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Monica B. Reyes, (Left) GLBHLI Director accepts \$5,000 check from Michelle Mitchell, Education Program Administrator of Consumers Corporate Giving/Education

Miss Black USA 2014 Visits Saginaw and Speaks at Annual Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Finer Womanhood Luncheon and Scholarship Celebration



Miss Black USA 2014 Jasmin Alexander provides motivational words of encouragement to attendees of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Finer Womanhood Luncheon and Scholarship Celebration



Newly inducted members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Kappa Chapter (Central Michigan University) and Michigan State Organization Director, Tonia Jenkins. (l-r: Alexia DeloSantos (Saginaw), Alyx Johnson (Detroit), Kimberly Johnson (Saginaw), Tonia Jenkins (MSO Director), Andrea Buckley (Saginaw), Rayonee Grant (Grand Rapids/Detroit), Rajaniece Thompson (Detroit))

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The Saginaw NAACP Youth Council to Host First Youth Image Awards

The Saginaw NAACP Youth Council will hold their first NAACP Youth Image Awards ceremony on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Saginaw Arts and Science Performing Arts Center, 1903 Niagara Street, Saginaw. The evening will begin with an invitation only Red Carpet Reception at 5 p.m. The program will begin at 6 p.m.

This event will bring together some of Saginaw’s most positive youth leaders and organizations that embody and mirror the focus areas of the Saginaw NAACP Youth Council. We will focus on youth who are manufacturing a change in the communities of Saginaw County.

“Instead of just gazing at the issues, our youth council seeks to become game changers.

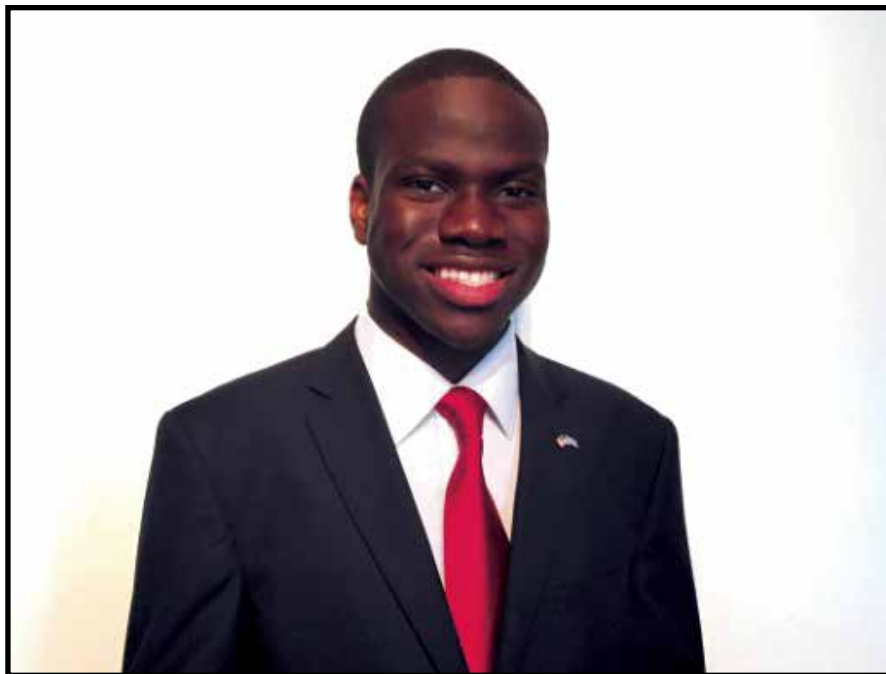
We seek to train, empower, uplift and recognize the youth of Saginaw,” states DeJoiry M. Simmons, President of the Saginaw NAACP Youth Council.

The 2015 Saginaw NAACP Youth Award recipients were nominated and selected for seven categories by school counselors; community youth group advisors, along with the Youth Council Executive Board.

Tickets to the 2015 NAACP Youth Image Awards are \$10 for youth and \$20 for adults. Kids under 2 get in free. Tickets can be purchased through the NAACP office by calling 989.752-0614 or order by email sagnaacpyc@gmail.com

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Fixing FCC Ruling Vital to Competitiveness of Minorities in Internet Economy



Jerome Buckley

**By Jerome Buckley, Publisher
The Michigan Banner**

Saginaw - Minority individuals and businesses are among the most important demographic for Internet use, especially on mobile devices.

African Americans below the age of 30 use Twitter at far higher rates than white users, 40 percent to 28 percent, according to a 2014 Pew study.

African Americans use smartphones at the same rate as white users, catching up after years of lagging.

Hispanic smartphone users are 17 points more likely to get on the Internet than non-Hispanic users, and 45 percent of Hispanic users are mobile-dominant Internet users compared with 38 percent of non-Hispanics, according to a 2014 Experian study.

Minorities will be directly affected by what happens to the Internet in coming years – and whether Michigan’s congressional delegation will fix a decision by the federal government to place the Internet under heavy bureaucratic oversight.

Recently, the Federal Communications Commission decided to place the already free and open Internet under Title II regulations.

Designed for public utilities, these rules are incompatible with the dynamic, fast-paced, rapidly evolving Internet.

The FCC’s decision now threatens to slow the rapid progress of innovations and entrepreneurship that form the backbone of the Internet economy.

The idea that the Internet must remain free, open and accessible is vital to sustaining and increasing technology use among minorities, especially in an economy that demands tech savvy users who can share information and collaborate across platforms.

One critical key to achieving this goal is the continuation of investment and innovations in broadband and wireless technology. The FCC ruling is already sending a chill down the backs of broadband carriers, Internet service providers and other companies that are building the backbone of the Internet economy.

And that investment needs to happen in areas that aren’t fully served and in communities that don’t always have reliable access to the Internet.

Only 62 percent of minority households have some form of broadband connection at home, according to the 2014 Pew study. A large explanation for that is because the infrastructure necessary to expand broadband access still remains to be built in many predominantly minority communities.

