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## Women of Colors 23rd Year Anniversary Celebration / 3rd Annual Community Leadership Awards Banquet

Saginaw, MI – Women of Colors (WOC) will celebrate 23 years of uninterrupted service in the Great Lakes Bay Region and host the 3rd Annual Community Leadership Awards Banquet at Saginaw Valley State University (Curtiss Hall) on Saturday, April 2, 2016 and the doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner 6:00 p.m. WOC will be honoring seven (7) outstanding recipients for their contribution to the growth and well-being of the Saginaw community as follows: Sandra Wooten (WOC – Woman of the Year Award); Terry Duperon (Achievement Award); Richard Stringfield (Volunteer Award); Shardavia Holmes (Woman of the Future Award ages 18 - 25); Dr. Byron Hayes (Distinguish Gentlemen Award); One Stop Business Center (Community Service

Award); and Yvonne Rundell (Woman of the Year Award).

The evening activities will include live entertainment with saxophonist Chet Allen, DJ Desmond Allen, live auction, and lots of fun! Sponsors include Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel, Traverse City Resort, Fairfield Suites, Team One Credit Union, Springhill Suites, Park Place Hotel, Art Sample Furniture, Workwear Store, Ramada Inn & Suites, Spirit Hockey, Bavarian Inn Lodge, The Savoy Grill, Saginaw Children Zoo, Great Lakes Loons and more.

Tickets cost \$40 per person and should be purchased in advance of the event. For more information, please call (989) 737-9286 or (989) 399-8775 Ext. 5.

### The Michigan Banner Celebrates



*Phyllis Alexander*



*Ivy J. Crudrup*



*Pauline Kapp*



*Evelyn McGovern*



*Christina Rosales*



*Patrice Williams*



*Kim Wright*

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## Phyllis Alexander

**Phyllis Alexander** has been training youth an assortment of dance techniques for over twelve (12) years. In total, she has trained over 200 girls in various styles of dance that include cheerleading, jazz, ballet, and hip-hop. She's caring, energized, and innovative dance instructor. Phyllis is a positive role model that works seven (7) days per week (night and day) to plan, teach, and takes her dance groups to participate in various activities that include churches, parades, nursing homes and school events, etc. In 2014, Phyllis received the Women of Colors Volunteer of the Year Award.

The girls are mentored and encouraged to help build their self-esteem. challenged to maintain good grades, and exemplify good mannerism, while often times she trains 30 to 70 girls in one dance session.

Phyllis is the developer and manager of God's Creation & Sophisticated La' Diva's Dance Team for girls 2 years to 16 years of age and with her creative skills, she has produced many musical and stage plays. Phyllis helps provide a positive experience that both the girls and their parents will enjoy and be proud of that creates lasting memories for a lifetime.

## Ivy J. Crudrup

**Ivy J. Crudrup** - Woman OF The Year Award - Ms. Crudrup demonstrates appreciations in diversity and ideas by working with a wide range of women and children from diverse backgrounds and ages. Her ideas help to produce productive members (especially women) in the community, which promotes harmony and peaceful living. She set up educational booths at various events to bring awareness to domestic violence. Currently, Ms. Crudrup mentors an intern at Saginaw Valley State University. For eight (8) years, she has facilitated a domestic violence support group. After 30 years of service, she retired from St. Mary's Medical Center.

Ms. Crudrup is a housing specialist employed with the Underground Railroad for over 12 years, and she helps women find housing, maintain housing, and employment.

She provides support services and conducts monthly home visits and volunteers with food donations, transportation, and an advocate for women issues of all kind. She has enriched the lives of women, children and families by making sure their basic needs are met.

Founder of "Daughters of Destiny Prayer Group" established over five years ago. The group meets weekly and focuses on healing women hearts. Ms. Crudrup leadership role extends from her creativity, great personality and her since of community.

## Pauline Kapp

**Pauline Kapp**, Parking Enforcement Officer, Pauline Kapp is retiring April 21, 2016, after 25 years of service with the City of Saginaw. She's married to Ralph Kapp. With 300 lane miles of paved streets and highways, Ms. Kapp patrolled the City streets governing vehicle parking regulations. She patrolled assigned areas and ticketed those vehicles parked in violation of municipal ordinances and regulations. Regardless of the weather conditions, she worked in the heat, cold, rain, and snow.. She often times had to handle irate citizens, in which she ;handled with respect, tact and diplomacy. Ms. Kapp is also along time active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where she volunteers on various committees as needed. She is a heartfelt individual who empathetic to the needs of others.

## Evelyn McGovern

**Evelyn McGovern** - After 25 years of services with the City of Saginaw Evelyn McGovern (Staff Professional) in the Public Services Department is planning her retirement May 31, 2016. Ms. McGovern was born and raised in Saginaw, married to Patrick McGovern for over 23 years. She birthed twin boys, and has four (4) step children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Currently, she's held various positions and worked in numerous departments that included the City Clerk's office, Police Dept., Water Dept., Forest Lawn Cemeteries, and the former Civic Center. She

began as a temporary employee and advanced to managing the City's Special Events, Block Parties, and Adopt-A-Park programs.

In 2003, Ms. Govern joined the City's Labor Management Leadership Team to meet the challenges of the City to reduce bureaucracy faced by the public and employees. In 2010, helped establish the City's in-house Green Team recycling program comprised of employees from various departments. This initiative helped increase home recycling and citizen awareness of recycling and trash programs. She demonstrated environmental commitment and fostered goodwill in the community by helping educate staff and citizens with the reduction of waste disposal cost and waste volume.

In 1993, became the co-founder of Women of Colors (WOC) and served as the president for over 19 years. WOC is a grass root nonprofit organization that strives to promote multicultural diversity and enhance community relations in the Great Lakes Bay Region by empowering women, mentoring youth and collaborating with other organizations. An Alumni of Delta College, and attended Morris Brown University, Atlanta, GA majoring in Business Administration and she served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 8 years in Atlanta, GA.

In 1993, co-founded the Great Empowering Motivational Sessions (GEMS) comprised of eight (8) programs to educate and empower at risk youth ages 6-18 that include Girl Pride, Sugar & Spice, and Young Men Who Dare, North Saginaw Charter Academy, and Student and Future Technology. GEMS help teach youth social and life skills to positively impact their attitudes toward becoming productive adults in today's society. Sessions also include building self-esteem, self-respect, developing peer role models, identifying each student's talents, skills and promoting community service. For 5 years, she has mentored residents at the Saginaw County Juvenile Detention Center.

In 2011, Ms. McGovern organized and held the largest one-day parent workshop in the community to educate, motivate and inspire parents. In 1993, formed the first annual Mothers Against Crime March/Rally in Michigan and helped plan the first Three Hundred Girls Conference. Helped establish the "Warm A Child For Winter/GEMS Community Youth Summit" in 2014 and since that time over



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# Statement of Arthur Horwitz, Co-chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, in response to the final report of the Flint Water Advisory Task Force that was released on Wednesday, March 23.



Arthur Horwitz Photo credit: michigan.gov

“Today, in issuing its final report, the Flint Water Advisory Task Force stated unequivocally that environmental injustice and the lack of any meaningful involvement for citizens in government decisions played a significant role in what happened in Flint,” said Michigan Civil Rights Commission Co-chair Arthur Horwitz. “The Commission’s upcoming hearings in Flint will further explore these, and additional issues, with the

intent of securing insights and contributing recommendations that assure the civil rights of Flint residents – and those in any Michigan community – are recognized and protected.”

Under the state constitution, it is the duty of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without discrimination. Provisions in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and related acts expanded protections based on age, sex, height, weight, familial status, marital status or disability.

In January, the Commission unanimously passed a resolution to conduct hearings into alleged discrimination involving residents of the city of Flint. The resolution states that at the hearings, the Commission will “... accept and/or compel testimony to address the question of whether the civil rights of Flint residents have been violated or abridged because of actions resulting in the provision of unsafe water to Flint residents through the public water system.”

The first Flint hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 28. The Michigan Department of Civil Rights will announce the exact time and location in the coming weeks.

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800 coats, hats, scarves, and gloves have been donated to disadvantaged children. Membership Affiliations include the HIV/AIDS Task Force, Family Youth Initiative Coalition, MSU-4, Healthy Community Partners Advisory Board, Saginaw Leadership Alumni/1000 Leaders Alumni, Saginaw Women in Leadership Member, MI-Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Committee, School-Based Health/Community Advisory Council, K.I.D.S/Fashion Delivers.

