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# We are Celebrating 13 years of *POSITIVE* News



*Judge Barbara L. Meter*

Thank you Michigan Banner for supplying our community with a valuable resource that has informed us, educated us, connected us and inspired us for the past 13 years.

Without The Banner, our city would be lacking this important channel

for local news and information so many people look forward to reading and rely upon.

Kudos to The Michigan Banner! May our citizens enjoy this newspaper for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

Judge Barbara L. Meter



*Desmon Daniel, PhD*

For the past thirteen years your unyielding support of the community and coverage of the noteworthy activities has been outstanding.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to you and the staff of The Michigan Banner!

The spirit of excellence that we have seen demonstrated within your works is truly commendable. Each month we look forward to catching up on all the happenings in the area.

Congratulations on 13 years of Achievement!

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*Barbara Montgomery*

Congratulations! Jerome Buckley, Publisher and Editor, and the entire Michigan Banner Staff for your 13 years of service to the Great Lakes Bay Region. The accurate and positive news is what readers have come to know and appreciate.

As former Buena Vista Charter Township Clerk, I look forward to joining forces with the Michigan Banner as an agent for positive change and continued growth in the community.

The Michigan Banner continues to be a powerful force which promises its readers accurate information in every issue, every time.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Barbara A. Montgomery

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*Glendorah Lawrence*

Extending my congratulations to The Michigan Banner as you celebrate over 13 years of outstanding work.

Your dedication to provide newsworthy information to our community has truly been a blessing and a tremendous service to the people of Michigan and beyond.

I look forward to many more years of receiving news and inspiration from your publication.

Regards,

Glendorah Lawrence

Office Manager

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# COMMUNITY

## Saginaw Firefighters and Community Heroes Honored at 2015 Saginaw Firefighters Awards Ceremony

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# Flint Water



By Craig Douglas, Dean, SVSU  
College of Education  
Guest Columnist

**University Center, MI** - Personally I am speechless when I consider the water situation in Flint. Maybe some of it has to do with my son, Chris, who teaches at UM/Flint and drinks a lot of coffee like his Dad.

To his surprise and mine, we have learned his “leaded” coffee contained more than caffeine; it actually contained lead.

Lead.... really?

Maybe it is because at SVSU we have two partner schools in Flint who now have the unique challenge of not allowing students to drink from water fountains in the hallways. Students from gym class can’t drink the water. Students coming inside from recess, no water. Students who need to take medicine, no water.

On and on...can you imagine that challenge? How do you operate a food service department without water? How do you wash your hands

in the bathroom, shower after gym class, and a whole host of other “how” scenarios?

Maybe because I learned the hard way years ago as an inexperienced superintendent that when the water supply had to be shut off for repairs, I had to send the students home.

What happened is this: Jack called me to let me know the water supply in the elementary would be off for 20 minutes in order to make a repair. Not knowing any better, I thanked him and thought what a nice thing to let me know.

I was with the elementary principal, Marc Jaremba, at the time attending a meeting at Apple Mountain with Kathy Conklin and the Business/Education Partnership. He and I both knew and thought it was no big deal (one of Marc’s favorite phrases was “no big deal”).

While we were at our meeting and Jack was making the repairs, one of the elementary teachers got wind that the water was off and phoned the health department from her classroom to make sure health officials knew. (There were no cell phones back then.)

Those officials called the school to tell me I had to close the school because the water was off. The office took the call, called me like Jack had done, and Marc and I left the meeting to go back to the district.

I was told we could not keep the school open by the Health Department, so I closed the school and sent students home.

Never mind it was 20 minutes. Never mind there was water in our other schools.

I was fine with that; students went home. (The students were fine with that, too.)

Likely I am speechless now to learn what I already knew. That government is very effective at enforcing the picky stuff but less effective at bigger items like safe water.

Actually as a resident I would give our government pretty low marks on their report card for a number of “bigger items.” Things like roads and bridges can be added to safe water, can’t they?

What can we do? I like what Swan Valley has done, do a water collection to help out the Flint schools. Think about the students, teachers, and parents; help give them options to get through the situation.

And while we are at it, think about ways

to cultivate interest in voting and being knowledgeable about government.

If voter turnout were to raise to higher levels of participation, perhaps the government would get better at the “bigger things” that really matter.

