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Volunteer over spring, winter break

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Are you looking for plans during spring break or winter break? The Volunteer Center has some great opportunities for you to take a trip and help our community or someone else's community. They have opportunities in the Madison area and out of state.

For the out-of-state trip, students will be going to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. Volunteer activities will include weeding, groundskeeping, general landscaping, trail creation and maintenance, mucking pastures, deep cleaning of animal care areas, preparing transport vehicles, sanding and painting of fences/shed/animal care areas. There will also be tours, educational talks and the opportunity to hike in local national parks. Volunteers will stay at the Cowboy Bunkhouse Hostel.

Applications for the alternative spring break trip are due Jan. 25. Everyone who applies will be required to participate in a group interview before being approved for the program.

There will be two Madison-area day trips during winter break and four local day trips during spring break. These trips are currently being planned by student leader, Madalyn Breunig.

The winter break day trips include:

- Volunteering at Little John's Kitchen on Jan. 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card and sachet making at the Truax Campus on Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Serving at the Ronald McDonald House on Jan. 12 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and wear a face covering to participate.

The Volunteer Center asks that you sign up in advance to participate in the winter break activities. Sign up online at <https://forms.office.com/r/paahAKEY51>.

If you have any questions about these trips, please reach out by email to Volunteer Center advisor Brianna Stapleton Welch at bstapletonwelch@madisoncollege.edu or Breunig at mlbreunig@madisoncollege.edu.

EMBRACE FASHION



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Anne Hahm models a student's creation during the Embrace Fashion Show held at the Truax Campus on Nov. 21.

Student designers embrace imagination, sustainability

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For most people, thrift stores like Goodwill are dumping grounds for old clothes and a way to make space in their closets. For Madison College fashion marketing students, the real value of thrift shops is igniting their creativity, upcycling vintage garments and giving them new life.

Fashion students, showing off upcycled outfits, paraded down a runway in front of the audience on Nov. 21. The runway was part of the sixth Annual Fashion Show, titled "Embrace Your Imagination," presented at the Truax Campus. The event included remarks from guest speaker and international fashion designer Therese Marie.

The runway show was a journey of thrifting, reconstructing and sustainability mixed with swathes of vivid colors and contrasting textures.



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Student model Shahayra Majumeler walks across the runway during the show on Nov. 28.

The students emphasized sourcing existing material and compressing their carbon footprint using salvaged yardage, vintage curtains or

throwback gear for their creations.

Among the themes, the audience had a front-row seat to casual and revived Goth to country chic. Students also paid homage to the French Revolution, abstract art and global diversity.

The upcycled outfits came from Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul and local charities.

Afterward, the global designer and Wisconsin native Therese Marie shared her experience as a designer and advised the fashion marketing majors. In a discussion moderated by Fashion Marketing Program Director Betsy Hurd, the fashion designer reflected on the newly created collection and praised the students. She talked about how she became inspired by thrift stores and the ideas she developed from combing such shops.

Six months later, Marie learned

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Madison College journalism student Darion Lanagan holds his daughter, ZaRayla.

Balancing student life while being a parent

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Being a college student who has children comes with many additional responsibilities outside of classwork. It's a balancing act that many experience at Madison College.

Darion Lanagan is a 24-year-old journalism student at Madison College who has a 1-year-old daughter.

"Being a father is breathtaking ... scary, but the best thing that happened to me," Lanagan said.

But being a parent and a student wasn't easy at first.

"My grades dropped down, my GPA dropped down," Lanagan said. "I am a father when my daughter needs me. I will never let her down."

Madison College has a group to support students like Lanagan, the Student-Parent Affinity group. The newly formed group at Madison College is available to help students navigate the challenges of balancing

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Fashion marketing instructor Betty Hurd interviews global designer and Wisconsin native Therese Marie at the Embrace Fashion Show on Nov. 21 at the Madison College Truax Campus.

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how to sew and enrolled in fashion school.

By sharing funny stories from her early days of designing, Marie quickly pointed out that her trajectory to success wasn't overnight.

Marie reflected on how unanswered emails encouraged her to return to the drawing board, helping to refine her skills.

She mentioned that it also helped her to have thick skin and a strong sense of self.

"Never be intimidated by any designer (or) any other look. I would be so afraid if I knew a certain designer was at the show. You have to start learning what makes you strong and be proud of whatever you put out."

Marie shared how she overlooked her minor sewing

mistakes, like seams coming off or uneven heels, to boost her confidence. Toward the end, Marie looked around the room and, noting many of the younger audience members, touched on social media.

"Never worry about what anybody is doing on social media. That is not what drives you. You drive yourself. Keep finding yourself. What can I do better? How can I be the best at what I'm doing?"

She encouraged the students to continue attending classes and lectures to improve their skills and career development.

Editor's note: Fashion design students participating in the show included Nisse Rosholt, Krystyna Kalies, Anne Everywhere Hahm, Mary SeGall, Shahayra Majumeler, Shehide Munishi, Lily Depauw, Oliva Voelker, Owen Kress-Russick,



EMILY FAUST / CLARION

Mason Douglas models an outfit in the show.

Amanda Neumaier, Mikayla Bechman, Josephine Morris, Frances Jung, Mason Douglas, Jaeli Murray, Cianeishly Rosado, Magdalena Ayasa Biloga, Emily Bender, Adrian Ajdini and Josie Shiraz.

