

# The Mount Observer

“Voices of the students of Mount Wachusett Community College”

## Where Education Meets Vacation

### Study abroad program offers educational experiences

By Rachel Williams  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

The new study abroad program gives students the opportunity to go on life changing adventures at an affordable cost.

Tracy Betts Sarefield, Study Abroad Staff Assistant, explained that the new program is incorporating abroad learning into average classes. Sarefield explained that if faculty members would like to take a trip abroad with their class they can.

For example, an arts teacher could incorporate a trip to Italy inside his/her semester’s curriculum with their students to study the arts for a week in a new environment with different types of art.

Sarefield explained that any student needing a requirement that can be fulfilled with a study abroad class can take the

class as long as they meet the minimum requirements. The student must have at least a 2.5 GPA and be in good academic standing. The cost of the class is the same as any other class; the extra fees will come from plane fair, housing, and meals while on the trip.

Heather Conn, Assistant Professor of Biology/ Department Chair, Natural Sciences, is excited to incorporate the new study abroad program into her classroom. She has a few ideas in the works about where she would like to take her students.

She wants to take her environmental class to Central America to see oil company’s or Costa Rica to see the thriving environment. She wants to take

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Tracy Betts-Sarefield, Study Abroad Staff Assistant

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## Let’s Talk About Stress

### Students share their stress management tips



Photo by Vanessa Roberto

Students study and stress over a Psychology final

By Conner Garrity  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

During the semester, many students feel pressured when dealing with tests, projects, and assignments. Students feel stressed about dealing with this work but each student deals with it differently than the next person.

Sam Sykes, who studies Graphic/Interactive Design, said she does feel stress during the semester and especially during finals. She feels pressured because she takes five classes each semester. She says she tries to keep her mind at ease by finding creative outlets such

as drawing, watching YouTube videos, and reading.

When it comes to advice for future students, she recommends not taking too many classes. In her case she takes five classes.

Sykes says she feels that stress can either make or break a person. Stress can help the student push themselves to do better, but some can’t deal with the stress and tend to fall behind on their work because it can be too much for them.

Alexis LaPlante, a photography major, says that she does feel very stressed during the semester because she thinks

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# Study Abroad



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## Heather Conn, Assistant Professor of Biology/ Department Chair, Natural Sciences

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her geology class to Iceland or places in the U.S to show them different rocks and volcanoes. Conn believes that studying abroad can have a positive impact on students.

Conn has participated in twelve different study abroad trips, both as a teacher and a student. While travelling abroad, Conn was able to learn more about her biology major and about different cultures.

“Go! Even if it’s out of your comfort zone, you will come back smarter and more understanding of the world around you,” Conn emphasized.

Conn stated that the more knowledgeable students are of different cultures the better life experiences they can have. Having the chance to see the world is something that Conn believes is important.

Natasha Austin, Liberal Arts major, spent the fall 2018 semester in England. She studied at Kingston University while also being able to travel during her free time.

Austin visited Paris, Scotland, Amsterdam and various locations in London. She even spent some time with her relatives who live in London. She said that the experience was amazing and worth it.

Austin noted that the cost of her tuition, including room and board, was about \$10,000. She mentioned some additional costs for things like personal travel and food outside of school, but overall the trip was fairly inexpensive.

“Just do it. Don’t think about it, just do it. You won’t get a chance like this again,” said Austin.

Austin graduated in May and hopes to travel more in the future.

## Destination: Iceland

By Maya Douglas  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

The Cultural Engagement and International Service Club is all about promoting positive diversity and learning within the community. Their mission is to foster global awareness, understanding, and appreciation within the MWCC community. Their next upcoming even is a service trip to Iceland.

In May 2020, Student Life and the Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement will host this service project along with True Nature Education, a nonprofit organization which carries a holistic approach to the idea of learning in a culturally diverse environment. This weeklong trip will be filled with activities such as hiking the local terrain, visiting volcanic lava fields and hot springs, going on a whale watch, and more. There will also be time to try regional foods as well as local shopping.

In the coming months, the Cultural Engagement Club will host fundraisers and a Halloween Raffle. Fundraising activities will include a yard sale in the cafeteria, along with various bake sales and cultural foods. Details will be made public shortly, as they are still in the planning stages of the early semester.

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# Student Stress

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she is given too much work in a short amount of time. She thinks that one on one sessions with instructors could help for certain students.

