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ORGANIZATIONAL POLITICS

BY ERIC R. GILBERTSON

Mention the word “politics” in polite company and the reaction is usually something like “yuck.” Apparently some people who aspire to high public office have given even the notion of politics a bad name.

A mention of “office politics” or “organizational politics” elicits the same response. Those terms tend to be associated with ruthless ambition, vicious back-stabbing and fulsome brown-nosing, Machiavellian conspiracies – not congenial habits or behaviors that nice people generally admire or seek in friends or colleagues.

Yet in reality every human organization – from governments to large and small businesses to educational or cultural institutions to . . . well . . . even to a marriage – is a political entity. Millennia ago Aristotle observed that “Man is by nature a political animal,” and little if anything has changed about the human conditions since. Politics was and is still at the core of every human organization.

But this isn’t necessarily or inevitably a bad thing – in fact, it’s often a very good thing. Politics is, at its best, the art and science of bringing people together to accomplish things they cannot accomplish alone. Bismarck called politics “the art of the possible.”

Politics is how we get along and work

together, and political skills are necessary to lead any human organization – any government, any business, any school, any church or any family.

People, whether employees in a businesses or citizens in a democracy or members in a club or church or family, tend not to be passively obedient followers. They almost always have their own ideas and their own agendas. And leading them almost always requires skillful persuasion - not threats or bribes or deceptions or false promises, but rather a compelling encouragement to subordinate personal or parochial interests to some larger goal.

And that’s the difference between good politics and, well, yucky politics – the difference between tawdry self-aggrandizement and honorable leadership for worthy purposes.

Dwight Eisenhower somehow persuaded an eclectic collection of extraordinarily egotistical military generals - Patton, Montgomery, Bradley, others - to accept smaller roles in the larger strategy of invading the European mainland, and then to collaborate in the march to Berlin. He concluded that “Leadership is the art of getting someone to do something you want because he wants to do it.”

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SCF AWARDS \$25,000 GRANT, PRESENTS THREE COMMUNITY AWARDS AND RECOGNIZES OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS



Saginaw, Mich. – The Saginaw Community Foundation hosted its 2016 Annual Celebration on Monday, June 13 at New Beginnings Enrichment Center, 2609 E. Genesee Ave., Saginaw. An estimated crowd of 235 people were in attendance.

During this year's celebration, Saginaw Community Foundation announced the 2016 Community Improvement Initiative grant recipient. \$25,000 was awarded to The Nature Conservancy for its "Riverside Park" project in Saginaw.

The Nature Conservancy is working with multiple community partners, including Saginaw County, Saginaw Future, and the State of Michigan to develop and implement an open space, recreation and conservation vision for the proposed Riverfront Park, located in southwest Saginaw on a former industrial property owned by the RACER Trust. The conceptual plan includes public access to the river and lake for fishing, multiple trails and a link to a larger regional vision for trails, open space and recreation lands.

"RACER Trust's goal in all instances is for its former industrial properties to achieve highest and best reuse potential. Given the characteristics and attributes of these properties, we believe the proposed expansion of Riverfront Park as a community recreational resource achieves this

objective," said Elliott P. Laws, of EPLET, LLC, administrative trustee of RACER Trust, which owns much of the former industrial property that would be added to Riverfront Park. "This reuse option can provide tremendous quality-of-life benefits that can make a community more attractive for investment and jobs, thus helping RACER fulfill its economic development mission."

Community Improvement Initiative grant recipients are eligible to receive an additional \$5,000 if the recipient matches the \$25,000 grant.

In addition to the Community Improvement Initiative grant recipient announcement, three awards were presented. The Frank N. Andersen Spirit of Philanthropy Award was presented to B.J. Humphreys; the Dr. Mridha Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Sara Weiss, Freeland High/Middle School; and the Joseph W. Madison Youth Award was presented to Tyler Thiel, student from Swan Valley High School. Visit saginawfoundation.org/site/annual-awards/ for details about each award and the 2016 recipients.

Saginaw Community Foundation also recognized outgoing board members for their dedication and leadership in helping Saginaw Community Foundation to fulfill its mission. Outgoing board members include David J. Abbs, Andre Buckley, Shari Kennett, and Francine Rifkin.



(top left) Tyler Thiel (second from left), student from Swan Valley High School, is the recipient of the 2016 Joseph W. Madison Youth Award. - (top right) Sara Weiss, teacher at Freeland High/Middle School, is the recipient of the 2016 Dr. Mridha Teacher of the Year Award. - (bottom right) B.J. Humphreys accepts the 2016 Frank N. Andersen Spirit of Philanthropy award from Smallwood Holoman, vice-chair, Saginaw Community Foundation.
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HORN HOMETOWN TOURS: BAVARIAN INN RESTAURANT



After serving the lunch crowd at the Bavarian Inn, state Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, meets with customers to discuss his tour as they enjoy their meals. | Courtesy Photo

LANSING, Mich. — State Sen. Ken Horn's latest stop on his Hometown Jobs tour took him to his hometown of Frankenmuth, Michigan's own Bavarian city, for part one of a special three-part series.

The first stop in Frankenmuth was at the legendary Bavarian Inn, which holds a great deal of significance to the senator because it is where he was hired for his first job in Frankenmuth.

"It was amazing to be back where it all started," said Horn, R-Frankenmuth. "Driving by the location downtown, I often remember the many days I spent in the restaurant, so it was a great experience to actually go back behind the scenes where the world-famous chicken dinners are prepared."

Upon arrival, Horn was greeted by staff and Frankenmuth's own Dorothy Zehnder, who has been with the Bavarian Inn since its formation in the 1950s.

Making their way back through the hectic kitchen, Zehnder and Horn spoke to one

another as if the senator was still working there — discussing the various jobs that needed to be done and in which order they needed to be completed. As things were getting ramped up for lunch and entrées were still being prepared, the duo began the day by working on the dessert line preparing and portioning out desserts. From rhubarb cobbler to ice cream pie — Horn received a hands-on lesson from one of the nation's most experienced chefs.

"Working under Dorothy is an absolute honor," Horn said. "We're talking about one of the most, if not the most experienced hospitality specialist in the nation. It's no coincidence that the food and atmosphere here have garnered interest on a global level. The mixture of experience, ethnicity, passion and fresh ingredients creates a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience. Unless you come back, you'll never experience anything else like it."

