

GLOBAL COMPASS



IN WITH THE NEW

By Breaden Peoples

Global Concepts is expanding its Career and Technology Education program next fall with the new building for the culinary arts.

James White, the Work-Based Learning CTE/CDOS Instructor, said the structure will be called the Culinary Arts Training Facility. The plan is to have the first floor open for the 2023-24 school year and the second floor open the following year.

“It’s going to be pretty exciting,” White Said. “The school is putting a lot of money into career and technical education, particularly with culinary being the flagship program.”

White also said the school owes a great deal of thanks to Tracy Magee, the CEO of Global, for playing an integral part of the expansion.

One person who is excited for the new building is Culinary teacher

Krista Van Wagner, who has spent a large portion of her life in professional kitchens and is now passing on her passion to students here at Global.

“Everyone should know how to slice, dice, julienne, sauté, and deglaze,” said Van Wagner. “It’s a life skill... I’ve always said ‘Food is love.’ You can do a special dinner for somebody, for an occasion, for an event... That’s what we do in the kitchen.”

Van Wagner’s program focuses on time management skills and the importance of learning to work together with other people. The opportunity to have classes throughout the day instead of scheduling around the cafeteria for half of it will allow the students to maximize those skills in a great facility.



“The kitchen that they’re building is a dream kitchen,” Van Wagner said. The new building’s kitchen will be modeled after Buffalo State College’s Culinary Kitchen, which she has always admired from afar. Students must have three credits

in culinary education to get a full certification, which requires two courses at Global Concepts.

“Just taking one year of [culinary], [students are] going to still learn a lot of stuff relative to food prep, proper sanitation, different dietary things,” said White. “It’s a good thing for most students to take just solely on the information they cover.”



DUCK DAYS

By Grey Martinez

While wandering the halls in the month of October, we encountered a student acting suspiciously. They did not help ease our speculation when they asked if their secretive antics made them seem more suspicious. Once we agreed it did, this unnamed person cracked open their locker slightly, wrestled out a trapped backpack, then slammed the door shut before anybody could peer inside.

Could they be the one scattering random miniature ducks around

the halls and classrooms of Global Concepts High School? Perhaps. Many people have become mesmerized by these one-half inch by one-half inch ducks. And yet, answers elude us.

“They deserve good homes.” says DPS (Duck Protective Services) agent and math teacher Alicia Salmon. She has made a duck nursery in her room to protect them and was designated as their protector since she was the first to take in the glossy figurines. “One student took one of the ducks, and I got really upset. So, I kept asking around and asking around, and suddenly, the duck reappeared one day.”

“We first started to find them in Miss. Salmon’s room, and we just started to collect them.” said senior Lexy Hagelberger. “Last year, people hid a bunch of tiny babies.”

During the 2021-22 school year, little inch-long babies were hidden throughout the school. People thought they were cute or creepy, depending on whom you ask. Could the people behind the babies be responsible for this ducky daze?

English teacher Sean Petro said the ducks are being rehidden once people find them. By whom? “I don’t recall,” he said, “but I feel like the situation will escalate because baby ducks grow into big ducks.”

Upcoming events

Nov. 11 Veterans Day recess
Nov 14 Girls/boys basketball and cheerleading practices begin
Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving recess
Nov 29 Early release/Parent teacher conferences

Spirit Week 2022

By Logan Rivera

A week of school pride is celebrated by many schools in the country. Some call it homecoming, but at Global Concepts High School, they call it Spirit Week. No matter the name, the details are the same: five themes in five days, students dressing to fit those themes, and a final dance at the end.

Miss Kelly Lewis, American history teacher and supervisor of the student council, said the week was meant to be celebrated.

“Spirit week brings positive energy in a way for kids to showcase who they really are and who they want to be,” Lewis said.

The student council organized everything that goes into Spirit Week. They voted for the themes of each day: Pajamas Day, Twin/

Squad Day, Sweats vs. Styles Day, Culture Day, and Color Wars. They also set up the decorations for the school and the homecoming dance and, after a successful fundraiser, gave every homeroom teacher \$20 to decorate their own doors for a Halloween contest.

“The decorations around the school boost the morality of people and make them feel well,” said Basheer Alhumaikani, who was president of the student council until the end of Spirit Week. “They will be really excited to come [to school], instead of like, ‘I don’t need to come in the suit and tie. I could wear a hoodie. I can wear pajamas. I’ll be very cozy and comfy all day [to celebrate].”

Many students participated in Spirit Week. Some students have worn funny pairs of slippers for “Sweats vs. Styles.” Others dressed up as Things 1, 2, 3, and 4 from Dr. Seuss’ *The Cat in the Hat* for “Twin/Squad Day,” and others walked around holding stuffed animals for “Pajama Day.”

“It’s important to show that you care about your school and your community and the people around you,” said Ghayda Mohsin, leading president of the student council. “You want to make the school a little bit more fun and not always miserable.”

Quote of the Month

“When you complain, you make yourself a victim. Leave the situation, change the situation, or accept it. All else is madness.”

—Sean Petro

