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**A Promise Made,
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Keynote Speaker: Wallace Davis

Saginaw Public School District Alumnus & Entrepreneur

Wallace Davis was born in Camden, Arkansas. His family moved to Saginaw when he was 7 years of age. Mr. Davis will speak about the impact of his education in Saginaw and how that served as a springboard for his enriched and fulfilling career. He and his wife Felicia, live in Centerville, Ohio and have four children.

- **EDUCATION IN SAGINAW:** Wallace Davis attended Potter Elementary, Arthur Eddy and Saginaw High School.
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HOMECOMING

Jennifer Harge returns for modern dance production the line between heaven and here



Jennifer Harge
Courtesy Photo

By Jennifer Scott

Saginaw - Some people are simply born to dance. Jennifer Harge is certainly one of those people. The former Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy student of dance returns to SASA to present: the line between heaven and here.

An evening length piece featuring the SASA Department of Dance and local community members, details African American life cycles and the grief they often experience.

“Coming to Saginaw is particularly special for me because it’s my home” Jennifer said about her April 17 showcase. “I was raised by the Saginaw community and educated in Saginaw Public Schools.”

Her home experiences often serve as her muse.

“Saginaw has been showing up in my creative investigations for years,” she continued. “I tend to make dances about real places, real people, social issues, and moments in history. Saginaw has served as one of the most honest landscapes to explore these issues.”

Harge currently serves as a modern dance instructor for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in Rochester, MI. She hasn’t performed in Saginaw in 10 years.

“I’ve grown so much as an artist and I’m looking forward to sharing that,” she said. “With

Saginaw being so small, not a lot of dance companies come through the city. I’m hoping people come to see what dance can be, and how it can further our social discourses.”

The line between heaven and here has Saginaw roots, but also speaks to a global movement about black bodies. With #blacklivesmatter surfacing throughout social media and in people’s consciousness, this piece adds to the conversation about the history and treatment of black lives. Also, the sound score travels through hip hop, minimalist music, spiritual songs, and live singing from the dancers.

Jennifer decided to take a bold step in her professional career last year, positioning herself as artistic director and creator of Harge Dance Stories.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to continue to create works from a place of honesty and humility,” she said.

But like any form of self-employment, creative directing has its pros and cons.

“I’ve been teaching and dancing for so long, I thought that was all I was supposed to do,” Jennifer said. “Starting a company has been exciting because it’s a space for me to consider my interests. But, Michigan is still a hard place for professional dance.”

Difficulties asides, Jennifer called her rehearsals with the dancers in MI “so fulfilling.” She has also dedicated a large part of her teaching career to working with youth throughout the city of Saginaw, including: NAACP ACT-SO Dance Ensemble, The Neighborhood House, and the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy. She attributes much of her success to community support.

“I did not get here alone. From Bethel Daycare, to Handley, to ACT-SO, to the SASA Dance Department--these places helped raise me. I feel a sense of responsibility (and excitement!) about sharing my artistic work with this community; and I want to encourage the next group of artists.”

Dance student MaKenzie Smith raved about Jennifer’s desire to be “innovative and unpredictable.” It was her one-of-a-kind

technique that MaKenzie attributed to helping her improve as a dancer.

“Jennifer is definitely an interesting choreographer to work with,” said the SASA sophomore. “She has her own style and way of thinking, and constantly challenged me to find new ways to manipulate movement,” Smith said.

Jennifer Harge plans to continue performing, lecturing, and teaching outreach dance classes throughout Michigan and beyond. She has an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. Her first time onstage was at Nelson Curtis Dance Center at age 4. Find out more about Jennifer Harge and Harge Dance Stories on facebook.com/hargedancestories.

Harge Dance Stories and the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Department of Dance presents “the line between heaven and here” Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m., at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the SASA Box Office.



Jennifer Harge (middle) in action.
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Deborah Sanchez Named Director of the Saginaw Promise



Deborah Sanchez, Director Saginaw Promise

Saginaw - The Saginaw Promise Board is pleased to announce that Deborah Sanchez was recently hired as the Director of the Saginaw Promise, filling the position vacated by former Director, Kendrick Kemp, who relocated out of state.

“We are pleased to welcome Deborah as our new Director. She has volunteered with the Saginaw Promise from the outset. Deborah has demonstrated a real interest and commitment to advancing our organizational objectives and goals for postsecondary education.

With her knowledge and skill set, she has been able to “hit the ground running” as our new Director,” stated Joyce Seals, Chair of the Saginaw Promise Board of Directors.

“The Saginaw Promise is a wonderful organization working to affect Saginaw’s economy and quality of life by promoting and supporting a culture of postsecondary education for all of its graduating students through information, programming and the awarding of “last dollar” scholarships.

“I am honored to have been selected as its new director and very proud of what this organization has accomplished to date and what we can accomplish in the future for our community and students”, stated Sanchez.”

SEE P9, Sanchez Named Director

Realizing the Promise

OH - Wallace Davis, Saginaw Public School District alumnus and entrepreneur, was born in Camden, Arkansas, later moving with his family to Saginaw at the age of 7.

Davis presently resides in Ohio and will return to Saginaw where his dreams began, when he addresses the community as the keynote speaker at the Saginaw Promise five year anniversary luncheon.

All proceeds will benefit the information programming and scholarships provided by the Saginaw Promise to promote and support a culture of postsecondary education.

Wallace attended Potter Elementary School, Arthur Eddy School, and Saginaw High, where he was a stand-out athlete in basketball, receiving a full athletic scholarship to Oakland University, in Rochester, MI.

While attending Oakland University, Davis studied at the School of Human Services where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development with a specialization in Training and Design.

Shortly after starting his career, he successfully completed the Minority Executive Management program at Dartmouth University.

Approximately ten years after receiving his Bachelor’s degree, Wallace attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to complete the Executive MBA program where he obtained his MBA in general management.



Wallace Davis

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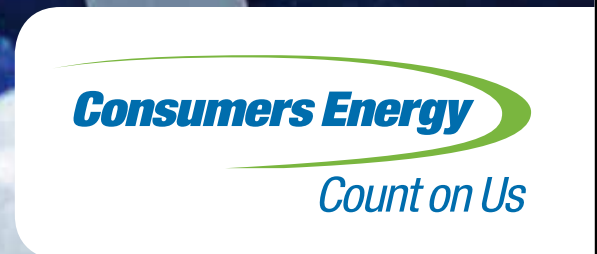
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(R) Andrea Sanchez, Team One Community Development Specialist, delivers Teacher Grant Program check to Emily Simmermacher at Arrowwood Elementary School, with students. *Courtesy Photo*

SVSU Receives Senate Tribute for Community Engagement



State Senator Ken Horn presents Saginaw Valley State University President Don Bachand with the SVSU special legislative tribute.