JUMP TO PG 4, HORN TOURS

FROM PG 3, HORN TOURS

Fresh food and local ingredients are just one of the many trademarks that the Bavarian Inn is famous for. They remain dedicated to using as many ingredients from Michigan as possible.

From Posen potatoes, to Pinconning cheese, to Hillsdale apples and maple syrup from the Zehnder's very own estate — only the freshest ingredients will make it to your plate.

After the desserts were prepared and the lunch hour had arrived, Horn took to the line to expedite orders with the wait staff. Dressed in his trademark lederhosen, Horn carried trays, delivered meals and met with diners to discuss his role for the day.

"I had forgotten how difficult this work can be," Horn said. "The trays can be heavy and are often very unstable. It takes special skill to

maneuver your way through a hall of hungry patrons as you balance a plastic tray full of several fragile glass items on your shoulder."

Despite the many jobs and the behind-closed-doors look at what goes on at the restaurant, Horn still maintains the history is what fascinates him the most.

"One of the most intriguing aspects of this tour to me was the history of the Bavarian Inn," Horn said. "The business model has been successful since the late 1800s, and over the years the Zehnder name and the 'all-you-can-eat chicken dinners' have grown to worldwide popularity. They serve nearly 1 million people, 350 tons of chicken and 250,000 pounds of potatoes on an annual basis — that is an incredible American story."

The Bavarian Inn Restaurant was originally

founded as the Union House Hotel in 1888 and later renamed Fischer's Hotel, where the "all-you-can-eat chicken dinner" officially started. The Zehnder family later purchased Fischer's Hotel in 1950 and after a few bleak years, remodeled the location with the popular Bavarian theme, which it still boasts to this day. A week-long ceremony was held during their grand re-opening marking the official beginning of what is now known as the Bavarian Festival.

As the tour concluded, Horn thanked his hosts and gave a hint as to what part two of his Frankenmuth tour would include.

"I want to give special thanks to Dorothy Zehnder and Amy Grossi for allowing me to visit and work in the restaurant. It brought back vivid memories of my early days working here and was a wonderful, nostalgic afternoon. It was great to

feature one of the gems of my own community. Remember, however, to stay tuned for part two, where we will stop at Bronner's for a Christmas in July special."

Horn's Hometown Tours feature various communities in the 32nd District. If you are interested in having Horn visit, please contact his office at (517) 373-1760, toll-free at (855) 347-8032 or by email at SenKHorn@senate.michigan.gov.



State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, and Dorothy Zehnder carefully portion chicken for the world-famous chicken dinners at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. | Courtesy Photo



Under the watchful supervision of hospitality expert Dorothy Zehnder, state Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, balances a tray of chicken as he makes his way from the kitchen to the dining room. | Courtesy Photo

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HISPANIC LATINO COMMISSION OF MICHIGAN APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Felip Lopez-Sustaita | Courtesy Photo

June 24, 2016 - The Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan (HLCOM) and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) today appointed Dr. Felipe Lopez-Sustaita as executive director of the commission. The position had been vacant since Marylou Mason's retirement in December 2015.

"The commission is excited to start a new chapter of serving Hispanics throughout Michigan with the appointment of Dr. Lopez-Sustaita as our new executive director" said HLCOM Chairman Noel Garcia. "Felipe has a remarkable track record of advocacy, public service, building partnerships and leadership."

"Dr. Lopez-Sustaita's leadership skills make him a great addition to the commission and we welcome him to the department," said LARA Director, Shelly Edgerton. "I would like to thank the selection committee for their efforts during this process."

As HLCOM executive director, Dr. Lopez-Sustaita will assist the commission with its mission to help increase economic growth of Hispanics, promote better education and academic

achievements for Hispanics, and increase awareness of issues faced by the community to local and state government.

Dr. Lopez-Sustaita previously served as the LUCERO program coordinator and academic advisor at Lansing Community College. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University and a doctorate degree in education from Ferris State University. Dr. Lopez-Sustaita also has international education experience in Africa, Greece, Mexico and the Ukraine.

For more information about LARA, please visit www.michigan.gov/lara

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We encourage readers to send letters, story ideas, comments and questions.

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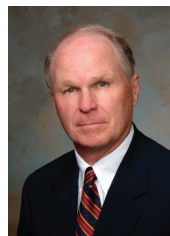
CONGRATULATIONS MICHIGAN BANNER

For a community to grow, it must be willing to engage in important – and sometimes difficult – conversations. Only then can we realize our full potential. I salute The Michigan Banner for providing a valuable forum for our community to have these conversations and better understand one another.



Don Bachand, President,
Saginaw Valley State University

Sincere congratulations to the Michigan Banner and its founder and editor, my friend Jerome Buckley, on nearly 14 years of service to our community. The role of the news media is critical to a free society, and the Banner gives us a unique and valuable perspective on our community and ourselves.



In each issue of the Banner we read and learn about one another and share information and ideas. And with each issue an agenda is set for our conversations about this community, its leaders, its often under-appreciated strengths and sometimes-neglected concerns.

We are all better citizens - better informed, better encouraged and better prepared to serve - because of the work of Jerome and the Banner. Thanks to him for his creating this journal and persevering in serving us all for these past years. And best wishes as he continues to create and improve the Banner in service for the future.

Eric Gilbertson

It's that time of year again, and I am grateful for the opportunity to congratulate Jerome Buckley and all of the Michigan Banner crew for 14 years of great service to the Saginaw area! Your tradition of excellence continues, as does your quest to inform local residents of all the great things that are happening in our area. The Banner always keep it positive. It keeps its focus on encouraging every kind of growth from personal to community and economic development. And there's always that focus on our youth.



We've seen real progress on confronting our challenges and realizing our opportunities in the past few years and the Banner has been at the forefront, informing and encouraging the community to be all it can be! Thanks again for shining light where there's darkness and relentlessly reminding all of us about the great opportunities to work together for community progress. Keep up the great work!

Michael Hanley

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It is that time again. Often, we have to search for reasons to celebrate anniversaries and annual events. In this case, THE MICHIGAN BANNER is a regular celebration of the commitment and persistence of Jerome Buckley and those who work with him in support of this vision.