Additionally, the FCC rule will likely lead to higher state and local fees for access, costs that consumers and minority owned businesses would be forced to pay for. The Progressive Policy Institute estimates the total increase in taxes and fees at \$11 billion a year.

The FCC ruling amounts to another hurdle for minorities to compete in today’s Internet economy.

Minority leaders across the nation are increasingly calling on Congress to provide a solution to this self-inflicted problem.

Michigan’s congressional leaders should step up so individuals and businesses can compete fairly and achieve success.

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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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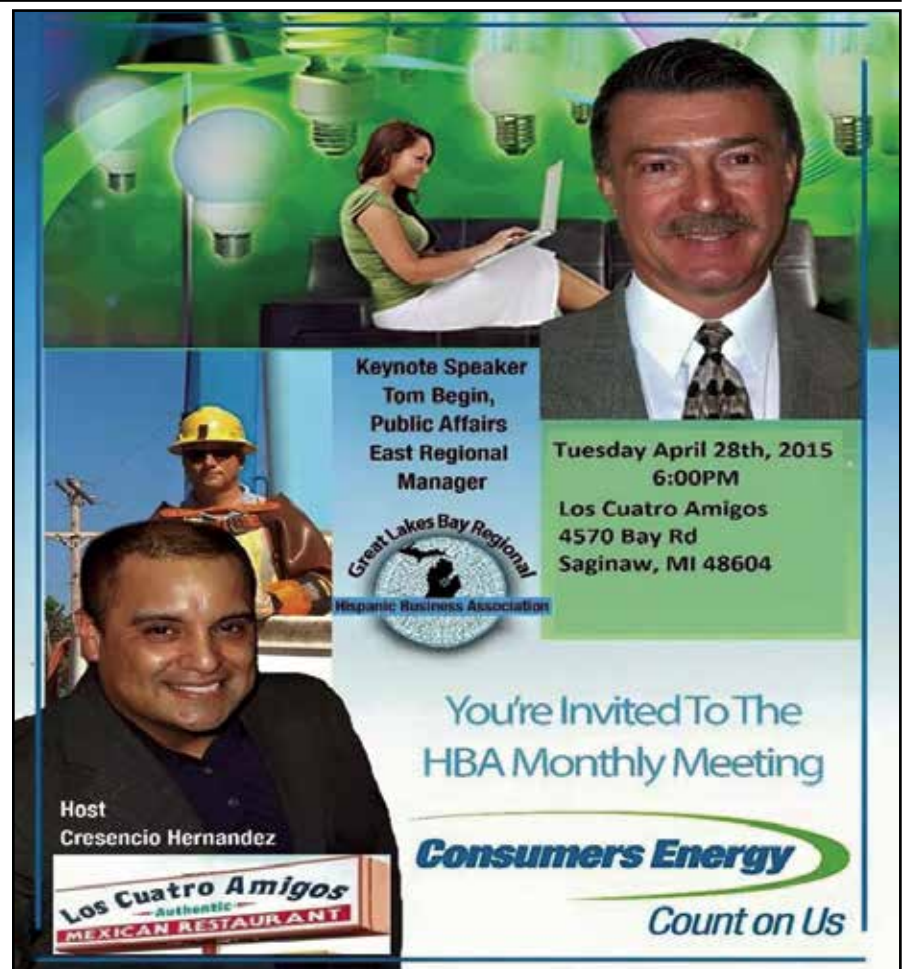
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Education

Teen Wins 2015 Tom Joyner Foundation® 'Full Ride' Scholarship



JoAnna Jones
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N.C. - JoAnna Jones of Asheville, North Carolina, is the winner of the Tom Joyner Foundation® "Full Ride Scholarship" that will cover full tuition, room and board on-campus, and books up to 10 semesters.

Tom Joyner, the Foundation's chairman and founder, announced his scholarship during the Tom Joyner Morning Show, which airs on 100 stations reaching a broadcast and digital audience of more than eight million listeners every week.

Jones, a graduating senior from Asheville's Buncombe County Early College High School, was selected from hundreds of applicants for the scholarship.

Jones plans to attend Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, N.C. because of its science and nursing-related courses.

The impressive 18-year-old also is graduating with an Associates' of Arts Degree from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.

She became inspired to pursue a career in the medical field after participating in the Minority Medical Mentoring Program, where she had a chance to shadow members of the medical field every day after school.

In her application essay, she discussed how the doctors treated an overmedicated patient. "I'm so grateful for this scholarship," said

Jones, who also worked as a lifeguard and a swim instructor. "I want to get into healthcare to make the people connections and to be right by someone's side when they're going through the worst thing in their lives."

Tom Joyner, the host of the nationally syndicated morning radio show, said, "JoAnna is one of those amazing students who will benefit from the nurturing and family atmosphere that HBCUs provide. She's going to do great things in this world. I'm so glad the Foundation is going to be a part of her success."

Stefanie Buckner, who wrote a recommendation for Ms. Jones, said, "JoAnna is a determined, goal-oriented, confident young lady that will be a leader in the health care profession in the very near future."

Julie Maimes, Jones' science teacher, wrote, "JoAnna is the most exceptional student I have had the opportunity to teach in my career. She is diligent, responsible, dedicated to her education and committed to serving her community." Jones is the fifth Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholar.

The previous winners include Titus Ziegler Jr., of Atlanta's Inman Middle School, who served

as a commander of the elite Junior ROTC Color Guard and Cheyenne Boyce, of Detroit's Cass Technical High School, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Spelman College in Atlanta and is currently a Fulbright Scholar in Malaysia where she teaches English.

Blaine Robertson of Reserve, La. is graduating from Howard University in Washington, D.C. with a B.S. in mathematics, a B.A. in history with a minor in secondary education.

The first winner, Britney Wilson of Brooklyn, N.Y., is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University. Ms. Wilson will be working in the New York offices of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

To retain the scholarship, students had to meet the required academic standards each semester.