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# THE LATINO BANNER

*Líder en la diversidad*

*Vamos Adelante*

## SVSU CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2015

*SVSU hosted the Hispanic Business Association Meeting, then the Fiesta!*



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## “Teach and Treat”

This time of year is notorious for celebrating carved pumpkins, black cats, creepy crawlies, scary costumes, goblins, ghosts, monsters, and loads of candy. It's a time when many kids and kids-at-heart get to disguise themselves as whatever their hearts desire and roam the streets on the hunt for treats. It's a time of laughter and creativity, but it's also a time of stigma and misinformation.

For individuals that battle the everyday challenges of living with mental and behavioral health diagnoses, the Halloween traditions that are often synonymous with this time of year tend to create more grief and stigma than anything else. There are the sensationalized scary Hollywood films that depict the bad guy as “crazed”, violent and dangerous. There are the costumes that glorify the hurtful stereotype of a “mental patient”. And there are the haunted houses that feed on the fear and misunderstanding of outdated “mental institutions”. All of these elements only add to the stigma surrounding what it means to live with mental illness, creating more fear and barriers for those who could benefit from the services and supports available to them.

Instead of only partaking in the traditional “trick or treat” atmosphere of the season, Saginaw MAX System of Care suggest families use this opportunity to “teach and treat” about not only the common misconceptions that the Halloween holiday can create, but to also learn about other cultures and traditions that are celebrated during this time as well. Below are some conversation starters and tips that will help you create a teachable moment for your family to enjoy along with your own traditions:



Have a family conversation about what mental illness really looks like opposed to the Halloween and Hollywood versions of mental illness. One in five American adults have experienced or will experience a mental health issue in their lifetime. One in 20 Americans live with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression. Mental illness doesn't discriminate against age, gender, celebrity status or the size of one's paycheck - it can touch anyone at anytime, but it's not something to be afraid of. Just like someone who is living with diabetes, heart disease, or any other physical health issue, mental health can be treated and managed. You are not alone and there are resources to help. If you or someone you know is suffering with mental illness, visit [www.mentalhealth.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.gov) as a starting place to learn about resources available in your area.



Instead of a traditional “scary” Halloween movie, watch a film or documentary that features positive and more realistic mental health storylines. Some movies to consider include: “A Beautiful Mind” (2001), “I Am Sam” (2001), “Radio” (2003), Documentary: “Are The Kids Alright?” (2004), “Miracle Run” (2004), Documentary: “Of Two Minds” (2012), “Silver Linings Playbook” (2012). For more movie suggestions, visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) website at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org).



Learn about cultures and celebrations outside of the traditional Halloween atmosphere of the season. Mexico and many other countries celebrate what is called Dia de los Muertos or “Day of the Dead”, a joyous holiday for remembering and honoring those who have passed. Across the ocean from Mexico, the tradition know as Diwali or “Festival of Lights” is celebrated during autumn every year in Nepal and India. It is the biggest and the brightest festival in the region and spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness. Make a family trip to the local library to learn about these and other celebrations happening during this time around the world and see if you can incorporate any of their unique traditions into your own family traditions.

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# The Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month Around the Region

## Victorious Believers Ministries



Members of the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute attended the Hispanic Heritage Celebration as guest of Pastor Chris Pryor (center). Members included from left to right, Ambassadors Ray Gamboa, Guest Gamboa, Abriana Hernandez, Abril Serrato, Pastor Chris Pryor, GLBHLI Director Monica B. Reyes, Ambassadors Paula Espinoza-Bebout, and Dalia Smith.

## Diversity Day with the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute and Saginaw Chamber Leadership.

*Kim Houston Philpot presented A Reflection on Inclusion.*



Monica B. Reyes of Saginaw Valley State University, Catherine Martinez of the Can Council, Vanessa Guerra, State Representative and Dalia Smith of Saginaw System of Care; all received Leadership Awards for their work in the Saginaw County and their contributions to the people of the region in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.



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# Michigan Blood Partners with Community to host the “Dru’s Got This” Blood Drive

**Saginaw** - The blood drive for Dru will run from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 at Swan Valley Middle School in the library, 453 Van Wormer in Thomas Township.

Michigan Blood will donate \$10 to the Dru Collier Recovery Fund for every person who attempts to donate. Funds raised will help with Collier’s medical expenses during his fight with cancer.