Photo Credit: Saginaw Valley State University

University Center, MI - State Senator Ken Horn presented Saginaw Valley State University President Don Bachand with a special legislative tribute Monday, March 23.

SVSU received the recognition for meeting criteria for the 2015 Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching.

“This achievement showcases SVSU’s outstanding tradition of being extremely engaged in our community,” said Horn, R-Frankenmuth.

“It’s always been a pleasure to work alongside SVSU students, faculty, staff and alumni, whether it be in my office in Lansing or while volunteering across the Great Lakes Bay Region.”

SVSU students are actively engaged in

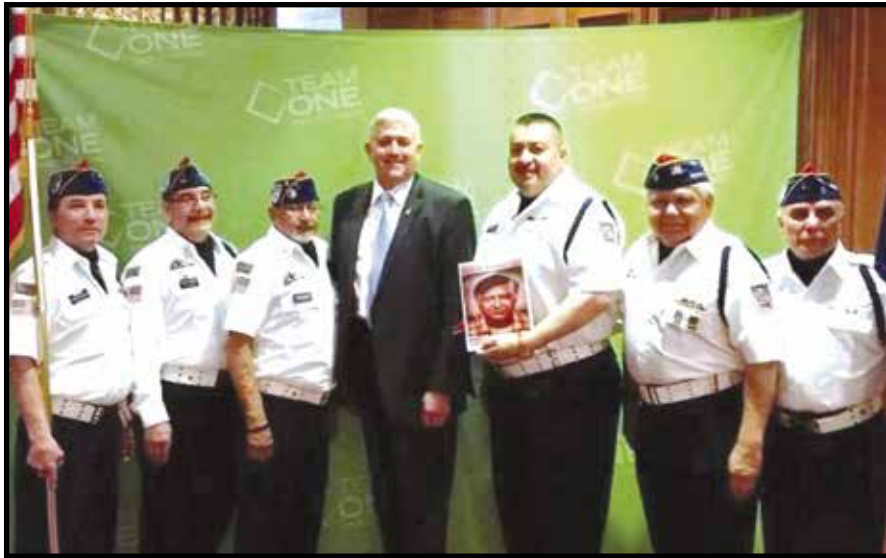
field-based learning and volunteer service throughout the region and Michigan as a whole.

By their senior year, 84 percent of students have engaged with community employers and agencies in internships, field placements or some other component of their academic preparation, and more than 60 percent of students have engaged in co-curricular service outside of academic course work.

About 7 percent of U.S. colleges and universities have earned the Community Engagement designation.

In addition to Senator Horn, the tribute was signed by Governor Rick Snyder and state representatives Ben Glardon, Vanessa Guerra, and Tim Kelly.

The American GI Forum (AGIF) of Saginaw, MI Chapter, and the community recently celebrated the 12th Annual César Chávez Scholarship Luncheon at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. The Keynote Speaker was State Rep. Vanessa Guerra (D), and Mistress of Ceremonies, Kristen Aguirre. The scholarship proceeds will benefit the community Hispanic youth.



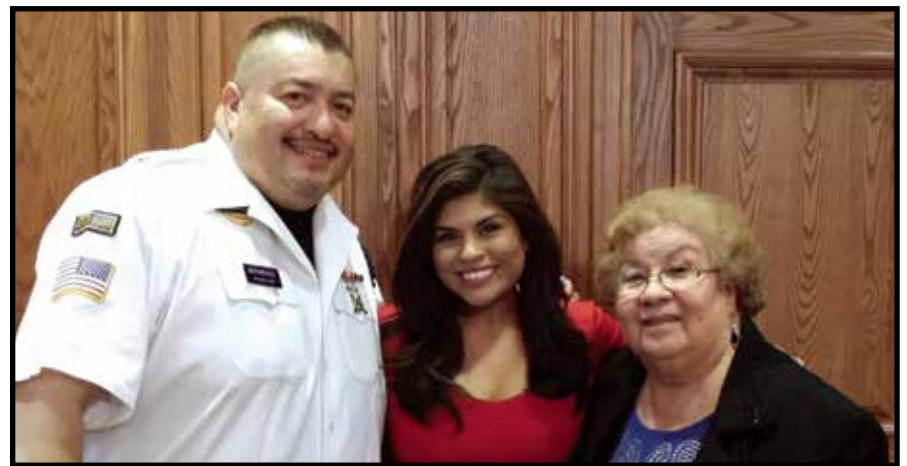
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(L-R) Commander Adam B Gonzalez, Mistress of Ceremonies Kristen Aguirre, and Rachel Castaneda.
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AT&T Invests More Than \$1.7 Billion Over Three Year Period To Enhance Local Networks In Michigan

Detroit -- AT&T has invested more than \$1.7 billion in its best-in-class wireless and wired networks in Michigan between 2012 through 2014, driving a wide range of upgrades to reliability, coverage, speed and performance for residents and business customers.

As part of its Project Velocity IP (VIP), an investment plan focused on network enhancement and expansion, AT&T in 2014 made 513 wireless network upgrades in Michigan, including 34 new cell sites and 49 capacity additions.

There were also 38 new mobile Internet network connections and 392 new wireless high-speed Internet network connections.

"With a growing range of connected home appliances, cars and wearable devices, we depend more on network connectivity than ever before," said Jim Murray, president, AT&T Michigan.

"AT&T's continued investment in Michigan brings a host of new, innovative opportunities for residents and businesses to connect with each other and their customers."

Notable Michigan network enhancements in

2014 included new site builds in 34 communities including, Grosse Pointe Woods, Lansing, St. Clair, Angola, Ypsilanti, Allendale, and West Lafayette.

AT&T also added or expanded 4G LTE in several communities including Alpena, Battle Creek, Bad Axe, Flint, Birch Run and Big Rapids and capacity upgrades were made throughout Detroit, Ann Arbor, Troy, Muskegon and Niles, as well other areas.

And mobile Internet is now available in more areas including Marquette, with enhanced coverage on the Northern Michigan University campus.

"AT&T's investment over the past three years is another example of the economic comeback we're experiencing in Michigan," said Steve Arwood, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporations.

"With unemployment the lowest since 2002, it's due in part to companies like this who are committed to our state and investing in opportunities for residents and businesses."

AT&T provides the nation's most reliable 4G LTE network today, covering more than

300 million Americans with 4G LTE service. AT&T's network also has the nation's strongest LTE signal.

During 2014, several markets in Michigan were added to AT&T's extensive LTE network, including Traverse City, Sault Ste. Marie, Midland, Petoskey, Jackson, Escanaba and Cadillac.

AT&T was recently recognized by FORTUNE magazine as the Most Admired Telecommunications Company in the world in 2015.

Additionally, FORTUNE ranked AT&T #47 among all companies in all industries in its list of the Top 50 Most Admired Companies in the world. FORTUNE's Most Admired Companies lists are among the most highly respected indicators of corporate performance and reputation.

