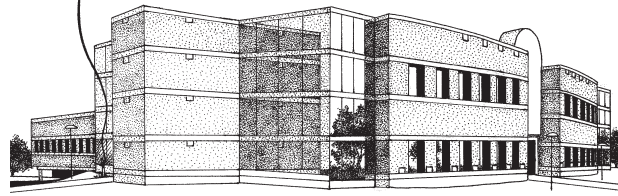


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The Women's Resource Center

Monday 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday–Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Radcliff Center, Garden City
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
by appointment

Student Success Spotlight

Mary Bloedel: From Student to Staff

Mary Bloedel held many responsible office jobs for large corporations in her life, but after staying home with children for years, her computer skills needed updating. Like many adult students, she was somewhat fearful about coming to college. Unlike many others, however, Mary's fears were coupled with a profound grief, as she and her husband had lost both of their children unexpectedly in a five-year span. As if those challenges were not enough, she also was facing health issues that caused her constant pain and exhaustion.

In 1999, Mary was admitted to the college, but got cold feet and did not register for classes. The next year, in an attempt to find the nerve to register, Mary made her way to the WRC. Once there, with the encouragement of CHIPS Program Coordinator, Marlene Kershaw, she decided to enroll in the CHIPS program.

The program brings together students who are ready to look at where they have been and where they want to go, and provides support as they become successful students, indepen-

dent thinkers, and financially savvy women. In CHIPS, Mary found valuable support from her instructors, and especially from her classmates. She discovered that though their life experiences varied widely, everyone was in the process of a life transition.

Through a referral from another CHIPS student, Mary saw a doctor who diagnosed her with Celiac disease. By removing gluten (found in wheat, rye, barley and possibly oat products) from her diet, Mary's fatigue and pain dissipated, and she became more focused.

In 2001, after completing CHIPS and CHIPS Too, and with improved health, Mary had new energy, confidence, and the computer skills needed in today's workplace. She landed a position with Schoolcraft College, working part-time assisting the program manager of the Motorcycle Safety Consortium. Mary continued her studies, graduating from



Schoolcraft College in May 2006 with a degree in Office Information Systems.

In September 2006, Mary began a full-time

position as a secretary in the college's Counseling Office. She loves working with students and being part of a caring and hardworking staff. Her advice to other adults contemplating school is simple, yet powerful: "Don't give up!"

Important Notice: WRC Luncheon Series Date Revised

The date for the last luncheon in our series has been changed from Friday, April 6 to **Friday, April 27**. Please make a note of it.

Student Success Spotlight

1 Adult Student + 22 Math Courses = Terri Lamb, B.S., Mathematics

In 1992, Terri Lamb decided it was time to be serious about her education. A self-proclaimed “partier” in high school, Terri knew that higher education was the ticket to a better life, but she was not sure what she wanted to study.

In that first year of college, Terri registered for the two classes she feared most: political science and math. She earned a perfect 4.0 in each class, and much to her surprise, she really liked the math class – even though it did not come easily. Many times, she did the same homework assignment repeatedly, until finally she understood it.

She continued to register for math courses, she explains, because she was better at math than she was at anything else. Despite being the only mom at her children’s soccer and basketball games who toted textbooks, nothing deterred Terri from her educational goals. For

her, coming to classes was a retreat and learning was a gift she gave herself.

In 1994, Terri got a job as a math tutor in the Learning Assistance Center at the Radcliff Center in Garden City. Since the LAC at the Radcliff campus is next to the WRC, Terri came to know its staff well. She recalls fondly the positive encouragement offered by Faye Driscoll and Marlene Kershaw, which was instrumental in helping her keep her focus. In addition, the WRC provided her with financial assistance to purchase textbooks.

Thirteen years after the first day she started taking classes at Schoolcraft College, and with twenty-two math classes behind her, Terri received her bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University. The celebration was doubly sweet, as her son, who started kindergarten the same year she started college, graduated from high school that same year.

Terri credits her love of math to the fabulous teachers she has had at Schoolcraft College, including Janet Arsznov, Linda Balfour, Lois Bearden and



Sandy Kerr. She believes that Math 105, Math for Elementary Teachers, made the greatest contribution to her ability to be a good tutor, as it presented math from a different perspective than other classes she has taken.