LaPlante also believes that stress can affect people differently depending on the person. Some people can handle the work in the time span they are given but for others like herself, she believes that it is difficult because she has to deal with other subjects and other things outside of class.

Fellow student Bryce Harper, who studies Liberal Arts, says that the stress of finals doesn’t affect him too much. When he

does feel stress, like LaPlante, it is usually because he feels overwhelmed with the work given by the instructors. When asked how things could change to benefit the students, he said it would be easier if they were to lessen the work or spread the assignments out a little so the work doesn’t get too overwhelming.

Harper’s advice to students who are just joining the school is to pace themselves and to not bite off more than you can chew.

“If you feel you need a break, take one,” Harper continued, “there is a student lounge with plenty to do there, so relax for a bit and clear your head.”



## Campus Activities Team for Students

Kristopher Madden  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

If you’ve been on campus long enough, you’ve seen some of the events that our school stages. From holiday parties to Open Club Enrollment Day, Campus Activities Team for Students (CATS) is behind the scenes, making it happen.

“If you’re ready to plan events, want to earn a lot of volunteer hours, want to see stuff happen on campus and have tons of fun, then come join CATS,” said Brittany Stephenson, a Fire Service Tech/EMT major and

Club President since 2016.

Stephenson was introduced to CATS through the STEM Academy. Stephenson said that CATS always has openings for new members who would like to enhance their resume or even collect community service hours. Prerequisites include a go-to attitude and a strong desire to have fun.

CATS is always accepting new members and they meet once a week, either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday in W11, between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

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**PROFILE**

# Clubs on Campus



Photo courtesy of MWCC Student Life

The Welcome Back BBQ and Club Expo held September 12, 2019

## Early Childhood & Elementary Education Club

By **Hannah Bennett**  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

The Early Childhood & Elementary Education Club focuses on gathering Early Childhood development majors, providing its members with hands-on experience in their majors, as well as offering kids opportunities in literacy.

The club is open to all students, not only Early Childhood Education majors. Meetings are held in the Garrison Center for Early Childhood Education from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Stephanie Brunell said the club is “a great way for Early Childhood Development majors to connect with one another.”

The club recently screened the film *No Small Matter*, a

documentary described by the club as “an opportunity to understand brain development and the child care crisis.”

Upcoming events they look forward to include their bake sale fundraiser and Week of the Young Child. The National Association for the Young Education of Children sponsors this event every year, with the upcoming event taking place April 13 – April 17, 2020. The commemorative week was created in 1971 to promote early childhood development and childhood literacy. The Early Childhood & Elementary Education Club will have events for anyone in the community who wishes to take part.

## STEM Club

By **Ryan Lyesiuk**  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is an up-and-coming club on the MWCC campus. STEM was established last Spring and they are seeking to recruit new members.

Victor Dhliwayo said he joined because “it sounded fun” and “it seemed like a good idea.” He is one of the approximately 12 current members of the club.

Recruiting methods include, according to Dhliwayo, “talking to students, networking, and

having a presence at the BBQ Fest” with a neatly designed billboard on display for all to see.

STEM has many goals including creating new ideas, gaining more knowledge, engaging with students who possess similar passions, and having fun.

STEM’s current schedule includes monthly meetings, typically on Wednesday’s at 12:30 pm. Meetings are conducted in either W11 or W12 on the first floor of the Academic Building.

## Campus Crusaders for Christ

By **Nicholas Papini**  
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CRU Club (Campus Crusaders for Christ) is a safe space for talking about faith and exploring other denominations of Christianity, according to club vice president Sidney Meyers. Routine meetings include discussions and friendly disagreements regarding aspects

of members’ faith and how to gain faith. One highlight of last semester was a debate on Jesus Christ and whether or not he could be considered to be God.

Meyers described the club as a more mature youth group appropriate for college aged students. For those interested, the club currently meets in room 301 on Wednesdays from

12:30pm – 1:30pm. Meyers’ favorite aspect of the CRU club is meeting new people and exploring their faith together. In fact, the major goal of the club this semester is to expand their membership count. Previously, they only had 6 members, but they’re optimistic that more people will join.

## Sexuality and Gender Alliance

By **Samantha Sykes**  
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The Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club (SAGA) has been on campus for at least four years. The club focuses on establishing a community within itself. Most meetings consist of games and

other activities that assist with their goal. Members also put effort into understanding and educating themselves about the LGBTQ community.

