule an appointment with us.

WE HAVE STUDENT JOBS ON CAMPUS!

Openings are available for Schoolcraft College students in:

The Mercy Elite Center Smoothie Bar
Registration Office
Continuing Education Office
Children’s Center
Schoolcraft College Bookstore

STUDENT ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must be enrolled in & maintain 6+ credit hours (Fall/Winter) or 3+ credits (Spring/Summer)
- Students must have/maintain 2.0+ GPA

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN APPLYING SHOULD CONTACT
Career Services: 734-462-4421 or careerservices@schoolcraft.edu
Winter 2021 Coverage
Dates: Jan 1—May 3, 2021
Total Cost for Winter 2021 Semester: $491.41

Did you know that your LewerMark plan is part of the Aetna insurance network? Aetna providers are “In-Network.”

Have questions about specific benefits? Call LewerMark at 1-800-821-7710 or “chat” with them online.

Be sure to watch this short video on how to use your LewerMark plan.

Please remember to pay your health insurance bill on WebAdvisor.

LewerMark offers a free, confidential “Student Support Program.” See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Be sure to review your plan documents and print out your health insurance card by clicking here. *Carry your card with you at all times*
U.S. Customs and Border Protection warns of another phone scam: BEWARE OF CALLERS IMPERSONATING CBP OFFICERS

*If you do receive a phone call or email from someone indicating they are from a government agency, please take the following steps to protect yourself as it is likely a scam:

- First, **DO NOT PROVIDE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION** about yourself over the phone or by email. U.S. government agencies will NEVER ask you to provide credit/debit card/gift card numbers, wire transfers, bank routing numbers, or to make bitcoin deposits for any purpose.
- Second, if contacted by phone, stay calm and ask the person for as many details as possible. For example, ask for their name, their government ID number, their phone number, what branch of the government they work for, and the reason that they are contacting you. Indicate that you will be happy to call them back after you verify that their request is legitimate. Legitimate government agency representatives would allow you to hang up the phone, contact a trusted advisor or lawyer, and then call them back. If they continue to harass you or tell you not to hang up the phone, please hang up the phone.
- Third, if you are being contacted by email, do not respond to the email or open any attachments.
- Finally, contact the International Center if necessary. We can help you determine if any requests are legitimate or if they are scams.

For more information on all the latest consumer scams, visit these websites:

- Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Site: ([https://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-97937----,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-97937----,00.html))
LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES

CULTURAL COFFEE CONNECTION

Get connected this Winter with your diverse Schoolcraft College community.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 26 | FEBRUARY 17 | MARCH 9 | APRIL 7

Attend from the comfort of your home!

Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend our upcoming remote events. Bring coffee or tea to your desk and enjoy an educational presentation at the beginning of each event and informal conversation with peers from various cultures around the world. For every event you attend, you will be entered into a drawing for various prizes at the end of the semester.

To attend any of these events, visit:
https://schoolcraftcollege.zoom.us/j/38299223277?pwd=MWR3aUU2eWI0ajBCUTVVR1paVWhrUT09
Meeting ID 382-992-2327, Passcode 123

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International Learning Support presents

Schoolcraft Conversation Partners Program

The Conversation Partners Program is a new initiative to provide informal conversation practice for English as a Second Language (ESL) students and build up a sense of community on Schoolcraft College's campus. This provides the ESL student an opportunity to meet a conversation partner with whom they can practice their English. Through this program, participants can meet with an ESL student at least once a week to discuss topics of mutual interest.

If you are interested in cultural exchange and becoming a Conversation Partner or have any questions, please contact Annika Sholander or fill out Schoolcraft Conversation Partner Program Interest Form.

If you are an ESL student who would like a Conversation Partner, please fill out the Schoolcraft Conversation Partner Request Form.

Faculty and Staff are welcome to sign up, as well.

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Schoolcraft College 60 Years
WRITING & ART AWARDS

These awards have been created to motivate the students to read, be inspired, and create.

Contest Deadline
April 5, 2021

Qualifications
- The applicant must be enrolled at Schoolcraft College during Fall and/or Winter Semester of the current academic year.
- The applicant must select AT LEAST one Pageturners book read during Fall and/or Winter Semester of the current academic year.
- The applicant must submit a creative essay or an artwork inspired by a Pageturners book.
- The applicant is allowed to submit one entry and in one category only.
- The applicant must complete and submit an application by April 5, 2021.

Prizes
- $250 Writing Contest
- $250 Art Contest

Contest
- September 2020 – March 2021

Application
For more information or to obtain an application, please contact:
Denise Schell
dschell@schoolcraft.edu
Liberal Arts, Room 551
(734) 462-7169
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Bridging the Arts, Humanities, and Sciences
THE WORLD REIMAGINED
STUDENT LED VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE
Thurs. March 25, 2021, and Fri. March 26, 2021
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

REGISTER TO ATTEND!
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT
schoolcraft.edu/steamz

Questions?
lc@schoolcraft.edu

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Your success starts with great support
Attending college or university is an exciting life experience. It can also be a time of change, adjustment and stress. My Student Support Program (My SSP) is here to help you succeed. Connect with us 24/7 for free, confidential mental health and wellbeing support.

Download the My SSP App:
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- Assessments
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- Relationship concerns
- Sadness and loneliness
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