Founded in 1998, the Tom Joyner Foundation has raised more than \$65 million to help keep students enrolled in black colleges.

It has assisted more than 29,000 students and worked with more than 100 HBCUs. To learn more about the Foundation, go to TomJoynerFoundation.org.



The 2015 Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholar Finalists with Tom Joyner and Amb. Andrew Young.
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Saginaw Valley State University Hires New STEM College Dean

University Center, MI - Saginaw Valley State University has hired Frank R. Hall to serve as dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Hall will play a leading role in advancing STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math) at SVSU and in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“Frank is passionate about STEM education and has demonstrated a strong dedication to students and their success. These attributes really came through during his interviews and helped him emerge from a very deep candidate pool,” said Deb Huntley, SVSU provost and vice president for academic affairs.

“He is eager to enhance research opportunities for students and faculty, and through his experience working on STEM initiatives in Massachusetts, I am confident in his ability to effectively build relationships with external constituencies. He is the natural choice for our institution at this time.”

Hall comes to SVSU from Worcester State University in Massachusetts, where he has been a professor since 2012, including a one-year term as dean. He also has been a visiting scholar at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Hall replaces Huntley, who was promoted to SVSU’s provost last year. Andrew Chubb, SVSU professor of chemistry, has been serving as interim dean.

Prior to this, Hall held a variety of academic, government and public policy appointments. After eight years on the faculty at the University

of New Orleans, he joined the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies of Science in Washington, D.C. in 2006. That was followed by stints with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Center for Environment, Commerce and Energy.

“I was attracted to SVSU and its vision of the future, and during my visit, I was impressed by the outstanding faculty, and the university’s commitment and dedication to quality education for its students,” Hall said.

“The positive attitudes of everyone I met demonstrated that SVSU embraces diversity and the well-being of all students, while supporting faculty research initiatives and outreach to the Great Lakes Bay Region.”

In the past two years, SVSU has received major gifts from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, and the Dow Corning Foundation to improve students’ performance in STEM disciplines at the middle school, high school and University levels.

“With my diverse background to advance STEM research, education, and policy,” Hall said, “I am confident the faculty and I will further enhance the vision, mission, and goals of an already strong college. I am excited to join SVSU in June.”

Respected in his field, Hall currently serves the United Nations Oceans Assessment Program as a consulting expert. He also has been serving

on Massachusetts’ STEM Advisory Council. For his professional activities, Hall was nominated as an Outstanding African-American in STEM for the Black Engineers of the Year Awards in 2014.

Hall completed a Ph.D. in geological oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. He also holds a master’s degree from Lehigh University and a bachelor’s degree from Kean University.

Hall will begin his duties at SVSU on June 1.



Frank Hall



SCHEDULE

- 9AM-10AM: Registration
- 10am-10:30am: Kickoff and Welcome
- 10:30am-12:30pm: Morning Service Session
- 12:30pm-2pm: Rotating Lunch
- 2pm-5pm: Afternoon Service Session
- 5pm-5:30 pm: Cleanup and Closing

To sign up, please email or call Joshua Hales (jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org; 989-776-0555) or (info@houghtonjones.org; 989-752-1660)

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Fifth Third Bancorp Vice Chairman and CEO Kevin Kabat to Speak at Davenport University Commencement

Grand Rapids - Kevin T. Kabat, Vice Chairman and CEO of Fifth Third Bancorp, will serve as Davenport University's 2015 Commencement Speaker at ceremonies to be held Sunday April 26, 2015, at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

At the event, where up to 2,000 Davenport graduates from across the state of Michigan will celebrate their new degrees, Kabat will be presented with an Honorary Doctorate degree by the University.

Before joining Fifth Third in Cincinnati, Ohio, Kabat served as President of Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) and was a member of Davenport's Board of Trustees.

"It is an honor to welcome Kevin Kabat back to Grand Rapids to celebrate commencement with us this April," said Dr. Richard J. Pappas, President of Davenport University.

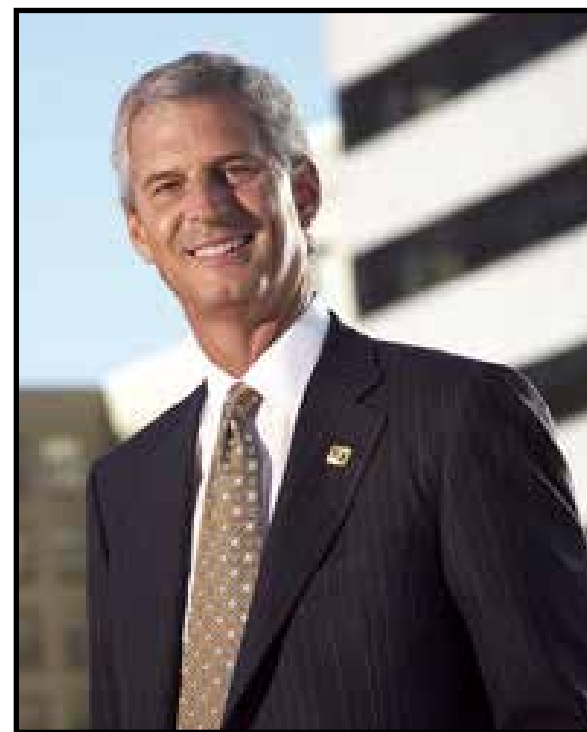
"Kabat is an incredible businessman and a good friend to Davenport. I expect that his experiences will resonate with our new graduates as they step out of our classrooms and into their new or enhanced career roles."

As CEO at Cincinnati-based Fifth Third Bancorp since 2007, Kabat is responsible for overseeing strategic direction of the diversified financial services company, which at year-end 2014 had \$139 billion in assets, more than 1,300 full-service Banking Centers, 2,638 ATMs and 15 affiliates in 12 states.

Its four main businesses are Commercial Banking, Branch Banking, Consumer Lending and Investment Advisors. Kabat became CEO in 2007, a year after he was named President of the company.