McGovern received the Willie E. Thompson Multicultural Award (2011), which represents leadership and commitment to diversity, community service and educational involvement. Numerous other awards include ZONTA Award, Altursa Woman of the Year Award, and more. Other accomplishments include establishing the annual "Take Your Children to Work Day," with employees of the City of Saginaw. Participant of the pilot City Labor Management Leadership Team, which was comprised of frontline employees, management, police and firemen staff working together to make creative and constructive decisions to move the City in a positive direction.

Ms. McGovern believes in order to strengthen the community people of all races must work together and accept diversity.



## *Christina Rosales*

**Christina Rosales** - Women of Colors  
"Woman of the Year - 2014"

Christina was born and raised in Saginaw, MI, and the mother of two sons, Reuben and Christopher. She's an extra ordinary grandmother who cherishes her six grandchildren – Tahlia; Raquel; Reuben Jr.; Mateo; Camryan; and Christiano. She graduated from Buena Vista High School, and Delta College. In December 2014, she received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration at Northwood University and she retired from management at AT&T, with 25 years of service,

where she held several positions. She is a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

In 2011, Christina began volunteering with Women of Colors, Inc. (WOC) and the GEMS Parent Committee and volunteered wherever needed. She's a very dependable and devoted person who goes above and beyond to help others. Christina has volunteered countless hours on various projects and community initiatives that include being on the annual WOC Community Leadership Awards Committee and the first annual "Warm A Child For Winter" Committee. In 2012, Christina joined WOC, and shortly thereafter, she was voted the assistant treasurer. In January 2015, she embraced her new position as the Treasurer of WOC. Last year, she completed "Winning Futures" youth mentor training to assist students develop life skills and plan for their future. She also accepted the role as lead mentor in the Girl Pride program for girls ages 12-18. During her membership, Christina also received a Certificate of Completion for attending the "Non-profit Best Practices" Management Certificate Program presented by Saginaw Valley State University and United Way. Christina self-trained on QuickBooks Accounting Financial Software to better meet the needs of WOC, and she address challenges that get in the way with a smile.



## *Patrice Williams*

**Patrice Williams** - A woman of strength, integrity, faith and love. Patrice is a born and raised resident of the City of Saginaw and a graduate from the Saginaw Public School System. She works for St. Mary's of Michigan in the Missions Department for over 11 years where she can be found helping, encouraging and praying for those without medical insurance, housing or dealing with an illness.

Patrice has 4 daughters, 1 son, 2 son-in laws and 4 grandsons. She enjoys: Shopping, reading, singing, cooking/ baking, studying Gods Word

and spending time with her family. Her strength can be found from spending time with God through prayer, praise & worship. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 3:5-7 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; but in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



## *Kim Wright*

**Kim Wright** - God blessed me to become an employee with the City of Saginaw Finance Department on September 16, 1985.

The following are my credentials: CHRISTIAN, Saginaw High School Graduate, Associate Degree in Business -Delta College, Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) 1991 - 2001, Secretary of Sherwill Neighborhood Association 2000 - 2003, United Way Volunteer 2000 - 2002, VITA Trainer Saginaw Income Tax Returns 2001 - 2011, New Covenant Christian Center Church (NCCC) since 6-1-2003, Volunteer in several Ministries at NCCC Church since January 2004, Village Volunteer -Drive youth in family to school, school functions, work, etc since 2000

The following are my hobbies: Exercising - YMCA Member since 1993, Dancing - Ballroom and Hustle, Reading, Watching Sports - Live and TV, Bowling, Summer outdoor activities, Spending quality time with family, friends, church family and SHS c/o 83.

I truly live by the following quotes: "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we choose to respond!", Before You Speak THINK! T-is it True?, H-is it Helpful?, I-is it Inspiring?, N-is it Necessary?, K-is it Kind?.

My goal was to always give good customer service. This was done by treating each customer as I would like to be treated. Therefore I took my time to clearly explain and research when needed to help the customer. I will retire on May 31st and plan to continue serving at church and in our community. It's been a pleasure to serve the public for over 30 years.

# *Congratulations from the Michigan Banner*



# THE LATINO BANNER

*Lider en la diversidad*

*Vamos Adelante*

## April 24, 2016 Great Lakes Bay Regional Hispanic Business Association Meeting Guest Speaker Ruben Martinez



Ruben Martinez Facebook.com

On March 1 2016, During a record snow storm, Board Members of GLBRHBA met with Rubén Martinez and Juan Coronado of the Julian Samora Research Institute. JSRI was established in 1989 by the MSU Board of Trustees, the purpose was to address the absence of systematic information and knowledge on Latino issues in the Midwest.

Under the leadership of Rubén Martinez since 2007, JSRI's series of statewide summits on Latino issues have identified and prioritized challenges such as education, immigration rights, health and health care, civic engagement, media portrayal of Latinos, economic development, jobs and employment, statewide advocacy, civic rights and discrimination issues. Extensive research and reports are available at the following website:

<http://www.jsri.msu.edu/recent-reports>

This year, Ruben Martinez and his colleagues have developed a Latino/a Business Owners Survey. Over 7,000 postcards were mailed out to Latino/a business owners in the

past 45 days. We invite you to participate by accessing the link listed below.

<http://ledi.msu.edu/>

The results will be made available later in the year.

Dr. Martinez and Dr. Coronado are looking forward to meeting our members and hearing your personal background history on establishing your businesses here in the Saginaw Community. Ruben Martinez has accepted an invitation to an upcoming GLBRHBA meeting, more information to come.

Many thanks for your support and contributions.

Mil Gracias,  
Ruben Martinez

**Host Location:**  
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## GLBRHBA March 2016 Meeting with Guest Speaker Tom Miller



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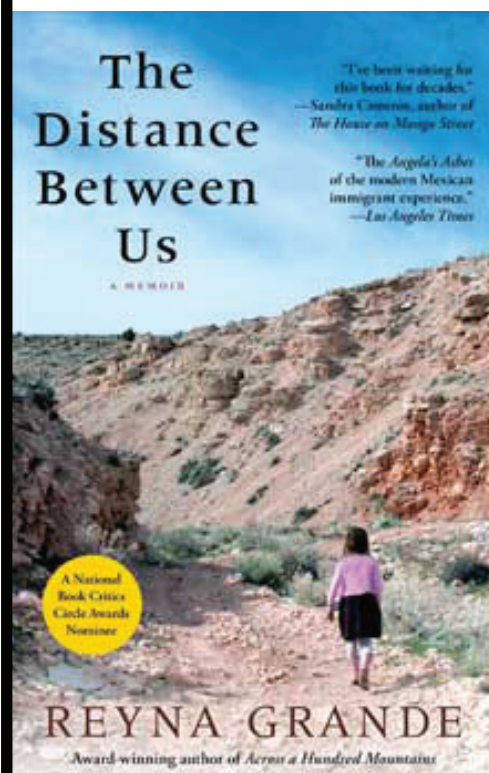
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Cost: Individual tickets are \$45 each, Table of 8 is \$340

Visit [saginawchamber.org/events](http://saginawchamber.org/events) to pay by credit card or, to be invoiced, contact Lisa @ 757-2115 or [lisa@saginawchamber.org](mailto:lisa@saginawchamber.org). Online registration closes Friday, April 15th. After that date, please contact Lisa directly for seating availability. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Bernadette @ 757-2116 or [bernadette@saginawchamber.org](mailto:bernadette@saginawchamber.org).

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Autism, stress management, cancer risks and screenings, heart disease in women, and fitness and nutrition are some of the topics that will be addressed. The sessions include:

- What Is Happening to My Annual Exam? Does It Still Exist? by Dr. Cheryl L. Dwyer, Obstetrics/Gynecology - MidMichigan Physicians Group
- Best Practice Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Pathway to Services

in Michigan by Stacie Rulison, MS, MEd, BCBA, Autism and Behavior Consultant; Secretary - Michigan Autism Council

- It's Not What You LOOK Like, It's What You LIVE Like by Peggy Barber, MA, CSCS, ACSM, Health and Wellness Professor - Delta College; IFBB Fitness Professional
- Women and the Heart: A Cardiology Update by Dr. Vipin Khetarpal, Invasive/Interventional Cardiologist - MCVI
- The Funny Thing About Stress by Kay Frances, MBA, Author and Motivational Humorist

Registration for the conference is \$40 or \$60 for medical professionals seeking continuing education credits. Early bird pricing is available for those who register before March 31st. The conference provides 5.25 hours of continuing nursing education\* and/or ASRT Category

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## Michigan Blood CEO to Retire



*Bill Rietscha  
Courtesy Photo*

the top leadership position in 2008 and during his tenure the organization has experienced

Grand Rapids, Mich. (March 23, 2016) – William (Bill) Rietscha, CEO and President of Michigan Blood, announced his retirement from the organization effective September 30, 2016.

