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Comic and Zine-Making Workshop with Leila Abdelrazaq



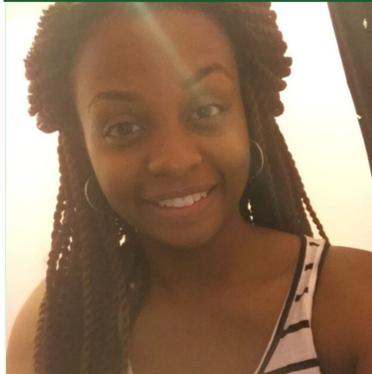
On Saturday, March 4, 2017, the TRIO SSS students went on a trip to the Arab American National Museum, where they took part in a Comic and Zine-Making Workshop lead by Leila Abdelrazaq. During this workshop, Abdelrazaq explained the inspiration and history behind her graphic novel, *Baddawi* (Just World Books, 2015). *Baddawi* explains the

struggles that the Palestinian people had to go through from the point of view of Abdelrazaq's father. The students were also able to make their own Zines on a topic of their choosing. This workshop was followed by the students touring the Arab American National Museum and engaging with the exhibits.

After their visit to the museum, the team walked down to Habib's, a Middle Eastern restaurant located in Dearborn. There, the group enjoyed a family-style lunch and were able to experience different Arabic foods.



Student Spotlight



Chocolate Brooks is currently a freshman at Eastern Michigan University. She chose to come to Eastern after taking a tour of the campus and feeling a sense of belonging. She is hoping to graduate from Eastern and pursue her dream of becoming a nurse anesthetist.

Chocolate chose to become part of TRIO SSS, because she felt that the program could help guide her on her transition from high school to college. She loves the program and feels welcomed by all of the other students, her peer tutor, Ana and Ethriam. Currently she is not involved in any student clubs on campus, but she plans to be a part of an organization her sophomore year. One of the things that she is so proud of is how much she has grown since being in college. She has become more independent, learned to ask questions in class, meet and talk with new people and get to where she needs to go without depending on her parents. Before college, she relied solely on them; but, now she knows that they cannot be with her forever, so she has learned to depend on herself. She now has an on-campus job at Smashburger and many friends as well as some close friendships with teachers and friends.

Workshop with JoAnn Chávez, VP of Taxation DTE Energy

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm –2:00 pm

Where: The Tower Room, Room 348, in McKenny Hall

Come learn about the importance of professional mentorship and building professional networks as a way of obtaining your future career from one of the pros: JoAnn Chávez, Vice President of Taxation at DTE Energy.

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