The fashion show is a collaboration between

Fashion Marketing, Barber Cosmetology, Photography and Visual Communications Program.

For more information on Madison College's fashion marketing department, visit <https://madisoncollege.edu/academics/programs/fashion-marketing>.

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parenthood and student life.

Student-parents go through challenging times like any other person – every family situation has unique circumstances.

For Lanagan, being a father gives him the power and the determination to keep him going to get the future he has been dreaming of. With warm, caring words, Lanagan explains how spending time with his little girl reminds him constantly of his goals in life.

"Spending time with her gives me the power to continue and get further education," Lanagan adds.

Being a father, going to college and working two jobs is not easy. Working hard runs in Lanagan's family, his mother is a hard worker who set up a fitting example to lead her family.

"I learned from the best; my mother worked hard to provide us with everything we wanted. We name it, and she gets it," said Lanagan.

Watching a parent take on the challenge of pursuing higher education demonstrates to children of any

age that this is a key step, and with time it becomes an important part of their life.

Successfully completing a college education may set the bar of expectations for your family – a positive effect that can ripple through generations. And this is the situation in Lanagan's goals.

"I want my girl to get a high education, bachelor's or even master's degree ... this picture in my mind all the time," he said. "If I can do it, she definitely can do it," Lanagan added.

But with all this challenging work comes the potential for burnout. All student-parents need support from their families, friends and even strangers going through the same situation and know what they are going through.

In Lanagan's situation, he has a big loving family who helps him.

"My family is a great support, and I'm so grateful," Lanagan said.

At Madison College, the Student-Parent Affinity group is here for any student-parent who feels burned out and needs help or just someone to talk to.

Student-Parent Affinity Group supports all students by providing a warm environment where they can

meet other students living under the same pressure of working, studying and caring for their families.

Anna Nickolai, a senior disability resource liaison at Madison College, and Mary Ciesielczyk, student-parent support coordinator run the affinity group.

Nickolai and Ciesielczyk would like to reach all Madison College students through the Student-Parent Affinity Group to tell them that their doors are open to any student who needs help and support.

"We are here to listen and take action to help any student that needs help," Nickolai said.

Through the Student-Parent Affinity group, you can meet with students who share the same struggles and the same goals and dreams. Sharing life's experiences and sharing stories about your children makes you feel that you are not alone in this world and that there are many people there to support you and inspire you.

If you would like to join the Student-Parent Affinity Group, or just need additional support, connect with Nickolai and Ciesielczyk at anickolai@madisoncollege.edu or mciesielczyk1@madisoncollege.edu.

Transphobic violence is often under reported on a global basis

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The LGBTQ+ community has come together every Nov. 20 since 1999 all over the United States for the Trans Day of Remembrance to mourn the lives lost to transphobic violence.

Each year, many are lost in this gender diverse and expansive community: trans binary, non-binary, two-spirits, agender, gender-nonconforming, gender-fluid, genderflux, genderqueer and so many more.

Often this is done at the hands of either an intimate partner, family or alleged friend and most often done with a gun. The highest affected groups are Black and Latina transwomen, but there is as much as a 50% underreporting of transphobic violence. This is often due to misreporting.

Transphobic homicides and femicides both get reported as not being tied to their identities, which in both often centers around feminine gender. Femicide is more prominent in South America, and a special type of intimate partner death – the Dowry killing – is high in South Asia. Like the United States, these countries often fail to accurately report these deaths. In the cases of trans women, this is notably higher worldwide. Often femicide goes unreported and trans women often get unclaimed by their families, deadnamed and/or misgendered by all parties involved, but so do individuals from all gender expansive and diverse communities.

A report in The Global Americans titled "Femicide and International Women's Rights" highlights this issue. It found that, "Much of the data that is collected on homicides is not disaggregated by sex, which results in many murders of women not accounted for, especially in armed conflict and in poverty-stricken areas. Nevertheless, there have been recent improvements in the collection and availability of data on femicide. Since 1995 more than 100 countries have conducted at least one survey addressing the issue."

It is due to the work and diligence of the LGBTQ community that we can learn the basic information of just a handful every year that have suffered a violent end of their lives. The Human Rights Campaign, which tracks trans murders in the United States, relies on community help with leads and to correct information as do many other LGBTQ organizations. Because of the need to protect themselves, people sometimes submit this information anonymously.

On the official website for the Human Rights Campaign, you can find articles providing some statistics on transphobic violence. They highlight that since 2013:

- More than four in five (85%) of victims tracked were people of color, including about 69% who were Black and 15% who were Latinx

- 77% were under the age of 35
- 69% of deaths involved a firearm
- 15 people were killed by police or while incarcerated, including two in 2022
- In 40% of the cases, the killer remains unknown or at large with no arrest made
- Of those with a known killer, 65% were killed by a person they knew
- 19% of those whose killer is known were killed by an intimate partner
- 9.7% were killed by a friend or family member
- 36% were killed by an acquaintance
- 70% of those killed were initially misgendered by the media and/or police

A display in the Madison College Gateway throughout November and part of December recognized the 37 people in the United States who died from transphobic violence between Nov. 20, 2021, and Nov. 20, 2022.

The display was set up by the Student Senate Racial Equity Committee and assisted by the GSA.