Previously, he served as Executive Vice President responsible for retail and affiliate banking. Kabat was the Vice Chairman and President of Old Kent Bank when it was acquired by Fifth Third Bancorp in 2001. He joined Old Kent in 1982.


Kabat received his bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from Johns Hopkins University and a master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Purdue University.



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To learn more, contact Debra Shelton, Youth First director, at deb@saginawfoundation.org, or (989) 755-0545.




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Scholarship Offers Opportunity to Students Who Have Been Incarcerated

New York - The Shawn Carter Foundation Scholarship provides financial support to high school students as well as undergraduate students entering college for the first time.

The purpose of the scholarship is to help underserved students who may not be eligible for other scholarships.

The scholarship established by Gloria Carter and her son Shawn Carter, better known as Jay-Z, offers opportunities to students who have been incarcerated or faced particular life challenges but still want to pursue higher education.

Students who have either graduated from high school or earned their G.E.D. may apply. Minimum grade point average is 2.0. Students must have a strong desire to go to college and earn their degree. Students must also have a desire to give back to their communities.

All applications must be submitted by April 30, 2015. Submissions of late applications will not be accepted.

For information concerning the scholarship, visit, <http://www.shawncartersf.com/>

Public Libraries of Saginaw Celebrates Libraries in April

ZENTANGLE CLASS

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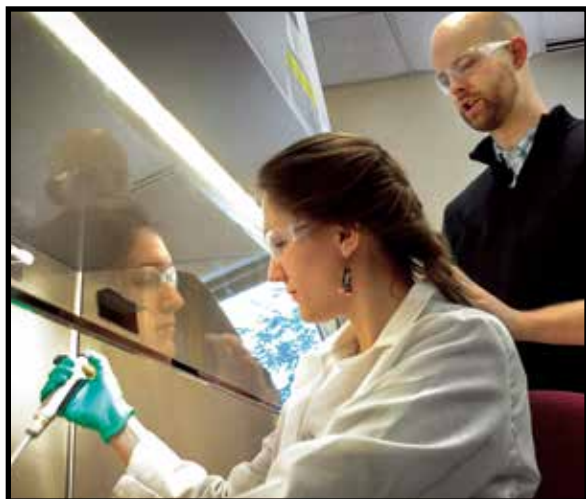
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CMU Chemistry Professor and Students Leading the Fight Against Tuberculosis



Chemistry professor Ben Swarts and his undergraduate student Bailey Urbanek

Photo: Central Michigan University

Mount Pleasant - Benjamin Swarts, assistant professor of chemistry in Central Michigan University's College of Science and Technology, has been awarded a \$420,085 grant from the National Institutes of Health along with Peter Woodruff, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Southern Maine.

Led by Swarts, the NIH grant will support their research of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the strain of bacteria that causes tuberculosis.

TB is a major global health issue. According to Swarts, one-third of the world's population is infected with TB, and the emergence of drug-resistant strains of *M. tuberculosis* is a growing, urgent public health concern.

"Our research focus is to develop a class of molecules — derivatives of a unique sugar called trehalose — that will be useful for studying *M. tuberculosis*," Swarts said.

"Trehalose made by the bacteria is so important to its survival that the bacterium cannot live, or infect humans, without it.

Humans, on the other hand, do not make or need trehalose, which makes the sugar derivatives very attractive targets for developing new methods of TB diagnostics and treatments."

Overall, *M. tuberculosis* is the world's deadliest bacterial pathogen with tuberculosis being the second most common cause of death from infectious disease behind HIV and AIDS.

TB typically attacks the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body. It is spread through the air when people who have an active TB infection cough, sneeze or transmit respiratory fluids.

General signs and symptoms include fever, chills, night sweats, decreased appetite, weight loss and fatigue.

There are approximately 10 million new cases of active TB disease and 1.5 million deaths per year, predominantly in developing parts of the world.

"As a research community, we urgently need to learn more about how *M. tuberculosis* infection works in order to accelerate the creation of new approaches to TB prevention and treatment," Swarts said.

"In recent decades, effective TB treatment has become difficult due to the unusual structure and chemical composition of the mycobacterial cell wall, which hinders the entry of drugs and makes many antibiotics ineffective."

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Delta's Closet, operated as an on-campus retail store, and is self-sustained by the greater campus community.

Since April 2010, 300 plus students have been served, and the initial clothing donation of 350 pieces has grown to currently 700 pieces.

Donations of gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories are accepted by Career Services in D102 during regular office hours of Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For additional information, call Lori Ziolkowski at 989-686-9384.

**FROM P 14, CMU Chemistry...**

Drug-resistant tuberculosis is much more difficult and costly to diagnose and treat, calling for efforts to develop new antibiotics — and ways to deliver them — along with improved diagnostic tools that can be used in low-resource settings and alternative vaccination strategies.

“For example, we can make trehalose-based imaging probes that ‘light up’ living bacteria and may be useful for medical diagnostics in the future, helping clinicians to quickly identify TB-positive patients,” Swarts said.

He and Woodruff have successfully developed a new method of detecting the presence of M. tuberculosis, using a naturally occurring enzyme and water, for rapidly synthesizing a broad variety of trehalose derivatives.

As a result, they have an unmatched ability to make and test a new class of compounds and have filed a provisional patent on their method.

Swarts said that CMU undergraduate students have been pivotal in the success of the project and the attainment of the NIH grant to keep it going.

Midland junior and biomedical sciences major Bailey Urbanek was one of the lead co-authors on the initial publication of the team's research.

Urbanek said that being included as part of the scientific writing process and the opportunity to present the research at professional meetings makes her feel that her involvement and work is having a direct impact on the global scientific community.

“I know undergraduate research isn't a hands-on privilege at every university,” Urbanek said. “I feel that I have an advantage over my peers at other institutions, and I know that being involved in this research has been one of the most significant, influential opportunities that I have had at Central.”

The NIH grant will allow several other CMU undergraduates to join Urbanek in the lab work by funding several summer researchers for the next three years. It also provides funding support for a CMU graduate student.