Rietscha took over

significant growth from 22 hospitals to 75 hospitals served throughout Michigan. Bill also orchestrated an affiliation with Versiti, a multi-state collaboration of blood centers that is the 4th largest provider of blood products in the nation. In recognition of their success, Michigan Blood was awarded the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce EPIC Excellence in Business Award in 2012.

"Bill has been a valued and successful leader for Michigan Blood," said Chuck Downey, Michigan Blood Board Chair. "His success in reducing operating costs, increasing efficiency and facilitating an affiliation with Versiti contributed to the outstanding revenue growth and market share gains. Bill was certainly the right leader at the right time for Michigan Blood."

Rietscha also oversaw a major rebranding

program, re-design of governance and management structures and processes, updating of facilities and technology, and recently established a new distribution center and specialty laboratory in Livonia to serve new hospital partners in southeast Michigan.

Bill served on the Board of Directors of Blood Centers of America and Versiti, and was also a member of the Versiti executive leadership committee. Bill was also active in the Grand Rapids community through the Chamber of Commerce CEO Roundtable and was a former Rotarian.

In announcing his retirement, Rietscha noted, "Leaving this wonderful organization will be difficult as I believe there is so much more to accomplish and so many more opportunities to explore. I am very proud of all that we have achieved together." JUMP TO PG 16, CEO





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FROM PG 14, CEO

Prior to joining Michigan Blood, Rietscha served for many years in senior executive roles at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center and Spectrum Health.

Bill and his wife Susan plan to relocate to their home near Jackson Hole, WY.

The Michigan Blood Board of Directors has formed a search committee to select Bill's successor.

### About Michigan Blood

Founded in 1955, Michigan Blood is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit blood bank headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Michigan Blood provides nearly 300,000 units of blood products to 75 Michigan hospitals and collects blood at nine permanent donation sites and more than 3,700 mobile blood drives statewide. Michigan Blood is an established leader in quality and service and has a nationally recognized stem cell (marrow) program and Michigan's first public cord blood bank. In addition, Michigan Blood provides therapeutic apheresis, cellular therapies for the treatment of cancer and transfusion medicine consultations. For more information, visit [www.miblood.org](http://www.miblood.org).

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## FunDRAISING GOOD TIMES

# Wearing Many Hats is not Bad



*Mel and Pearl Shaw*

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“We wear a lot of hats around here.” This is a common refrain at many small and medium-sized nonprofits. It’s even true amongst larger nonprofits that are under-resourced.

Sometimes it’s said with pride. Other times it is followed by a sigh that signals fatigue. We understand both sentiments. If you are one who “wears many hats” we salute your ability to multi-task, pursue multiple priorities, and keep your eye on the big picture and the details simultaneously. We recognize your agility and flexibility. You do what must be done, often without recognition.

We also recognize that sometimes you struggle with too many responsibilities. “Many hats” can become “too many hats.” Things fall through the cracks, you feel overworked, you want to be successful in all your endeavors and yet you begin to feel resentful. It gets worse

when people criticize.

Here’s what we know: it is rare for a nonprofit professional to specialize or to work only in her area of responsibility. If you read the fine print, most job descriptions include the phrase “and other responsibilities as assigned.” Small and medium sized nonprofits often lack the resources to support specialized staff. For example, many have a development/marketing manager. That’s one person responsible for two priority areas. One person managing special events, creating and sending out direct mail, managing social media, writing grants, hosting small fundraisers, meeting one-on-one with donors, supporting board members, managing the data based, producing reports, sending out thank you letters... You get the idea.

Dealing with this reality requires many hats, and many hands. Here are a few

suggestions for building a healthy fundraising team.

First, cross training is a must. Your organization cannot rely on any one person to fulfill all fundraising related activities. All members of your staff should have some skills that can enhance your development and fundraising activities, beyond their primary responsibilities. In some cases you will have to rely on people from the outside to supplement the skill sets that you need. Before asking for help, know your needs. Your fundraising plan should reveal the types of people and skills you need, whether from staff or volunteers.

Second, remember that wearing many hats is not a bad thing, especially during times of staff transition in the area of fundraising. If your team has been contributing

to the development and fundraising work of the organization, there may be someone who can fill in while you search for your new development person.

Third, as a CEO or board member you should constantly seek out professional development opportunities for your staff and volunteers. These can include workshops and conferences, webinars, coaching, books, periodicals and blogs. Related to this, you, and members of the board (especially the chair of the development committee), should have a general knowledge of fund development in order to effectively manage the fundraising function.

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***-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS***



# In honor of Women's History Month, who is a female leader and role model that you look up to and why?

One female leader and role model I look up to is Grace Coyle -she was an influential women in the area of social work with groups. Many of her contributions have influenced the way social workers of today work in groups, including co-occurring, dual recovery, and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Her theories have also emphasized the importance and role of how individuals feel as part of a group or community, and the understanding of group dynamics and leisure activities in their lives to assist in their recovery, very similar to the clubhouse community of Bayside Clubhouse.

Jim Nesbit  
Bayside Clubhouse

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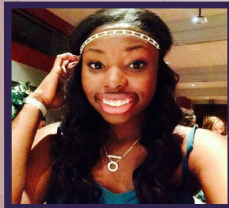


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I honestly look up to my Mom - she is the biggest leader and role model in my life. She is constantly doing things in the community for others and pushes me to be the best version of myself. She is the reason I am who I am today and I am so proud of her!

Kolby Holden  
Youth Breaking Boundaries



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Michelle Obama is someone I look up to as a female leader in this country and across the world. Not only has she overcome adversity in her life, in her role as First Lady she has taken on many initiatives and projects that focus on building better outcomes for youth. From implementing a school lunch program that promotes healthy choices to her work around mental health awareness through the Change Direction campaign, her focus has been on improving the lives of our next generation of leaders.

Tim Walker  
Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority



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The woman I look up to the most is my mother. She has always put her family first and has been the model of how I want to live my life. Not only that, but she adds value to every life that she touches and that's a gift that is valuable beyond measure.

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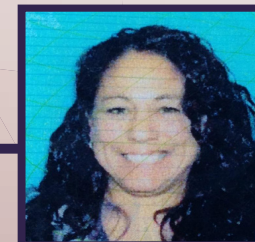


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I look up to Mary Magdalene - the first female disciple and heavenly mother.

Esmeralda Mendoza  
Teacher, Memphis Elementary School, Michigan

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# Lack of Housing for 7.2 Million of Lowest Income Renters



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WASHINGTON, D.C. – *The Gap: The Affordable Housing Gap Analysis 2016*, a new report released today by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), paints a bleak picture of the nation's growing affordable housing crisis. The reports finds that there is a shortage of 7.2 million affordable and available rental units for America's 10.4 million extremely low income (ELI) renter households, those in the bottom 30% of income in their communities.

Seventy-five percent of ELI renter households spend more than half of their income for housing, leaving them without enough money for food, medicine, child care, transportation, and other basic necessities, much less a cushion for emergencies. They are at high risk of frequent moves, eviction, and homelessness. NLIHC calls for greater federal investment in the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) and other housing programs to close this ever widening gap.

communities, there are only 17 affordable and available rental units per 100 households.

Twenty states have fewer than the national average of 31 affordable and available units per every 100 ELI households. Nevada has the fewest affordable and available rental units, with just 17 per every 100 ELI households. Other states with the greatest shortfalls include Alaska (21/100), California (21/100), Arizona (21/100), Florida (22/100) and Oregon (22/100). No state has more than 64 affordable and available rental units for every 100 ELI renter households.

The states with the greatest percentage of ELI renters spending more than half of their income on housing are Nevada (85%), Florida (84%), Georgia (81%), Oregon (81%), and Arizona (81%). In every state in the country, at least half of ELI renters spend more than half of their income on housing.