In today's clouded conversational environment, it is comforting to have a true community voice, represented by and representing all of the diversity that makes up our community. The Michigan Banner continues to evidence the commonality of our communities, by showing us the power of our diversities. Ethnicity is not a barrier, faith and education are not limitations.

It is in this array of differences that we see our common strengths. I am appreciative of the consistent effort of the Michigan Banner over these years. I encourage your to continue in the battle for freedom and justice through the gift of the Michigan Banner.

Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr.
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I want to offer my most sincere congratulations to Michigan Banner on the occasion of your 14th anniversary. Your commitment to accurate and unbiased journalism, while sharing newsworthy stories that impact the citizens of the Great Lakes Bay Region, is to be commended. At a time when some folks were declaring this region to be beyond hope, you recognized the spirit, passion and determination of the "silent majority" and dedicated your efforts to being a voice for those who believed in a brighter future. Thank you for continuing your commitment to the Great lakes Bay Region. Best wishes for many more successful years!



Carol Cottrell, Director, Covenant HealthCare Foundation

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Buckley and his staff for 14 years of excellent service to the Saginaw community. He continues to meet the needs of our community in spite of the challenges faced by journalists today, specifically in regards to the attacks on our Amendment Rights of Freedom of Speech and Religion. I appreciate the position that he takes in safeguarding the principles of true journalism with The Banner. Finally, I look forward to working with him on the project identified as Pulpit and Politics, of which there is surely a need for such programs during these very turbulent times. As you know, the church has always been an anchor and a strong foundation in our community. I believe the program Pulpit and Politics would be very successful in the Saginaw area. Again, congratulations on 14 years of service.



Gary Loster, Former Mayor: City of Saginaw

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MEET KUJUANNA RAY, FOUNDER AND OWNER OF U ME PAINT EXPERIENCE

Kujuanna A. Ray is the founder and owner of U Me Paint – an upscale therapeutic environment that allows everyone to unleash their inner artist. Customers enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and create a colorful masterpiece with the guidance of experienced local artists. U Me Paint is Saginaw’s newest experience! Customers can enjoy a solo experience for a little “ME Time” or bring some friends! A little Paint! A little wine! Step out the box for an unforgettable good time, book a private party for corporate team building, networking events, birthday celebrations, Girls’ Night Out, date night, wedding showers, baby showers, school field trips, fraternity/sorority functions, therapeutic sessions for mental and emotional health, and more. It’s Fun! It’s Creative! It’s for U! It’s for Me!

Ms. Ray began her life’s journey toward entrepreneurship in Saginaw, where she was born to Sheila Ray and Myron Thompson. Her village included teachers and administrators from Salina and Morley Elementary Schools, South Middle, Arthur Eddy, Arthur Hill and Buena Vista. She gives credit to the diverse experiences she had living and/or playing in all Saginaw neighborhoods, including the South Side, North Side, East Side, Bridgeport and Buena Vista. Kujuanna is proud of her Saginaw roots and believes that Saginaw is a nesting ground with unlimited potential. She has returned to Saginaw after many years in the corporate world, to raise her twin sons, Myles and Myron Murray, in the nurturing environment that influenced her in many positive ways.

Kujuanna believes that art is a way of expressing one’s emotions. She grew up with her brother Myron, who tended to act out her emotions for her. When he was violently murdered, she was forced to address her emotions without his assistance. As children, they were inseparable. They often dreamed of collaborating to meet the needs of people in the Saginaw community.

Myron often told Kujuanna to stay away from “dream killers”. She took his advice when she moved back to Saginaw, despite recommendations from some of her friends to launch her idea in a more metropolitan area. Kujuanna was determined to give back to the community that means so much to her. The process has not been easy, but she believes that God has called her to bless the Saginaw community with U Me Paint. She credits her strength and perseverance to her faith in God. Ms. Ray’s spiritual roots run deep in the community, having grown up in the New Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of her grandfather, the late Pastor M.T. Thompson. Later, she attended Coleman Temple COGIC, prior to moving away to attend college. She was raised to love the Lord and be a servant of God, and she is teaching her sons the same lessons. She graduated from Buena Vista High School and Oakland University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources with a Labor Relations minor. While working in corporate America, she was introduced to the Paint & Sip Industry. As a human resources specialist, she began to conceptualize various ways that employers and employees could benefit from a place that could be used by teams to mix and mingle, foster employee engagement, as a form of team building as well as providing creative therapeutic stress relief (knowing that stress is the #1 reason for low productivity, low employee morale, and poor attendance). Her entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and U Me Paint was born!

Kujuanna is the recipient of the prestigious Souper Award from the --- and was featured on Soul Issue hosted by Linda Holoman, and in the Saginaw News. She is excited about the encouragement and support that she has received from the Saginaw community, as she works to fulfill her purpose – to improve the quality of life for people in the Saginaw community. She often

states, “Saginaw is the hub for brilliance and the land of opportunity.”

Kujuanna is a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church where she serves in the Women of Excellence Ministry, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Kujuanna A. Ray | Courtesy Photo

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FROM THE SAGINAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

With temperatures expected to climb this time of year, the Saginaw County Department of Public Health is advising residents of the health risks associated with extreme temperatures and preventive measures they can take to stay safe.

Any time temperatures are in the upper 80s and above, body temperature can rise resulting in muscle cramps, dizziness, severe heat illness and even death.

While extreme heat can put everyone at risk for heat illnesses, health risks are greatest for older adults, infants and young children, people with chronic illnesses, mental illness or heart conditions, people who work in the heat, people who exercise in the heat, the homeless, and low-income earners. Be sure to check frequently on loved ones, neighbors and friends who may be at greatest risk for heat illness and move them to a cool place if necessary.

Heat illness can occur when the body is unable to cool down. The body normally cools

down by sweating. During extremely hot weather, sweating may not be enough to cool the body. That's when people can become overheated to the point of becoming ill.

Avoid heat illness. During very hot weather, the most important thing is to keep cool and hydrated. Follow these steps to protect yourself in hot weather:

- Stay cool. Use an air conditioner or go to a cool place such as a basement, neighbor's house, shopping mall or cooling center. Spending even a few hours a day in air conditioning can help reduce your risk for heat illness.
- Use a fan only when the windows are open or the air conditioner is on. Fans will not prevent heat illness when the temperature is in the high 90s.
 - Take a cool shower or bath.
 - Keep shades and curtains closed to block the sun from coming in your home or office.
 - Avoid exercising and physical activity during the hottest part of the day. Mornings and evenings are usually cooler than mid-day.
- Stay out of the sun. If you must be in the sun, wear thin and light-colored clothing, a hat and sunglasses. Wear sunscreen (at least SPF15) and reapply every two hours, after swimming

or exercising.

