



## The Carroll Claw | Week of 2/20!!

Hi Lynx

It's hard to believe Spring Break is right around the corner! Don't have plans yet? See below for information on how to sign up for our Alternative Spring Break trips! All trips include a free t-shirt and some come with free lunch!

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### Refuse to Be Compromised: Integrity Council's Suggestions for Spring 2023

"One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised." --Chinua Achebe

It's essential to each student and instructor's integrity to understand and practice "certain standards of academic honesty and social conduct" here at Carroll (Carroll's Code of Integrity). However, many students and instructors aren't sure where to find resources that are easily accessible, clear, and specific to our Carroll community.

In this series, we will discuss the Integrity Council's Top 3 Suggestions for a great Spring 2023.

#### Suggestion #1: **PICK THE BRAIN OF A LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER!**

Our Carroll Community College library staff members are, perhaps, quieter versions of Indiana Jones in the World of the Google Search—they can help a student, instructor, or staff member discover an item that they are looking for AND teach that same student, instructor, or staff member how to discover items in the future. Go meet our librarians and take advantage of the resources offered by the library. The library staff has created resources about researching, evaluation, and citing sources, which can be found on the library's website:

[library.carrollcc.edu](http://library.carrollcc.edu).

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### Turnitin Draft Coach

Turnitin Draft Coach is a program that can assist you with your research and writing by:

- Allowing you to submit your writing for a similarity score three times before you turn it in for your course without putting your paper in the Turnitin database
- Looking at your grammar and spelling
- Double-checking that all your in-text citations have matching references and vice versa

Draft Coach does not check the format of your citations and references. Draft Coach must be enabled in a browser.

For more information including a short video introducing Draft Coach, and a Quick Start Guide, visit the [Canvas module in Student Resources](#).

Draft Coach is not fool-proof. We encourage students to use both this tool as well as the Academic Center to get your writing reviewed.

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## Invitations to Join Alpha Alpha Alpha Coming Soon!



Alpha Alpha Alpha is a national academic honor society just for first gen students. First gen students who have completed at least 30 credits and have an overall GPA of at least a 3.2 are eligible to join.

Membership to Tri-Alpha is for life! Stand out to transfer colleges and employers by joining an honor society that identifies you as a scholar. Members will have the opportunity to network with other first-generation scholars, faculty, and staff.

Invitations to qualified students will be sent out in Spring 2023. If you would like more information about this exciting opportunity, please reach out to April Stevens, Alpha Alpha Alpha advisor, at [astevens6@carrollcc.edu](mailto:astevens6@carrollcc.edu).

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## Join Phi Theta Kappa and Earn Money for University!

Do you have at least 12 completed college credits and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better? If so, keep an eye on your inbox this week. Invitations to join Phi Theta Kappa, the world's largest and most prestigious International Honor Society for two-year colleges are being sent out and, with college application season upon us, there's no better time to join! Membership in the society affords access to more benefits than any other student organization – **including over \$46 million in scholarship money** – making it a both highly coveted honor and a great financial investment.

Joining is easy! Simply visit [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org) with your PTK-issued passcode and fill in your application. Then, come out for one or more of our fun events this semester!

Have questions? Contact us at [ptk@carrollcc.edu](mailto:ptk@carrollcc.edu).

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## SGO Executive Board Applications for 2023-24 are Due This Friday, 2/24!

SGO Executive Board Applications are live! If you are interested in student employment, and also making a difference on campus, consider applying for the SGO Executive Board. Positions are being filled for President, Vice

President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Campus Events Coordinator. [Click here](#) to find the application. Applications are due to Topher Overdorff by February 24 in A118. If you have any questions, please contact Topher Overdorff ([toverdorff@carrollcc.edu](mailto:toverdorff@carrollcc.edu)).



## New Benefits Helpline for Carroll Students!

If you receive financial aid through the state of Maryland, a Pell grant, any emergency funding or are the first in your family to go to college, you could be eligible for benefits like grocery assistance (SNAP), discounted internet (Affordable Connectivity Plan), or health care assistance. The application process for these programs can be complex and time consuming.

Carroll Community College has partnered with the Maryland Benefits Center to provide a one-call referral line especially for our students. **Call 1-855-481-9276, Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, for individual help.** The expert on the referral line can take your information and then complete the applications for multiple benefits, if applicable. They are here to help and completely confidential.

## Advising and Transfer News

### Save the Date - Transfer Fair on Campus!

The Spring Transfer Fair will be held on campus, Wednesday, March 8 from 11 am to 2 pm in the Babylon Great Hall. Over 50 representatives from colleges and universities will be in attendance. Free pizza will be available to students who participate. And a chance to win a BOSE speaker!

