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### Breaking News

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Dr. Donald Grant McCloud Sr., former executive director of the Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange, began his tenure as Dean of the Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education effective Aug. 27.

WMU Provost Janet I. Pisaneschi announced the appointment of the higher education veteran with broad international experience April 3, 2007.

"With the appointment of Dr. McCloud," Pisaneschi says, "the University's international efforts are poised to move to a new level that will put a greater focus on ensuring that all of our students graduate with the knowledge they need to live and work in a world that requires a deep understanding and appreciation of the cultures they'll encounter on a daily basis."

In interviewing for the dean position, McCloud described the 21st century global university as one where every graduate is globally functionally literate and some graduates are prepared to step into leadership roles.

"Global functional literacy targets a minimum global knowledge base for every WMU graduate, while students in international studies majors and minors will form the core of the next generation of global leaders," McCloud said.

"As dean of the Haenicke Institute, I will do everything possible to expand and strengthen opportunities for the leadership group to gain the knowledge and experiences necessary to take those leadership roles but also to assure that every WMU graduate understands the world outside the United States and his or her roles in that world."

McCloud has led the Malaysian-American Commission since 2001. The organization was founded in 1963 as a binational Fulbright commission for Malaysia and the United States to promote educational exchange between the two countries.

The commission administers the Fulbright, Humphrey and other U.S. Department of State-funded exchange programs for American and Malaysian scholars and privately funded corporate scholarships for the American Chamber of Commerce in Malaysia, Exxon/Mobil and the GE Foundation. It also serves as the comprehensive information source on U.S. universities offering placement advising services and test administration for TOEFL, GRE, GMAT and other standardized tests required for admission to U.S. universities as well as some professional tests.

Previously, McCloud was with the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities Inc. at Ohio State University from 1976 to 1988, serving the last nine years as senior associate executive director. A private not-for-profit corporation, the consortium is owned by the Big Ten university presidents. It engages in international contract research, policy planning and implementation, and technical assistance from funds provided by the World Bank, Asian and African Development Banks, U.S. Agency for International Development, and host-country governments.

McCloud also served as an adjunct associate professor of political science for 19 years at Ohio State and has been a visiting associate professor at the University of South Carolina and National Taiwan University; an instructor and Department of English chair at the Joint Embassy School in Jakarta, Indonesia; a visiting lecturer at the University of Maryland and Plano University; and a research associate at South Carolina.

He has written two books and five book chapters as well as written or co-written several journal articles. In addition, he has been a member of the editorial board for Asian Affairs, An American Review since 1991, an external reviewer for Rowman & Littlefield Press since 1995, and a consultant for the
World Bank and USAID as well as higher education agencies in Indonesia, Malaysia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

A former Fulbright-Hays Teaching Fellow, McCloud earned his bachelor's degree from Millikin University in 1966 and his doctoral degree from South Carolina in 1974. He has a reading and speaking knowledge of Bahasa Indonesia and Bahasa Malaysia and a reading knowledge of French.

Story courtesy of Western News
Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship

The WMU Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship is a merit-based award available to international students who meet the selection criteria. The International Admissions and Services office will automatically consider all entering freshmen and transferring students for this scholarship; no additional application is required. To be considered, application to WMU must be received by April 1, 2011.

- $4,000 to $16,000 per year
- Paid in equal amounts fall and spring semesters
- Pays non-resident tuition only; not ATIS (online) or EUP
- Merit-based
- Renewable
- Enroll fall term immediately after secondary school or transfer from another university

Criteria for selection include:

- Undergraduate degree-seeking student, entering WMU for fall 2011 for the first time
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and above on a 4.0 scale
- Must be admissible to WMU

The Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship can be awarded up to a total of eight consecutive semesters, or until graduation requirements are met, whichever occurs first.