- Avoid alcohol and caffeine because both can cause dehydration.
- Never, ever leave children, the elderly or pets in parked vehicles. Vehicles heat up very quickly and can become dangerous, even with the windows open.

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This program is presented in cooperation with Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw MAX System of Care, and parent partners.

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MICHIGAN BLOOD ENCOURAGES DONORS TO SUPPORT PATIENTS IN MICHIGAN HOSPITALS WHO WILL NEED BLOOD THIS SUMMER

SAGINAW, MICH. – A Michigan summer is a beautiful thing. So is saving a life.

Michigan Blood is inviting Michigan residents to celebrate both during Michigan Blood's statewide Love Michigan blood drive June 30 – July 4. Every person who attempts to donate will receive a reusable Family Fare tote bag with Michigan-made products and coupons, including a t-shirt from The Mitten State.

Blood centers often see blood and platelet donations decline during the summer months. Join Michigan Blood and Michigan business contributors Family Fare, Old Orchard, and Better Made Potato Chips to ensure that blood is

available this summer for patients in Michigan hospitals.

Donors can donate at the following locations in the Great Lakes Bay Region:

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Saginaw Donor Center
1771 Tittabawassee, Saginaw
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Dow Diamond Donor Center
825 E. Main, Midland
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 1 • 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Saginaw Donor Center
1771 Tittabawassee, Saginaw
Midland Donor Center
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4005 Orchard, Midland

SATURDAY, JULY 2 • 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Saginaw Donor Center
1771 Tittabawassee, Saginaw

MONDAY, JULY 4 • 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Saginaw Donor Center
1771 Tittabawassee, Saginaw
Bay City Donor Center
1710 N. Johnson, Bay City

Dow Diamond Donor Center
825 E. Main, Midland

Blood drive dates and times vary by location. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-866-MIBLOOD or by visiting www.miblood.org. Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate, although females age 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more. **Blood donors should bring photo ID.**

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Mental illness affects 1 in 5 Americans every year, regardless of culture, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. While mental illness is never easy, it is treatable and recovery is possible. However, for the roughly 16.3% of adults in the United States Hispanic community that are affected by mental illness, reaching recovery is complicated by many factors including less access to treatment, poorer quality of care, higher levels of stigma, culturally insensitive health care systems, language barriers, lower rates of health insurance, and more. To bring awareness to the complex mental health needs of minority communities throughout the United States, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) recognizes July as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month is celebrated in honor of Bebe Moore Campbell - author, advocate, co-founder of NAMI Urban Los Angeles, and national spokesperson. Campbell spent her career advocating for mental health education and support among individuals of diverse communities, and received NAMI's 2003 Outstanding Media Award for Literature. In 2005, inspired by Campbell's work, longtime friend Linda Wharton-Boyd suggested dedicating a month in her honor. Campbell unfortunately lost her battle with cancer in 2006, but her legacy lives on through Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

Saginaw MAX System of Care proudly celebrates National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, as do other communities across the nation, with a local event to raise awareness about the mental health needs of the minority populations

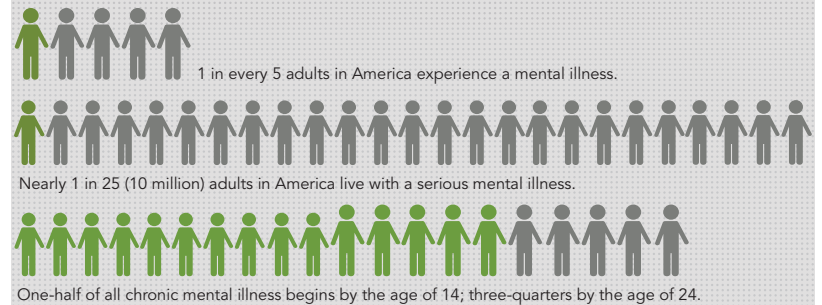
in our community. Last year, the Saginaw MAX Cultural and Linguistic Competency Team coordinated a community-wide discussion to promote mental health awareness and provide specific information for individuals who identify as members of minority groups, including African American/Black, Native American/Alaskan Native, Asian American/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic/Latino. Information was also provided for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning communities as well. The community discussion, called the "Lawn Chair Chat," was open to the public and held at the Saginaw Mexican American Council. It included small guided discussion groups, minority health and resources informational handouts, children's activities, snacks, and a photo booth.

"There was a lot of great information that came out of our first Minority Mental Health Awareness event last year," explained Saginaw MAX Cultural and Linguistic Competency Coordinator Dalia Smith. "One of our main goals with this event is to raise awareness around significant disparities that exist in the mental health world for persons of color due to stigma, and the feedback we received from the discussions provided valuable insight that we were able to share with our community partners to help address some of these disparities."

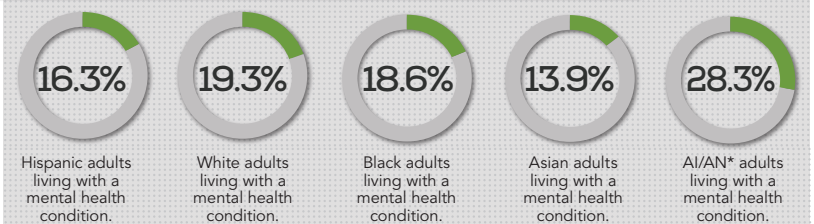
The Saginaw MAX Cultural and Linguistic Competency Team will be hosting its second annual Minority Mental Health Awareness Month event at the end of July – more details will be available soon. For more information on Saginaw MAX System of Care and National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, visit www.maxsaginawsoc.org.

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Prevalence of Adult Mental Illness by Race



Critical Issues Faced by Multicultural Communities

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You probably heard that changes in the law now affect the way you file for certain benefits. These changes place limits on when voluntary suspension and reinstatement can begin for you and your family members who might also be entitled to benefits on that record. This is not the demise of “file and suspend.” It’s still one of your best tools for boosting your Social Security benefit after you reach your full retirement age.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 made changes to the Social Security claims filed by married couples. The law affected an unintended loophole primarily used by married couples to gain more money.