In addition, the grant also will strengthen CMU scientists' research capabilities to

investigate infectious diseases because a portion of it will be used to fund equipment for a Biosafety Level 3 laboratory in CMU's new \$95 million Biosciences Building, currently under construction and scheduled to open for classes in January 2017.

“The BSL3 lab will make it possible for us to conduct research on M. tuberculosis itself rather than similar model organisms,” Swarts said. “Research on the actual bacterium will lead to data that will be more relevant to direct clinical translation.”

The National Institutes of Health, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the nation's medical research agency — making important discoveries that improve health and save lives.

It is the largest source of funding for medical research in the world, creating numerous high-quality jobs by funding thousands of scientists in universities and research institutions in every state across America and around the globe.

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
 - child protective services (voluntary or involuntary)

WHAT IS SED?

Mental illness in youth, or as you may hear it called, Serious Emotional Disturbance, is a diagnosable mental, behavioral or emotional disorder affecting someone under the age of 18. It must:

- exist or have existed within the past year
- exist or have existed long enough to meet the American Psychiatric Association's diagnostic criteria
- have resulted in functional impairment that interferes with or limits the child's role or functioning in family, school or community activities

Detroit to Co-host International Competition Highlighting STEM Skills



Gov. Rick Snyder

Lansing - Michigan, already a national leader in FIRST Robotics teams, has been named as one of two hosts for FIRST championship events from 2018 to 2020, bringing teams from around the world to Detroit.

Gov. Rick Snyder recently applauded the announcement that FIRST Robotics has named Detroit as one of two cities to host international championship events for three years.

Starting in 2018, championship activities are to be held at Cobo Center and Ford Field. Houston will be the other host city during those three years.

“Michigan has long been a global leader in design and engineering, and FIRST Robotics is a program that is inspiring the next generation of innovators,” Snyder said.

“We’re excited to show off Michigan’s talented students and the companies and universities that support them through FIRST Robotics.

“It’s also great that people from around the world will be visiting Detroit, the comeback city, and seeing firsthand the exciting things happening there.”

FIRST Robotics programs are collaborations between schools and experts in the field, where they work together to design and build robots for competitions, learning to solve challenging problems and gaining in-demand skills that can lead to rewarding careers.

Michigan is a national leader with 345 FIRST Robotics teams – 107 more teams than California -- and 77 rookie teams this year.

The state supports the teams through \$2 million in grants as an effort to encourage students to study science, technology, engineering and math. The teams play a big role in state efforts to lead the nation in building a talented workforce.

The championship event includes competitions in all four FIRST Robotics programs and is projected to generate as much as \$90 million in economic impact over the three years.

Teams can qualify for the international competition through state competitions held each April.

Michigan Teen Earns 3 College Degrees in High School



Jasmine Cofield Courtesy Photo

By Krystle Crossman

Flint - The town of Flint, Michigan is home to an amazing young woman. At just 19 years of age, Jasmine Cofield has accomplished more than many do in an entire lifetime.

She graduated from high school last year but before she was handed her diploma she already had three college degrees under her belt. She is currently a senior at Central Michigan University.

This year she was named the 2015 Newman Civic Fellow. The award is handed out to college students that demonstrate empathy for others. They also show they are capable of finding real-world solutions to problems that affect the communities around them and make sure they help the community by implementing those solutions.

This year Cofield will be traveling with Global Bridges to Honduras to volunteer in clinics that provide much-needed services to the communities that are struggling with health issues.

She has been all over the country with a program called the Alternative Break program which is sponsored by the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center. With this group, Cofield has helped to rebuild homes that were destroyed in the South by Hurricane Katrina. Also, she has helped in facilities that treat HIV/AIDS patients in Atlanta by helping to restore the facilities to a more modern place.

While attending Mott Middle College, which is where she completed all of her high school courses, Cofield also studied at Mott Community College.

The Middle College is a transitional program that integrates high school classes and college classes. The students end up graduating from the Middle College with a high school diploma and 15 college credits.

Cofield ended up with three Associate degrees from Mott Community College before she even got her diploma.

She kept a 4.0 average all through college and ended high school with a 3.97 GPA. She did so well in her schooling that she earned enough money in scholarships to cover her Bachelor’s degree studies at Central Michigan University.

She is studying to become a Physician’s Assistant in Neuroscience.
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Intersection of Business & Wealth

President Obama Launches \$70 Million Program to Support Young Entrepreneurs in the US, Latin America, and the Caribbean



President Barack Obama waves as he departs a "Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative" town hall in the Mona Campus Assembly Hall Building at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

Kingston, Jamaica - Recently, President Obama launched the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) to expand opportunities for emerging entrepreneurs and civil society activists.

Building on the success of the President's young leader initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa

and Southeast Asia, YLAI will incubate and accelerate the work of young business and civil society leaders from Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States.

YLAI will provide 250 fellowships each year to enable participants from the United States and the region to develop joint business and civil society initiatives.

The preponderance of the fellowships will take place at universities, incubators, and non-governmental organizations across the United States, while follow-on exchanges will send Americans to Latin America and the Caribbean to continue the collaboration.

YLAI fellows will receive ongoing support through a continuum of networking, mentorship, and investment opportunities.

Fifty-eight percent of the population in Latin America and the Caribbean is under 35. Despite important economic gains over the last decade, significant challenges – including limited access to jobs, capital, and advanced educational opportunities, and the availability of illicit employment opportunities – hold many youth back from reaching their full potential.

YLAI will help address the opportunity gap for youth, especially women, by empowering entrepreneurs and civil society leaders with the training, tools, networks, and resources they need to transform their societies and contribute more fully to economic development and prosperity, security, human rights, and good governance in the hemisphere.

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Building linkages between young leaders across the hemisphere is a central objective of the initiative. Through its fellowships, YLAI aims to foster over 50 formal business and civil society partnerships each year between emerging entrepreneurial and civil society entities in Latin America and the Caribbean with their counterparts in the United States.