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FROM P3, Sanchez Named Director

Sanchez comes to the Saginaw Promise from The Public Libraries of Saginaw, where she served as Community Relations Coordinator for six years. She brings with her an extensive background in public relations, special events, fund development, sales, and marketing.

Sanchez's professional career with other non-profit organizations includes 12 years as the Campaign Director for the United Way of Saginaw County and several years as Executive Director for the Easter Seals Society of Saginaw County. Sanchez holds a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

She enjoys being involved in the community and throughout the years has served on several community boards, such as, the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square, Handley School Foundation, Junior League of Saginaw Valley, ZONTA Club of Saginaw, Handicapped Advisory Board, National Society of Fundraising Executives, Saginaw Bay Orchestra and Leadership Saginaw.

Currently, Sanchez serves as President of Garden Club 8-Junior League of Saginaw Valley.

FROM P3, Realizing the Promise

Davis has enjoyed a very enriched career with experience in various industries, including, Automotive, Aerospace, Agriculture and Water Well, Renewable Energy, General Manufacturing and Educational Food Service.

He has also held positions ranging from Service/Operations Manager, Plant Manager, Director of Corporate Continuous Improvement, Director of Materials and Supply Chain, General Manager and President/CEO of a multi-million dollar manufacturing company.

Davis and his wife, Felicia, of 22 years live in Centerville, Oh, and they have four children, Latoya Babers, Draymond Green, Jordan and Gabrielle Davis.



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5 Smart Spending Tips for Tax Refunds

By Terry Shropshire, National Correspondent

Kan. - The IRS says the average tax refund issued so far in 2015 tops \$3,500. While it can be tempting to hit up the mall and blow through your money the second that big check arrives, smart spenders find ways to turn a refund into a "MeFund" through thrifty money-management decisions that keep cash in their pocket.

To help you become a better saver and a more prudent spender, Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, The Money Coach and personal finance expert Julie Stav suggest five smart ways to stretch your refund check, making your money go further and enhancing your quality of life:

1) Invest in yourself

In today's economy, it's wise to invest in your education, your career and your health. Each will benefit you personally and professionally.

SEE P 11, 5 Smart Spending tips



Lynnette Khalfani-Cox

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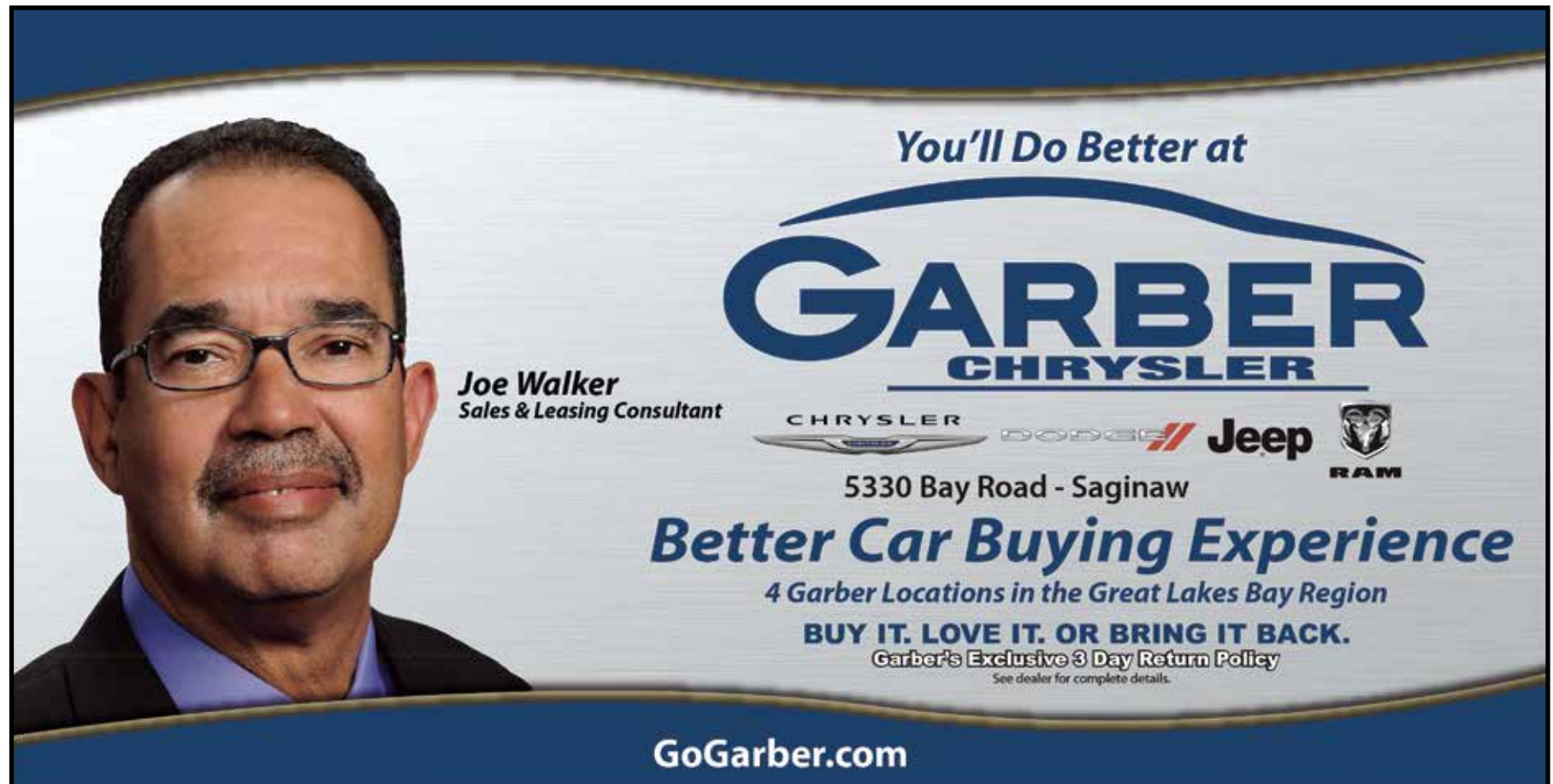
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FROM P 10, 5 Smart Spending Tips

Consider using some of your tax refund check to take a continuing education class or attend a business networking event.

Similarly, invest in your health by signing up for a gym, taking yoga classes, or getting the aid of a personal trainer. A healthy body can boost creativity and productivity – and hopefully lower your long-term healthcare costs too.

2) Pay off debt

A recent study from the American Psychological Association showed money is a top cause of stress for Americans.

To help rid yourself of money worries, reduce debt with your tax refund. Pay off a credit card bill, wipe out a lump sum on loans, or make an extra mortgage payment to help toward becoming debt free.

3) Spend wisely by taking advantage of seasonal promotions

If you are going to spend on something you

want, do it the smart way. Take advantage of seasonal promotions in order to keep much of your refund in your pocket.