In July, the 14-year-old junior Olympic boxing state champion was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a fast-growing cancer that attacked his brain and spine.

After undergoing surgery to remove the tumor on his brain, Collier began radiation and chemotherapy treatments. “Dru’s spirits remain astonishingly high and vows to knock this out,” says Dru’s grandfather, Terry Collier.

“However, his recovery will take time and many more visits to Ann Arbor, sometimes daily. The strain on Dru’s family has been felt both emotionally and financially, yet their support has never wavered.”

In August, the community rallied around Collier’s family by supporting a benefit organized by Spence Brothers to help raise money for Dru’s recovery fund.

“That turnout was an astonishingly overwhelming success. For this, the Collier family has expressed they will be forever grateful,” said Kevin Leitz, community relations director for Spence Brothers.

Multiple community fundraisers have also taken place to provide relief.

“Michigan Blood is honored to partner with the community and Dru’s family to help patients like Dru who are undergoing cancer treatment,” said Tamar Chipp, community relations coordinator for Michigan Blood. “Thirty-three percent of blood products are used in the treatment of cancer patients.

This blood drive is a great way to give back.” Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to give blood every 56 days. Blood donors should bring photo ID (or two forms of non-photo ID).

Appointments are preferred and individuals

can schedule appointments online by visiting [www.miblood.org](http://www.miblood.org) (using sponsor code DRU) or by calling 1-866-MIBLOOD.

Michigan Blood hosts 3,700 blood drives a year to help meet the needs of local hospitals across Michigan. Hospitals rely completely on

blood donated voluntarily to organizations like Michigan Blood.

In Saginaw, Michigan Blood is the exclusive blood provider for Covenant HealthCare and St. Mary’s of Michigan.



*Dru in action!*



*Dru with the prize!*



# INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS & WEALTH



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## RACE & LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE URBAN COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 14, 2015  
9:30 am–3:30 pm

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## Davenport University to Host First Annual Michigan BPA Leadership Conference for Middle School Students

MI - Davenport University will host the first annual Michigan Business Professionals of America (BPA) Middle Level Conference on Feb. 27, 2016 at the W.A. Lettinga Campus.

Michigan BPA Middle Level provides middle school students the opportunity to apply acquired skills while participating in business-related competitive events.

BPA competitions place emphasis on computer skills, teamwork, research, and presentation. Students may compete at both the state and national levels.

“We are very excited to be hosting the first annual Michigan BPA Middle Level Leadership Conference,” said Ron Draayer, Davenport University faculty member and BPA advisor.

“BPA is the leading Career Technical Student Organization for students pursuing careers in business management, accounting, information technology and other related career fields.

“It is a great opportunity to be able to expose younger students to BPA and spark their interest in these fields.”

Interested parents, teachers and/or volunteers can attend an informational meeting on Nov. 7 at the W.A. Lettinga Campus, 6191 Kraft Ave. or Nov. 14 at the Lansing Campus, 200 S. Grand Ave.

For more information on the First Annual Michigan BPA Middle Level Conference visit [www.davenport.edu/mlbpa](http://www.davenport.edu/mlbpa).



## Become a Home Fire Preparedness Volunteer



Seven times a day, someone in this country dies in a home fire. The American Red Cross has launched a nationwide campaign to reduce this number and our volunteers can help save lives and prevent injuries.

There are many ways you can be involved:

- Go door-to-door and speak with residents about the importance of smoke alarms and promote the free smoke alarm installation service.
- Organize canvassing events and help residents develop a fire escape plan and complete a fire-safety checklist.
- Install smoke alarms, replace batteries and teach residents how to test and maintain their smoke alarms.



### Home Fire Preparedness Volunteer Information Session Training

Wednesday, October 21st, 2015  
6:30pm-8:00 pm

Meeting at Buena Vista Township Hall  
1160 S. Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan  
Kick Off Date is October 24th, 2015

**BRING A FRIEND--CHALLENGE**

*If you have any questions, or would like to RSVP for the Volunteer Information Session, please contact, Annette Swain at [ann.swain@redcross.org](mailto:ann.swain@redcross.org)/ 810-893-6642.*



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**Wishing the Michigan Banner congratulations and continued success on your 13th anniversary.**



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## STARTING A BUSINESS: Free Business Start-up Seminar

**Thursday, October 22**  
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**This seminar is designed for individuals who are considering self-employment, or are at the beginning stages of starting a business. Registration is encouraged, online at [www.SBDCMichigan.org](http://www.SBDCMichigan.org), or by phone at 989-686-9597.**

## Hire a Veteran Career Fair

**Kalamazoo - Michigan Works!** Region 8 is holding a Regional Hire a Veteran Career Fair on Thursday, November 5 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo. The event is open to military veterans and their spouses.