YLAI Goals: Connections, Co-Creation, and Contributing to Growth

As part of the President's Spark Global Entrepreneurship initiative, YLAI will contribute to the United States' global goal of generating \$1 billion dollars for emerging business and social entrepreneurs by the end of 2017, by helping fellows attract new support, investments, and in-kind resources for their business or organization each year.

For startup businesses, social enterprises, and civil society organizations, this infusion

of funding, resources, and support will play a critical role in enabling their development, expansion, and sustainability.

The YLAI Fellowship: Building Business and Social Innovations

The fellowship will include six weeks of training, immersion at an incubator, accelerator, or civil society organization, and a summit in Washington, D.C. to facilitate mentoring, networking, and investment opportunities.

The summit will provide participants with the opportunity to showcase their initiatives and attract new investments, learn from others, network with leading figures in their field, as well as hear from top business, government, and civil society leaders.

YLAI will provide participants returning to their countries and communities with access to virtual resources, training, mentoring, and, most importantly, platforms to continue their collaboration. The first class of 250 fellows will begin in 2016.

The YLAI Pilot: Focus on Technology

YLAI will commence in 2015 with a pilot program involving 24 participants from Latin America and the Caribbean, including Cuba.

The pilot program will focus on the creation and expansion of business and civil society initiatives that utilize technology by embedding participants in incubators and accelerators across the United States.

Participants will work on new technological applications that their host company or organization uses or seeks to develop.

American participants will also have the opportunity to travel to their counterparts' countries as part of the pilot program. Interested applicants can sign up for updates on the fellowship on the YLAI ShareAmerica page: <http://share.america.gov/ylai>

To read the article in its entirety, visit www.whitehouse.gov.

The Michigan Chronicle Celebrates Women of Excellence

Detroit - The Michigan Chronicle recently celebrated 55 phenomenal women who are exceeding in their career, community organizations, and leadership.

The annual Women of Excellence Experience, held at the MGM Grand Detroit, hosted honorees and guests with a strolling reception, an elegant induction ceremony featuring keynote speaker Desiree Rogers, CEO of Johnson Publishing Company, and a mini-conference with seminars on business, finance and relationships.

Prior to the program guests also enjoyed complimentary makeovers and fashion tips in the newly added "Aisle of Beauty" venue.

WOE honorees and their guests also had an opportunity to chat with well-known authors in the brand new "Authors Row."

Michigan Chronicle publisher, Hiram E. Jackson, expressed that it is important to recognize these distinguished women who exemplify poise and dignity, and are strong contributors to the progression of Metro Detroit.

Michigan Chronicle



Desiree Rogers, CEO of Johnson Publishing Company

FAA Gives Amazon Green Light to Test Delivery Drones

By Brian Fung

Wash. - Aviation regulators gave Amazon the green light to begin testing its Prime Air drones in the United States — a decision that, together with a new federal approval process, could pave the way for other companies interested in drone delivery.

The Federal Aviation Administration told Amazon recently that it will be free to conduct research and development on drone technology, with certain restrictions.

Amazon's drones can't fly higher than 400 feet or faster than 100 miles per hour. They'll also have to remain within the drone operator's direct line of sight, fly only during the day and operate over private property.

The two-year exemption lets Amazon push ahead with its plans to ship small packages by a drone. The company hopes cutting the wait time between order and delivery will encourage consumers to buy more online.

Now that Amazon has received approval for research and development for a drone delivery, others wishing to do the same might get expedited treatment under the summary grant process. But, FAA spokesman Les Dorr said, each application will be evaluated individually.

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Midland - The next Issues and Answers luncheon is Wednesday, April 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Great Hall, located at 5121 Bay City Rd., in Midland. The registration is \$20; an early bird rate of only \$15 is offered through April 17. MDOT Director Kirk Steudle will provide an educational presentation that shares just the facts of the proposal, which will go before Michigan voters on May 5. For general inquiries email the chamber at chamber@macc.org.



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By Melissa Lee
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Saginaw - Most people don't believe me when I tell them that I dropped out of college at one point. When I follow that up with details about debilitating anxiety and depression being the culprit of my academic woes, they look at me like they're waiting for me to deliver a poorly executed punch line. It usually takes a solid 30 seconds before people realize that I'm being 100% honest with them.

I can't blame them for their initial skepticism – I like to think of myself as an overall bubbly, and outgoing person and that's the version of me that most people have come to know. But there was a point in my life when the sound of my alarm clock would induce nauseating panic attacks.

It seems only fitting now that I find myself working for Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority and Saginaw MAX System of Care in a position where I can share my story and advocate for those who are experiencing some of the same struggles I went through.

If you take anything away from my story, I hope it's that you should never judge a book by its cover. Just because someone is struggling now doesn't mean that they will be struggling forever, and just because someone is successful and flourishing right now doesn't mean they haven't known struggle and pain.

More importantly, I hope people struggling and stumbling through their own journey at the moment won't ever stop getting up when they fall.

I grew up in a great environment. I enjoyed school, was involved in extracurricular activities,

had a wide variety of friends and loving, involved parents. By all accounts, my life was set up for a successful future of whatever I could dream for myself.

But mental illness doesn't discriminate against age, sex, race, religion, or economic status. You could have every resource at your disposal and still develop a mental illness in the same way someone who has no resources can develop one. The same way the richest man in the world can develop the same cancer as the poorest man in the world.

For years after my initial diagnosis of depression and anxiety, my life was a rollercoaster of highs, lows, and plateaus. There was medication trial and error, therapists, and the development of severe panic attacks before I found a long-term sense of stability.

This period of my life was marked by dropping out of college, no sense of direction and feelings of complete failure. But my support system had been always by my side through it all. When I didn't want to get up after falling on my face again and again, they supported me until I found an inner strength to stand up on my own.

Eventually, I went back to school, first to a local community college and then to the same university that I dropped out of years earlier. I graduated in 2010 with a bachelor's degree and a sense of accomplishment that I would never have found if I hadn't had the support system and strength to get up time and time again.