Criteria for renewal include:

- Maintain a cumulative WMU GPA of 2.5
- Continue to enroll at WMU as a fulltime student (12 credits each semester)
- Successfully complete a minimum of 24 credit hours each academic year
- Remain a non-Michigan resident

Students who are eligible for more than one scholarship for first-time students will be awarded the one of highest value. For more information contact Juan Tavares, International Admissions and Services via e-mail at juan.tavares@wmich.edu, or phone: (269) 387-5866.
Western Edge Compact caps non-resident tuition, fees, and housing costs

The Western Edge Graduation Compact adopted by the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees in July put a freeze on non-resident tuition and fees for one year and caps on-campus housing costs for four years beginning in Fall 2007. The compact will also offer advanced services to help participating students achieve degree completion in four years.

The initiative reflects the importance WMU places on welcoming international students to the university’s learning community through the following benefits:

- 2007-08 tuition and fees will see no increase from 2006-07 levels.
- No increase in on-campus housing rates for four years.
- The compact offers enhanced advising and more flexible program requirements aimed at helping students complete degrees in four years (five years for some highly rigorous professional majors and programs.

Following the board meeting and adoption of the compact, WMU’s recently appointed President John M. Dunn described the purpose of the compact: “Our focus is on making sure our students are successful and keeping the quality education we offer affordable.”

W. Wilson (Bill) Woods, associate dean of the Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education, said the tuition freeze will significantly enhance the institute’s recruiting efforts abroad.

“The freeze on tuition and fees will help WMU become more competitive in attracting international students,” Woods said. “We are currently advising all of our international partners about the Western Edge initiative and hope that it will draw even more students to Kalamazoo.”

WMU enrolls more about 1,000 international students representing about 80 countries each academic year. The top-five countries typically sending international students to WMU are India, Japan, Malaysia, the People’s Republic of China and Canada. Comprehensive information about The Western Edge Compact, including a list of participating majors and programs is accessible online at: www.wmich.edu/edge
ISORP rolls out the welcome mat to 238 new international students

Two hundred and thirty eight students representing 40 countries discovered there really is a WMU and a Kalamazoo at the International Student Orientation and Registration Program held August 27 to 31.

The program is conducted three times each academic year and offers a bevy of information sessions, as well as a full slate of recreational activities.

This fall's incoming students experienced a Kalamazoo Kings minor league baseball game, a poolside picnic at College Park, a WMU pep rally, a dance party, and a Friday trip to Saugatuck, Mich. for a Lake Michigan beach picnic, just to name a few ISORP-planned activities.

The students also attended many welcome receptions hosted by various campus and community groups to help the students make new friends and get a good start on the life-changing experience of studying in a foreign culture.

The information sessions conducted throughout the week gave the students a comprehensive overview of academic and campus life at WMU and the opportunity to meet many faculty and staff. WMU's grading policies, immigration rules, health care, banking, and public transportation are a sampling of the topics covered. Students also learned where to go for tutorial help in various academic disciplines and how to get involved with the International Programs Council and other student groups.

Stephen Wood, international programming intern at the Haenicke Institute, said ISORP enlists more than a dozen student coordinators and leaders to facilitate the week-long program. By collaborating with the Fall Welcome program, ISORP staff also gave the international students the opportunity to meet and hang out with incoming domestic students at WMU.

"Many students found the interaction helpful in making friends at the activities, which included concerts, dances, ice cream socials and movies set up around the campus," Wood said. "ISORP was a great success this year, and it will continue to serve the WMU community in aiding the development of great leaders and by providing great experiences for all who participate."

The Haenicke Institute's International Services and Student Affairs office coordinates ISORP. Additional information about the program is accessible on the ISSA Web site.
From Kenya to Kalamazoo: New sub-Saharan partner sends first cohort

Nine students from Egerton University in Nakuru, Kenya were welcomed to campus this fall as the inaugural class participating in Western Michigan University’s Transnational Education program in partnership with the sub-Saharan university.

Launched in January 2006, the program marks the first United States university TNE in this region of the world.

Kenya was first visited by Dr. Howard Dooley, WMU professor of history (and then executive director, International Affairs) and W. Wilson (Bill) Woods, associate dean of the Haenicke Institute, in 2002 and the partnership between Egerton and WMU was established to increase higher education opportunities for Kenya’s citizens. The country’s five public universities can only accommodate 25 percent of the students who qualify for admission, so even though more than 300,000 Kenyans have passed their initial college entrance exams, 225,000 of them have a poor chance of ever earning degrees.

