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MCCC ALUM NAMED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF BGSU STUDENT NEWSPAPER

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College alum Asia Rapai has been named editor-in-chief of The BG News, the student newspaper of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Rapai – a former staffer for MCCC’s student newspaper, The Agora – applied for the position over spring break and competed against about eight other applicants. On the same day that applicants were formally interviewed by the University Board of Student Publications, Rapai was informed that she had been selected as editor-in-chief.

The BG News is a daily newspaper published Monday through Friday offering items of general interest to the broader campus community, including top local campus and city news and state, regional, national and international news events of significance.

BGSU has an enrollment of about 20,000 students.

Although she will not begin the new position until the fall semester, Rapai said her work has already begun. In addition to interviewing and hiring the newspaper staff for 2011, she has been developing plans to place a larger focus on The BG News Web site.

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Rapai began her student career at BGSU in 2010 as a journalism major, and she immediately contacted the editors of the newspaper about joining the staff. She obtained a general reporter position, handling copy editing responsibilities and the environmental beat.

As for her future, Rapai will graduate from BGSU with a bachelor in journalism in December 2012. She said her future plans include an internship and a journalism-related job, preferably in new media.

“You could tell right off that Asia was going to be successful in the classroom of life because she worked hard to learn everything there was to learn about any news event on campus,” said MCCC President Dr. David E. Nixon. “MCCC is honored to have alumnus like Asia, and we wish her well at BGSU.”

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