My journey hasn't been easy, and the road ahead will no doubt have bumps and detours that I can't even imagine right now. But, I have this sense of peace knowing that my past has prepared me for whatever my future holds.

My mental illness has not made me weak, but stronger than I ever would have been without it. If you've never personally known someone with a mental illness, now you do. Hi, my name

is Melissa, it's nice to meet you!

I hope I've helped you understand that mental illness is nothing to be afraid or weary of – we're all just human beings trying to find our way in the world when it comes right down to it. If you've struggled with mental illness yourself at some point, I'm proud of you for pushing back and finding your way.

Keep up the good fight. And if you're struggling right now, don't you dare give up. You are not alone, and you will get through this. Reach out for help--don't try to carry this burden alone.

If you don't know who to turn to or feel like you don't have anyone in your corner, call me. I firmly believe one can never have too many friends, and I'd be honored to call you a friend of mine.

But no matter what you do, get up again. Your struggles and falls don't define you, I'm proof of that.



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U.S.-Cuba Detente Could Hike the Number of U.S. Medical Students in Cuba

By J.D. Rachid

Cuba- As relations between the United States and Cuba move toward normalization, a Cuban government-run medical school that offers free full scholarships to students from poor communities worldwide could see a jump in enrollment from the United States.

President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raúl Castro are expected to have an informal discussion when they meet in Panama for the Seventh Summit of the Americas, according to the White House. Whether free medical education in Cuba for U.S. students is discussed remains to be seen.

Cuba, with its highly sophisticated, world-renowned health care system, has more doctors per capita than any other country.

In response to massive loss of life in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua from Hurricanes Mitch and George, the Cuban government established the Latin American School of Medicine (LASM, or ELAM by its Spanish acronym) in 1999 in western Havana to train 500 young people from those nations for free each year for the next ten years.

By requiring the program's graduating doctors to return to their home countries and serve in communities with the greatest medical need, Cuba hoped to create a health-care infrastructure for Central America and the Caribbean. Cuban officials noted at the time that "the permanent hurricane of poverty and

underdevelopment kills more people every year than these hurricanes just did."

By 2013, nearly 20,000 students from 124 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas—including the United States—were enrolled at LASM, making the medical school one of the world's largest by enrollment.

In September 2000, while in New York for the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, Cuban President Fidel Castro offered free medical education in Cuba to Black and Latino students from poor communities in the United States, with the condition that graduates return to the U.S. to serve underprivileged areas.

Castro's offer, was made during a speech at Riverside Church, followed his brainstorming in Cuba three months earlier with visiting members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Latino Congressional Caucus who were concerned about the state of health care in their home communities.

Cuba's Ministry of Health designated the Interrelations Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO)/Pastors for Peace organization, an interfaith organization with a decades-long history of community service in Cuba and the United States and working relations with the Congressional Black Caucus, the sole organization in the United States to facilitate the medical scholarship for U.S. candidates.

Located in New York City's Harlem community, IFCO has worked since 1991 to bring about normalized relations between the United States and Cuba.

In 2004, the CBC successfully campaigned to exempt LASM when President George W. Bush's tightened restrictions on travel to Cuba. The first U.S. students entered the program in the spring of 2001. To date, 111 U.S. students have graduated from LASM's seven-year program with M.D. degrees, and 47 are in residency in U.S. hospitals.

According to Cuba's application criteria, candidates must:

- Be U.S. citizens with a U.S. passport;
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According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, the median four-year cost of medical school (including expenses and books) was \$278,455 for private schools and \$207,866 for public schools in 2013.

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Nonprofit News

Five Thought Provoking Questions to Ask Job Candidates



Mel and Pearl Shaw

By Mel and Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw Comprehensive Fund Development Services

Need a magic cure for nonprofit fundraising blues? Hire fundraising staff. That's it. Problem solved. Time to get back to what we were focusing on before we "got sidetracked" into all this fundraising. Ah, if only that were the case.

If you have funds to hire staff how will you know you are hiring the right person? How will you evaluate this person? Will you know how to manage and coach your new hire? Will you depend on their progress reports, to know whether or not they are doing their job?

We raise these questions because we have found many organizations seek to build a fundraising program or increase their fundraising by making a new hire. That can be the right

solution, but there are other prerequisites that need to be in place for a fundraising professional to be successful. Alas, making a hire is not the silver bullet!

Earlier columns address things to consider when hiring; they are available online at our blog www.FUNdraising-GoodTimes.com. In this column, we offer five questions to ask during the interview process. A candidate's responses can provide insights to help you determine who is best qualified to help you meet your fundraising goals.

1. How do you feel about asking for money? This is really at the core of fundraising. Feelings about money – and people who have money – color many people consciousness and can interfere with fundraising.

At a basic level being afraid to ask for a gift means a fundraising professional may hesitate when soliciting. Confusing one's own economic conditions with those who have more can cloud a solicitation with an unconscious attitude of "they have enough, they should just give us some."

2. Share with me a professional or volunteer project you started and developed into something meaningful that you are proud of. Please share the challenges you faced, the solutions you proposed, and lessons learned.

3. How do you want to be evaluated at the end of your first year working with our organization? Answers to this question can provide insights into what is important to a candidate, and how they evaluate their work.

4. What resources and support do you believe you would need to succeed in this position? Learning a candidate's expectations can help you prepare to bring him into your organization. You may also learn that you need to be better prepared to work with a professional, or that he has expectations you may not be able to meet.

5. How would you prepare for this position? This question lets candidates know you expect them to prepare. Success in a new position is a two way street. How a person prepares for a new job may also reveal how they prepare for a solicitation or new campaign.

Next week: Five questions for job candidates to ask!

Mel and Pearl Shaw position nonprofits, colleges and universities for fundraising success. For help with your fundraising visit www.saadandshaw.com or call (901) 522-8727.