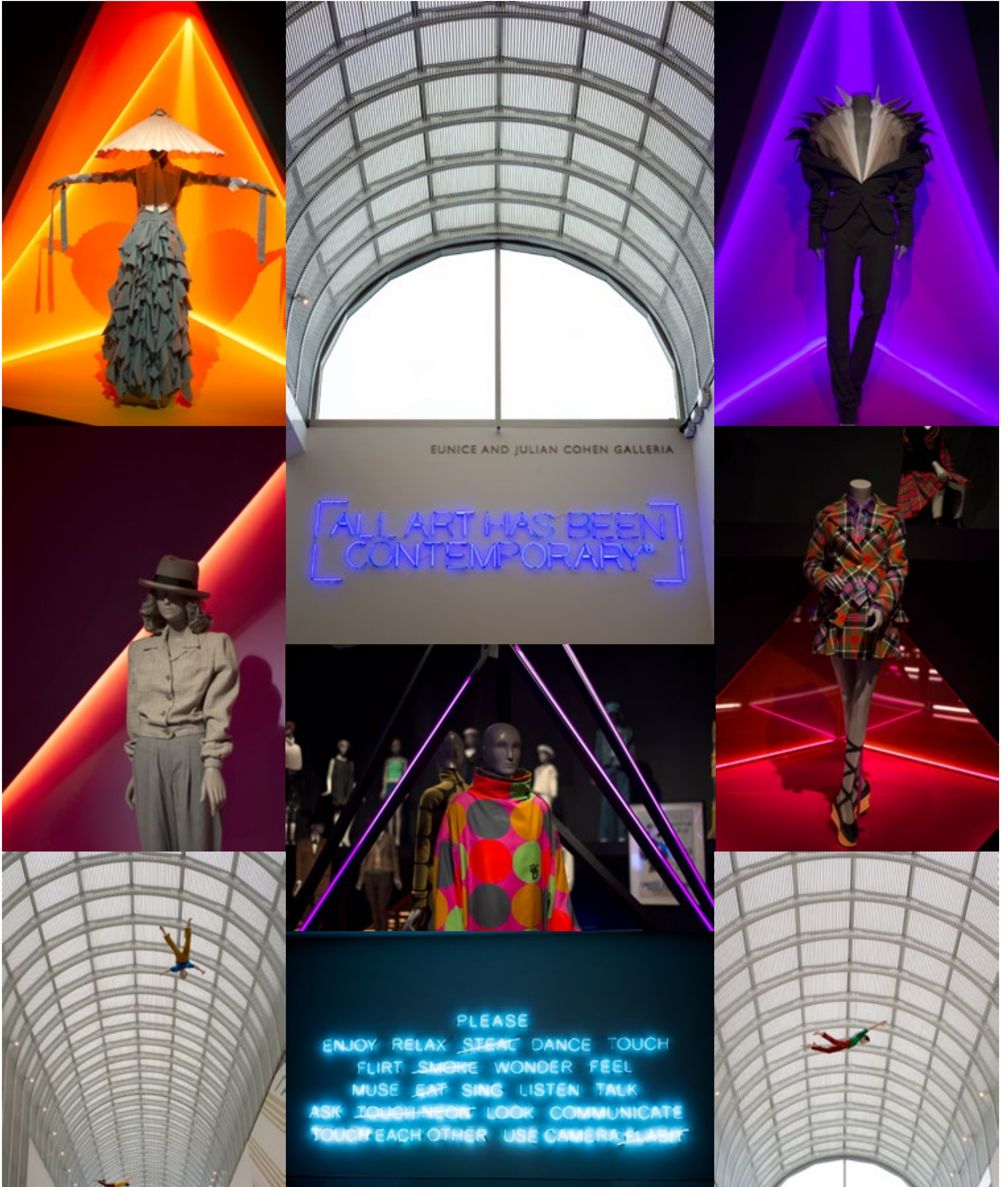
SAGA holds numerous fundraisers and bake sales throughout the year to help with

their finances and establish more of a presence in the college.