For instance, if you're in the market for a new phone, go to Cricket Wireless to receive free or discounted phones, all after mail-in rebate, such as the Nokia Lumia 635.

And, if you port your number to Cricket, you may also get a free month of service after completing two months on one of the provider's Smart, Pro or Advanced plans. Check out more details at www.cricketwireless.com.

4) Budget for larger purchases

If you're thinking about spending your tax refund on a vacation or must-have electronics, be sure to first budget realistically. Remember, a vacation won't just involve travel expenses and hotel accommodations. Be sure to factor in food, entertainment and miscellaneous costs such as tips, souvenirs and parking.

Before using your refund on a big-ticket purchase, you should also use helpful budgeting

tools to monitor your monthly spending. Mint.com is a good online and mobile budgeting software tool that can help you track your spending.

5) Create a "MeFund"

A final way to put your money to good use is to boost your savings. Create a "MeFund" as a way to save more every month – whether from a tax refund check, through smart budgeting or value found by switching to a no-contract wireless carrier like Cricket on a nationwide 4G LTE network – so you can spend more on the things that matter to you in the future.

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From investing in yourself to paying down debt and being a smarter spender and saver, let tax refund season be your time to get ahead.

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The introductory seminar helps aspiring entrepreneurs assess their abilities to lead and manage a company; as well as evaluate market and sales potential for their products/services.

Start-up costs, financing options, and business planning are introduced, along with necessary steps to get started.

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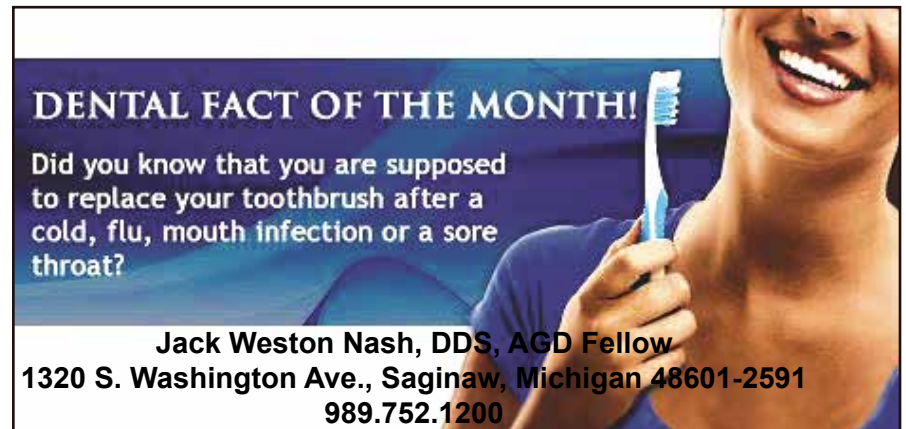


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At the presentation, you will learn the importance of taking care of your feet in order to avoid diabetes related food complications.

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Ten Tips for Alcohol Prevention for Youth

N.Y. - As a young person you are faced with many challenges. However, very few have the potential to affect your life in a more significant way than the decisions you make about alcohol and drugs.

The decisions you make about alcohol and drugs will influence your health, your grades, your relationships, your job or career, or your freedom. Not to be too dramatic... but these are life and death decisions.

Bottom line – you are responsible for your own safety...what are you going to do?

Don't Be Afraid to Say No: Sometimes, our fear of negative reaction from our friends, or others we don't even know, keeps us from doing what we know is right.

Real simple, it may seem like “everyone is doing it,” but they are not. Don't let someone else make your decisions for you.

If someone is pressuring you to do something that's not right for you, you have the right to say no, the right not to give a reason why, and the right to just walk away.

Connect With Your Friends and Avoid Negative Peer Pressure: Pay attention to who you are hanging out with. If you are hanging out with a group in which the majority of kids are drinking alcohol or using drugs to get high, you may want to think about making some new friends.

You may be headed toward an alcohol and drug problem if you continue to hang around

others who routinely drink alcohol, smoke marijuana, abuse prescription drugs or use illegal drugs. You don't have to go along to get along.

Make Connections With Your Parents or Other Adults: As you grow up, having people you can rely on, people you can talk to about life, life's challenges and your decisions about alcohol and drugs is very important.

The opportunity to benefit from someone else's life experiences can help put things in perspective and can be invaluable.

Enjoy Life and Do What You Love: Don't Add Alcohol and Drugs: Learn how to enjoy life and the people in your life, without adding

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alcohol or drugs. Alcohol and drugs can change who you are, limit your potential and complicate your life.

Too often, "I'm bored" is just an excuse. Get out and get active in school and community activities such as music, sports, arts or a part-time job. Giving back as a volunteer is a great way to gain perspective on life.

Follow the Family Rules About Alcohol and Drugs: As you grow up and want to assume more control over your life, having the trust and respect of your parents is very important.

Don't let alcohol and drugs come between you and your parents. Talking with mom and dad about alcohol and drugs can be very helpful.

Get Educated About Alcohol and Drugs:

You cannot rely on the myths and misconceptions that are out there floating around among your friends and on the internet.

Your ability to make the right decisions includes getting educated.

Be a Role Model and Set a Positive Example: Don't forget, what you do is more important than what you say! You are setting the foundation and direction for your life; where are you headed?

Plan Ahead: As you make plans for the party or going out with friends you need to plan ahead. You need to protect yourself and be smart.

Don't become a victim of someone else's alcohol or drug use. Make sure that there is someone you can call, day or night, no matter

what, if you need them. And, do the same for your friends.

Speak Out/Speak Up/Take Control: Take responsibility for your life, your health and your safety. Speak up about what alcohol and drugs are doing to your friends, your community and encourage others to do the same.

Get Help!: If you or someone you know is in trouble with alcohol or drugs, get help. Don't wait. You are not alone.

Visit the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, at <https://ncadd.org> for additional information.

www.ncadd.org

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Saginaw - The Sexual Assault Center of Child and Family Services provides several services to victims of sexual violence and their loved ones 24 hours, including crisis intervention and advocacy, sexual assault and abuse counseling, and legal advocacy.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, the Sexual Assault Center of Child and Family Services awareness activities are as follows:

- The Sexual Assault Center is partnering with the SVSU Social Work Department to host a viewing of the Perks of Being a Wallflower video at the Ott Auditorium from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students and public are invited to attend and participate in the movie and panel discussion.

- On Thursday, April 23, join the center participants for lunch or dinner at Beef O' Brady's who will be hosting a benefit where a portion

of the sales will be donated to the Sexual Assault Center.

- On Wednesday, April 29, wear denim to work to speak out against sexual assault. Visit <http://www.sac-saginaw.org/> to learn more about how you or your company can get involved.