Egerton was founded as an agricultural training college in 1939 and is Kenya’s oldest higher education institution. Today, 50 percent of its students enroll in education programs, but most of the remaining half enrolls in agriculture, commerce and engineering programs.

The WMU/Egerton TNE program began in January 2006 with 25 students. Brett Berquist, executive director of International Programs and Cathleen Fuller, director of TransNational Education, were at Egerton to celebrate the first day of classes with the students. This first cohort studied either engineering or business at Egerton in preparation to major in WMU’s aeronautical engineering program. The students completed about 60 credit hours of WMU curricula taught at Egerton for four semesters and then transfer to Kalamazoo. This "2+2" feature allows TNE participants to save about 40 percent of the cost of completing their entire degree in Kalamazoo.

"Kenyan students now have educational opportunities that simply were not available to them before," Fuller says. "They’ll be able to complete a significant portion of their university study in their home country and receive a degree from an internationally recognized institution at a reduced cost."
Fuller notes that WMU has been operating TNEPs for nearly 20 years, but until recently, generically referred to them as "twinning" programs. The University established its first TNE partnership with Sunway College in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1987. Since then, WMU's TNE portfolio has grown to also include partnerships with two schools in India, the Rajagiri Vidyapeetham (Seat of Knowledge) in Kochi and Christ College in Bangalore and Saint Too College in Hong Kong.

The new TNE program at Egerton reflects Kenya's existing strong ties to WMU and the United States. That nation is one of the top 10 countries from which the University attracts its nearly 1,000 international students, and U.S. is the No. 1 destination overall for Kenyans choosing to study overseas.

Fuller says that with Kenya experiencing a strong economic growth rate and having a relatively stable government, WMU's TNE program will prepare Kenyan students to be major contributors to their nation's continued prosperity and development.

"Market economies are expanding in several regions of the world, and many international students are returning home after completing their degree programs overseas," Fuller says. "Regardless of whether or not students study at a foreign institution for two or four years, they're gaining valuable experience and knowledge that they can take back to their home countries."

WMU benefits from TNE partnerships as well, Fuller adds. These initiatives bring large numbers of international students to the campus, which diversifies the University community and promotes the exchange of intercultural knowledge.

WMU faculties also have the opportunity to broaden their research interests and work with colleagues at Egerton. During a recent research visit to Nairobi, Dr. Suhashni (Sushi) Datta-Sandhu, professor of political science, visited the campus to meet with the students and her fellow faculty at the college. Dr. David Huffman, professor of chemistry, has had graduate students from Egerton in his Ph.D. program for many years. His visit last fall allowed him to meet with many of his contemporaries at Egerton and generate more interest in the programs at WMU. These faculties' visits, along with the annual visit by WMU administration, help to strengthen the ties between Kenya and Kalamazoo and promise continued growth and shared knowledge between the two cultures.

"As the international educational markets develop, adapt and grow, we'll begin seeing a myriad of delivery systems described as transnational education programs," Fuller predicts. "WMU has been a U.S. leader in providing these international partnerships, and we intend to remain on the frontline."

For more information about WMU's TNE program, contact Cathleen Fuller at cathleen.fuller@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3958 or visit the Web site at: http://international.wmich.edu
Indonesia alumna to crew on round-the-world clipper

When WMU alumna Erma Rheindrayani Siswowaluyo earned her MBA from the Haworth College of Business in 2003 she had no idea that she would someday crew on a 68-foot clipper in an amateur yacht race.

But when the government of Singapore came calling looking for a representative from Indonesia to be part of a 40-plus crew on the yacht, Uniquely Singapore, Erma eagerly volunteered, even though she had never before sailed.

The closest I have ever been to sailing was taking a ferry ride,” said Erma, who is a Foreign Service officer in the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. “The race starts at Liverpool, England on Sept. 16 and I will join the crew on leg 4. I’ll meet the yacht in Fremantle, Australia on January 1, 2008 and be on board until the yacht docks in Qingdao, China at the new Olympic sailing complex in mid-February.”