Members meet twice a month in room 201 on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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## Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

A recent exhibition of gender-bending fashion design and artistry, as well as other pieces on display at the MFA in Boston. The gender-bending exhibit was on display from March 21 – August 25, and was only one of several temporary exhibits to pass through the museum's halls. For more information on the museum and other exhibits on display, either currently or upcoming, visit [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

\* NOTICE: All MWCC students and faculty can enter the museum for free with a valid school ID

OPINION

# Could I Be an Entrepreneur?

## Student gives advice on seeking a path to success

By Charles Greco  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

You don't have to be a Business major to have a desire to become an entrepreneur. Every major and degree program can help create opportunities to open your own business in the future, as well as developing an employment career path.

We are nearing graduation day, and some students will be moving on to four-year schools and perhaps beyond while others will begin thinking about leveraging their education sooner rather than later, finding decent starting jobs with potential for growth. Both graduating students will have equal opportunity to develop a strategy for becoming an entrepreneur. What's really

important is that long-term career decisions don't have to be made on graduation day.

Those students moving on to higher-ed will have more time to study market opportunities as industry landscapes shift often; markets that are hot today can easily grow cold tomorrow. Students entering the job market will have the opportunity to choose a profession that will allow them to garner practical working experience. Both graduates will have the chance to experiment helping them to make career decisions. In the end, both students come out at the same place.

For those aspiring owning a business one day...what will it take to get there? Most would

answer that question with one word: "money." But in fact, that's not true. Money can actually be the easiest part and it's at the bottom of a long list of requirements. What it will take is *you* to get there. Every entrepreneur starts with a vision. The vision doesn't need an "end-game," just a plan of where you want to go, and how you want to get there.

Ask yourself:

Do you have the passion and commitment to do what's necessary to reach your goals?

Do you have a strong work ethic? Are you prepared to be the first one in the office and the last one out?

Do you have determination? As an entrepreneur you will face

challenges and even failure. Are you ready to get up and do it again?

Are you creative? Being creative helps you to find commonalities between different situations that were not necessarily tied together.

Are you competitive? Feel certain that when you decide to start that business, others will be there already. Deal with them!

Are you open-minded? You may have started with great ideas, but once into battle, adjustments will always have to be made.

Are you confident in yourself? You will be challenged and you will even question yourself. Remember your vision and don't forget what got you there.

Are you disciplined? Can you stay on track and not let people or circumstances sway you from your vision?

See? I never mentioned "money."

All of us graduating in May will be starting from the same place and with the same foundation from which to build upon: an MWCC education and degree. What we do with that "head-start" is entirely up to us as individuals. Whether you go on to higher-ed, or you use your opportunity to begin a career, we will still have something in common: we will still be learning! Learning never stops.

Mr. Greco is a former award-winning International CEO with years of experience in successfully building businesses. He was identified by The Boston Herald as "one of the most influential people in the tradeshow industry today." Boston Magazine in a feature article recognized him as an individual with "Un-Conventional Wisdom" and India's Experiential Magazine called him a "Global Industry Change-Leader." He has graced the covers of Tradeshow Week and EXPO Magazine while numerous other U.S. and international business publications have sought his views/opinions such as The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Forbes, Fortune and many others. He is the recipient of a Massachusetts State Senate Proclamation; Pirandello Lyceum "Man of the Year" and Italia Unita "Man of the Year."

## Editor's Corner

# Getting Connected: A Message from the Editor



Photo by Betsy Torres

By Sophia Schlegelmilch  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Happy Fall, readers! I'm finally getting into the swing of the school year, and I hope you are too.

This past month has been an interesting one in the *Observer* newsroom. We are getting to know a new class of Journalism students as well as several new

staff members and contributors. Continuity between semesters is always tricky to achieve, so I am absolutely thrilled that we have several staff members returning from last semester. In addition to our returning staff, we are lucky to have two new staff members joining our team this semester as well: Vanessa Roberto, one of two staff photographers, and Anna Allen, our new web editor.

One of the subjects that has been coming up the most in our meetings is our website. We are gearing up to start publishing more of our stories online. I know that sounds unusual in 2019-going-on-2020, and I'll admit that it is. Publishing online is easier said than done, and the transition doesn't happen overnight, so finding a way to make it work for us has been on

my mind for a while. We know that college students primarily get their news from online sources, so we want to deliver our content to our readers in the way that works best for them.

We already have a website, of course ([www.mountobserver.com](http://www.mountobserver.com)), but regularly updating it, especially with the kind of timeliness a newspaper requires, is a big job. Most online news sources, college or otherwise, are putting out their news with a much bigger staff than we have. Which brings me back to the subject of our web editor; we're so fortunate that Anna joined our team this semester, and she has already been hard at work tuning up our website and preparing us to start publishing online.

