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STRIVING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

COMMUNITY MAY NOT be in Schoolcraft College's name, but it's at the heart of everything we do. Nothing is more important than the efforts we make right here: preparing our students for the next step on their journey, connecting with our community and being a good neighbor to those who call southeastern Michigan home.

No better example of that commitment is the recent reopening of the Vistatech Center, which underwent a massive renovation and reopened this past fall to better serve the needs of our students, the community and the College. It's one of the crown jewels of campus and this renovation has renewed its shine. Whether it's for a business meeting or you're looking to sample our students' award-winning food and beverages, I welcome everyone to come and see the improvements we've made to one of our most prominent buildings.

We never stop moving at Schoolcraft College. We've done plenty to achieve our goals the past year; working toward making our Strategic Plan a reality. That includes improving our training and implementation of our Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) concepts that have become a benchmark in how we determine success. It includes keeping up to date on the ways our educators can best deliver a top-notch education to our students. The continuation of

maintaining and forging important

relationships in the community to better serve not just our students but everyone in the surrounding area is a major priority of ours.

We are always listening to feedback, given through avenues such as our Campus Climate Survey, and make the necessary adjustments to aid our students on their journey. Be it an associate degree or simply enriching their lives through one of our Personal & Professional Learning courses, our entire mission is dedicated to our students being successful.

Facing the challenges of declining enrollment, we continue to make changes where they're needed and work smarter. We also continue with our longtime vision of making community connections, much like we've done with the Trinity Health IHA Medical Group building and the Masco world headquarters in the past.

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Partnering with these companies not only creates meaningful relationships to benefit our students but helps us connect with the community, as well as aids the College's long-term health.

We have big plans to keep moving into the future. I'm excited at the opportunities we have and the efforts in place to make Schoolcraft College the very best it can be.

Glenn R. Cerny, Ed.D. President

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MISSION

Schoolcraft is a comprehensive, open-door, community-based college. The mission of the College is to provide a transformational learning experience designed to increase the capacity of individuals and groups to achieve intellectual, social, and economic goals.

VISION

The College wishes to be a first-choice provider of educational services, a competent organization, functioning with integrity, behaving strategically, and providing value beyond expectations.

VALUES

We recognize that students are our reason for existence and that student success is paramount to our mission.

We pledge to follow ethical practices in the classroom, boardroom, business operations, and all other areas of the College.

We value diversity in our students, staff, and programming.

We are committed to having a positive intellectual, social, and economic impact on the communities we serve.

We strive to achieve leadership in academics, management practices, employee relations, and institutional innovation.

We strive to maintain a supportive, cordial, and aesthetically pleasing environment for our students, staff, and community.

We encourage lifelong learning for our students and staff by providing the most current programs, utilizing the most effective instructional delivery methods.

We believe that higher education should be accessible to the greatest number of our constituents.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FUNDING CONTINUES TO SHIFT

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CONTINUES to work within its budget, aiming to be as fiscally responsible as possible with the funds received through tuition & fees, property taxes, state appropriations and other revenue streams.

Overall, the College continues to navigate the challenges from the past few years while still providing an affordable and quality education to its students. Actual revenues earned for the 2022-2023 fiscal year amounted to \$125.3 million, which was down slightly from the previous fiscal year's amount of \$136.9 million.

The main contributing factors to this decrease was \$10 million received in fiscal year 2021-22 only in state capital appropriations for the Health Sciences Center, offset by a \$2 million contribution from the Foundation in fiscal year 2022-23 to help fund the renovations to the Vistatech Center.

Despite this overall decrease in revenue, the College's main, normal ongoing operations continue to strengthen with increasing property tax revenue dollars in addition to being mindful of operating expenditures.

In contrast, however, the College continues to deal with the challenge of attracting students and the tuition dollars that come with those students. Current enrollment figures, as well as future projections, continue to be down due to the pandemic, where previously the College was averaging approximately 233,000 credit hours in the five fiscal years preceding the pandemic. Currently, just more than 168,000 credit hours were taken in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, with estimates showing those numbers would remain relatively flat in the upcoming year. Tuition makes up a plurality of the College's revenue, bringing in just south of \$39 million

in 2022-2023. However, this figure is in stark contrast to fiscal years prior to the pandemic where the College earned \$43.1 million in 2017. It has become a challenge in an inflationary expense period to balance the budget when one of our largest

7.6%

revenue streams has declined.