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Pastor Tony Evans: We Can't Use the Reality of Racial Divide to Condone Irresponsibility in the Black Community



Pastor Tony Evans
Photo: *The Christian Post*

By Samuel Smith
The Christian Post

Tenn. - In his final remarks during a Thursday panel discussing racial reconciliation in America and the importance of urban ministry, African-American pastor, author and syndicated radio broadcaster Tony Evans boldly stated that many of the issues surrounding race in America stem from the social irresponsibility of those within the African-American community.

Speaking at the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission's Leadership Summit in Nashville, Tennessee, Evans asserted that although the responsibility to alleviate the racial divide also lies with the church and other racial classes who must hold government accountable to change an unjust justice system, black Americans cannot use the existence of racial tensions to justify careless or irresponsible actions.

"There is another side here that needs to be brought to bear and that is black accountability. Because while we want to have the sensibility that we are talking about, and we must have

it, we cannot use the reality of race to condone irresponsibility," Evans explained. "Much that goes under the name of race has to do with black irresponsibility."

Evans added that although racial stigmas and assumptions about black people clearly exist in the minds of others, it is not racial tension that causes African-Americans many of the social and financial hardships they endure.

"It is not race getting these girls pregnant. It is not race abandoning the family. It's not race for those refusing to work and being responsible," Evans continued.

"Even if all the whites did everything right, there is a responsibility on our side to make sure, as leaders, we are holding black people accountable and they are not illegitimately using race as an excuse to promote it, or even allow it, or even sanction it, or even to whine about it."

Even though creating a better racial environment in America will require effort and reconciliation from all races, Evans said that African-Americans still need to do their part to address these issues in order to fully solve racial problems.

"Without those two sides, then what you get is an unbalanced approach to the subject. It shows up in a lot of different ways," Evans contended. "Unless we address both of those sides, then we will not address the whole issue, and we need to address the whole issue."

Although Evans admitted that the racial divide in America will never fully be eliminated, that doesn't mean that the community can't strive to improve the issues as much as they can.

"When the Dallas Cowboys play any other football team, there is going to be 11 other men that will oppose you. That is the nature of the reality. They are going to try to stop your progress. Your greatness is in your ability to outmaneuver them and still score," Evans said. "So we may never get rid of racism, but that doesn't mean that we can't call plays that still work and be responsible for progressing in spite of that reality, while at the same time, trying to address it."

Dean Inserra, a white pastor at the City Church in Tallahassee, Florida, who also spoke on the panel, said responsibility to help bridge the racial gap also lies on the trendy affluent Caucasians who move into inner cities because they think it is cool.

Inserra further explained that one of the problems is that affluent white people, even white Christians, are moving into inner cities for the wrong reasons.

Inserra said if more people moving into inner cities would take it as an opportunity to get to know and worship with the struggling urban African-American communities, it would build a more trusting relationship.

Inserra explained that too often many well-off individuals move into cities looking for the "urban" experience, but not looking to fulfill the Great Commission. He added that white Christians who live in the inner city shouldn't be going to church with a congregation full of white people.

"Many people say that the church is the most segregated place in America. I believe that to be true, but what is the result of that? The second and the third places are the neighborhood and the school," Inserra said.

"We need to get back to the mission of the church, and it is to make disciples where people are. If that is urban or suburban or in between, or rural or international, it's about reaching people for Christ that live there.

"If you are a white pastor that goes to Seattle because it's just so cool and you love tofu and bands that nobody has ever heard of before, we mean urban ministry, not Urban Outfitters. They are two different things," Inserra quipped.

"If you are going to a big city... and everybody in your church congregation looks like you, we are missing the boat somewhere on what is urban ministry because you actually got to reach the people that live there where you are sent."

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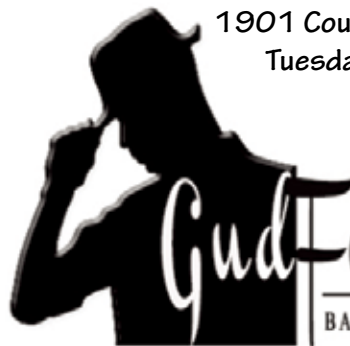
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Lebron James, Devon Still Honor Inspiring Teen Lauren Hill with Moving Tributes

By Jose Oliveros

Ohio - Lauren Hill, the 19-year-old who inspired many during her brave fight against cancer, lost her battle to that terrible disease on Friday.

Affected by an inoperable brain tumor, Hill did not let the disease dictate how she was going to live her life. She was a perfect example of a person who lived life her way, despite being affected by illness.

Hill once stated in an interview with the AP, "I'm spreading awareness and also teaching people how to live in the moment because the next moment's not promised. Anything can happen at any given moment. What matters is right now.

"Especially after this kind of diagnosis, your perspective on life and what you value changes."

Hill brought the lack of funding for cancer research to the masses. NCAA president Mark Emmert released a statement regarding her untimely death, "Lauren Hill's bravery, enthusiasm and strength were an inspiration not only to those who knew her best but also to the millions of people she touched around the world by sharing her story.

Lauren achieved a lasting and meaningful legacy, and her beautiful spirit will continue to live on. Our hearts go out to her family, friends, teammates and coaches."

LeBron James also posted a wonderful letter to Lauren on his Facebook page.

Dear Lauren Hill,

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i am *a runner* *and go-getter*

For Lauren Little, it's all about making connections. The rhetoric and professional writing major spends her summers volunteering and works during the school year giving tours as a Club Red ambassador and an Orientation Leader. "A student's mom came up to me years after she took a campus tour, and she wanted to say hi," Lauren said. "That's the kind of connection I want to make."

Lauren hopes to go on to pursue a master's degree in Chicago and eventually to run her own public relations firm. Waking every day at 5:30 a.m., Lauren organizes her life around running, but ask her, and she'll tell you that learning is the top priority. "Education is my all, and SVSU is truly home for me; it makes it that much easier for me to love what I do every day. I simply love everything it has to offer — the campus life and all the opportunities for growth."



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