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The purpose of the Red Cross Lifeguarding course is to provide entry-level lifeguarding participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, respond to aquatic emergencies, and provide care for injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS arrive and take over.

Upon passing the course, participants will receive a lifeguard, first aid and CPR/AED certification valid for 2 years.

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Vonda VanTil

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Grand Rapids - As we say “goodbye” to winter weather hardships and “hello” to gardens budding with vibrant color, we welcome the season by celebrating Stress Awareness Month.

Did you know that stress, also called the “silent killer,” could cause heart disease and high blood pressure? Recognizing the sources of stress is the best way to understand how you can start eliminating factors in your life that put unnecessary strain on your body and mind.

Social Security wants to make your retirement planning as stress-free as possible, which is why we have a number of online tools available for you.

You can create your own secure, personal my Social Security account from the comfort of your living room and avoid unpleasant traffic and a possible long wait in one of our field offices.

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Our website and online tools are always available. You can enjoy Social Security’s stress-free retirement planning tools any time of the year, giving you more time to enjoy these warmer months.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

Disability Network Mid-Michigan Adds to Nursing Facility Transition Staff

Midland – Alma Moore has joined the staff of Disability Network of Mid-Michigan’s Nursing Facility Transition (NFT) program.

"The NFT program works with individuals seeking to return to their own home or community-based living as an alternative to nursing facility residency," said David Emmel, Executive Director of Disability Network of Mid-Michigan (DNMM).

“Alma’s extensive background in recipient rights and social work, and her dedication to the independent-living philosophy will prove an invaluable asset to the program and to our consumers.”

Moore has a Masters degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Detroit-Mercy. After working for five years as a probation

officer, she began work as a community outreach social worker with New Center Mental Health in Detroit.

She then worked in the State Office of Recipient Rights in Lansing for six years before spending 17 years as a recipient rights consumer advocate in various Wayne County agencies.

Most recently, Alma worked for Michigan Rehabilitation Services and the American Cancer Society. Alma is an enthusiastic supporter of all Michigan sports teams and she also greatly enjoys technical and educational reading.

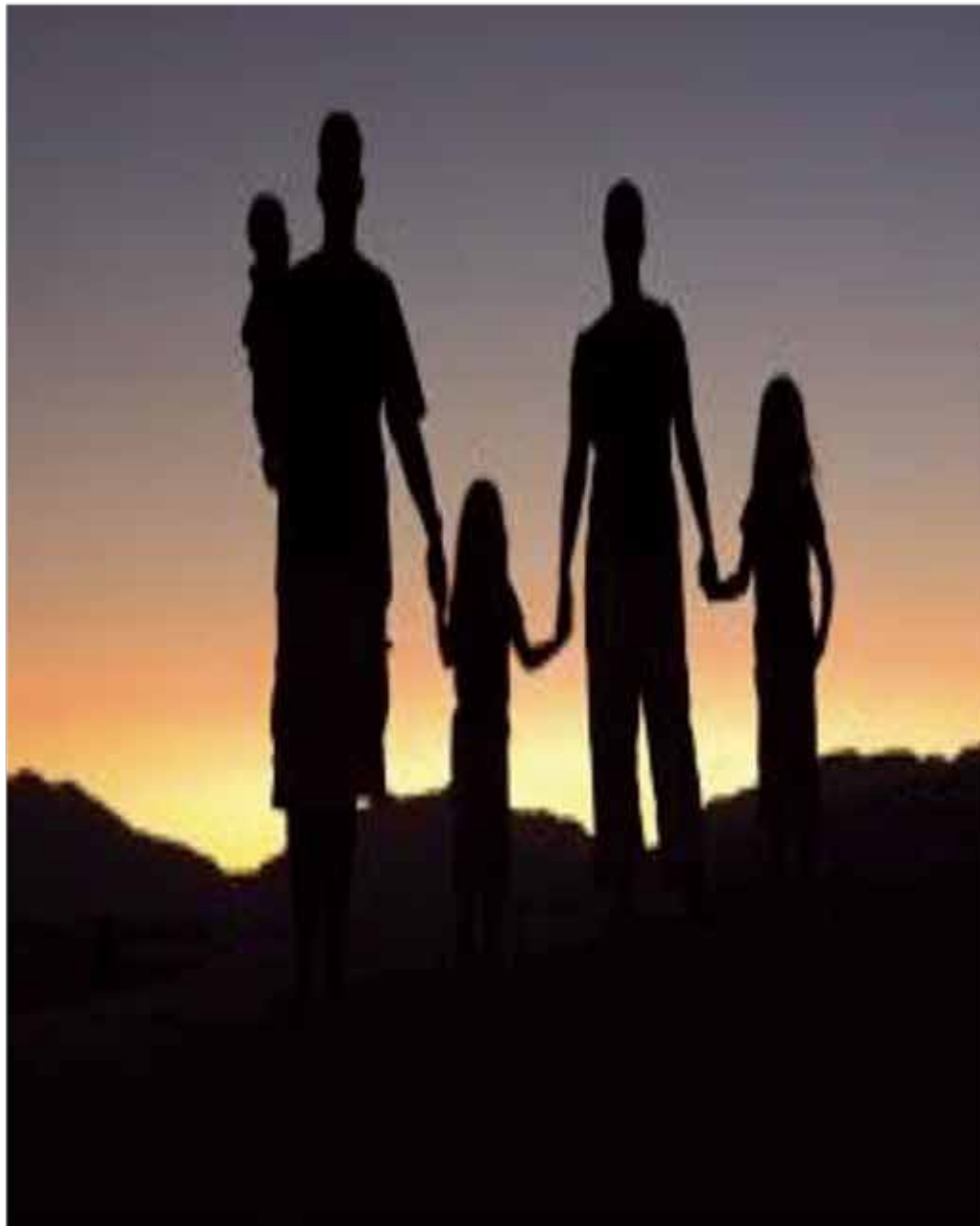
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Education

Letter to the Editor: Hope and Appreciation

As you may know, I presented to the Saginaw Board of Education a recommendation that consisted of one comprehensive high school for the 2015-16 school year closing Saginaw High at the end of this school year leaving Arthur Hill open.

This recommendation came with a motion from a board member but lacked support from any other board member. As there was no support, the recommended motion failed.

Needless to say, I was very disappointed by the outcome. In fact, I was quite shocked and have been numb the past couple of days believing the fire in my belly, that brought me back to the District, had just died.

Having reflected, I came across a quote, in my readings by Albert Schweitzer, which said, "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person."

Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

This is so true as I began to think about our students again. That coupled with an outpouring of love and support from many, to stay the course. Knowing this, I say to you that I'm grateful for your recent comments and kind words, for your emails and support, your wisdom, insight and trust.

It means more to me than I have words to convey. It humbles me. I'm filled with appreciation for each of you and for what you do on a regular basis by supporting this District and our students.