What does that mean for our readers and the future of our

paper? Well, for the foreseeable future we'll still (happily) be publishing our print edition, but you'll also be able to read our articles on our website. Our online archive will still be available on [www.issuu.com/mountobserver](http://www.issuu.com/mountobserver), but it will be easier for web and mobile users to read our content directly from our site since articles will now be accessible on an individual basis. Speaking of accessibility, this change should also make our stories easier to access for those who use screen readers and other accommodations for visual impairment. We'll also be able to post more content, since our website isn't limited by space or by a monthly publication schedule.

The new feature I'm looking forward to most, though, is the

ability to take submissions online. As I wrote in my last column, I love getting your contributions! Soon, there will be a one-stop submissions section on our site, where anyone can easily submit story ideas, articles, letters to the editor, photographs, artwork, and more. The ease of the online submission form combined with the freedom of a website means that we can now host all kinds of submissions in one place without worrying about running out of space.

So if you haven't checked our website in a while (or ever before), be sure to visit to see what's new, and keep an eye out for updates on our site as well as on our social media. We're looking forward to showing you a new side of the *Mount Observer*.

# That's Entertainment!

## Student reviews local pop culture shop



By: **Jurrell Pabrezis**  
OBSERVER CONTRIBUTOR

Looking for action? Looking for excitement? Looking for...entertainment?!? That's Entertainment is your one-stop source for all your fandom needs. Whether you're looking for comic books, video games, action figures, CDs, vinyl, or various other pop culture memorabilia, this is the place to be. That's Entertainment has two locations; 244 Park Avenue in Worcester and 56 John Fitch Highway in Fitchburg. My journey through the land of pop culture was at the Fitchburg location. The building itself is easy to find, right off the main road in the heart of Fitchburg. Parking was accessible, as the store is located within a group of other businesses.

Stores such as this tend to seem rather overwhelming at first. There is so much to see, in a store that isn't all that big. The store is crammed with items. Despite

being slightly overwhelmed in my adventure through the land of entertainment, the staff always has friendly faces and is always willing to help point you in the right direction.

The sections are strategically placed. This made it easy for me to find the exact items I was looking for. My eyes were fixed on what was directly in front of me, vinyl. As a collector of vinyl, I spent a fair amount of time browsing here. I came to the realization that I already own most of the Pink Floyd vinyl that they had in stock. So, I took a turn and headed for the right wall of the store. I took a quick peek at the action figures and various other toys, hoping I'd find something for my six year son. I did!

The store has a decent amount of trade paperback comic books, if you're looking to collect larger sets. I personally own enough, so I made my way for the new releases. I browsed for several

minutes, enjoying some time to myself, doing what I love; reading comic books. I grabbed a few and headed for the register.

As I waited in line, holding my comic books and a Transformer for my son, I noticed a mini-fridge, packed with cans of soda. I also noticed that behind the counter they carry a ton of vintage video games and consoles. Again, the staff was great and asked me if I found what I was looking for and asked if I'd be coming again. I of course said that I would and I even signed up for a comic book subscription.

Now when I show up they remember me, have my comic books safe and behind the counter, and I still get my time to wonder for a few minutes before checking out with my new X-Men comic book and an ice cold soda. I'll continue to be a loyal customer and may even check out their Worcester location.

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# More Mercenary Mayhem: Review of *Borderlands 3*

By **Anna Allen**  
OBSERVER WEB EDITOR

On September 13, Gearbox Software released its bang-up video game sequel, *Borderlands 3*. In a series known for its fast-paced action and childish but endearing humor, the third installment doesn't disappoint.

As usual, the opening scene shows the planet of Pandora, a wasteland full of Psychos and spiderants (which are supersized, hybrid, armored bugs).

However, this story doesn't end on Pandora as the earlier games do. Instead, the adventure travels to five other planets. From a world covered in a jungle, to a world covered in an

urban jungle, this game is larger than any of its predecessors. Zany characters send the player on zanier missions – such as the foul-mouthed Lorelei who just really wants a good cup of coffee. Don't we all?

*Borderlands 3* is stuffed full of new loot and features. Some of its wildest additions include a grenade shaped like a unicorn that bursts into sparkles and a gun that grows legs and runs at enemies.