Terri has seemingly endless patience, which comes in handy on the days when she has to explain and re-explain a concept to make it clear. For Terri, it is all part of her day’s work, and she is more than happy to do whatever it takes to help her students be successful in math.

Today, Terri has a job she absolutely loves, as a Faculty Facilitator in Schoolcraft’s Learning Assistance Center. In that capacity, she tutors math students, trains other math tutors, oversees the tutoring lab, and presents Basic Math Refresher classes through Schoolcraft’s Continuing Education and Professional Development department. Terri allays fears in her students by telling them, “If I can do math, anyone can!” Life experience has taught her “not to sweat the small stuff,” and her concern for students is apparent. With her commitment to “spread the good word about math” at Schoolcraft, Terri may be just the person to cure math-phobia once and for all!



2005 Graduation Report

Number of Students	Degree Earned
19	Associate of Arts
70	Associate of Applied Science
1	Associate of General Studies
16	Associate of Science

Number of Students	Certificate Earned
35	One-year
8	Skills



Upcoming event

Spaghetti Dinner & Wine Glow 2007

The 2007 WRC Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center. The annual event is the WRC's primary means of funding scholarships given to deserving women and men throughout the school year. The Schoolcraft College WRC Advisory Board, the Spaghetti Dinner sponsors, expect this year's fundraiser to be a sellout, as in past years.

This year's Spaghetti Dinner will feature our first ever Basket Raffle. The WRC peer counselors are already busy planning some wonderful and creative themed baskets, such as the Italian Basket, Chocolate Lover's Basket, Tea-Time Basket, and many more.

Baskets will be displayed and tickets will be sold during the Wine Glow.

The Advisory Board is currently selling tickets and advertisements for the printed program. See the Spaghetti Dinner reservation form in this newsletter for details if you would like to buy tickets, make a tax-deductible contribution, or place an advertisement in the printed program. If you have questions, please contact the WRC at 734-462-4443.



Upcoming event

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Day 2007

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 17, 2007, if you would like to participate in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Day at Schoolcraft College. VITA, an IRS program, offers free tax preparation to persons with annual incomes below \$35,000. VITA volunteers are trained to identify eligible credits and refunds, including Earned Income Tax Credits

and Child Tax Credits.

Under the supervision of an IRS officer and members of the Schoolcraft College accounting faculty, students in accounting and the Honors Program prepare and electronically file IRS Forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B. VITA volunteers also can assist in filing Michigan taxes.

WRC Facts and Figures Graduation Statistics

2004-2005

The Women's Resource Center recently conducted a survey of students who received WRC funding and who earned associate degrees or certificates in the 2004-2005 academic year. Of the 113 surveys mailed, 76, or 70 percent, were returned to the WRC.

Significant findings from the survey include the following:

- ♥ 71 percent of the graduates earned associate degrees; 29 percent received certificates;
- ♥ 87 percent of the responding graduates are employed;
- ♥ 84 percent of the responding graduates are continuing their education;
- ♥ The average annual salary of the graduates is \$32,448;
- ♥ 4 percent of graduates were male.

2005-2006

In the 2005-2006 academic year, the WRC:

- ♥ Provided more than 565 scholarships to Schoolcraft College students;
- ♥ Processed 1,158 applications for scholarships;
- ♥ Assisted 13 male students who received a total of 20 scholarships;
- ♥ Involved 1,874 participants in its programs and services;
- ♥ Logged 5,122 hours of volunteer service from its peer counselor and boutique volunteers, or the equivalent of 2.5 full time employees.



Spaghetti Dinner & Wine Glow

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Schoolcraft College ❖ VisTaTech Center ❖ DiPonio Room
6 p.m. Wine Glow ❖ 7 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner ❖ 8 p.m. Program

For more information, call the WRC at 734-462-4443

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Sponsor—\$75 includes two dinners and name(s) listed in program (\$51 is tax deductible). Please list name(s) in the program as follows:

I cannot attend, but list me as a sponsor—\$10. Please list name(s) in the program as follows:

Purchase a Ticket—\$30 includes one dinner (\$18 is tax deductible). Number of tickets needed: _____

Program Ad — \$20 (business card), \$50 (1/2 page ad), \$100 (full-page ad) Enclosed is my card/ad. (E-mail electronic documents to tgrensh@schoolcraft.edu. Mail laser printouts and business cards to the WRC. Please don't fold, staple or use paperclips. We must receive cards and ads by February 20, 2007.)