Among the nation's largest 100 metropolitan areas, Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL and Las

The Gap provides data about the shortage of affordable and available housing for ELI renter households in each of the states, the District of Columbia and the 50 largest metropolitan areas.

The report, based on 2014 American Community Survey data, finds that nationally there are only 31 affordable and available rental units for every 100 ELI households. The 10.4 million ELI renter households accounted for 24% of all renter households in the U.S. For the 4.1 million deeply low income (DLI) renter households, those with incomes in the bottom 15% in their

Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV have the lowest number of rental units affordable and available to ELI renter households, with just 15 units per 100 households. No metropolitan area has more than 46 affordable and available units per 100 ELI households.

"The Gap reveals an alarming reality about housing for extremely low income households," said Dr. Andrew Aurand, Vice President Research at NLIHC. "What is frustrating is the lack of timely action to address the issue. Millions of people in America are living in unaffordable rental homes. They are forced to cut their spending on food, transportation and health to pay rent."

Dr. Sheila Crowley, President and CEO of NLIHC, urged the federal government to substantially increase funding for the NHTF to address the shortfall. "The National Housing Trust Fund," said Dr. Crowley, "was explicitly created to address the most critical housing needs in our country, housing affordable to those with the lowest incomes. We can end homelessness and housing poverty in America without adding a penny to the federal deficit through the United for Homes campaign. All we need is the will."

NLIHC leads the United for Homes campaign that is endorsed by more than 2,300 organizations and elected officials nationwide. The campaign calls for modifying the mortgage interest deduction by reducing the portion of a mortgage that is eligible for a tax break from the current \$1 million to \$500,000 and by converting the deduction to a 15% non-refundable tax credit. These two changes would result in savings of more than \$200 billion over ten years that the campaign calls for investing into the National Housing Trust Fund.

The Gap: The Affordable Housing Gap Analysis 2016 is available at: <http://nlihc.org/research/gap-report>.

Extremely low income (ELI) is 30% or less of the area median (AMI). In most of the country, 30% AMI is less than the federal poverty level for a family of three.



## SPORTS

# Sports Hall of Fame announces 2016 ballot

The ballots have been mailed to Lifetime Voting Members of the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame to determine its Class of 2016 – the organization's 15th induction class.

This year voters will elect four athletes, one coach, one contributor, and one team.

Lifetime Voting Members will vote for four individuals from the Interscholastic Athlete Category. Those individuals include Pat Brady, St. Andrew's High School; Dale Brown, Carrollton High School; Robb Cook, Birch Run High School; Roy Hinton Jr., Saginaw High

School; Greg Housner, Bridgeport High School; Tony Jackson, Nouvel Catholic Central High School; Erinn Reed, Saginaw High School; Paul Walderzak, Arthur Hill High School; Vicki LeFevre (White), St. Stephen's High School; and Marvin Wright, Arthur Hill High School.

Representing the Coaches Category is women's college basketball coach Claudette Charney (SVSU, GVSU and Hillsdale); football coach Loren Dietrich (Michigan Lutheran Seminary); men's college track and cross country coach Doug Hansen (SVSU); football coach Ralph Munger (Frankenmuth, Rockford); and tennis coach Bob Quinn (Douglas MacArthur, Heritage).

The Contributor's Category is made up of Sports Editor George Alderton; Athletic Official Carl "Jack" Bauer; Fordney Club of Saginaw; Swim Official Dale

Gooding; and Youth Hockey Promoter Dave Westner.

The voters will have five teams to choose from in the Teams Category. On the ballot is Arthur Hill High School's 1991 state champion football team; Douglas MacArthur High School's 1981 state champion softball team; Frankenmuth High School's 1968 & 1969 state championship football teams; Hemlock High School's 2001 & 2002 state champion cross country teams; and Saginaw St. Mary's 1953 state champion basketball team.

The results of the voting will be announced at a Press Conference on Wednesday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History, 500 Federal Avenue in Saginaw. There will be a 5:30 p.m. social hour that is open to the public. Ballots must be postmarked by May 13th. There's still time to join the SCSHOF as a Lifetime Voting Member and receive this year's ballot. Simply send a check or money order for \$50, made out to SCSHOF, to the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame, 500 Federal Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607-1253.

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## EDUCATION

# Empowering a Healthier Haiti

*CMU student changes lives through health education, with a focus on women*



*Lisa Dragna*

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Lisa Dragna first traveled to Campeche-Dumay, a small village located in the mountains east of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in June 2014. At the time, the country was facing a health epidemic and was rebuilding from a devastating earthquake. People were sick and dying – many of them children – and she wanted to help.

Dragna, a Central Michigan University student working in health education, joined a

group of volunteers – most of whom were her colleagues – on the medical mission trip. The team – physicians, nurses and pre-med students, among others – spent the better part of their nine-day journey in a medical clinic, providing care and education.

Because of the limited and very basic resources in Haiti, there were many people they could not help – making it a

difficult experience for everyone involved – and Dragna swore she was never going back.

A year later, however, she was the one leading the charge on another visit to the village. This time the goal was to empower its people – particularly women – through health education.

### **Empowering Haitian women**

During her first visit, Dragna remembered

how surprised she had been watching the doctors spend a lot of time educating patients about preventative measures they can take to improve their overall health.

"What I learned is they don't want to be handed a pill, they want to learn," she said.

This inspired her to take health education – and ultimately prevention – to the Haitian people, with a focus on women.

"Once I started my education online through CMU and learned more about community development, I knew solidarity is a key value to working in this village," she said. "Working together as a team and respecting the beliefs of others is the foundation of teaching preventive care in Haiti." When she returned to the village of Campeche-Dumay in October 2015, Dragna developed a women's health and hygiene class encompassing prenatal health and newborn care. She also organized a major women's hygiene project – Pads for Haiti. With the help of her colleagues, she provided 100 Haitian women with kits containing supplies to make their own washable sanitary pads.

JUMP TO PG 25, Empowering Haiti

## SVSU students take top honors at Michigan forensics tournament

Two Saginaw Valley State University students captured top honors at the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League forensics tournament held at Eastern Michigan University March 11-12.

Melinda Dinninger, a communications major from Saginaw, was recognized as the top novice competitor in the oratory/persuasion category. Gina Kearly, a communications and theatre double major from Midland, took home top novice honors and second place overall in the

programmed oral interpretation section.

Baron McBride, a communications major from Waterford, and Erik Breidinger, a communications major from Auburn, also competed at the tournament in the impromptu and informative sections, respectively.

After strong performances in previous tournaments, Breidinger, Dinninger and McBride each have qualified to compete in the 2016 national forensics tournament held April 14-18 at Ball State University in Indiana.

Forensics tournaments are communication-based competitions that include events from three genres: platform/public address, limited preparation and oral interpretation.

SVSU, which started its forensics program in 2001, has been able to send students to such events through funding provided by a grant from the SVSU Foundation. Amy Pierce, associate professor of communication, serves as the team's adviser.

## SVSU offers summer writing workshop for local teachers

Saginaw Valley State University will seek to empower K-12 teachers in the Great Lakes Bay Region to better advocate the joys of writing to their students, thanks to a generous gift that will support a week-long writing workshop.

The SVSU-based Saginaw Bay Writing Project will be sponsoring a Writer's Workshop for Area Teachers from Monday to Friday, July 25-29, at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio in Midland. Sessions are planned from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The week-long agenda includes writing seminars, evening reading sessions by various Michigan authors, complimentary lunch and dinner each day of the workshop, as well as lodging at the Holiday Inn in Midland.

This workshop will include a keynote address from Penny Kittle, author of "Write Beside Them," a book published in 2008 that explores how best to teach writing to high school students.

Participants also can take advantage of an

opportunity to obtain 25 free State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) credits or two SVSU credits, paid for by participants.

Organizers say the week-long workshop will inspire teachers interested in rediscovering the power of writing. The program will achieve that goal both through discussion of best practices, as well as workshops aimed at crafting, sharing and discussing teachers' writing.

"We know that educators who work to become better writers themselves will be more effective when teaching writing to their students," said Helen Raica-Klotz, director of the Writing Center at SVSU and the Saginaw Bay Writing Project. "We want students throughout our region to experience the joy of writing while also improving their writing proficiency."

The cost for participation is \$150 per person, due to the support of the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation.