The Hire a Veteran Career Fair website will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

This is going to be a huge event with some fantastic sponsors who are very focused and supportive of getting the veteran population and their spouses into good civilian employment. The primary focus is having employers with current job openings that will be good matches for the skills veterans have.

For additional information, email Kathy Olsen or call 269-385-0454.

## SVSU 2015 Fall University-wide Employment & Networking Fair

University Center, MI- Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Rd., in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms will present on October 16, 2015, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. the 2015 Fall University-wide Employment & Networking Fair where employers from many different industries will network with students/alumni regarding careers, Co-op, and Internships. Professional dress is REQUIRED for admittance!

For more information, visit [www.svsu.edu/careerservices/](http://www.svsu.edu/careerservices/)

## Inspiring Minds: African Americans in Science and Technology at Wright Museum

**Detroit** - African Americans in Science and Technology is a comprehensive, high-tech and permanent exhibition highlighting trailblazers, contemporaries and careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Within these, Inspiring Minds introduces individuals from across the spectrum of fields, levels of renown, and from times past and present, with particular focuses on African American women in science, black aviators, black inventors, medical ethics, and key historical figures such as George Washington Carver.

Visit <http://www.wrightmuseum.org/> for additional information

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## Disability Network observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Midland –Disability Network of Mid-Michigan (DNMM) recently announced its participation in National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual awareness campaign that takes place each October.

The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America’s workers with disabilities. This year’s theme is “My disability is one part of who I am.”

“This year’s theme encapsulates the important message that people with disabilities are just that — people,” said Jennifer Sheehy, acting assistant secretary of labor for disability employment policy.

And like all people, we are the sum of many parts, including our work experiences. Disability is an important perspective we bring to the table, but, of course, it’s not the only one.”

Throughout October, DNMM will be engaging in a variety of activities promoting

community awareness on disability employment issues.

These efforts include hosting “Disability Mentoring Day” with several area employers and students, engaging in a social media campaign to highlight disability employment, airing a public access television show on “School to Work” programs, and publishing personal employment

stories written by individuals with disabilities.

Employers and employees in all industries can learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can promote its messages — during October and throughout the year — by visiting the ODEP website at [www.dol.gov/odep](http://www.dol.gov/odep).

**My disability is one part of who I am.**  
At work, it's what people can do that matters.  
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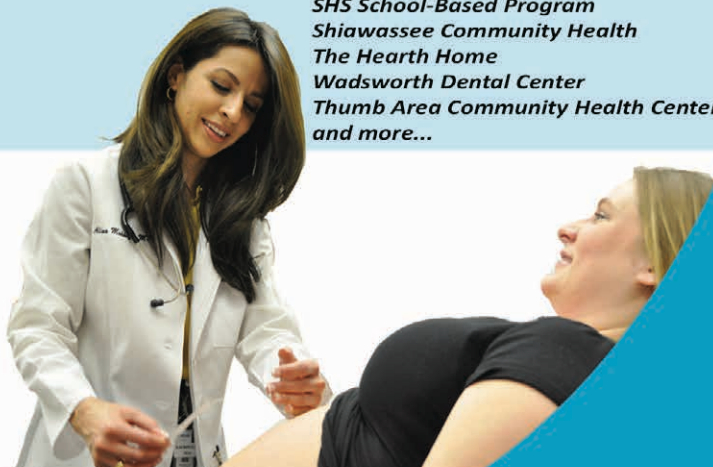
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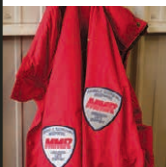
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## Halloween season can be fun, but it can also create stigma for individuals with mental health challenges. What can people do to help end the negative messages about mental illness often found during this time of the year?



"The most impactful thing we can do is get in the community and have conversations. If you see someone with decorations that promote negative stereotypes and stigmas, talk to them about it. If you see someone dressed up in a way that promotes the negative stereotypes of mental illness, talk to them about it. It doesn't take much to make a difference, but you have to start somewhere."