If you’re full retirement age or older and apply for Social Security retirement benefits, you can suspend your benefits for any amount of time up to age 70. You may do this to earn “delayed retirement credits,” which result in a higher benefit payment when you turn 70 or when you request reinstatement of benefits, whichever comes first.

Under the new law, when you submit a request to suspend your benefits to earn delayed retirement credits on or after April 30, 2016,

you will no longer be able to receive spouse’s or widow(er)’s benefits during this voluntary delay period. In addition, if you suspend your benefit, any benefits payable to your spouse and children on your record (except for a divorced spouse) will also be suspended for the same time period.

There is an exception. A request for voluntary suspension will not suspend a divorced spouse’s benefit. Also, your divorced spouse can receive benefits on your record during this voluntary delay period.

Remember, you can still plan and make the most of your retirement benefit by filing and suspending. These new rules don’t prevent you from doing what’s best for you and your family. We have a wealth of retirement information at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire.

For more information and answer to your questions about these changes in the law, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/claiming.html.

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MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JOINS CMURC PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE REGIONALISM FOR DRIVEN ENTREPRENEURS

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich., June 15, 2016

—Collaboration efforts continue to strengthen the connectivity between entrepreneurs and the business community across the Great Lakes Bay Region. The most recent partnership led by Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMURC), adds the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce to three other chambers including Bay, Mount Pleasant and Saginaw in an initiative called the Passport Program.

"The partnership with CMURC was a unique opportunity for us to protect and promote the regional business community," said Midland Business Alliance, the organization that directs both the Midland Chamber and Midland Tomorrow, Midland county's economic development entity, President and CEO Bill Allen. "With a strong region, it will allow for a stronger presence and more opportunity to recruit active and engaged companies."

The Passport Program was created to introduce entrepreneurs to the regional business community during the early stage of their businesses.

Entrepreneurs gain access to networking events and receive significant discounts on needed business services from trusted, vetted providers.

"A cornerstone of the program is to improve the economic climate of the region to make it a prime location for high tech entrepreneurs and supporting businesses," said CMURC President and CEO Erin Strang. The more partners moving in the same direction, the sooner we will get there."

Along with the four regional Chambers of Commerce, over 50 service providers from across the state have found value in partnering in the Passport Program. Providers including accountants, attorneys, marketing consultants, graphic designers, technology consultants, programmers, engineers and manufacturers are receiving deal flow from high potential entrepreneurs and establishing relationships early on in the company's development.

Strang adds by engaging with the Passport Program to promote regionalism, you'll find new customers, clients, and referrals along with a

network of strong, passionate community leaders.

If you are a service provider looking to expand your footprint in the Great Lakes Bay Region, or a business looking to grow, learn more and contact CMURC at <http://cmurc.com/apply>.

About CMURC

CMURC is a nonprofit business incubator focused on advancing economic development in the community by leveraging the resources of Central Michigan University, the Mount Pleasant SmartZone and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund. Local, regional and statewide partners assist to accelerate the success of entrepreneurs, growing businesses and jobs. CMURC is a single source of contact providing physical space and essential business services. CMURC encourages interaction and partnerships, which accelerates emerging organizations to develop their ideas and bring them to market quickly.

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Fear of heights. Fear of snakes. Fear of asking someone to give to a nonprofit organization. While we can't help with the first two, we can provide suggestions for overcoming fear of soliciting.

Personally asking someone to make a gift to a nonprofit you believe in is one of the most valuable things you can do. For some this is done with comfort, ease and joy. For others there is a twinge of fear, or maybe a silent scream of terror. Our words of advice: don't let your fear hold you back. You can become one of the previously reluctant solicitors who now rejoice after a successful solicitation. It is truly a great feeling to know you are helping others give to a cause that you and they believe in.

While some people will make a meaningful gift to a nonprofit they haven't had personal contact with, many who give a major gift do so because they were asked. In fact those who have the capacity to make a major gift often expect to be asked. "We would have given more, but we were never asked," is something we have heard from more than a few donors and funders over the years. People want to be asked, and it is an honor to make the ask. That is the solicitor's responsibility.

If you haven't personally solicited a gift before, here are a few non-technical things to contemplate before doing so.

1. How do you feel about money in general? Is it the root of all evil? A medium of exchange? A way of expressing your values?
2. How do you feel when people ask you for money?
3. How do you feel about asking someone else for money?
4. Were you raised to not talk about money?
5. Do you feel it is impolite to ask for a specific amount?