"We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation," Raica-Klotz said. "Their desire to support teachers made this possible. We are grateful they recognized SVSU's strong commitment to supporting teachers of writing in our community and chose to partner with us."

Those interested in participating can register online at [www.svsu.edu/sbwp/vadabdowworkshop/](http://www.svsu.edu/sbwp/vadabdowworkshop/). For more information, contact Marilyn Brooks, assistant director of the Saginaw Bay Writing Project, at [mtbrooks@svsu.edu](mailto:mtbrooks@svsu.edu).

SVSU's Saginaw Bay Writing Project, founded in 1993, promotes literacy throughout the Great Lakes Bay region. The initiative offers professional development for teachers interested in growing both as writers and as writing teachers.

### FROM PG 24, Empowering Haiti

"Some people would walk for miles and miles, sometimes overnight, to get to our clinic and classes," she said.

"Working in Haiti is one of the hardest jobs I've ever done, knowing how far people traveled to get to us is what gave me the energy to get up everyday with enthusiasm and compassion. I was truly grateful."

Even though the feeling of helplessness sometimes got the best of her, Dragna quickly learned how she could almost always do something to help.

"All you need to do is listen. You don't need a whole lot to teach somebody something that will change their lives," she said. "There are newborn babies, children and adults who present in the clinic with conditions and disease and you know they are not going to live much longer. Haiti just doesn't have the resources we have in the states to heal these people. So, all you can do is listen, encourage and empower the family. That is truly the best gift you can give."

### Giving back while receiving credit

Dragna, a California resident pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with an option in

community development and a health sciences concentration through CMU, learned just before her visit that she could connect her Pads for Haiti project with her education.

"I had an amazing opportunity to use my Pads for Haiti project as credit toward my degree," Dragna said. "It was satisfying enough for me to volunteer my time, but when I found out that I could get credits and even professional recognition for it, it really felt good."

The ability to connect her volunteerism and education was invaluable, she said.

"In my classes, I learned about education, psychology, diversity and community, and I used all of that when I was in Haiti," she said. "You can learn so much from books but the true learning happens when you apply what you've learned. It was very powerful to be able to tie what I did in Haiti to my education." Seeing the impact

The visits to Haiti were through an organization called the Tallahassee-Haiti Medical Team and promoted through Dragna's employer, Kaiser Permanente. In the almost year and a half between her visits, Dragna saw dramatic differences in the village – particularly the health of its people. She could

see it in their faces – many looked healthier and happier.

"Our presence in Haiti – what we're doing – is making a difference," she said. "You can see our impact if you look at pictures from 2014 and 2015. They're doing it, they're getting it. We turned something clinical into something empowering and educational."

"This experience closed the loop in my educational career, my professional career and my volunteerism," Dragna said. "A good day in Haiti was considered the best day of any job I've ever done."

While she has made a difference in the lives of so many, the lasting impact Haiti has had on her also is a powerful one.

"While the community is very poor, there is so much richness – richness in a community that you don't see here in the states," she said. "People do not hesitate to help each other by sharing cell phones and food and watching over each other's children. The children in Campeche-Dumay are really the children of the village. It's a wonderful feeling of community."

Dragna is already planning her next visit to Haiti, where she hopes to offer classes on other health issues such as STDs.



# Exploring the roots of STEM education

## CMU's STEM Education Scholars gain hands-on experience



STEM Education

Courtesy Photo

To better prepare the next generation of scientists, Central Michigan University's STEM Education Scholar students are getting hands-on with STEM. The students plan, program and host several events throughout the year, each with a focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics – or STEM – topics.

CMU's STEM scholars are a cohort of 11 teacher education students. The group of freshman and sophomore students works closely with faculty to discuss new technology and plan programming around emerging trends in science education. They share many of the same classes, and most of them also live in the same residence hall in close proximity.

"These CMU students have many more opportunities to work directly with children than a typical education student," Julie Cunningham, STEM education program coordinator, said. "In addition to schoolwork, they are involved in outreach programs, workshops and career-

building activities."

The STEM Scholars host events for community children throughout the year, including a monthly after-school program at a Mount Pleasant elementary school. Freshman Sara Fisk, a teacher education math major and physics minor, has always liked math and aspires to come up with new and exciting ways to present ideas to children who may not like the subject at first. She says the best part of gaining hands-on experience is working with children when they experience an "aha" moment.

"It's rewarding for me when these children make something tangible," the Big Rapids native said. "They get so excited about what they can do with their own hands. It changes how they feel about the subject when they succeed."

Zeeland freshman Simon Fiske sees the scholars program as an advantage for employability after graduation. The integrated science major and math minor wants to work

with secondary education students so he can teach more in-depth science concepts, and he is already gaining experience teaching and building a network of peers. "I like to introduce new ideas or new technology into a class," Fiske said. "Young minds are fascinating; they look at things in ways I've never even thought of before."

Students in the program will help mentor incoming scholars as the program becomes larger. Cunningham says that professional growth and ability to work comfortably with children are important parts of developing a future teacher.

"Part of the strength in this program is due to the fact that students are surrounded by peers with similar goals and interests," Cunningham said. "They learn this strong core of STEM subjects and also get to build all the professional skills that go along with teaching."

Cunningham works with faculty in the College of Science and Engineering and with external groups, such as 100 Girls of Code, to create partnerships for future programs. The cohort of students have hosted seven events so far this year, and on a recent Saturday in Mount Pleasant they hosted a LEGO We Do Robotics Workshop for nearly 40 elementary students.

"For this particular program we used LEGO's because they're fun, and also because using computer coding to make the robots move solidifies kids' learning experiences," Cunningham said.

The STEM Education Scholars are currently accepting applications for the fall 2016 semester. The opportunity includes a tuition stipend, enrollment in CMU's flagship leadership camp Leadership Safari, membership in a national math or science association, and attendance at a national science, math or STEM conference. Find more information at CMU's Center for Excellence in STEM Education.



## Non Profit Directory

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1311 N. Michigan Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
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www.cancouncil.org

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ezekielprojectnow@yahoo.com  
P.O. Box 3470  
Saginaw, MI 48605-3470  
Phone: 989-755-1620  
Fax: 989-755-4038

Good Neighbors Mission  
1318 Cherry Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-399-9918

Great Lakes PACE  
3378 Fashion Square Blvd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Phone: 989 272-7610  
Fax: 989 272-7669  
Website: www.greatlakespace.org  
jdarby@greatlakespace.org

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Saginaw, MI 48607  
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Houghton-Jones Task Force  
1708 Johnson Street  
Saginaw, MI  
989-752-1660

Lighthouse Outreach Center  
808 Janes Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-928-9096

Mobile Medical Response  
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Saginaw, MI 48601  
989.758.2900

Michigan Banner Outreach  
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Pit and Balcony Theatre  
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Saginaw, MI 48602  
www.pitandbalconytheatre.com  
989-754-6587  
pitandbalconytheatre@yahoo.com

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www.saginawlibrary.org

Restoration Community Outreach  
1205 Norman  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
(989) 753-1886 / fax (989) 753-2880  
Email: rcosag@yahoo.com

Saginaw County Business &  
Education Partnership  
1213 South Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989.399.0016

Saginaw County Community Action  
Agency, Inc. (CAC)  
2824 Perkins Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-753-7741

The Saginaw Community Foundation  
1 Tuscola, Suite 100  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-755-0545

Women of Colors  
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*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
— Romans 15:7*





## COMMUNITY

**April is “Celebrate Libraries” Month****Preschool Storytimes  
at Zael Library**

- Preschool Storytimes are held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., at Zael Library 3100 N. Center, for children ages 3-5 with a loving adult.
- Friday, April 1 is themed “April Fool’s Nonsense.” Join us for 30 minutes of read-aloud stories, fingerplays, songs and fun on April Fool’s Day.
- Friday, April 8 is themed “April Showers.” Join us for 30 minutes of read-aloud stories, songs, fingerplays and fun celebrating springtime showers.
- Friday, April 15 is themed “I Love my Library.” Join us for 30 minutes of read-aloud stories, fingerplays, songs and fun and celebrating the library.
- Friday, April 22 is themed “Money, Money, Money.” Children will learn the value of money, listen to stories and participate in "money smart" activities during Money Smart Week.
- Friday, April 29 is themed “In My Garden.” Join us for 30 minutes of read-aloud stories, fingerplays, songs and fun geared towards planting a garden.