## Events This Week!

### DEMOCRACY LAB

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

&

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

3:30 - 5 PM | K133

### DISCUSSION ON POVERTY IN AMERICA



**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 21  
**Time:** 3:30 to 5 pm  
**Location:** K133

### FOOD DEMONSTRATION! *Spaghetti Sauce*

Date:  
Wednesday, February 22  
12pm, Great Hall Quad 3

Snow Date:  
Thursday, February 23

Learn how to make homemade spaghetti sauce!  
Taste test a new recipe to try!

All ingredients are available in the Food Locker.

Open to all students and employees!

Thank you to BJ's, Food Lion, and Giant for supplying items  
Sponsored by the Carroll Food Locker and the UMD Extension Center

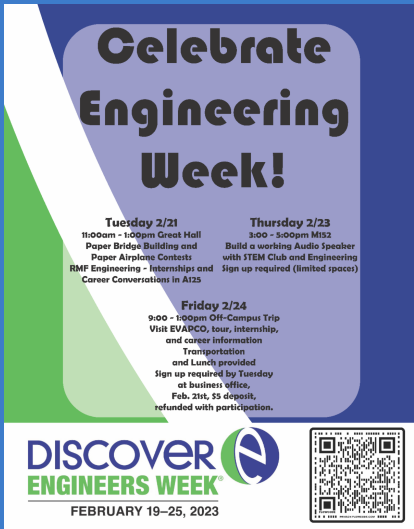
**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 22  
**Time:** 12 to 1 pm  
**Location:** Babylon Great Hall, Quad 3

When Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. launched the Poor People's Campaign in 1968 there were 40 million living in poverty. More than 50 years later there are 140 million living in poverty. Join Democracy Lab and leaders from the Poor People's Campaign and United Workers for this first in a two-part series addressed to the question of poverty in America and what can be done about it. Please note that this is an in-person event.

Join us for a FREE food demonstration to learn how to make a tasty meal from scratch! All items necessary to make the meal will be available in the Food Locker for participants to pick up!

This event is open to students, faculty, and staff.

[Sign up for 2/21 here.](#)



## Engineering Week 2/21 to 2/24!

Join us for Engineering Week for one or all of the events!

- **Tuesday, Feb. 21**: Paper Bridge Building and Paper Airplane Contest plus RMF Engineering - Internships and Career Conversations from 11 am to 1 pm in the Babylon Great Hall
- **Thursday, Feb. 23**: Build an audio speaker from 3 to 5 pm in M152. (Sign up required. [Click here to sign up!](#))
- **Friday, Feb. 24**: Off-campus trip to visit local employer EVAPCO (Sign up at the Business Office by Tuesday, February 21 with \$5 refundable deposit.)

## Save the Date!

**Healthy Boundaries: What Are They and Why Do They Matter?**

Everyone is always talking about setting boundaries, but what does that even mean?

In this workshop, learn more about what **healthy boundaries** are, what they can look like in our day-to-day lives, and what we can do to establish them.

You will also have an opportunity to explore why you may have trouble setting **healthy boundaries** and how to move beyond those barriers.

**Presenters:** Martine Foreman & Kiersten Meyers  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28th **Time:** 1:230pm  
**Location:** L287 **Scan to Sign Up:** 

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Networking Event**  
 Tuesday, March 14  
 3:30-4:30pm  
 Harman Student Center A\*202



Sign up in Student Engagement A118

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**Time:** 1 to 2:30 pm  
**Location:** L287

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That first impression is so important. How can we ensure that we are giving off the right vibe so people want to keep talking to us professionally? Attend this networking event to meet others, gain social skills, and put them into practice. Sign up [here](#).

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impacted jobs, housing, and the environment. We will hear about efforts in Maryland and Carroll County to systemically address poverty through the work of poor people's organizations. And we will learn about ways to get involved locally to build community, support each other, and connect with others across the state to transcend historic divides around geography, partisanship and race.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



**Alternative Spring Break**

Support the local community and make a difference for others. Volunteers may sign up for one event or multiple.

**Opportunities:**

- Charlotte's Quest Nature Center | March 20th | 10am-12pm  
Enjoy nature while doing trail maintenance for an education center.
- Carroll Arts Council | March 21st | 11am-4pm  
Set up and decorate for the Marshmallow Peep Show exhibit at the Towne Mall.
- Irvine Nature Center | March 22nd | 10am-2pm  
Enjoy nature while doing trail maintenance for an education center.
- The Arc | March 23rd | 1-3pm  
Support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by hosting a fun activity.
- Boys & Girls Club | March 24th | 3-5:30pm  
Prepare for Rising Teen Event. Students will play sport activities, do crafts, and mentor the young children.

**BENEFIT TO YOU:**

- Resume builder
- Relation to major
- Team building
- Community engagement

**FREE LUNCH & SHIRT!**  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

**MUST PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION**

**MORE INFORMATION**  
Student Engagement A118 or Canvas page  
Amanda DeRose [aderose@carrollcc.edu](mailto:aderose@carrollcc.edu)

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