**Judy Thomas, Bayside Clubhouse**

"I think a great alternative that parents and individuals can do is promote positive costumes and decorations that portray historical, cultural, and action heroes. Make this time of year a learning experience and explore the rich history that our area and the world has to offer."

**Dalia Smith, Saginaw MAX System of Care**



"I just had a conversation with someone the other day about understanding that calling yourself or someone else 'crazy' is hurtful. There is no such thing as a 'crazy' person - everyone goes through ups and downs and experiences things that others might not understand. If I see someone dressed in a costume that promotes the idea of 'crazy' people, I'm a big advocate for having a conversation with them and helping them understand that it's not okay to promote negative messages about mental illness like that."

**Lesia McAfee, Community Member**



"I think the first thing we need to do is just have that conversation. If you see someone with negative decorations or dressed up as something that stereotypes and creates stigma about mental illness, talk to them about it. Ask them about someone they might know that has dealt with mental illness and make it more personal. Help them see that what they think is just in good fun can actually be quite harmful - most of the time people don't even realize what they're doing so it's not intentional. There isn't a magic solution that is going to make the stigma associated with this time of year go away, but we have to start small and talk about it."

**Colleen Sproul, SCCMHA**



*Courtesy Photos*



# Neuromonitoring graduates help surgeons perform safer operations



*Courtesy photo*

**Ann Arbor** —Not long after Joshua Mergos started his career as a neuromonitorist, he was assisting in a back surgery when his neurophysiological tests showed that a 12-year old girl would lose function in her legs if the surgeon did not modify his approach.

Mergos is the director of the Intraoperative Neuromonitoring Program at the University of Michigan, which recently became the only accredited IONM program in the world. The program, one of only three in the U.S., is a partnership between the U-M Health System Neurology Department and U-M School of Kinesiology.

When Mergos informed the orthopedic surgeon of the potentially catastrophic injury, the surgeon adjusted the screws and rods in the girl's spine to correct the problem.

"You realize this job really does matter, this really does improve patients' lives," said Mergos, a clinical assistant professor of kinesiology.

Intraoperative neuromonitoring (IONM)

is a fast-growing field with annual starting salaries for U-M grads of \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Neuromonitorists assist during surgeries by monitoring the central and peripheral nervous systems of patients undergoing procedures such as scoliosis correction. The neurophysiologic information helps the surgeon perform a safer operation.

The accreditation means U-M graduates can immediately sit for the certification exam, having completed extensive coursework in intraoperative neurophysiology.

This also saves companies thousands of dollars of in-house training costs. Currently, the only way to qualify for the test is through extensive, on-the-job training that can take up to 18 months.

Most companies require the certification before they'll allow neuromonitorists to work independently.

"If they can hire one of our students, we save them a year-and-a-half of training somebody and

paying them during that time," Mergos said.

"There is a lot of competition for our students. I get emails weekly now asking when our students are going to graduate."

Neuromonitorists work in hospitals or private companies that contract out neuromonitoring services nationwide. Students in the last graduating class had 100 percent job placement, Mergos said, and many received multiple offers.

The next phase is partnering with other hospitals nationally and globally to give students a broader perspective while fulfilling the surgical rotation of 75 cases.

Japan, Germany and the Netherlands have excellent neuromonitoring programs, Mergos said. Kinesiology also plans to build a simulated neuromonitoring lab.

Student Stephanie Schwartz wanted to be a doctor when she came to U-M but changed to the IONM program after Mergos spoke to her class.

"By the end of my sophomore year, I knew I wanted to be involved in the program because it was so unique, and I've always enjoyed neuroscience, so it gave me an outlet for my medical interests," Schwartz said.

"This field has changed my life, my perspective, and also makes me super excited for what comes next for me, post-graduation."

The IONM program hosted a recent Twitter chat and a full recap is scheduled to be published this week. Tweeters include Mergos, Schwartz and Emily Matthews, director of marketing and communications for the School of Kinesiology.

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## EDUCATION



# Co-Teaching Method Gives UM-Flint Teacher Candidates an Edge

By Robert Gold, UM-Flint

**Flint** - The University of Michigan-Flint has teamed up with Davison elementary school, as student teachers partner with their mentor teachers to run classrooms and prepare lessons.