**Makerspace@Zael Launch Party!**

Zael Library has joined the Makerspace movement by creating Makerspace@Zael! Makerspaces are exactly what the name implies: spaces where children make things. We have transformed two rooms at Zael into these spaces, one focused on building and one focused on designing, which will be open to children ages seven and up. Inside the rooms are a variety of craft and building materials for children to create with, including duct tape, Lego bricks, puzzle pieces, K’NEX, design stencils, knitting looms, buttons, beads, paracord, and a sewing machine!

Come explore at our Makerspace@Zael Launch Party on Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at Zael Library, 3100 N. Center! Blast off into the world of Makerspace, where kids’ imaginations rule and thinking outside the box is the norm. No registration is required.

**Adult Coloring Club**

Come and relax and de-stress with others who enjoy making beautiful artistic creations. Bring your own coloring books and supplies if you like. Coloring pages, colored pencils and markers will be provided. We’ll also provide hot tea and coffee. No experience is necessary. We are now offering an adult coloring club at Butman-Fish Library. See dates and times below:

- Wednesday, April 6 • 1:00 p.m. • Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock  
Monday, April 11 • 6:00 p.m. • Hoyt Library, 505 Janes  
Tuesday, April 12 • 10:00 a.m. • Hoyt Library, 505 Janes

**Email Basics**

Have you ever asked yourself, "what is e-mail and how do I get one?" If so, join us at Wickes Library, 1713 Hess, on April 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. for this short course that will teach you the fundamentals of e-mail, a skill that has become the most popular use of the Internet. You will set up your own e-mail account, send and receive e-mail, and learn how to manage your messages. Prerequisite: Must be familiar with using a mouse and keyboard. Class is limited to 6 participants. Please call 752-3821 to sign up.

**Make Your Own Magnetic Poetry Kit**

Roses are red, violets are blue... During National Poetry Month, tweens and teens will build their own magnetic poetry kit of words on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock. When finished, they will get the chance to create and recreate poetic magic. Bring your imagination and let it flow. All supplies will be furnished. Call 799-9160 to register.

**Little Readers Storytime**

Join us on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. on April 7, 14, 21, 28 & May 5 & 12 at Zael Library, 3100 N. Center for Little Readers Storytime. Little Readers Storytime is a six-week storytime series in which babies birth through 17 months of age spend a special 30 minute one-on-one time with a loving adult participating in songs and nursery rhymes, simple stories and basic baby sign language. Spending this special one-on-one time with your baby will not only strengthen your bond with each other, it will stimulate and enhance your baby’s language development and other senses. Call 799-2771 to register.

**Saginaw Community  
Writing Center**

Come out on Tuesday, April 12 and 26 at 4 p.m. at Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock for tutoring and a workshop. The Saginaw Community Writing Center (SCWC) is open for FREE tutoring and writing workshops on the second and fourth Tuesdays of April. The SCWC is staffed by trained, SVSU Writing Center tutors. There is no need to register for workshops or tutoring in advance.

Creative Writing Studio Workshop (grades 6-12)

April 12 • 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Workshop will be before tutoring)

Writing Short Stories Workshop (all ages)

April 26 • 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Tutoring will be from 4-7:30)

# CHEMICAL BANK Steps Up for Consumers, Sponsors MiHIA's Choosing Wisely® Efforts

Chemical Bank has stepped up with a \$5,000 regional sponsorship, partnering with the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. (MiHIA) to continue Choosing Wisely® efforts in the 14-county MiHIA region. Choosing Wisely® project leader Katie Trotter says the impact of the campaign continues to grow and is moving the needle on MiHIA's "Triple Aim" focus – better care, better health, and affordable care.

"We have loved working with Chemical Bank," says Trotter. "They picked up Choosing Wisely® right away, and saw the benefits for their employees. They have a history of promoting health education to their people, and it's incredible that they have expanded their

efforts to include the community as a whole. They have been a model partner."

Chemical Bank Chief Operating Officer – Customer Experience Bob Rathbun says that when they first learned about the campaign from MiHIA, the content was powerful and clearly important to adopt.

"Many times when a person has a health care issue, they are prescribed a litany of tests, which take time and can be expensive. What's helpful with Choosing Wisely® is that it gives patients tools and evidence to know if those tests are actually necessary, and have constructive conversation with their health care provider."

Choosing Wisely® is a national campaign

spearheaded by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in partnership with Consumer Reports. Lists of tests which are commonly prescribed but are often unnecessary, along with other campaign resources, are available at on MiHIA's website at [bit.ly/1QDE6wk](http://bit.ly/1QDE6wk).

"Chemical Bank continues to be a self-funded insurance provider, as are other employers in our region," says Rathbun. "By partnering with Choosing Wisely® our employees can become more educated and make better healthcare choices. Better decisions result in lower healthcare costs and healthy, contributing community members."

## Great Lakes PACE

# "More Choices for Seniors!"



Amanda Shoup SW Courtesy Photo



Jeri Darby RN Courtesy Photo

The Great Lakes PACE program has been opened since May 1, 2015. This is exciting news for seniors. We assist those with failing health and other needs wishing to remain in their homes. A nursing home is no longer the only option for those who are aging with health problems. There are more choices. PACE stands for Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. A holistic style is used for meeting the health needs of our enrollees. Our team includes doctors, nurses, physical-occupational-

recreational therapists, social workers, a dietician and a transportation coordinator. We provide medical and nursing care in our on-site clinic. Our other services include pharmacy, lab, therapy day care, meals and more. There is transportation to and from our PACE center for Adult Day Health or medical appointments. Aides are scheduled to help in the home if needed. PACE participants may be responsible for cost of medical services received from

out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE is offered to those who are 55 years or older and meet the medical and financial guidelines. We cover most of the Great Lakes Bay Region and a few nearby areas which are known by zip codes. (See below). Many may choose a nursing home due to being uninformed of other choice. Our two Intake Coordinators will answer your questions. Their

role is to provide you with information about this amazing program.

Amanda Shoup SW and Jeri Darby RN will be contacting medical professionals, local churches and other organizations to offer info sessions that will meet your time limits. Individual or group tours may be requested. Evening tours are provided when needed. Help us to empower the seniors of our community to make informed decisions about their future. Great Lakes PACE is great news! It offers more choices for seniors.

Contact us at 989 272-7610. We look forward to meeting with you soon,

Great Lakes PACE services are offered in these Zip Codes: Saginaw Midland, Bay, Gratiot, Tuscola and portions of Shiawassee and Arenac Counties: 48417, 48601, 48602, 48603, 48604, 48607, 48609, 48611, 48614, 48615, 48616, 48620, 48623, 48626, 48631, 48634, 48637, 48638, 48640, 48642, 48649, 48650, 48655, 48662, 48706, 48708, 48722, 48724, 48732, 48734, 48747, 48757, 48841, 48457, 48460, 48807, 48831



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*2016 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated Scholarship Luncheon & Celebration***“BUILDING ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ZETA WHILE BLAZING  
NEW PATHS...STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY”**

Saginaw, Michigan – The Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will be honoring trailblazing women, groups and high school students of the Great Lakes Bay region by celebrating its annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon and Celebration entitled “Building on the Principles of Zeta while Blazing New Paths; Strengthening Our Community.”

The celebration and luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Horizon’s Conference Center located at 6200 State Street, Saginaw, MI.

This year, the sorority will be honoring several individuals and groups who have contributed unselfishly to the welfare of the community and its people.

Special recognition will be given to Mary Lois Boyd-Jackson. A native of Tyler, Texas, Jackson received her Bachelor of Science from Texas College with K-8 certification her Master’s in Elementary Education from Michigan State University. She also has a Reading Recovery Certification from Western Michigan University and thirty hours of post graduate work from Central Michigan University. She also worked as a Reading First Teacher Trainer for six years and began teaching in the Saginaw City Schools in 1965 at Potter School.

An active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Jackson is a charter member and past president of the Zeta Omega Zeta chapter. She has held all offices at the local level and received several Chapter Certificates of Appreciation. She is also a retired member of The Delta Kappa Society International, Beta Pi Chapter where she held several offices and was honored as their Woman of Distinction.

Jackson is an active member of Bethel AME Church where she serves as a member of The Bethel Steward Board, Classleaders’ Council, Intercessory Prayer Team, Puppets of Praise Ministry, and the Waves of Praise Flag Ministry. She is a member of The United Sisters In Christ Executive Board. She is a charter member of the

Marvelous Mimes of Saginaw, along with Sister LaWanna Pruitt, and have been a working team since 2000.

