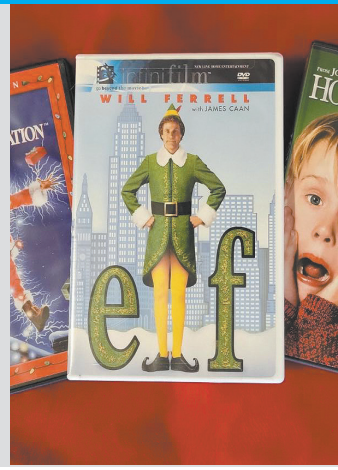


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# Volunteer over spring, winter break

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 Staff Writer

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 Stapelton Welch at [bstapletonwelch@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:bstapletonwelch@madisoncollege.edu) or Breunig at [mlbreunig@madisoncollege.edu](mailto: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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