John F. Kennedy once said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Please know that I appreciate your dedication to our students, parents and the community.

I thank you for coming to work every day to work with our students, support our students, lift our students up and give them hope for an amazing tomorrow.

Our students, in turn, give you insight, motivation and little reminders that we're in this together. Your support reminded me that students sit at the center and core of what we believe and do—the fire has been restored.

We know that each of us has amazing qualities. We are all works-in-progress. One of life's purposes is to improve on the wiring under the hood of our lives. I believe in each of our abilities to stand and courageously be the person we each were meant to be.

We are not perfect people. We are flawed human beings; however, that does not define us. What defines us is what we're doing about it. You see, the ability to grow and climb and reach and evolve is infinite.

I believe in each of our ability to rise above and break through and overcome. I believe in our human capacity to survive and change and improve.

While I guarantee I'll fall short of my goal simply because I'm a flawed human being, I will nonetheless strive to always provide our students, staff, parents and community with something of value here, something that helps, that supports, that inspires and provides hope. That, at least, is my promise to you.

I will continue to lead from the front and behind to lift each of you up so we can move our students and this District forward.

I will stay the course, with a slight deviation, as we move in the direction of the vision I have for all of us.

With your continued dedication, compassion and commitment, we will get there. Please know I support each of you and I am here for the long haul.

With Hope and Appreciation,
Dr. Kelley A. Peatross
Saginaw School District
Interim Superintendent



Dr. Kelley A. Peatross
Saginaw School District Interim Superintendent



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Spotlight on Great Lakes Bay Region Youth Around the Nation

Okla.- Leonna Praise Howard, the 17-year old daughter of Saginaw native Ava Strode Brown, is an International Baccalaureate student at Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She maintains a 4.7 grade point average while being involved in a host of other activities.

A leader throughout her school years, she was named a Duke University Scholar for receiving perfect scores in Math on her state test, recently received a 25 on her ACT test.

A member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the French Club, Howard also serves on the Teen Advisory Board, a team that addresses the social issues of the school, by forming panels, discussion groups and inviting policy makers to speak to their group. Leonna has been a

leader on this board, as her questions and comments are insightful and thought provoking.

As a future nominee of the Hall of Fame, Howard is presently serving on the Hall of Fame committee, an organization that recognizes one outstanding student in their senior class. In addition to her academic pursuits, she also enjoys performing with the Booker T. Washington Varsity Pom/Dance Team, who tied for 1st place in the Hip Hop Division at state this year.

In her spare time, she dances and travels with Organized Khaos, a Hip Hop Dance group that submits performance videos for commercials and music artists, and has enjoyed playing the saxophone music in the Jazz band for 5 years.

Congratulations Leonna Praise Howard as you continue to rise as an outstanding millennial star!



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Saturday, April 18
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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson
Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early
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Saginaw MAX At-A-Glance



Saginaw MAX System of Care is a partnership of all of the youth and family-serving agencies that can provide the necessary care to youth with complex emotional and behavioral issues (sometimes referred to as Serious Emotional Disturbance or SED). It was designed to provide a tightly coordinated structure of care and eliminate gaps in service delivery.

227 YOUTH ENROLLED

To date, 227 youth and families have been enrolled into Saginaw MAX System of Care since the initiative began accepting referrals in 2011.

Better School Performance 64%

Sixty four percent of youth and families reported a maintained or improved school performance after 18 months of System of Care support.

22% Decreased Bullying

After twelve months of System of Care support, 22% of youth and families reported a decrease of bullying or threatening behaviors.

Decrease in "Acting Out Behaviors" 22%

Following 18 months of support from System of Care, 22% of youth and families reported a decrease in "acting out behaviors" such as difficulties with relationships and rule breaking as well as displays of irritability and belligerence.

CORE PRINCIPLES

- All planning and service delivery is family-driven and youth-guided.
- Agencies and programs are equally able to serve all people who need service, regardless of racial, ethnic, language or cultural differences.
- Public and private agencies are all working together for the benefit of the youth and his or her family.
- All care is designed for the individual, and evidence and scientific based - meaning its application is rooted in solid research and is based on proven results.

TARGET POPULATIONS

Saginaw MAX is designed to help young people with complex emotional and behavioral challenges and their families. You may be eligible for participation if you or your child:

- is six to 17 years of age
- has emotional or behavioral issues that interfere with or limit the child's role or functioning in the family, school or community activities
- is receiving mental health services and one or more of the following:
 - special education
 - juvenile justice
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Best overall Episcura, Kurt Baringer (R) of Beaverton
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New Venture Competition 2015 at Central Michigan
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Mount Pleasant - An acne cure, a city of Detroit urban revitalization and tiny homes were all startup business proposals presented by Central Michigan University student teams recently in the 5th annual New Venture Competition.

These business and nearly 25 others competed for more than \$75,000 in seed money in the daylong competition.

Led by the CMU College of Business Administration's Isabella Bank Institute for Entrepreneurship, the New Venture Competition is a forum for learning, identifying, nurturing, and showcasing emerging entrepreneurs and their businesses. More than 50 judges, including angel investors and venture capitalists, mentor the students along the way.

This year's winners include:

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Sarah Campbell — Three Oaks
Jessica Koskinen — Harrison

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Alex Grabinski — South Lyon
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Most impact on Michigan:

Revolve Replication \$10,000

Samantha Pina — Mount Pleasant
Joseph Pina — Mount Pleasant

Highest growth potential:

Beergo \$10,000

Anthony Lazzaro — Hope
Cheryl Hunter — Mount Pleasant

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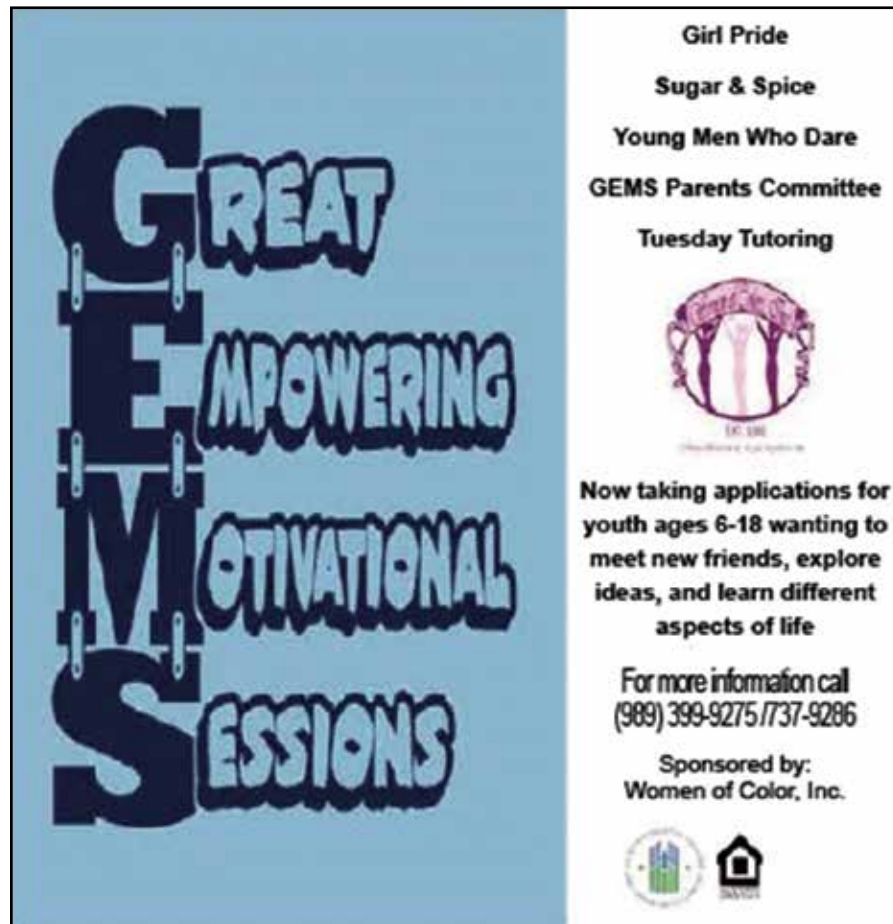
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Troy Prill — Ada
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The CMU New Venture Competition received recognition in 2013 as the "Best Educational Program of the Year" from Automation Alley. This recognition acknowledges the combination of CMU's entrepreneurship curriculum with experiential opportunities maximizing students' potential to launch a business.



Most impact on Michigan: Revolve Replication Joe Pina and Samantha Pina
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Delta Community College Presents “Hunger in Michigan” Event

The Delta Debates Political Forum Committee is proud to announce its next event, “Hunger In Michigan: The Problem and Politics of Food Insecurity.” The program will take place at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, in the lecture theater (G160).

The panel of experts exploring this issue include Jackie Doig, senior attorney for the Center for Civil Justice; Brigit Dyer, coordinator of retention at Delta College, Tracy Fowler-Johnston development manager at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and Sheryl Thompson, deputy director at the Department of Human Services. The event will be moderated by Kirk Wolf, philosophy professor at Delta College.

For more information, contact Lisa Lawrason at 686-9509 or lisalawrason@delta.edu.

Micro-Consulting ‘Experiment’ Yields Strong Results

Memphis, TN — Can just a few hours of fundraising counsel make a difference in the life of a nonprofit?

In early 2014, Dr. Jan Young, executive director of The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc., purchased 90 hours of fundraising counsel on behalf of six Mid-South nonprofits, ranging in focus from urban farming to performing arts.

Each organization received five to 20 hours of “micro-consulting” services with Saad&Shaw, a fund development firm whose counselOnDEMAND program provided a blueprint for Young’s strategy.

Throughout the year, some of the selected nonprofits chose to develop a business plan or write a case for support. Others prepared grant applications or conducted an organizational assessment.

Time was also used for coaching and strategy sessions, board workshops and group exercises, and the creation of tools for future work.

“Working within a specific block of time seemed to help most of the organizations more quickly focus on their priorities or determine their level of readiness for a major fundraising effort, strategic business plan, or project,” said Young.

Early results are positive — more than \$1.5 million in grants and in-kind resources to date.

Of the six participating organizations, four have secured new grant funding or major donations, and two have reshaped their fundraising operations in preparation for future activities.

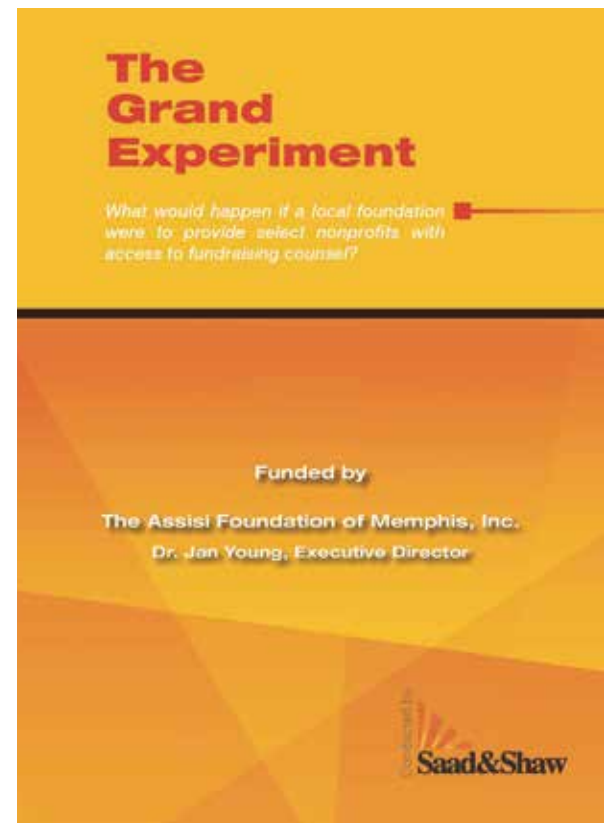
All reported that they gained new insights into fundraising, fund development, and donor cultivation, solicitation, retention, and engagement.

“As a funder, we were able to direct resources to a greater pool of grantees, with sometimes better results than if we had made a similarly sized grant to a single organization,” said Young.

Young’s goal for this experiment was to explore the most effective ways to support the organizations served by The Assisi Foundation, which receives frequent requests for financial and technical support

“Many nonprofits think money is THE answer to their problems, but when we engage with them, we sometimes discover that their true needs are more complex,” she said.

For more information, visit www.assisifoundation.org or www.saadandshaw.com.



The Grand Experiment

What would happen if a local foundation were to provide select nonprofits with access to fundraising counsel?

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Development of skills and knowledge – On the building site, partner family members gain a real understanding of the construction of their home and of the maintenance issues they will face in occupancy.

For additional information and how to apply visit <http://www.sshfh.org/programs/become-a-homeowner/> or call 753.5200.



Praise Connections & Life

BET's 'Sunday Best' Premiering New All-Star Format

By Christine Thomasos
The Christian Post

Wash. - The eighth season of BET's hit gospel competition, "Sunday Best" is unlike any other, giving previous all-star contestants another chance to win the competition.

Instead of going through an audition process, fans will vote for the all-stars that they would like to see return for another chance of winning "Sunday Best." The voting process will begin online Wed, April 1 at 3 p.m. ET on BET's website.

Fans will also have the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with all-stars by logging on so that they can check out performance highlights before voting.

The top ten finalists will be announced on-air during the "Sunday Best All Stars" premiere, Sunday, July 19 at 8 PM ET/PT on BET.

Kirk Franklin will return to executive produce the show and judges Donnie McClurkin, Yolanda Adams and Kierra Sheard will also be back. Kim Burrell will continue to mentor contestants during the upcoming season.