6. Would you feel that you were bragging if you mentioned your philanthropy when asking someone else to give?

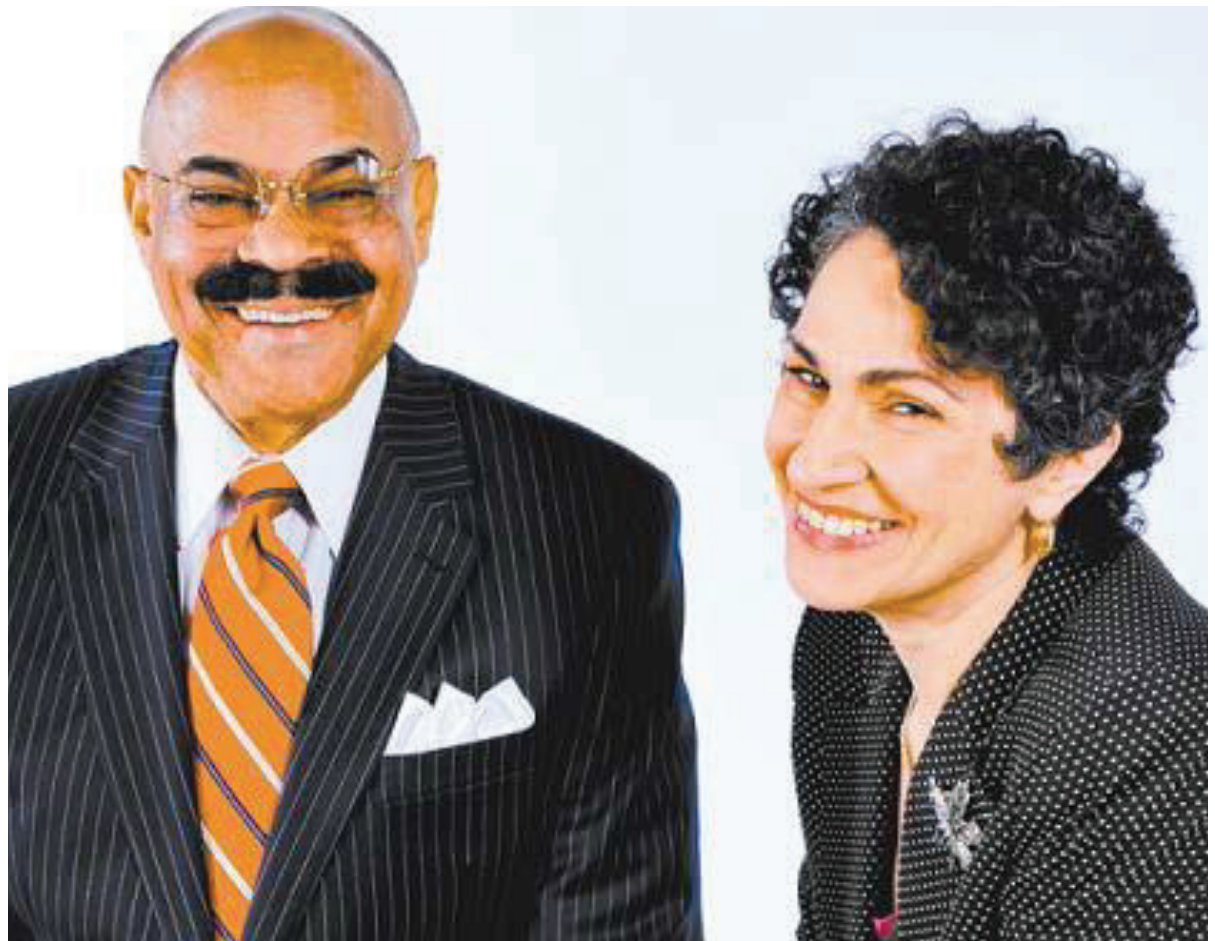
Mull these over before talking with others. Doing so can uncover the source of your reluctance to solicit, and help make you feel more comfortable talking about money.

Here are three technical things to remember. First, before you can ask anyone else to give, you need to make your own gift. If you are soliciting a major gift you need to have made a major gift. Second, take the time to participate in a gift solicitation that someone else is coordinating. Be prepared to play a secondary role, and observe how the

more experienced solicitor makes the ask. Third, ask the development staff person to coordinate a role-playing session so that you and others can experience asking and being asked. Role playing can help you become comfortable and help prepare you for the unexpected. Remember, fundraising is part of life so it is rare that things go exactly as planned!

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MICHIGAN'S FIRST MIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TRANSFORMED GENERATIONS

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It was a typical day picking strawberries in the fields of Michigan in 1970 when Juan Zamudio, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, heard the news that would dramatically change his future. United Migrants for Opportunity Inc. was interested in giving him, and other migrant farm workers with a high school diploma, a chance he didn't think possible — a scholarship to earn a degree from Central Michigan University.

Attending college was not an option for most children in the thousands of migratory families working in Michigan each year in the mid- to late-1900s. Nearly all would have been the first in their family to navigate the college admissions process. Financing college also was out of reach. CMU's partnership with UMOI — the first of its kind in Michigan — changed this.

"It allowed me to break the cycle," Zamudio said. "You have to give credit to the leadership of CMU who were willing to listen to an idea and

open the door."

More than 45 years later, Zamudio and fellow scholarship recipients will have the chance to gather for the first-ever reunion on the campus of CMU this July.

OPENING THE DOOR TO HIGHER EDUCATION

It began with one farm worker, Lupe Castro. While working in the fields, Castro expressed her interest in attending college to UMOI Deputy Director George Johnson. She began her studies at CMU in 1969. Her success at Central — along with conversations between key university leaders and Johnson — led to the birth of a program that paved a path to college for other migrant farm workers.

"This wouldn't have happened without a university president who caught the vision of what this could become," said Marissa Zamudio, Juan's wife and fellow CMU graduate.

Under the leadership of CMU's seventh President William B. Boyd, Vice Provost James Hayes and Johnson worked together to launch a scholarship application process and admit a select number of qualified U.S. migrant workers with high school diplomas. Their passion for giving migrant workers better access to higher education would transform lives and opportunities of not only those they admitted, but of generations.

"My life changed, but the impact wasn't just on my life. It was generations. It was families," Marissa said.

Juan and Marissa, who met and married as students at CMU, were two of 13 scholarship recipients who followed Castro and enrolled in the fall of 1970. In addition to forming bonds with roommates of different cultures, the small group of scholars became a family. Each one, in addition to CMU staff, served as part of a support system for one another and the students who would follow. In addition to the university and fellow students, someone who clearly made a lasting impact on each incoming student was George Johnson from UMOI.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER MIGRANT WORKERS

After their first year at CMU, some of the initial 13 students were hired by UMOI to help recruit the next group of incoming students. They returned to the fields they had worked with their families to give back and ensure others like them had the same access to higher education. They shared their experiences and addressed challenges and questions of migrant families sending their children to college for the first time. The result was a ripple effect that grew the program to 25 admitted students in the second year.

The first group of students graduated, eventually producing an attorney, several teachers and social workers, and an education administrator. The Zamudios, who between them have earned a total of five degrees from CMU, now have two adult daughters who also have earned advanced degrees.

JUMP TO PG 25, CLASSROOMS

TRACKING SEA TURTLES ON THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

SATELLITE SIGNALS FROM HALFWAY AROUND THE GLOBE PROVIDE A WEALTH OF INFORMATION FOR ALMA STUDENTS ANALYZING DATA IN THE DOW DIGITAL SCIENCE CENTER



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Faculty biologist John Rowe dons his snorkeling gear, dives into the warm Ecuadorian waters off the Galapagos Islands and searches for sea turtles that may weigh as much as 250 pounds in order to attach satellite tracking devices.

Once discovered and subdued, a turtle is outfitted with a GPS unit on top of its shell using a marine epoxy. The durable tracker unit has an antenna, which transmits a signal to a satellite enabling the turtle's movements to be tracked for as long as 18 months.