I cannot attend this year, but I wish to make a contribution to the WRC scholarship fund.* Enclosed is my check for: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

I work for a company that will match my donation.

Company Name: _____

***This contribution is tax deductible. All proceeds are used for WRC scholarships.**

You may purchase tables of eight. Please return this form with a check* made payable to **Schoolcraft College**.

Mail to: **Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College**
18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152-2696.

Call **734-462-4443** for more information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

*If your check is returned from the bank unpaid, we may present it electronically.

WRC's Winter 2007 Luncheon Series

Spotlighting Outstanding Schoolcraft Employees

Schoolcraft College ❖ VisTaTech Center (enter the North Parking Lot between Six and Seven Mile Roads)

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ❖ \$15 per luncheon — Prepaid registration required, no tickets are issued

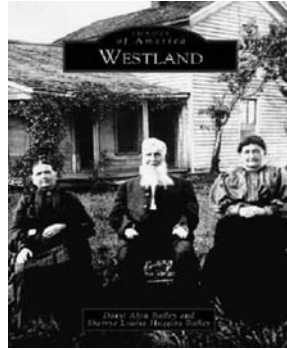
Limited seating ❖ Doors open at 11:15 a.m. ❖ Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

For more information, call the WRC at 734-462-4443

January 26, 2007

**Veena Kulkarni,
Vive La Difference:
Two Approaches to Playing Piano**

Dr. Veena Kulkarni, classical pianist and Schoolcraft College instructor, will explore the difference between playing by ear and the classical piano training taught in the 20th century. Veena will play for us and discuss her journey as a classical pianist working to be fluent both with and without reading the musical notes.



February 23, 2007
**Sherrye and Daryl Bailey,
Images of America—Westland**

In May of 1825, Reverend Swift traveled along the middle branch of the Rouge River until he found a place to call home. Follow the history of Westland through rare photographs and narration from Daryl and Sherrye Bailey. Daryl is a freelance writer, editor and local historian. Sherrye is a Faculty Facilitator and Writing Fellow at the Radcliff Center of Schoolcraft College.

April 27, 2007

**Aaron Cook, CEC:
The Man Behind the Magic**

If you have ever wondered who prepares the sumptuous WRC luncheons and other Schoolcraft College banquets, take this opportunity to meet the man behind the magic. Certified Executive Chef Aaron Cook will share his journey from his early life in northern Michigan to his present position as Executive Banquet Chef. In addition, he will provide a brief cooking demonstration and share some of his favorite recipes.



Luncheons are \$15 each. All reservations must be prepaid. Please make the following number of reservations.

_____ **Jan. 26, Pianist, V. Kulkarni** _____ **Feb. 23, Westland, S. Bailey** _____ **April 27, Chef, A. Cook**

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Seating is assigned. List a friend's name if you wish to be seated with: _____

There are no refunds, but you are welcome to invite someone to use your reservation.

*If your check is returned from the bank unpaid, we may present it electronically.

Office Use Only: Check # _____ Amount _____ Confirmation _____ Guest List _____

WRC Bulletin Board

Divorce Support Group

A Divorce Support Group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center, Room 225, McDowell Center. The first meeting of each month is a group discussion; the next meeting features a speaker.

Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, LLP, facilitates the discussion group. There is no fee to attend and registration is not required.

Upcoming Dates: January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24

Money Matters In Divorce

A financial planner from the Center for Financial Planning, Inc. is available on the first Monday of each month from 5-7 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center in the McDowell Center. Clients are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the session.

*Upcoming dates: February 5, April 2, May 7
(There is no meeting on March 5 due to Spring Break)*

Ask An Attorney

On the second and third Monday of each month from 5-7 p.m., an attorney is available for consultations. On the second Monday, Laura Reyes Kopack, an attorney with the law firm Brashear, Tangora will be available; on the third Monday, an attorney from the firm Woll and Woll will be in the WRC. Clients are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the session

Upcoming dates: January 8 & 15, February 12 & 19, March 12 & 19, April 9 & 16, May 14 & 21

Walk-in – free of charge!

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