In addition to decreased tuition and fees revenues earned, state aid revenue per quality credit hour produced the College receives is lower compared to other area institutions. That means doing more with less: with state appropriations per quality credit hour one of the lowest of our neighboring community colleges at \$271, we're 4.62% able to still offer a wide range of programs and opportunities for our students. For context.

▼ Revenue by source

Tuition and fees

Property tax levy

State appropriations

Auxiliary enterprises

Miscellaneous

State and local grants and contracts

Federal grants and contracts

2023

2022

2021

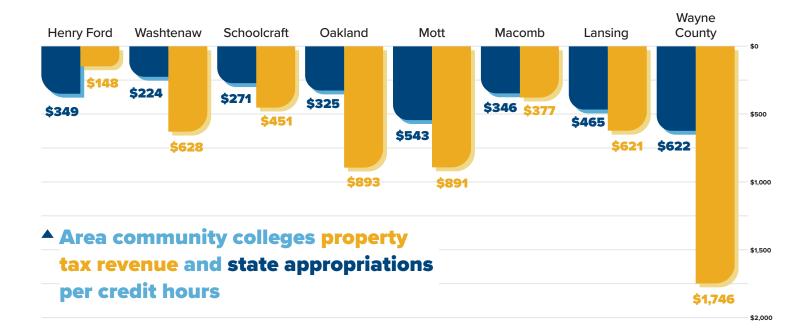
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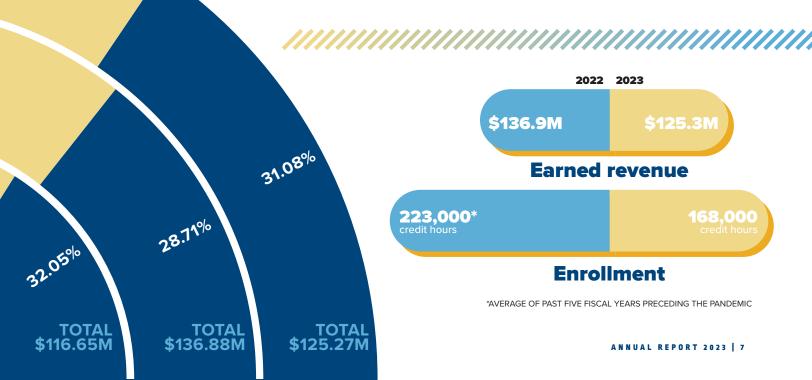
the average in the peer group studied which includes Delta, Grand Rapids, Henry Ford, Lansing, Macomb, Mott, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne County community colleges amounted to \$411.05 per quality credit hour produced.

With regard to property taxes, the college saw a slight increase in property tax levies, which stems from increasing property values across the college's taxing district (the school districts of Livonia, Clarenceville, Plymouth-Canton, Northville and Garden City) as well as our millage rate of 2.27 mills, an amount that was restored by voters in a successful 10-year Headlee override ballot item in fall 2018. In

total, \$37,885,963 was collected in property tax revenue in fiscal year 2022-23.

While the increase is very helpful, Schoolcraft College works to maximize the support our community gives us through its property taxes. In a similar light as state aid revenue, for property tax revenues per quality credit hours produced, the College received \$451.57/credit hour, lower than neighboring schools such as Washtenaw Community College (\$628.36), Oakland Community College (\$893.52) and Wayne County Community College District (\$1,746.03).

This all being said, Schoolcraft College continues to offer an affordable tuition rate for students despite financial challenges.





PREPARING OUR STUDENTS

ACADEMICS ARE THE cornerstone of the Schoolcraft College experience. We strive to meet our community's needs by developing an educated workforce through partnerships that support our students on their academic journey.

To grow opportunities for students and meet the community's needs, we have continued to grow our community partnerships. We connected with both Trinity Health and Corewell Health to make stronger connections between students and employers by providing financial support on their academic journeys in professions such as nursing, allowing them to have a jumpstart into the profession. Programs such as the Alternative Route to Teacher Certification (ARC) continue to provide options for those who already possess a bachelor's degree but want to earn a teacher credential. In

this state-approved program, students can earn an Interim Teaching Certificate after as little as one semester allowing for the student to become employed as a full-time K-12 teacher. Once they have completed the rest of their academic requirements and taught for three years, they will earn their standard teaching certificate.

Our Center for Experiential Learning supports programming that bridges real-world experience and theory. The Center offers several programs, including Honors Scholars and Social Impact Scholars, as well as programs through the University of Michigan Transfer Bridges and more. Students can add to their academic experiences through participating in the Scholars Honors Program, Service Learning and the Global Endorsement.