The information from the transmitted signal is relayed to an ARGOS website, an online GPS data collection system dedicated to studying and protecting the environment. The data is then fed into the Dow Digital Science Center at Alma College, where students and faculty can download the data in various forms for purposes of research and education.



Tracking turtle movements

Rowe's research partners, Juan Pablo Munoz and Daniela Alarcon of the Galapagos Science Center, have been tagging female sea turtles for several years. The longest migration he has tracked has been a turtle's movement from Galapagos to mainland Central and South America.

"We don't know how male turtles move," says Rowe, the William R. Angell Professor in Biological Sciences at Alma College. "Females

typically move from foraging grounds to nesting beach areas. But males may not do that; we don't know what they do."

With grant funds provided by The Herbert H. and Grace A Dow Foundation, Rowe purchased GPS units for an Alma College tracking project involving male green sea turtles.

"These are critically endangered and protected animals," says Rowe. "So it is important to know their movements and reproductive behaviors for conservation reasons."

Turtles with Color Variants

There are primarily two types of green sea turtles that can be found in the Galapagos Islands: Eastern Pacific green sea turtles that reside along the western shores of the Americas, and the Western Pacific green sea turtles that normally dwell in Hawaii, Polynesia, Thailand and Australia.

The Eastern Pacific turtles tend to be black in color, often associated with volcanic beaches, like those found at the Galapagos. The Western Pacific green sea turtles are yellow-green in color; they tend to live in coral reef habitats. Yet, turtles with these color variants are occasionally seen together in the Galapagos. Where did they come from, and how did they get there?

Last March, Rowe's team tagged the first-ever male green sea turtles with GPS units.

Invaluable Data for Research

"We are getting multiple readings every day," says Rowe. "We also tagged a rare male Hawksbill turtle, the first-ever caught in Galapagos. The data received from these turtles will be invaluable for researchers to learn more about their movements."

Rowe and his students plan to return to Ecuador to tag more turtles.

GPS transmitters are not the only kinds of data-collection units that can be attached on turtles. Last summer, the Alma team tagged turtles with sensors that record water depth, time in water, and water temperature.

"We can see how that data varies in the seasons," says Rowe. "These are extremely interesting data, all available for students and researchers at the Dow Digital Science Center."

SVSU TO OFFER NEW DEGREE: MASTER OF ARTS - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Saginaw Valley State University has approved a new graduate degree program and will enroll students for the Master of Arts - Public Administration program, beginning with the upcoming fall semester.

The program is geared toward students who have completed bachelor's degrees and are interested in careers or seeking advancement in the non-profit, governmental, public administration, or criminal justice fields.

"The program is intended to assist students seeking careers in the public administration sector or who striving for promotional opportunities," said Joseph Jaksa, associate professor of criminal justice and program coordinator.

Within the program, SVSU offers a

specialization in university and college student affairs administration for those seeking careers in higher education.

"Our Student Affairs track is unique to SVSU," Jaksa said, "providing specific classes for individuals interested in administrative positions at colleges or universities."

The course curriculum offers a combination of online and face-to-face learning opportunities. Classes are taught in online, hybrid (online and in-person), and traditional face-to-face formats. This educational structure provides students with a level of scheduling flexibility while providing a meaningful learning experience.

"Our class formats and courses provide a challenging curriculum in a friendly, learning

environment," adds Jaksa. "The program features highly-qualified instructors, including experienced full-time faculty members, as well as current and former university administrators. This blend of academic and practical experience gives our students the best of both worlds."

The new program is replacing a Master of Arts in Administrative Sciences program that SVSU has previously offered.

For more information on the new Master of Arts - Public Administration Program (MPA), visit www.svsu.edu/graduateprograms, or contact the SVSU Graduate Admissions office at (989) 964-6096.

FROM PG 23, CLASSROOMS

Juan worked in the Registrar's Office at CMU during his career. Marissa, who pursued social work, said that even though she was an honor student at her local high school, she likely would not have found her way to college without the help of UMOI.

"We were contributing to the economy before, but with a college education it gave us all the chance to contribute to a greater extent and in new ways," said Marissa, who graduated from high school in McAllen, Texas.

SHIFTING THE PATH OF GENERATIONS

As word of the program and scholarship recipients spread, it was clear that it was changing the way young migrant workers thought about their future.

Julian Vasquez said it took his brother, one of the inaugural scholarship recipients, a while to act on the scholarship after he was given the information because it was so far from the reality they knew. However, when the time rolled around for Julian to determine his post-high school plans, he already knew college was one option thanks to his brother's UMOI scholarship.

"At first, it was too big to believe," Vasquez said. "To think that my brother was going to go to college was pretty amazing. After that, the idea that I might go became real."

Vasquez, who had been a strong student in his high school and active in extracurricular

activities, became a member of the CMU cheerleading and gymnastics teams. He excelled in academics and was named top cheerleader in the nation during his junior year. Vasquez graduated and, for a time, served as assistant director in CMU's Admissions Office.

"Even though most of my friends were going to college, I doubt I would have gone. If I had, it probably would have looked different had it not been for the CMU scholarship," said Vasquez, who went on to earn a Master of Science in Administration from CMU. His son also chose to study at Central after high school.

More than 40 people were part of the scholar program that began in 1970 and helped students for nearly a decade.

"CMU is uniquely special; they piloted this program. I remember thinking nobody else did, but this school up in the middle of Michigan did it," Vasquez said. "What an amazing thing to do for so many who would not have been able to consider college."

COMING TOGETHER TO REMINISCE

Next month, CMU leaders, alumni, scholarship recipients and friends will gather for a the first-ever UMOI reunion. The event will be a time for all to share stories of the program and the lives touched by it. The event will begin at 10 a.m. July 11 in the Bovee University Center, followed by tours of campus. Attendees also will receive a meal ticket redeemable for lunch at one of the residence hall restaurants. Tickets are \$10. For more information and to register for the reunion online, visit the CMU Alumni events calendar.



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SVSU HONORS RETIREES

The SVSU Board of Control granted emeritus status to three individuals who have announced their plans to retire from SVSU: Merry Jo Brandimore, Gene Hamilton, and Gladys Zubulake; Brandimore and Hamilton also will have buildings named in their honor, following Board action.