The co-teaching method allows “teacher candidates” a more active role in the classroom than the traditional student teaching approach, said Sherryl McLaughlin, director of the Center for Education Preparation at UM-Flint.

“They will be co-planning during the entire experience,” McLaughlin said about the arrangement with Siple Elementary School, which started this semester. “It’s not the traditional method where the mentor teacher just leaves them (in the classroom to teach).

The co-teaching is part of a larger involvement at Siple Elementary,

McLaughlin said. All teacher candidates meet with UM-Flint faculty at the elementary school for a two-hour weekly seminar. UM-Flint faculty frequently visit to observe the teacher candidates.

Two other education students have internships at the school, and are observing their peers this semester, with expectations they will do their student teaching next semester.

Co-teaching allows teacher candidates to play a more active role in the classroom than the traditional student teaching approach.

Co-teaching allows teacher candidates to play a more active role in the classroom than the traditional student teaching approach.

University of Michigan-Flint staff and faculty received training and implemented

the teaching method developed by St. Cloud State University. The approach is expected to be started by UM-Flint in other area schools, too, she said.

“It is more off your seat and on your feet,” she said. “The expectations are still the same. They still have to demonstrate they can handle the classrooms alone, but it is much more supported.”

Both the elementary school teachers and teacher candidates took training workshops this summer and met beforehand to prepare for the year.

McLaughlin said the process will help better prepare teacher candidates for their professional lives.

UM-Flint education senior Tashae Joshua, who is one of the co-teaching students, said the workshops and training helped set everyone up for success.

“It just went smoothly. The workshops we went through were great,” she said.

Joshua said the university’s involvement with area schools, including Siple Elementary, is a great networking opportunity for her and her UM-Flint peers.

“We’ll have that background,” she said.

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Co-Teaching Partners at Davison Elementary School Courtesy photo

## SVSU Board Approves Major Investment to Campus WiFi

**University Center, MI** - The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approved spending up to \$2.7 million to upgrade the university's wireless network during the Board's regular meeting Monday, Oct. 12.

This investment will improve wireless connectivity in academic and administrative spaces across campus. Work will begin immediately and should conclude next summer.

"We have an aging WiFi infrastructure," said James Muladore, SVSU executive vice president for administration and business affairs. "This will directly affect WiFi performance in classrooms."

The action follows \$770,000 approved by the Board in February to improve WiFi service in SVSU's residence halls.

The SVSU Student Association previously shared that the residential upgrades have resulted in far fewer

complaints from students.

The Board also authorized an extension of SVSU's agreement with Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative to supply natural gas.

The new deal will run through Dec. 31, 2021 and is expected to result in \$350,000 in annual utility savings, starting in the year 2018.

In other action, the Board:

- Passed a resolution of appreciation for Jeff T. Martin, who recently completed a term on the SVSU Board of Control.
- Passed a resolution of appreciation for Jerome L. Yantz, who recently completed a term on the SVSU Board of Control.
- Approved faculty tenure for Jason Kahler, assistant professor of English.
- Granted emerita status to Mary Graiver, who recently retired after serving on the SVSU nursing faculty for 36 years.
- Accepted the Annual Financial Audit and the Federal Awards Audit for the 2014-

15 fiscal year, as presented by the accounting firm Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC.

- Approved SVSU's annual capital outlay request to the State of Michigan.
- Approved an extension of an existing agreement with Ming Chuan University to lease space on SVSU's campus. A sister school of SVSU, Ming Chuan is based in Taiwan and became the first Asian university to be accredited in the United States.



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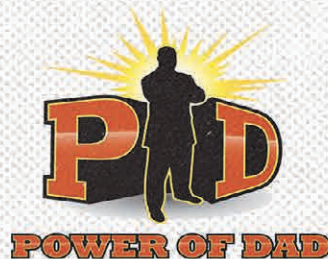
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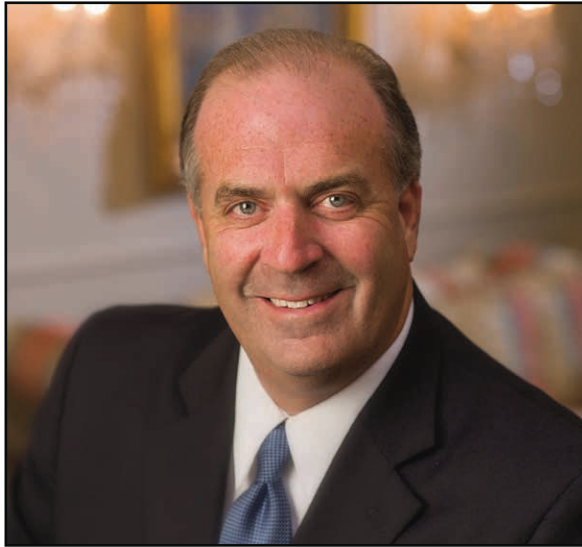
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## NON PROFIT NEWS