New characters have abilities such as controlling a mech or taming one of those wild spiderants. Still, the game holds onto the twisted jokes and the fast, well-balanced gameplay

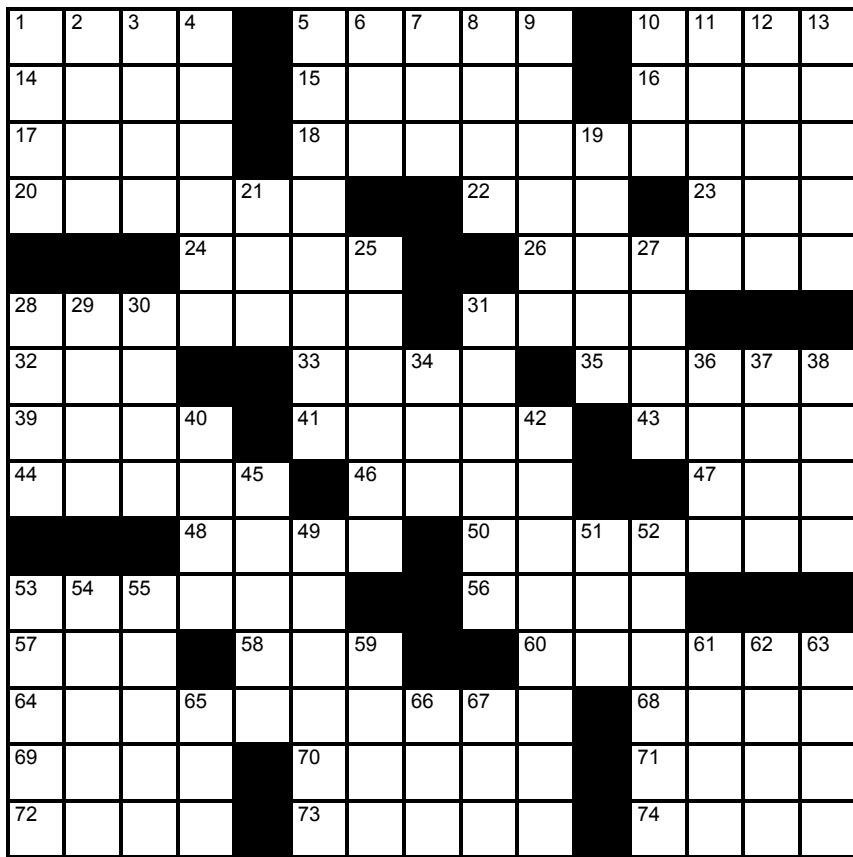
that made the series iconic.

For returning fans, *Borderlands 3* is an energetic sequel that expands on the world building of earlier games. For those with no history in the *Borderlands*, this is a good entrance into a franchise worth exploring.

The game does have its glitches, but, knowing that one update has already gone through, it's clear that Gearbox is actively working to make their game the best it can be. The developers have also announced the first limited-time event for *Borderlands 3*: the Halloween-themed Bloody Harvest. The event will start in late October and feature a new boss to fight.



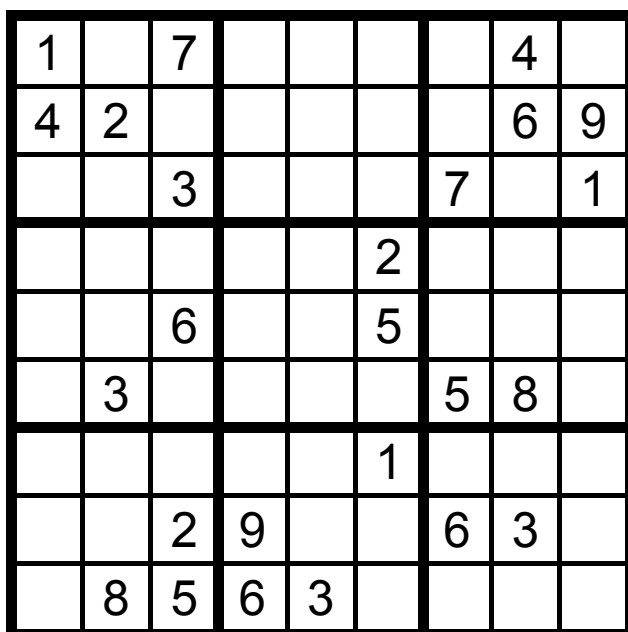
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MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GARDNER, MA  
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*Concepts in Clay*  
An exhibition of ceramic work by  
**Maryanne Benns**  
September 3 - October 26