Erma will be one of more than 350 international sailors taking part in the Clipper 07-08 Round the World Yacht Race. Singapore sponsored a yacht as part of the ongoing celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

When the starting cannon fires on the Mersey on 16 September 2007 it will signal the start of a 35,000-mile adventure. The fleet of identical ocean-racing yachts will set off from Liverpool on a ten-month journey, calling at 14 ports en route, before returning next July when the city will be celebrating its status as European Capital of Culture 2008.

Up to ten people on each yacht will complete the entire circumnavigation of the globe, while other crewmembers will join for one or more of the seven individual legs of the race. They are all non-professional sailors and approximately 40 percent of them had no sailing experience whatsoever before beginning their Clipper training.

“For the past month we have been training in Gosport, England, learning about the boat, the weather and how to race,” Erma said. “This experience has been a mix of adventure and self-discovery! Learning to sail has reaffirmed my belief that if you put your mind to something anything is possible. Sailing has also taught me that good teamwork is crucial, because if the crew does not work together we will not be able to get the boat going.”

This will be the sixth Clipper Race since it was established eleven years ago by renowned yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first man to sail solo non-stop around the world. He wanted to give ordinary people the opportunity to experience the exhilaration and challenge of ocean racing, something that until then had been the preserve of the rich or professional sailors.

Since the first Clipper Race in 1996 more than 1,400 people have taken part and the fleet has completed more than 1.5 million miles of safe, ocean racing.

The training and learning about these boats has been a long, exhausting, and at times excruciatingly difficult experience,” Erma said. “But at the same time it was one of the happiest and most exciting times I have experienced because of the great diversity of people I have met while training.”

WMU International News will feature an on-board and post-trip story about Erma’s big adventure in upcoming issues.

Some information from this story was obtained online at: www.clipperroundtheworld.com
Research

Soga Japan Center Fall 2007 newsletter

Click here to view newsletter

The Soga Japan Center at Western Michigan University commits itself to making fundamental advances in our knowledge of Japanese history, culture, business, science and technology. In so doing, it serves as a generative force in international education.

Click here to visit SJC Web Site

Ethiopian development focus of August conference

The fourth International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies held at Western Michigan University in August 2007 brought together about 100 international scholars and policy-makers to address pressing issues facing the second most populated country in Africa.

WMU Professor Sisay Asefa, director of the Center for African Development Research (CADPR), hosted the multidisciplinary conference on the challenges of peace and development in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa that attracted prominent scholars from all over the world. Conference presenters and other scholars who submitted abstracts represented Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Somalia, and many universities within the United States.

To date, four bi-annual International Conferences on Development Studies (2001, 2003, 2005, and 2007) have been hosted by Dr. Asefa. The first of these conferences convened in 2001 on the WMU campus and the latter two in 2003 and 2005 in Addis Abba, Ethiopia.

CADPR is an interdisciplinary academic program established at WMU in October 2000 that is sponsored by the Haenicke Institute. The program fosters collaborative research activities with relevant WMU academic departments and units.

Comprehensive information about the conference, including post-conference remarks is accessible online at: http://international.wmich.edu/content/category/15/66/174/
Study Abroad

Congratulations to Joyce Lew, former director of Study Abroad and Student Exchanges, who began a new position at WMU August 27 serving as Director of Student Conduct. Brett Berquist, executive director of International Programs has assumed responsibility for Study Abroad in the interim.

Studying abroad is an essential element of earning a degree and preparing for the workforce of the 21st century. Visit the Haenicke Institute Study Abroad Web site to learn more about the infinite possibilities for undergraduate and graduate students to earn academic credit while experiencing a foreign culture: www.wmich.edu/studyabroad
Global Studies

Enrollment tripled in WMU's Global & International Studies program

The leadership of Dr. Olasope Oyelaran over the last two years in WMU's Global & International Studies (GIS) program has resulted in a sharp increase in the number of students choosing to major in the discipline. While serving a two-year visiting faculty appointment at the Haenicke Institute, Dr. Oyelaran's efforts netted a jump from 24 to 69 students who have declared GIS as their major.