# Congressman Dan Kildee Receives Boys & Girls Club Award for Community Youth Engagement



*Congressman Dan Kildee*

**Flint** – Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) was recently honored on Oct. 14, with the Patrick McInnis Community Hero Award from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint at its annual dinner at the Flint Farmers Market.

Congressman Kildee received the award for his dedication and support of youth in Flint and throughout the Fifth Congressional District.

He received the award at the Suits & Sauce Dinner, the annual dinner event for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint.

The Club, which now has two sites in the city, serves over 6,100 Flint and mid-Michigan youth every year through mentoring, academic tutoring and afterschool programs.

“It’s an honor to be selected to receive this year’s Community Hero award,”

Congressman Kildee said. “Throughout my time in Congress, many of my efforts to strengthen and improve our community have worked hand-in-hand with the Boys and Girls Club.

It’s a pleasure to see the Club’s continuing growth and its success at tonight’s dinner, and I look forward to continuing to work with them to increase opportunities for all Flint-area youth.”

The Patrick McInnis Community Hero Award is awarded annually to an individual or

group who has made significant investments of time and energy in Flint youth.

The 2015 award marks the eighth year that the award has been given out by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint. A high-resolution photo of Congressman Kildee receiving the award can be seen here.

“Congressman Dan Kildee exemplifies all of the qualities of this award. From his years working in the non-profit sector as an advocate for children in our community to his current tenure in Congress, Dan Kildee has always been an advocate for our children,” CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint Tauzzari Robinson said.

“It is with great pride, and great pleasure that The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Flint honors Congressman Dan Kildee with the 2015 Patrick McGinnis Community Hero Award.”

Congressman Kildee has been a strong supporter of mid-Michigan’s Boys & Girls Clubs and their goals. This summer, he toured the Bay City Boys & Girls Club and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint to see the impact of new grant funding received from the Department of Justice.

Congressman Kildee has also worked on several recent initiatives to boost afterschool and mentoring programs.

In January, he helped launch the mid-Michigan Mentoring Challenge to encourage more local-area residents to become mentors for at-risk youth.

In February, he also reintroduced the Afterschool for America’s Children Act, which would invest in successful afterschool programs in cities like Flint, Saginaw, and Bay City.

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By Mel and Pearl Shaw  
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The vitality of a nonprofit lies with its board members. Their individual and collective action, engagement and clarity of mission make all the difference in the world.

In this final installment of our interview with Lisa Hoffman, we share her thoughts regarding the important work of a nonprofit board.

“Board members are critical to successful fundraising. They are in a unique position as volunteers to invite investment, to express their passion and say ‘join me’ in strengthening communities, cleaning up the environment and other essential causes.

Fundraising enthusiasm, transcending anxieties and fears about asking, and board engagement, in general, are all strongly rooted in effective board development,” Hoffman shares.

“And that development begins with how board members are recruited – figuring out what kinds of people are needed, clearly conveying expectations ranging from board meeting attendance to fundraising, and new board member orientation that continuing board members facilitate.

It also includes creating an intentional culture, one that focuses on relationships, commitment and accountability, and board governance policies that cover nuts and bolts like board terms and term limits – which are stewarded by board leadership.”

Speaking from her experience, Hoffman continued, “most people live up or down to expectations – and that includes board members. Members of high-performing boards want clarity about the commitments they are being asked to make, and they respond to high expectations.

Sometimes that response is to articulate limits – which I feel is optimal because it is

honest and opens up the possibility for discussion and authentic commitment that grows from a mutual understanding of expectations.”

We also asked Hoffman about the future for nonprofits in the areas of management, messaging, infrastructure and fundraising.