Mary is married to the late Willie J. Jackson and has four children Morgann, Karl, Michael and Michelle and is the grandmother of Kourtly and Mykal Pierce Akins.

Jackson has been named Woman of the Year, the sorority’s most esteemed honor.

First Ward Community Service will be honored with the “Shining Star Community Service Award.” Since 1931, First Ward Community Service (FWCS) a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit agency has been working to improve the quality of life for families and individuals. First Ward Community Service is located in the Northeast section of the City of Saginaw, which is common known as the Potter-Longstreet neighborhood. The center serves as a support/advocacy network for the residents of Saginaw County. We provide a range of services to low-and moderate income families who reside throughout Saginaw County. Our programs and services are responsible and accessible to families and individuals ranging from senior citizens to children (six years and older), regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

Zeta Omega Zeta member, Colleen Green, serves as the Director of STEP and of Office of Native American Programs at Central Michigan University. Green is a tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Green graduated from Mid-Michigan Community College in 2005 with an Associates of Arts, Central Michigan University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Education in 2007 and a Masters in Educational Leadership in 2009. While attending CMU as an undergrad, Colleen was President of the North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO). She is a national member of the AISES Organization.

Green’s work in Zeta includes, but is not limited to serving as the Recording Secretary for the sorority and has served as the undergraduate advisor for the collegiate chapters on the

campuses of Saginaw Valley State University, Northwood University and Central Michigan University.

Colleen is blessed with three sons and a wonderful husband. She is also a grandmother. Green has been a member of the sorority since 2010.

In addition, five (5) Great Lakes Bay area high school seniors will be receiving a \$500 scholarship award for their community and school dedication, hard work and scholastic achievement during their academic career. The scholarship will be used to assist with furthering their education at a college/university/school of their choice after graduation. This year’s winners include Alexis Booker (Saginaw High School), Cruz Garcia (Arthur Hill High School), Lakeria Hamilton (Saginaw High School), Jonathan Haynes (Midland High School) and Katelynn Jacob (Arthur Hill High School).

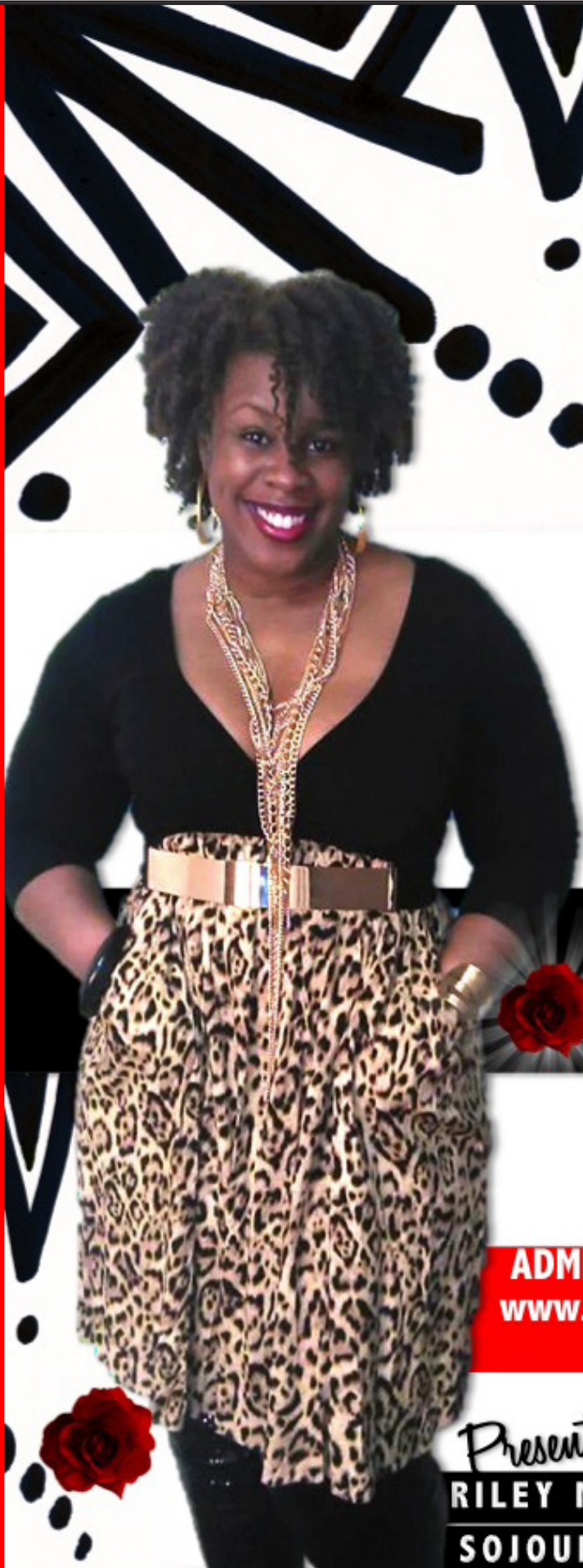
Tickets are available in advance for a \$40 donation. Proceeds will support the Freddie Curl Murphy Scholarship Fund. Tickets can be purchased from any member or by emailing the sorority at [zsaginawzetas@gmail.com](mailto:zsaginawzetas@gmail.com).

Zeta Omega Zeta has been celebrating Finer Women in the Saginaw Community and providing educational opportunities for students for nearly fifty (50) years.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC on the belief that the social nature of sorority life should not overshadow the real mission of progressive organizations - to address societal mores, ills, prejudices, poverty, and health concerns of the day. The international organization’s more than 125,000 members have given millions of voluntary hours to educate the public, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social and civic change. Zeta Phi Beta has more than 800 chapters in the United States, Japan, Germany, the Republic of Korea, and the Caribbean.

More information regarding Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated can be found at [zphib1920.org](http://zphib1920.org) and [saginawzetas.org](http://saginawzetas.org).





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On behalf of the Women in Leadership Great Lakes Board, (formally known as Inforum Women in Leadership Mid Michigan), I would personally like to invite you to our re-launching luncheon!

We have been working hard to put together a program that we think you are going to love....all the great things you remember about Women in Leadership and more! Personal and professional development

lunches, WIN (Women in Networking) events and other special events - ALL FOR YOU!

SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, April 19th at Trillium Banquet Center in Saginaw. 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Price: \$18, includes salad, soup, and sandwich with beverages.

Women in Leadership (WIL) will inspire, empower and connect accomplished women to grow their knowledge and expand their

reach within the community while cultivating women leaders of tomorrow.

WIL will unite energetic leaders committed to developing the potential of women and improving the community through inspiration, empowerment and networking.

Do you seek success both personally and professionally? Let us help you by building the strongest women network around!

LIKE our Facebook page to stay on top of events <https://www.facebook.com/wilgreatlakesbay/> and RSVP for the event on the 19th! You can also RSVP by emailing [Jenny@wilgreatlakesbay.org](mailto:Jenny@wilgreatlakesbay.org).

I look forward to seeing you there and introducing you to the rest of the Board members!

Jenny C. Dumont,  
WIL Great Lakes Bay Region Board Chair  
A Place for Grace Child Care, Founder & CEO

## PRAISE CONNECTIONS & LIFE



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# Faith Based Directory

Bethel AME Church  
Pastor P. David Saunders  
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(989) 755-7011

Bread of Life Harvest Center  
Senior Pastor Rodney J. McTaggart  
3726 Fortune Blvd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
(989) 790-7933

Christ Disciples Baptist Church  
Founder Pastor Eddie Benson  
Pastor Genevieve Benson  
3317 Lapeer Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
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Christ Fellowship Baptist Church  
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Corinthian Baptist Church  
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Website: [www.faithharvestministry.org](http://www.faithharvestministry.org)  
E-mail: [office@faithharvestministry.org](mailto:office@faithharvestministry.org)

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**POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY****Lt. Gov. Brian Calley: Statewide workgroup developing strategies to improve our behavioral health system***Workgroup developing budget boilerplate related to mental health funding*

Lansing, MI. –Lt. Gov. Brian Calley has convened a group of stakeholders to work on increasing service levels and improving the effectiveness of Michigan's behavioral healthcare system after hearing concerns about how mental health funding was addressed in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget recommendations.