Dr Oyelaran's appointment ended in July and he passed the reins for the GIS program to the Institute's new dean, Dr. Donald McCloud. This fall, Dr. McCloud, a higher education veteran with broad international experience, is teaching the program’s entry level class, INTL 2000 Introduction to Global and International Studies that has an enrollment of nearly 90 students.

The internationalization of the WMU learning experience is a priority in the University's international agenda. Dean McCloud will spearhead the Institute's efforts in this area in collaboration with WMU faculty and staff, in particular with the International Education Council and the Faculty Senate.

Comprehensive information about WMU's GIS program is accessible online at:

http://international.wmich.edu/content/view/41/57/
Intramural sports offer fun, fitness, and friends

Soccer, basketball, inner tube water polo, and broomball are just a few of the 25 intramural sports and events offered by WMU each year that attract more than 7,000 participants seeking fun, fitness and an opportunity to make new friends.

The Student Recreation Center is the home of WMU's Intramural Sports program that is hosting 11 leagues or tournaments this fall. All students, faculty, staff, alumni and people with WMU affiliations, such as spouses and children who are members of the SRC, are welcome to participate.

Andy Arnold, assistant director of Intramural Sports and Recreation, said volleyball and soccer are offered year round—indoor and outdoor. Flag football, ice hockey and a kickball tournament are a few of the program's fall offerings.

"Intramural sports are a good outlet for students," Arnold said. "They like fun opportunities to stay fit, have social interaction, and for some students it is a carry-over from playing sports in high school. The majority of people sign up as a team. We have many residence hall teams, which do not have to pay a fee."

Arnold said students do not need to be athletes to participate in IM sports. The rules for each sport or tournament are clearly spelled out at the registration meeting held before play begins. Team rosters are completed and playing fees are also paid at the registration meeting. Playing fees range from $5 to $9 for most sports, though ice hockey costs $75 per player.

"One representative from each team must attend the registration meeting," Arnold said. "Teams are guaranteed four scheduled games per semester and in some sports teams advance to a playoff if they qualify. We also cover at the registration meeting the employment opportunities we have for people interested in becoming a game referee."
Tournaments are offered in several sports that can last two to five days and one-day events, such as the Turkey Trot, which is a 5k run planned for Nov. 17.

"The IM fall sports schedule is online, which includes registration meeting dates, roster size information, fees and schedules," Arnold said. "And, we use student feedback to introduce new sports. This year we added inner tube water polo, broomball, and a sand volleyball tournament to the IM Sports program based on student input."

Visit WMU's IM Sports online at: http://www.src.wmich.edu/im/im_sports.html

Learning football as a hands-played game fun for futbol-fans

Because most of the world knows futbol as a game played predominately with the feet, attending Bronco Football games where hand-to-ball contact is what wins the game is an educational experience for many students on campus from overseas. The Bronco Football team plays six home games at Waldo Stadium this fall, offering fans the chance to learn the rules of the game while cheering on the home team.

Football is one of 8 varsity sports WMU hosts each fall and students enter the gate free for all regular season games.

Click on the sport to access the fall schedule in the list that follows:

**MEN’S FOOTBALL**
Homecoming game: Saturday, October 20 when WMU plays Ball State at 2 p.m.
All games are free to WMU students with ID
Ticket prices range from $10 group tickets to $20 sideline tickets for non-WMU students
Games held at Waldo Stadium

**MEN’S SOCCER**
All tickets during regular season are free
Games held at WMU Soccer Complex located near intersection of Drake and Parkview

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
All tickets during regular season are free
Games held at WMU Soccer Complex located near intersection of Drake and Parkview

**WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**
All tickets during regular season are free

**WOMEN’S GOLF**
All tickets during regular season are free

**MEN’S TENNIS**
All tickets during regular season are free
Outdoor matches are held at Sorensen Courts, and indoor matches are held at West Hills Athletic Club
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
All tickets during regular season are free
All matches are held in the University Arena in Read Fieldhouse
Discover Kalamazoo
Michigan's Magnificent Fall Colors

Experiencing Michigan's lavish display of autumnal colors that occurs as the air cools and the days grow shorter is a favorite activity of international students while living in Kalamazoo. Taking to the road for a cruise around Southwest Michigan in late Sept. and early Oct. is a great way to experience the beauty. For updates on when the color will peak and color tour route maps, visit Michigan's travel Web site at: http://www.michigan.org/travel/drivingtours/?city=G3196&m=9:1

Seeking the caffeine jolt in Kalamazoo
By Morgan Swartz

Pulling all-nighters to complete academic work would not be possible for many students without the rejuvenating qualities of a delicious cup of coffee that can be easily obtained in several Downtown Kalamazoo cafés, night or day.