Hamilton has served SVSU in a variety of roles during a Cardinal career that spans 47

years. He is perhaps best known for his work in government relations over the past two decades, advocating on SVSU's behalf at the local, state and federal level. Prior to that, Hamilton served in SVSU offices for Admissions, Cooperative Education and Field Experiences, and Continuing Education and International Programs. He was named Ambassador Emeritus of Government and Community Relations.

Hamilton holds the distinction of serving as SVSU's first varsity basketball coach, starting the men's program in 1969. He and the late Bob Becker, SVSU's long-time athletic director, are credited with choosing Cardinals as the mascot for SVSU athletic teams. The Board voted to change the name of Cardinal Gymnasium – where Hamilton once coached – to Hamilton Gymnasium.



Gene Hamilton posed for a photo with SVSU alumnus Mike Finney, who was a co-op student when Hamilton oversaw what today is SVSU's Career Services office. Finney previously served as interim city manager for the City of Saginaw; he currently is CEO of Community Ventures of Michigan, a firm working to increase employment and economic development in cities, including Saginaw. | Courtesy Photo



SVSU President Don Bachand shook hands with Gene Hamilton at the ceremony to dedicate Hamilton Gymnasium Monday, June 27. Hamilton is retiring from SVSU after 47 years of service; he served as its first varsity basketball coach. | Courtesy Photo



Gene Hamilton viewed a plaque that will be installed inside Hamilton Gymnasium; it was unveiled during a dedication ceremony Monday, June 27. | Courtesy Photo



SVSU President Don Bachand and Gene Hamilton unveiled a plaque that will be installed inside Hamilton Gymnasium. It is in memory of Gene's late wife, Mary Pat, who provided considerable volunteer support to SVSU. | Courtesy Photo

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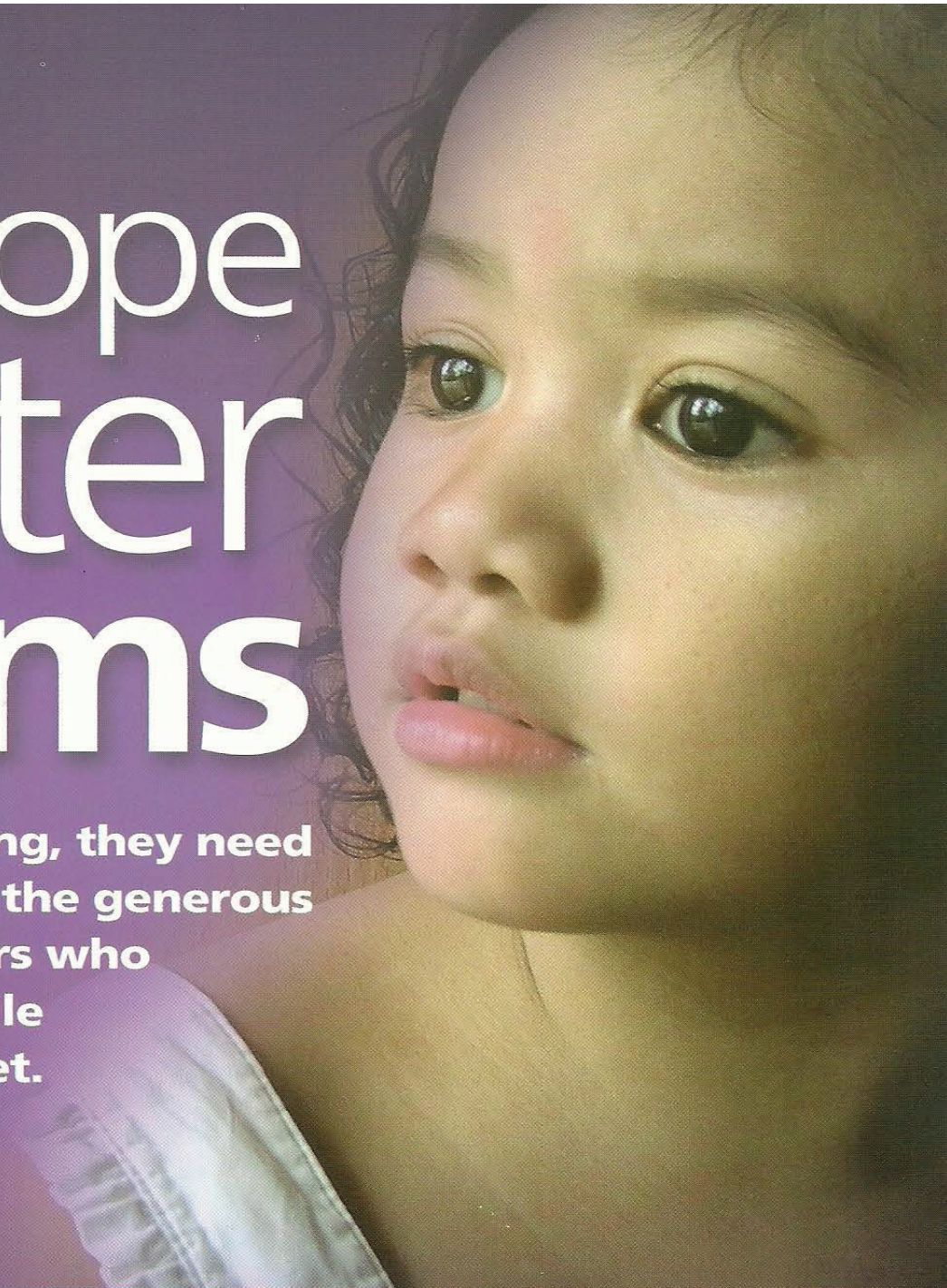
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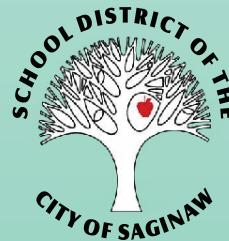
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As a senior awaiting graduation from SVSU, Florence Alexander says she couldn't feel more excited and prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. "The passionate faculty, students and staff have challenged me and allowed me to make a huge impact in the local communities," she said. "I have had the privilege of becoming a mentor for the Saginaw Community Foundation's Youth First program, which provides Saginaw County's at-risk youth with dozens of recreational and development programs. I am also able to help the Saginaw community through my involvement with Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federally funded national initiative to reduce violent crimes. These experiences have inspired me to travel the world and explore ways to advocate equality and acceptance."

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