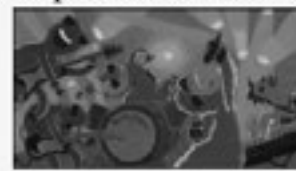
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Recent Work by  
**Karen Evans**  
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< *Lush Pasture*, 2019, oil on canvas, 24 x 20 inches

**Graphic Novel & Children's Book Illustrations**



from R. Michelson Gallery  
**October 2 - 31**

Gallery Talk by Rich Michelson  
Wednesday, October 23 at 3:00 p.m.  
< Janet Krosoczka, *All Through the Town*

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*Waking considers* the multimedia work of  
**Nancy Sepe**  
November 12- December 8

Reception: Friday, November 22  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

< *Rock, Scissors, Paper*, 2018, metal, wood, paint, digital video, 15 x 8 x 5 inches



**Exhibition of Student Work**  
from *Discovering III and Passing It III*

**December 18, 2019 - January 25, 2020**  
Reception: Wednesday, December 18  
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

< Nick Letz, *Business Something*, 2019, acrylic on canvas, 30 x 24 inches

# STUDENTS

# STUDENT LIFE

## October 2019 Student Life Calendar of Events

10/1 CATS Programming Meeting 12:30pm W11	10/2 Understanding Abilities 12:30pm Murphy Room	10/3 Breast Cancer Awareness 11:30am-1:30pm Student Center	10/7 SGA Meeting 12:30pm Murphy Room
10/15 Financial Literacy Fair 11:30am-1:30pm Commons Area	10/9 Film: Boy Erased 12:30pm North Café	10/10 Sabor Latino 12:30pm South Café	10/8 CATS Programming Meeting 12:30pm W11
10/17 Monster Costume Parade 12:30pm	10/21 SGA Meeting 12:30pm Murphy Room	10/21-10/25 Empty Place at the Table Display 12:30pm Commons Area	10/22 Halloween Cutoff Decorating 11:30am-1:30pm South Café
<p><b>Please see the reverse side for detailed information.</b></p> <p>For further information or to inquire about an event, please contact the Student Life Office at <a href="mailto:studentlife@mwcc.mass.edu">studentlife@mwcc.mass.edu</a> or 978-630-9148.</p>			
10/28 Mocktails Presale 12:30pm Student Center	10/24 Halloween Stroll 3pm-5pm Commons Area	10/24 Scary Karaoke 5pm-8pm South Café	10/23 Film: Ice Warriors 12:30pm North Café
10/29 Tea Time Speaker Series Alternative Education 12pm-2pm Multipurpose Room	10/29 Pool Tournament End 12:30pm Student Center	10/29 CATS Programming Meeting 12:30pm W11	10/30 Mocktails & Fatal Vision 12:30pm South Café
<p><b>Happy Halloween</b></p>			
<p><b>Intramurals</b></p> <p><b>Open Gym</b> - Come try out all that Mount Fitness has to offer. Use the equipment, try a class, or swim in the pool, student ID required. October dates: 10/8, 10/16, 10/24, 5am-9pm.</p> <p><b>Pick-up Basketball</b> - Join us for pick-up basketball at Mount Fitness every Tuesday from 3-4pm. Student ID required.</p>		<p>10/31 Drain the Vein Blood Drive 9am-2pm Multipurpose Room</p>	
<p>10/30 SGA Food Drive 4pm-7pm Walmart Preregistration required</p>			

**Student Photo IDs** Scheduled by appointment ONLY. Please bring one of the following photo IDs: a motor vehicle license or permit, a military ID, passport or a state issued identification card. ID cost is \$10. Returning students who already have an ID should stop by the MWCC library on the Gardner Campus or the front office on the Burbank, Devens or Leominster campus to have your ID validated for the fall semester at no charge.

**CATS Programming Meeting** (Campus Activities Team for Students) - 12:30 pm, Room W11. Come and join in on the fun of planning and running activities for MWCC students (i.e. Scary Karaoke, Fall Fest). For more information, contact the Student Life office at [studentlife@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:studentlife@mwcc.mass.edu). 978-630-9148 or stop by the office located in the Student Center. Open to all MWCC students.