Starbuck’s and Beaner’s coffees are available many hours daily in WMU’s Bernhard Center, but the downtown cafés offer extended menus and services that many students will find makes the 10-minute walk or short bus ride to get there worthwhile.

One of the most recent additions is The CopyCup, located at 312 W Michigan Avenue, next door to the Michigan News Agency. This new downtown gem not only offers a full service coffee and espresso bar complete with pastries and Panini’s, but also features a useful self-service copy center. The CopyCup also has equipment to trim, bind, and laminate papers at competitive prices. The cozy and welcoming atmosphere is ideal for customers who would like to relax in the leather couches or chat with friends at the shop’s sit-down tables. All the food items, from scones and muffins to sandwiches and cakes, are made fresh in the café’s kitchen. Wireless internet is available to all customers, and there are several board games for general use. Every Wednesday night, local artists perform live music, and soon there will be poetry readings on Monday nights.

The CopyCup is open Monday thru Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Web site: www.thecopycup.com
Phone: (269) 388-4806
Located on the Kalamazoo Mall inside the Kalamazoo City Centre at 125 S Kalamazoo Mall, Irving’s Market is a unique shop that features a high-quality food market, full deli, and a coffee/espresso shop. The market sells everything from beer and wine to fresh produce, flowers and gifts. Their deli features made-to-order gourmet sandwiches that customers can either take out or enjoy in the seating area that offers wireless and Ethernet internet access. Irving's Market also participates in Kalamazoo’s Extra Credit Program that gives discounts to students with a valid university or college ID. The open atmosphere and large front windows set this coffee shop apart from others, which are generally smaller with less seating space.

Their hours are
Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Web site: www.irvingsmarket.com
Phone: (269) 344-4787

Something’s Brewing

- 120 W South St
- (269) 349-1295
- http://www.somethings-brewing.net
- Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- No Wireless Internet
- Participant in ECOMUG program
- Very small, clean, and attractive shop
- Oldest coffee shop in Kalamazoo
- Features more than 50 different kinds of coffee, many of which are Certified Fair Trade and Organic beans
Other Coffee Shops in Downtown Kalamazoo:

Caffé Casa

- 128 S Kalamazoo Mall
- (269) 385-1026
- http://www.caffecasa.net
- Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wireless Internet
- Student Discount with ID
- Participant in ECOMUG program
- Small and quiet, non-smoking
- Full service coffee shop with pastries, soups, quiche, sandwiches, salads, desserts, etc.

Coffee Works

- 2620 W Michigan Ave; located above Video Hits Plus
- (269) 342-0225
- Sunday-Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Thursday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
- Wireless Internet
- Participant in ECOMUG program
- Larger coffee shop, often full of WMU students
- Located above movie rental store; customers can sit down and watch a movie while they drink coffee or eat a sandwich or ice cream

Rocket Star Café

- 1502 W Michigan Ave
- (269) 553-5555
- http://www.rocketstarcafe.com
- Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.
- Indoor and outdoor seating
- Wireless Internet
- Participant in ECOMUG program
- Discounts for patrons who bring their own coffee mug
- Located very close to campus, generally a busy shop
- Features many entertainment options including pool table, board games, magazines, arcade games, and performances and art shows by local artists

Totally Brewed Café

- 151 S Rose St; located inside Comerica Bank building
- (269) 373-2840
- Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- No Wireless Internet
- Indoor and outdoor seating
- Very open and well-lit shop with full-length front window facing Bronson Park
- Also serves smoothies, ice cream, and locally made snacks such as caramel corn and roasted nuts
- Caters lunches