The workgroup includes statewide mental health advocates, consumers, parents, administrators and health care providers. Calley has asked the group to enhance, improve and better integrate the state's systems of care, with consumer needs as the focus.

Calley testified Feb. 29 before a state legislative appropriations committee on this issue, saying budget language needs to be replaced to enhance how behavioral health care is provided in Michigan.

"The focus of much of my work is on finding ways to enhance services and support for people with a mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders," Calley said. "This workgroup is taking the boilerplate language that drew concerns off the table and starting from scratch. Together we are engaging in thoughtful discussions on how we can reimagine and reinvent the statewide behavioral health system in which we invest \$2.4 billion dollars annually."

One of the group's main goals is to replace the

original Section 298 budget language that drew concerns with a consensus proposal from this workgroup. The group held its first meeting and a subcommittee is now working to establish a set of facts from which the group can work.

Calley also asked for the Community Mental Health Association, health plans and other stakeholders to come to the table with the goals of 1) increasing the amount of resources that make it to services for consumers and 2) achieving better integration of physical and behavioral healthcare.

The workgroup is expected to develop

replacement budget language for next two months and then report back to the legislative committees in time to approve the budget.

As lieutenant governor, Calley continues to work to improve Michigan's systems of care for everyone. In addition to leading this workgroup, he has chaired the Mental Health and Wellness Commission, Diversion Council, Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, and the Special Education Reform Task Force. He is also leading reforms to transform the state government into a model employer in hiring talented people with disabilities.

**Ordinance No. 268****Buena Vista Charter Township****County of Saginaw, State of Michigan****Buena Vista Charter Township Oakes Estates Tax Exemption Ordinance****Date of adoption at Special Board meeting on****March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.****Buena Vista Township Hall**

Take notice that a proposed Ordinance for Buena Vista Charter Township Oakes Estates Tax Exemption Ordinance was adopted at the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees Special Board meeting on March 7, 2016. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed dwelling project for persons of low income.

The proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Clerk, 1160 S. Outer Dr. Saginaw, Michigan and on the township website: [www.bvct.org](http://www.bvct.org).

Dated: March 8, 2016



Gloria A. Platko, Township Clerk





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# Gov. Snyder thanks Flint area credit unions for donation to residents participating in home water testing efforts



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Lansing, MI - Gov. Rick Snyder today thanked Flint-area members of the Michigan Credit Union League for donating \$50,000 worth of gift cards to residents who have been working with the state and federal government to monitor lead levels in the water in their homes.

Flint residents who will receive the cards live in sentinel sites, locations throughout Flint designated for testing by the Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency. Water collected from these sites will be continually tested in order to gather data to measure the safety of the water and determine when it is suitable for consumption.

“The state is working with the EPA and independent water quality experts to restore safe drinking water to the city of

Flint as soon as possible,” Gov. Snyder said. “I greatly appreciate the generosity of the credit unions in providing this thank you to residents who have been integral in the testing process.”

Water collected from these approximately 600 sites is continually tested in order to gather scientific data to measure the safety of the water overall and decide when it is suitable for consumption. Site data collection started

on Feb. 10 and will wrap up in mid-April. Test results are reported online each week, and residents also receive a hard copy of the results.

Each sentinel team visiting homes includes a member of the DEQ, a licensed plumber and a community member. The teams demonstrated to residents how to draw water samples using a scientifically accurate method so residents could submit regular samples for testing.

The gift cards will be distributed at the end of the home water testing period in mid-April to residents who turn in all five samples required by the program. Donating credit unions include:

- DORT Federal Credit Union
- ELGA Credit Union
- Financial Plus Credit Union
- Flint Area School Employees Credit Union
- SAGELINK Credit Union
- Security Credit Union

Sentinel site testing data is posted at [www.mi.gov/flintwater](http://www.mi.gov/flintwater).

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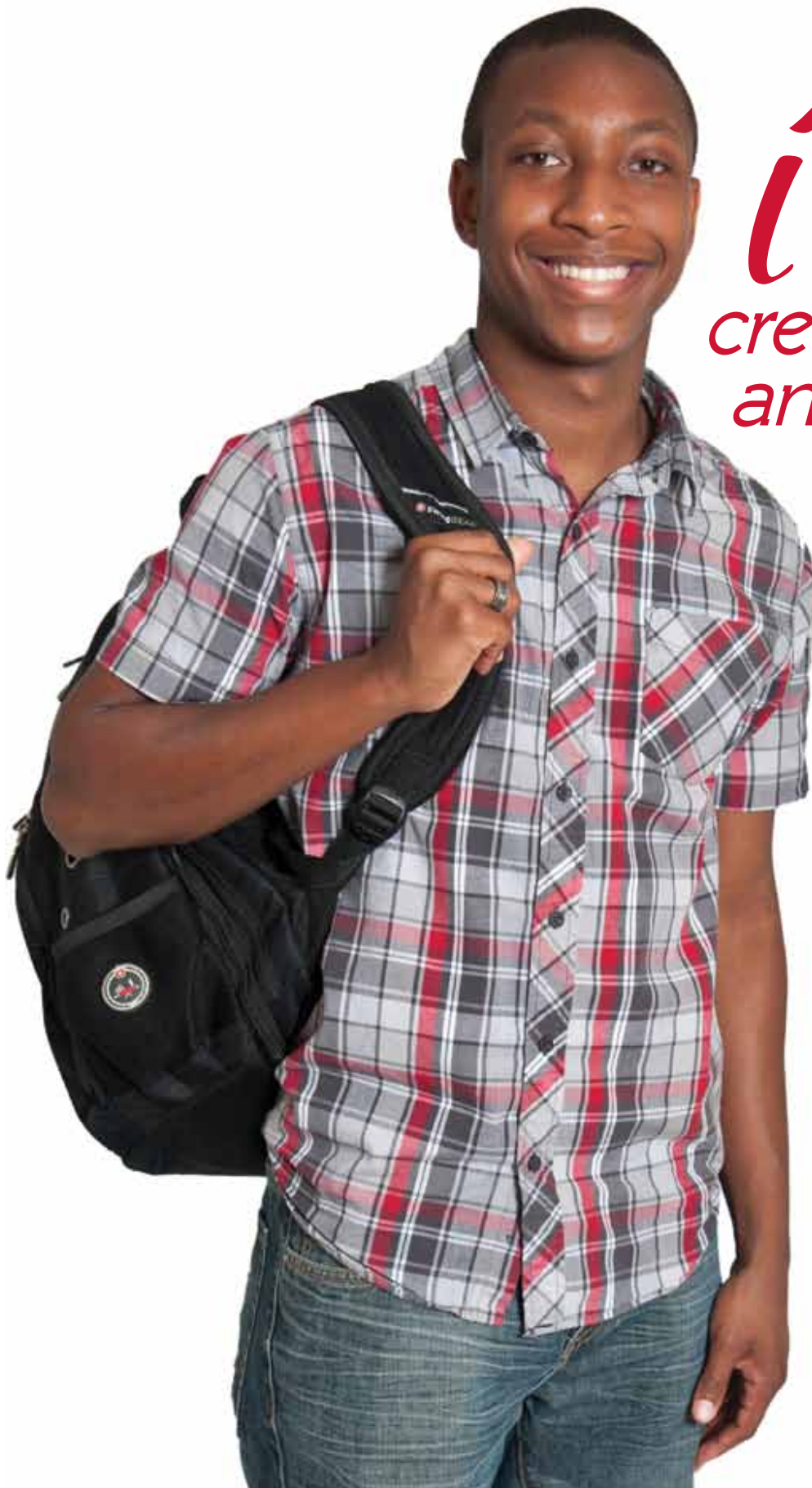
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Carleton Green loves to help people — specifically, to create opportunities for others. It's why the sophomore communications major devotes himself to organizations driven to develop people's potential. Carleton is the vice president of SVSU's chapter National Society of Leadership Success, an organization on campus that emphasizes goal-setting and achievement. In fact, Carleton's chapter achieved a few goals of its own: in its first year, it has been named the Best New Organization and become the largest registered student organization on campus.

A brother in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and a former mentor in the Great Lakes Bay Region Youth Leadership Institute, Carleton also recently became involved in AISIEC, an international organization that helps students arrange exchanges abroad. "I have done so much and have become involved in quite a few organizations," Carleton says. "I love that SVSU feels like my home away from home."



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