"The chosen SUNDAY BEST ALL STARS finalists will have a chance to showcase how their artistry and stage presence has grown since competing on the series," a BET statement obtained by The Christian Post reads.

"Contestants will also compete for a cash prize, recording contract with Franklin's record label,

Fo Yo Soul Recordings and a chance at redemption being crowned champion.

This season, SUNDAY BEST ALL STARS will crown the new winner in a LIVE finale on Sunday, August 30.

After seven years of appearing on the popular BET gospel music singing competition, Franklin previously spoke to The Christian Post about continuing to be excited about returning to host the competition.

"It's very cool to see people get excited about content that is still very vertical," he told CP. "That's what I want to do and get involved in. I continue to try to push that agenda."

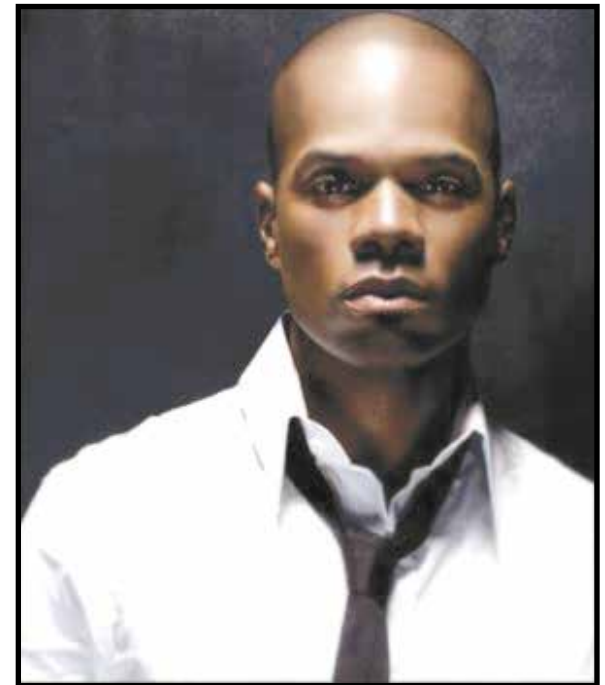
Although Franklin said he could never judge the competition because he would have a hard time sitting still, the veteran gospel musician is an executive producer for the show and decided to sign "Sunday Best" winners to his Fo Yo Soul record label.

Tasha Page-Lockhart won the competition last season, which resulted in Franklin signing her and executive producing her recently released debut album, "Here Right Now."

Franklin has a vision, not only for Page-Lockhart's album or for his singing group The Wall Group, but for his record label to which they belong.

"We're trying to create content that is very culturally forward without compromising the push of the gospel," he told CP.

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Kirk Franklin
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Shaq Inducted Into Orlando Magic Hall of Fame, Acknowledges Regrets About Exit

Fla. - It's been nearly two decades since Shaquille O'Neal left the Orlando Magic to pursue the championship that eluded him during his first four seasons in the NBA.

He returned Friday to be inducted into the Magic's Hall of Fame, a moment he said was an "unexpected" celebration of his contributions to the franchise. It was also a reunion that prompted O'Neal to acknowledge regrets about leaving his original NBA team.

"It's unexpected because I came here to win. We won games, and then I made a business decision," said O'Neal, who becomes the third member of the Magic's hall, joining co-founder Pat Williams and first-ever draft pick Nick Anderson.

"It's never personal. The [team owner Rich] DeVos family knows that. And I accomplished [a championship] somewhere else. It's not like I didn't think they weren't going to be upset or anything. But it's business. It was all business.

"Do I regret it? I never fully answer it. I regret it sometimes. Is this where I started and should have stayed? I actually wish they made it a law that whoever drafts you, you gotta stay there your whole career."

O'Neal was just a potential-filled 20-year-old when he arrived from LSU as the No. 1 overall pick in the 1992 draft. Almost immediately, the 7-footer commanded the attention of the entire league with his dominant presence on the court and gregarious personality off it.

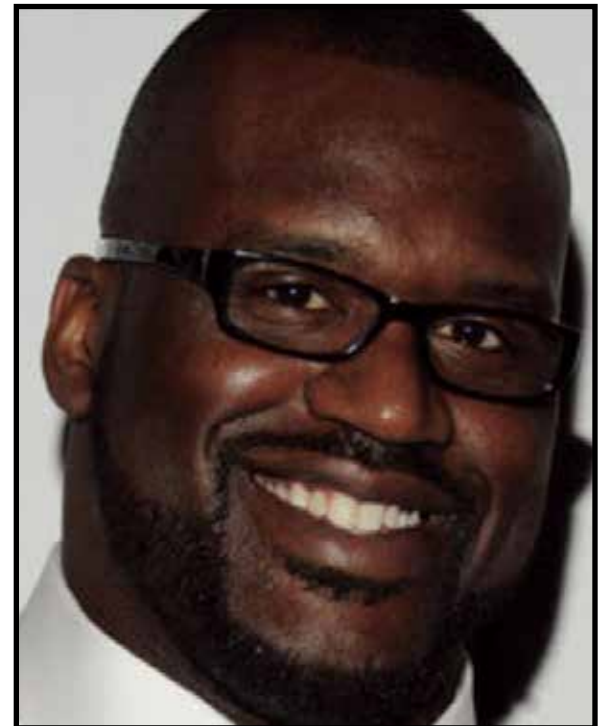
It all helped him take the Magic from an infant expansion team to their first NBA Finals appearance in 1995.

So it's not lost on O'Neal why the backlash was so strong when he joined the Los Angeles Lakers, where he would go on to win three of his four NBA championship rings.

O'Neal said the DeVos family deserves "a couple" of championships and that the Magic's 1995 Finals team, which also featured a core of Penny Hardaway and Anderson, had a chance to get back.

"That's why I kind of regret it, because we had a young, fabulous team," O'Neal said. "We really did. And it's a shame that we got torn apart. But I think about that all the time. I try not to live my life now on 'ifs' or 'would've, should've,' but do I regret leaving here in '96, yes I do."

SOURCE: ESPN



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Katrina Murrell is an SVSU senior majoring in graphic design, which is why you might be surprised if you saw her résumé. Resident assistant, president of the First Year Board, student success coach, peer adviser in the Office of First Year Programs, student abroad to China — none of these may sound like a fit for a young designer. Yet Katrina sees things differently. “Design is the work I do,” she says. “But that communication piece — exposure to people of all different backgrounds — really relates back to my work. It’s all about connecting.”

From her work, Katrina has won the Student Life Involvement Award and the Resident Housing Association Timbo Award for her leadership, and taken part in SVSU’s Honors Program. So, what does she love most about SVSU? “I love the close-knit and encouraging environment,” she says. “This institution is a breeding ground of opportunities. I really love it.”



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