In addition to the credit courses, our Personal & Professional Learning program continues to grow in both enrollment and course offerings as we support lifelong learning for our community. Courses offered this past year included a plethora of fitness courses, ceramics, culinary, and local history of communities such as Hamtramck and Detroit's Corktown neighborhood, just to name a few. To see a full listing of offerings each semester, check out schoolcraft.edu/ppl.

PROGRAMS WITH THE HIGHEST ENROLLMENT AT SCHOOLCRAFT

- 1. Associate in General **Studies**
- 2. Nursing Registered AAS Degree (RN)
- 3. Associate in Business Administration
- 4. Associate in Science
- 5. Associate in Arts
- 6. Associate in Engineering
- 7. Criminal Justice AAS Degree
- 8. Business General AAS Degree
- 9. Professional Culinary Arts AAS
- 10. Medical Imaging -**Diagnostic Medical** Sonography AAS Degree
- 11. Computer Information **Systems - Programming AAS** Degree
- 12. Computer Information Systems - Cybersecurity **AAS** Degree
- 13. Accounting AAS Degree
- 14. Education Early Childhood **Education AAS Degree**
- 15. Secondary Education Alternate Route to Teacher Certification
- 16. Nursing Practical Certificate (PN)
- 17. Education Elementary **Education Alternative Route** to Teacher Certification K-5
- 18. Medical Imaging -Radiologic Technology AAS Degree
- 19. Business Marketing and **Applied Management AAS** Degree
- 20. Associate in Fine Arts

1,046 **Associate** degrees

236 Certificates Bachelor's degrees

Schoolcraft students earned 1.287 credentials in 2022-23

68% of respondents were employed in a field related to their program of study at **Schoolcraft College within 6 months!**



537,840 Average **Schoolcraft** of all College

2-year

68%

Median salary of Schoolcraft graduates working full-time in a field directly related to their program of study, compared to median annual earnings for all 2-year institutions.

CENTER OF THE FUTURE

PERHAPS THE MOST well-known building on Schoolcraft College's campus is showing off its new look after more than a year of construction.

The Vistatech Center wrapped up "Vistatech 2.0," a \$6 million project that added 15,000 square feet and renovated an additional 5,000 square feet, bringing new life to the conference center and home to the college's Culinary Arts program. The new space includes the addition of a high-tech demonstration space for education programs, as well as an expansion of the American Harvest restaurant. A new brewpub space, named The Craft Grille, opened in October, bringing beers created by Brewing and Distillation Technology students to taps ready to serve thirsty guests. An additional Culinary Arts classroom has also been added.

"Our students now have some of the best accommodations to aid them in their culinary journey here at the Vistatech Center," said Chef Brian Beland, head of the Culinary Arts Department. "These renovations will allow students more opportunities with the use of the new innovative space and expanded Café retail space."

Complete with a brand-new entrance, the Vistatech Center serves as a community hub, a gathering place that hosts local business meetings, banquets and other important events both for the College and the surrounding communities.



VISION. TALENT. TECHNOLOGY.



"Vistatech 2.0 is a culmination of much-needed change that will go on to provide top-notch service," said Glenn Cerny, President of Schoolcraft College. "We're so excited to welcome the community to visit this space and hold their next meeting or event on campus."

The center also has a new logo, incorporating the blue and gold colors of Schoolcraft College. It's a look to help remind visitors where they are and help unify the Vistatech Center with the rest of campus.

Those looking to book a room or other space can do so by visiting schoolcraft.edu/vistatech.

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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

DISTANCE LEARNING HELPED TYRA MOORE CONTINUE HER CHARITABLE WORK IN DETROIT

WHEN IT CAME time for Tyra Moore to seek a college to help her further her education, she began looking for the perfect fit. It wouldn't be easy, given her busy life: in addition to being a wife and mother, she also runs her own charity, A Girl Like Me, which helps girls and women who become mothers at a young age.

Moore discovered the most flexibility at Schoolcraft College, where she could take most of her classes online to earn an Associate Degree.

"All my classes were online except for one," she said. "That worked perfectly for me."

She recently graduated from Schoolcraft College with her Associate Degree in surgical technology, a field Moore has had interest in since she previously went to school for medical assistance. After sitting in on a surgery at DMC Harper University Hospital, she decided that was what she wanted for a career.

Enrolling in classes could not take Moore away from A Girl Like Me, a charity she's run for several years and inspired by her own story. She became pregnant at 14, not telling anyone in her family until the week of her due date.

