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Saginaw MAX Partnership: APPRECOTS and the new Saginaw Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Youth Advocacy Council (SOGI YAC)

As part of its expansion efforts, the Saginaw MAX System of Care initiative committed to provide outreach and support to Saginaw County youth who identify as LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, two-spirit, etc.) and who experience significant emotional and behavioral challenges. While in agreement about the importance, defining what this initiative should look like was a groundbreaking and daunting task. Who exactly were the youth that would benefit from the initiative? What specific needs could Saginaw MAX address? Who should provide the support? And how? APPRECOTS was invited to partner with Saginaw MAX to seek answers to questions like these.

APPRECOTS (Applied Research Consultants) began by looking into published research articles for information. The findings were conclusive that, when viewed as a whole population, LGBTQ youth have needs that are definable and unique. For example:

- 55% of LGBQ and 67% of transgender youth were homeless due to being forced out by their parents or running away because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. (Choi, 2015)
- In 2010, a national survey of 2,100 youth in detention found that approximately 15% identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or gender nonconforming. These youth were twice as likely as their peers to have experienced family conflict, child abuse, and homelessness. (Irvine, 2010).
- A review of 15 years of adolescent school-based research found that compared to their heterosexual peers, sexual minority youth were on average 3.8 times more likely to experience sexual abuse, 1.7 times more likely to experience parental physical abuse, and 2.4 times more likely to experience assault at school or to miss school through fear. (Friedman, 2011)
- LGBT youth are five times as likely as their heterosexual, non-transgendered peers

(30% VS 6%) to report suicidal ideation. (Almeida, 2009)

As APPRECOTS continued with gathering information, no data could be found to specifically define SOGI youth within Saginaw County. A group of local experts was identified and approached with a request to share information that would help identify local resources, needs and gaps. The individuals who convened in answer this plea represented a diverse array of energetic and informed community leadership, including representation from Saginaw MAX, advocacy groups, health professionals, academics, teachers, and parents. Together they discussed risks, needs, and the current lack of safe spaces and supports for LGBTQ youth in our community. With this information, APPRECOTS helped to draft a job description for a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Youth Advocacy Coordinator and a program proposal for the new initiative.

After the initial information-gathering task was completed, the collected individuals determined that they had a united and much-needed purpose. The consensus was that this assembly, with its diverse cross-system representation, could have significant influence and help build a safer, more affirming community by formalizing into an ongoing council. To be as inclusive as possible, the group named themselves the Saginaw Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Youth Advocacy Council (SOGI YAC). Temporarily chaired by APPRECOTS, the group will be facilitated by the future Saginaw MAX Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Youth Advocacy Coordinator. The Coordinator will also act as a SOGI expert to the System of Care and will coordinate training and staff development, youth peer support, treatment groups, and other efforts to guarantee ALL youth with emotional and behavioral challenges receive appropriate and supportive services.

The following websites offer information about SOGI youth or local SOGI resources and

support:

<http://www.youthproject.ns.ca/resources.php?loc=Resources>
<http://www.delta.edu/counselingandcareerservices/lgbt-resources.aspx>
<http://www.svsu.edu/thepridecenteratsvsu/>
<https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGTriCities>
<http://www.perceptionsmi.org/>
<https://www.equalitymi.org/>

If you or someone you know would like to join SOGI YAC or receive updates and information about SOGI youth needs and local resources and events, contact APPRECOTS at admin@apprecots.com or call (989) 573-8494.

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Saginaw MAX At-A-Glance



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

282 YOUTH ENROLLED

To date, 282 youth and families have been enrolled into Saginaw MAX System of Care since the initiative began accepting referrals in 2011.

Better School Performance 65%

Sixty five percent of youth and families reported a maintained or improved school performance after 24 months of System of Care support.

25% Decreased Bullying

After 18 months of System of Care support, 25% of youth and families reported a decrease of bullying or threatening behaviors.

Decrease in "Acting Out Behaviors" 39%

Following 24 months of support from System of Care, 39% of youth and families reported a decrease in "acting out behaviors" such as difficulties with relationships and rule breaking as well as displays of irritability and belligerence.

CORE PRINCIPLES

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

TARGET POPULATIONS

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

- is six to 17 years of age
- has emotional or behavioral issues that interfere with or limit the child's role or functioning in the family, school or community activities
- is receiving mental health services and one or more of the following:
 - special education
 - juvenile justice
 - child protective services (voluntary or involuntary)

WHAT IS SED?

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

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

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Sharing Opinions and Building Leaders

“Nothing about us without us,” is a common phrase found in the system of care world. Youth and teens are regularly consulted about what technology and mobile fads are worth investing in because of their first-hand experience, so why shouldn't they be consulted about something as important as community services and supports that they have direct relationships with as well? This principle is a driving force behind the work that we do at Saginaw MAX System of Care – the idea that the people who actually use the services provided in our community need to be at the table offering insight and guidance on how the services can be improved to better meet the needs of everyone they serve.

Youth Breaking Boundaries (YBB), is the youth development group for Saginaw MAX System of Care that helps youth grow their skill sets to communicate effectively with community organizations and service providers. Through

partnerships with law enforcement and other service providers, youth have begun building trusting relationships that enable the sharing of ideas and feedback that will directly impact the quality of services provided to youth and families in the Saginaw community.

Youth involved in YBB meet regularly to discuss current issues in the community that affect the quality of services and supports that are available to families, and identify ways to promote youth engagement. They also plan and organize events that help them develop valuable leadership skills that will serve them throughout their life, including an extensive one-day leadership training for youth held at Saginaw Valley State University.