**Intramural Activity - Open Gym** - Try a class, take a swim, shoot some hoops, lift some weights, etc. Wearing appropriate clothes and footwear try out the Fitness & Wellness Center at no cost from 5am-9pm. Anyone under the age of 18 needs a parental signature.

**Intramural Activity - Basketball** - Tuesdays, 3-4pm. Appropriate clothing and footwear are required. Players under the age of 18 need an adult signature to participate.

**Student Government Association Meeting** - 12:30 pm, Murphy Room. Come see them in action and consider running for a seat on the SGA. Meeting open to all.

**Breast Cancer Awareness** - 11:30am-1:30pm, Student Center. Come pick up information and giveaways and show your support.

**Film: Boy Erased** - 12:30pm, North Café. Boy Erased tells the story of Jared (Hedges), the son of a Baptist pastor in a small American town, who is outed to his parents (Kidman and Crowe) at age 19. Jared is faced with an ultimatum: attend a gay conversion therapy program - or be permanently exiled and shunned by his family, friends, and faith. Boy Erased is the true story of one young man's struggle to find himself while being forced to question every aspect of his identity.

**Sabor Latino** - Music and Ethnic Food. 12:30 pm, South Café. Come enjoy a taste of Latino food and dance to ethnic music

**Financial Literacy Fair** - 11:30am-1:30pm, Commons Area. Check out the fair and learn more about your finances. Contact Gloria Correa at [g.correa@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:g.correa@mwcc.mass.edu)

**Monster Costume Parade** - 12:30pm, South Café. Come dressed in a costume and take part in the costume parade.

**Empty Place at the Table Exhibit**, Commons Area. Stop by this display that commemorates the lives lost in Massachusetts over the past year as a result of domestic violence. The display was created by Battered Women's Resources, Inc., and consists of a formal dining room table set up with 2 plates for each victim, one with a name and the other with a brief description of the murder.

**Halloween Cutoff Decorating Workshop** - 11:30am, South Café. We supply all the cutouts and supplies, you simply decorate and enter into the Halloween Cutoff Contest at Scary Karaoke.

**Film: Ice Warriors** - 12:30pm, North Café. The training is tough as the U.S. sled hockey team prepares for the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, in ICE WARRIORS. Sled hockey, called "murderball on blades," is played as aggressively as able-bodied hockey - but these players battle with their sticks, sharp sled runners and the serrated ice picks used to propel their sleds. They fight it out at eye level with a fast-moving puck in this game of force, speed and strategy.

**Halloween Stroll**, 3pm-5pm, Commons Area - Join us for the first annual Halloween Stroll for children under age 14. Comes dressed in costume, trick or treat, and have fun. Free Face Painting 4pm-5pm. Student parents that bring their children can enter to win a \$100 CASH Prize.

**Scary Karaoke**, 5pm-8pm, South Café - Join your friends and fellow students in an evening of fun and prizes. Come dressed in costume to take part in the Costume Contest or just come for the food and fun. **\$1.00 cash door prize every hour!**

**Tea Time Speaker Series** - 12pm-2pm, Multipurpose Room Alternative Education. Contact Sharmese Gumm at [s.gumm@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:s.gumm@mwcc.mass.edu) for details.

**Pool Tournament Final Round** - 12:30pm, Student Center. Come watch the final round of this month long tournament to win cash prizes. \$50, \$30, \$20.

**Mocktails & Fatal Vision**, 12:30pm, South Café - Enjoy an alcohol free Pina Colada or Strawberry Daiquiri for a \$1.00 donation that helps support the SGA Food Drive. Take a few minutes with Campus Police to see how alcohol impairs your judgement.

**Drain the Vein Blood Drive**, 9am-2pm, Multipurpose Room - Donate blood at the Red Cross sponsored blood drive.

**Fall 2019 Leadership for Life program** - a series of eight short presentations or service opportunities on topics that will help you feel more comfortable and be successful at MWCC. From the first one in September to the last one in December, *Leadership for Life* will help you. Upcoming workshops are being held: October 2, 16, 30, November 13, December 11. Most workshops are held from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Murphy Room. **For more information:** Contact Sarah Savoie in Student Services at [ssavoie7@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:ssavoie7@mwcc.mass.edu), 978-630-9855 or stop by room 141.



Events are held on the Gardner Campus unless otherwise noted.