After years of challenges, she started the charity, which now operates out of a home on the west side of Detroit. There, she assists young mothers with things they need, including supplies, education, support, mentoring and basic other needs.

"I just love giving back," Moore said. "This has just been my passion."

With her husband also taking classes to become a firefighter, and her children's activities, finding time to make the drive to Livonia for classes became difficult. Having options online made it perfect for her to pursue her dreams both in the classroom and her charity.

Her organization has grown by leaps and bounds over the years. It's gotten so big that The Drew Barrymore Show took interest and flew Moore and her family out to their studio to highlight her and A Girl Like Me. There, she even shared a family photo from graduation day with her mortarboard and Schoolcraft College degree in hand.

While she already has her Associate Degree, Moore is returning to Schoolcraft College to complete additional surgical tech coursework. Much like before, she'll plan on taking as many classes as possible online.

The added benefit of that is she'll be able to work with her daughter at the charity, the one who inspired Moore. It's a great feeling, she said, and helps her keep sight of what she wants to accomplish in life.

"Keep your eyes on the prize. Make sure you journal your goals," she said. "You are a human just like everyone else. You can accomplish your goals."



COOKIN' UP SUCCESS

THESE FORMER STUDENTS USE THEIR SKILLS TO LAUNCH ONE OF METRO DETROIT'S NEWEST FOOD TRUCKS

MARIELOS CHAN'S FIRST day of classes in the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts program was a day she'll never forget.

As someone who spent much of their adult life working in restaurants, she wanted to hone her skills. After seeing the high price tag of big-name culinary schools elsewhere in the country, she applied to Schoolcraft College. Thinking she would master the program with her experience, she admits she walked in with a bit of an ego.

It didn't last long.

"To be honest, I went in a little bit arrogant," Chan said. "On the first day, Chef Joseph Decker put me in my place. He was like, 'You will need to do a lot to impress us.'

"That day, I went and I cried in my car and I went, 'I'm going to forget everything I've ever learned in restaurants and I'm going to be a complete student. I want to know what they know."

She settled in, becoming a student of the craft. After graduating and continuing working in restaurants, she later joined up with some family friends and began cooking for Emelias Guac N Roll, a brand-new food truck launched by former Schoolcraft College students operating out of the Wayne-Westland area.

Since launching in 2023, Emelias Guac N Roll has traveled across the

region, serving up delicious, authentic Mexican fare at events such as Blues, Brews and BBQ in Westland, Cruisin' US 12 in Wayne and the inaugural Ozzy-Palooza student event this past August at Schoolcraft College.

Chan works as a chef, while the truck is owned and operated by Lauren Harman and her fiancé Eduardo "Eddie" Sanchez. The couple met while serving in the Navy aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, where Harman was a cook and Sanchez was an aviation ordanceman. Wanting to go into business together after they got out of the miliary, the couple handles the business side of the food truck, while Chan and Sanchez's mother oversee the food and culinary functions.

"It's a lot of logistics," Sanchez said. "We pretty much created the name, the style of the food truck, we created the menu, we do all the stuff online, pretty much all the business side of it."

THE CREATION

After Harman's time in the military, Sanchez, a Westland John Glenn High School alumnus and native to the Wayne-Westland area, convinced her to come to Michigan. Harman wrapped up her time in the Navy a year before Sanchez and began looking for a place to attend college on the Gl Bill. Realizing she could save a lot of money by attending a community college instead of a four-year school right off the bat, she applied and began attending classes at Schoolcraft College, earning her Michigan Transfer Agreement endorsement before attending the University of Detroit-Mercy. There, she plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in social work.

Because of the moves surrounding her undergraduate degrees, she has additional time left on her GI Bill, which will allow her to attend school longer and earn a graduate degree.

"It honestly saved me some time, because I have 17



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months left of my GI Bill, and I can use that for my master's," she said.

When at Schoolcraft, she utilized the Veterans Resource Center, a service she found incredibly useful and became close with its director, Brent Landau, so much so that she spoke at its grand opening for its newly-remodeled space this past Veterans Day week.

Harman had so much success that when Sanchez got out of the military and decided to enroll

immediately at UDM for his degree, she convinced him to take some of his classes at Schoolcraft to help complete several prerequisites and to help stay on track to graduate.

He also found the Veterans Resource Center helpful in adjusting from military life to being a college student.