“I think the nonprofits that will thrive in the future will do so because of a combination of classic strengths: staff and board leadership; relationship-based fundraising combined with smart, strategic and tactical use of new and emerging communication tools,” Hoffman shared.

“And they’ll remember that remembering that these tools are simply ways of connecting and engaging with people – they aren’t magical solutions. They are just additional, certainly powerful, tools in the toolbox.”

Finally, because she lives and works in San Francisco, California we asked Hoffman about

engaging technology firms. Her guidance: “I think that most people, technology firms or otherwise, support nonprofits with which they share a mission, values and passion. I would add that more than most donor-investors, the tech community seeks impact that can be proven and has a deep interest in innovative and effective approaches to solving problems.”

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## What is the most listened-to music in South Africa?

By Darren Taylor

What is the most listened-to music in South Africa? Is it R&B, like in many other African countries? Or maybe pop music, like in most parts of the world? Or maybe homegrown kwaito?

Wrong. Research by international entertainment company Havas Sports and Entertainment has yielded what for some South Africans is a surprising result.

As the sounds of American R&B superstar R. Kelly wash over patrons at a Johannesburg bar, many patrons think they can name South Africa's most popular music genre.

"I would definitely say house music," guesses one man.

"I would also say house music, but there's also a lot of R&B and hip hop. If you go into any club you'd see there's a lot of hip hop," offers another.

Other patrons mentioned deep house and

traditional music, but few correctly identified the country's most popular genre.

The international entertainment company Havas Sports and Entertainment surveyed thousands of music lovers all over the world. It found that 13 percent of South Africa's population enjoys listening to Christian gospel songs, which is more than three times the global average of four percent.

"Mostly these days, people are becoming more spiritual, so they like gospel music," said Sophie Ntlaza.

Among pedestrians in Johannesburg, the overwhelming reaction to the survey's results is one of astonishment.

"Are you serious? Gospel?" said one man, after being told of its popularity. "I would have never expected that!" Visit <http://www.voanews.com/> to read entire article.

Source: VOA News

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**Shiraz Shariff, M.D. to be Honored at 21st Annual Cornette Ball***Dr. Shiraz Shariff*

**Saginaw** - St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce that Shiraz Shariff M.D., FACC, FSCAI, is this year's recipient of the prestigious Spirit of St. Vincent Award.

Dr. Shariff will be honored during the 21st Annual Cornette Ball on Saturday, November 21, at 6 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

Dr. Shariff has been an influential and beloved cardiac physician in the Great Lakes Bay region since 1983. He is a practicing interventional cardiologist at Michigan CardioVascular Institute and St. Mary's of Michigan.

Throughout his career, Dr. Shariff has treated and performed thousands of life-saving procedures on patients. Patients consider him part of their extended family and will travel hundreds of miles for follow-up care.

St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation's Cornette Ball is one of the grandest black-tie galas in the region. The festive evening includes a cocktail hour, a magnificent five-course gourmet meal and live music by Detroit's Intrigue.

The Spirit of St. Vincent Award is presented annually to at least one highly respected physician who has rendered long and noteworthy service to the Great Lakes Bay community and beyond.

Proceeds from the Cornette Ball will support the hospital's new cardiac ultrasound equipment. The new equipment will provide 3-D imaging to assist physicians in treating patients with heart failure, aid in diagnosing valve and other heart defects, as well as assist with Electrophysiology studies.

During the last 20 years, the event has raised more than two million dollars with 100% of community contributions helping secure equipment and providing life-saving services that will aide in the treatment and healing of our patients.

For information about attending the event call (989) 907-8300, or visit [www.stmarysofmichigan.org/foundation](http://www.stmarysofmichigan.org/foundation).

**Collage Dance Collective Round-Up**

Thursday, October 29  
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After the Collage Dance Collective presentations at selected area schools and their community performance, we want to continue the discussion at this evening event featuring a special story discussion, and participants will engage in an interactive dance and movement demonstration. Art and written work from students about the Collage Dance Collective visit will also be on display.

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*Pittsburgh Steelers, DeAngelo Williams*

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A firm believer in support systems, Terrence is also a member of the National Leadership and Success Society, an organization that unites students who want to set and achieve goals. And as part of the Greek fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Criminal Justice Society, and the co-ed service fraternity Alpha Sigma Pi, he's learned that the best way to lead is by example. "If I don't help," he said, "who will?"



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