"She brought me to Schoolcraft and she brought me to Brent and he showed me the school schedules and summer classes, there was so much flexibility," Sanchez said. "They were allowing me to work and do that at the same time.

"I think if I had never gone to Schoolcraft, I would

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have taken two semesters more. I wanted to finish, that was my goal. "

THE FOOD TRUCK

Sanchez worked with his family's construction business while attending school, leading him to have an interest in architecture. But wanting something more, Sanchez and Harman began looking into beginning a food truck.

Citing the more welcoming environment in western Wayne County toward food trucks, they launched Emelias Guac N Roll, serving up dishes such as street tacos, burritos and QuesaBirrias. Connecting with Chan, a longtime family friend of Sanchez's family, they secured a truck and began cooking, building a positive reputation across the region.

So far, they've had great success introducing themselves to the community.

"For our first year, we were pretty much everywhere," Sanchez said. "People are starting to get to know us."

They've combated stereotypes involving food trucks, including that their food may be lower quality. Nothing, Chan said, could be further

from the truth.

She's not afraid to play the "I went through Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program" card to customers that may question their cuisine.

"There's a lot of reservations when it comes to eating at food trucks," she said. "These aren't just people opening boxes and throwing stuff in a fryer."

The truck's current home is along Van Born Road in Romulus, where it serves up its dishes complete with an interior space for guests to sit and eat.

Chan's not done being a student of the craft: she has returned to Schoolcraft College, taking classes toward earning a Bachelor of Science in Culinary and Dietary Operations Management, the lone four-year degree the College offers.

She's used her knowledge in a variety of ways, including opening her own restaurant in Belize in Central America. She's taken her textbooks back and forth between the United States, using her skillset across the globe.

"I was able to implement the foundation of the things that I learned in the culinary classes," Chan said. "I was able to take that to Belize without any problems."

The next goal for this group of Schoolcraft alumni? Find a brick-and-mortar restaurant space in the region to serve their tasty wares in a more permanent location.

They're all excited at what the future holds and can't wait for their next venture. Using the skills they learned at Schoolcraft College, they plan to continue creating incredible dishes and make a name for themselves.

"Overall, (the work) feels natural," Chan said. "It feels just like family."







EXCELLING ON THE FIELD

A MAJOR MILESTONE for Schoolcraft College Athletics took place during the previous basketball season: For the first time ever, the Ocelots could be seen on a major video streaming service.

The College's men's and women's teams traveled to St. Clair County Community College on Feb. 28, 2023, where both games were featured on ESPN+, the streaming service ran by the Worldwide Leader in Sports. The arrangement was made through the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) to air certain marquee contests on the platform. Though both teams lost their initial televised games, the experience was a unique one, something that gave Schoolcraft College an unprecedented way to bring their contests into the homes of its fans.

"Being able to associate ourselves with something as identifiable as ESPN was such a unique and advantageous experience." said Patrick Yelsik, Schoolcraft College's athletic director. "Our teams were able to showcase their Ocelot pride on a national broadcast and it also plays a big part in recruiting as it increased our visibility exponentially."

The Ocelots saw plenty of athletic success during the year, with the women's basketball team starting 14-0 and being nationally ranked as high as #6.

Other sports saw success as well, including both the men's and women's bowling teams, both of which



competed in the NJCAA's national championship tournament in Cheektowaga, New York. The men's team came in ninth place nationally, while the women's team came in 10th place.

Most recently, both the men's and women's soccer teams made the trek to Tucson, Arizona to compete in the NJCAA National Soccer Championships. Though neither team advanced out of their respective pool, both teams enjoyed great successes throughout the year as the Women were ranked as high as #7 nationally. The Men were ranked as high as #5 nationally and celebrated both District and Regional championships.

Throughout the year, the student athletes continued to excel not only on the field but in the classroom as well. Five teams were named Michigan Community College Athletic Association All-Academic Teams, with team



ATHLETICS







members having a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Those teams included Women's Volleyball (3.45), Men's Baseball (3.15), Women's Softball (3.13), Women's Soccer (3.11) and Women's Bowling (3.09).

The year also brought exciting new developments, including the return of both men's and women's cross-country and golf as well as the announcement that men's ice hockey will be added to the department's offered sports. More information can be found on the athletic department's recently launched website, schoolcraftocelots.com.

BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE'S INCLUSION, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) strategic initiative launched in 2022 to cultivate and promote an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus through the Office of Equity and Engagement.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Policy and practice evaluation and development.
- Campuswide, cross-departmental professional development and collaboration, which includes virtual and in-person training; educational programs; communities of practice, which is shared learning and support; and a quarterly newsletter highlighting campus and community efforts and opportunities.
- Student engagement, which includes a paid fellowship (IDEA Fellows), leadership development training and mentorship, student-led programming development, and efforts integrated into the student orientation and classroom.
- Evaluation and Measuring Progress, which includes a campus climate survey and research and data analytics that informs decision making in policy and practice changes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST YEAR

- Collaborated with the Research and Analytics
 Department and a cross-departmental
 committee to administer the campus's first
 DEI integrated Campus Climate Survey.
- Held the IDEA Strategic Plan Launch Event, followed by listening sessions across campus, to discuss and gain collaborative feedback on the plan.
- Created and held 15 foundational Implicit Bias
 Trainings. Hosted over 20 educational programs and workshops.
- Joined several community partnerships including the Livonia Mobility Needs Steering Committee working on transit policy for community college students; the Center for Black Educator Development, the Livonia Human Relations Commission.
- Launched the IDEA Leadership Council who will operate as a cross-departmental community of practice, prioritizing and implementing the next phases of the DEI Strategic Action Items, using researched best practices and data from the Campus Climate Survey.

The next phase of the IDEA Strategic Plan involves building capacity and mobilizing the campus through a strategy developed by the American Council on Education and the Pullias Center for Higher Education called Shared Equity Leadership (SEL). SEL scales equity work through an inclusive and collaborative leadership approach that leverages multiple perspectives and expertise throughout an organization. There will also be expanded training and program opportunities, along with campuswide collaborative policy and practice review and updates based on feedback from the Campus Cimate Survey.



NEW SPACE FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NOW offers a new experience for its student veterans after a several monthslong expansion of its veterans resource center.

Now named the Mark L. Whitfield Veteran & Military Services Center, the space on the second floor of the McDowell Building dedicated to serving student veterans reopened during a grand opening this past fall.

With three times the usable space, the center will have

two additional office suites, a dedicated lounge dubbed the Masco Command Post and lounge space for student veterans. The new center has more than 1,600 square feet aimed at assisting student veterans during their academic journey.

The center held its grand opening the week of Veterans Day, an appropriate time to celebrate student veterans.

"This new space will welcome our student veterans in an unmatched way. With new amenities and offerings, we're excited to be able to offer our vets the absolute best," said Brent Landau, who serves as the director of the center. "It's only fitting we open this space during the week where we honor those who served our country in the armed forces."

The center aids veterans and current military members at Schoolcraft College. Its mission is to help student veterans navigate the enrollment process by

assisting with transcripts and other materials, as well as make sure students are aware of any eligible Veterans Affairs benefits or scholarships.

The center is named for Mark L. Whitfield, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who served six years in active duty, as well as spent time as a Navy Reservist.

Funds to benefit the new center were raised by the Schoolcraft College Foundation.



IN THE COMMUNITY



CONNECTING WITH CAMPUS

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE IS not just a place for academics; it's also a community hub, a place that invites the public to come and enjoy a myriad of activities and events. Be it for a meal at the American Harvest restaurant served up by our top-notch Culinary Arts Department or to enjoy an afternoon listening to music at the Michigan Jazz Festival, Schoolcraft College is a destination for all.

A new event geared toward getting students prepped for a new school year came to campus in August: Ozzy-Palooza, which served as the introduction of the new look for Ozzy, the College's ocelot mascot. The party brought students and community members out for a celebration of all things Schoolcraft, including a local



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musical act, food trucks ran by alumni and more fun to help begin the new school year.

Returning this past fall to the college's lineup this was Spooktacular, which saw hundreds of costume-clad children come to the TrinityElite Sports Center for trick-or-treating and other fun fall activities. Additionally there were a massive selection of sporting events and tournaments, including ones hosted by the Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy, the Michigan Wolves Soccer Club and more.

In addition, the College continues to be a place for getting in shape, with the fitness center being open to the public, as well as opportunities for playing sports such as pickleball. The campus also becomes abuzz each summer as area children descend onto the grounds for the annual Kids on Campus camps.

"We love having the community come to campus for our various activities each year," said Dr. Glenn Cerny, president of the College. "Community is a staple of Schoolcraft College. We hope everyone can find an event that caters to their interests and bring family and friends."

Even without an event, there's plenty to see. None are more visible than the various sculptures that dot the main campus. A tour of the sculptures took place this past summer. Those who want to see them in person can download one of four routes from the College's website and tour them whenever they so choose.





