“Just because they are young doesn't mean they don't have valuable thoughts and opinions that can positively impact the future of services and supports available to families

in our community and beyond,” explains Saginaw MAX Youth Involvement Coordinator Tim Walker. “It's inspiring to see these youth blossom and be able to effectively share their thoughts in ways that are being used in ways that will change the way services are provided for generations to come.”

The Youth Breaking Boundaries group is made up of youth who are currently involved in Saginaw County systems between the ages of 6 and 17. Youth meeting the criteria are a mixture of past and current firsthand knowledge of multiple child-serving systems with complex emotional and behavioral challenges and youth with these challenges who have a vested interest in creating systemic change. If you're interested in becoming a member of Youth Breaking Boundaries, contact Family Involvement Coordinator Keva Clark at kclark@sccmha.org or (989) 797-3534.

Saginaw MAX System of Care Provides an Empowered Team for families with special needs children

The Saginaw MAX System of Care Empowered to Reach and Teach Families Team (ERTFT) is made up of parents and caregivers who are currently raising or have raised children with emotional, physical, or behavioral health needs. They are familiar with the feelings of isolation and uncertainty that parents often experience when raising a child with complex needs, and the daily challenges that they face. These parents also know what resources are available to those navigating the behavioral health, juvenile justice, child protective services, and school systems. It is this lived experience that makes them an asset to other families experiencing some of those same challenges, which makes ERTFT a unique place for families to come together and develop skills that will help them advocate for their families and achieve lasting positive outcomes.

The goal of this group is to provide input to the Saginaw MAX System of Care effort, ensuring the effort remains aware of families' experiences and identifying strategies for promoting family engagement. ERTFT also partners with outside community organizations and initiatives to provide free leadership, engagement, and family-building trainings to its members.

To help parents and caregivers become the best advocates that they can be for their families, ERTFT provides a variety of resource and leadership development trainings that equip families with the skills necessary to navigate the different systems in our community. Not only do they learn what resources that different systems have and how to access them, but they also learn the necessary skills to be strong advocates for any situations their family may face.

ERTFT has also worked collaboratively with the Saginaw MAX Cultural and Linguistic Competency Team to review standing operational policies at various partner organizations, offering feedback and input on how procedures can be enhanced to promote better family engagement and cultural awareness.

By helping to develop parents and caregivers in the role of expert and leader, everybody wins. Families benefit from improved self-worth and as better advocates for their needs, while systems benefit from being more responsive and accountable to the families that they serve. It is this spirit of collaboration and input from the most important voices – the voices of those who utilize our services and supports – that drives the system of care effort forward.

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Building a Culturally Competent System of Care

There are approximately 195,000 residents in Saginaw County, of which approximately 32% identify as members of a minority group. We are a vibrant community of differing beliefs and customs that come together and make Saginaw beautiful and unique. Saginaw MAX System of Care believes that every person who needs services and supports should be able to access them comfortably, regardless of how they identify, and is committed to helping youth and family serving systems in the community provide a culturally responsive array of services through the work of the Cultural and Linguistic Competency (CLC) Team.

The CLC Team is composed of families, youth, system and community partners who have the knowledge and experience to give voice to those who have historically been underserved, un-served or inappropriately served within our community. In short, the CLC team works to identify and address policies and practices within community “systems” that make it difficult for minorities to receive the quality services available to the majority. To accomplish this, the CLC team looks at all aspects of service delivery such as access, availability, utilization, quality, and outcomes. When barriers or gaps are identified, the team works with the system to integrate culturally and linguistically appropriate practices into our community.

To identify gaps in services, the CLC team has worked tirelessly to research services and policies within all of the child and family serving systems in the community, and coordinated multiple “self-assessment” surveys

for organizations to understand how they can better meet the needs of the individuals they serve. Many members of the CLC Team also help coordinate and instruct the California Brief Multicultural Competency Scale (CBMCS) training – an intense three-day training program that identifies and breaks down stereotypes that interfere with minorities receiving the same high-quality services and supports available to others. In Saginaw, CBMCS has been provided to community leader, organizations, and service providers across the board, including mental health providers, health and human service providers, police and court officials, faith-based leaders, and more.

“There is a universal stigma when it comes to mental health and getting support, but for members of minorities the stigma is more often than not even more intense,” explained Saginaw Max Cultural and Linguistic Competency Coordinator Dalia Smith. “Because of differing cultural norms, traditions, and beliefs, many individuals that identify with a minority group aren’t comfortable reaching out for help, and many service providers might not understand the

cultural barriers that are preventing them from reaching those who need their help the most. Our goal with the CLC group and with the CBMCS training has always been to raise awareness about the disparities and barriers that minority groups face when accessing services and supports, and helping organizations and service providers bridge those gaps as best as possible. The work that has been accomplished in the past few years has been extraordinary and I couldn’t be more proud of the changes that are happening because that means that more people are comfortable reaching out for services and supports that weren’t able to before. The work is far from over though, and we will continue to break down these barriers until everyone in Saginaw and beyond is comfortable and able to access the services and supports they need to live fulling, healthy lives.”

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California Brief Multicultural Competency Scale (CBMCS)

In 2010, African American children were 2.5 times more represented in the foster care system than in the general population of Michigan.

* "Disproportionality Rates for Children of Color in Foster Care," Technical Assistance Bulletin, May 2012 *

Minority juveniles in Michigan (and nationwide) are more likely to enter the juvenile justice system than the youth population as a whole.

What do these numbers look like in Saginaw County?

Training Outcomes

- Increased knowledge of the cultural world as experienced by diverse populations
- Increased awareness of the factors that impact diverse groups being served
- Develop sensitive and responsive to the needs of diverse culturally diverse populations

3-Day Training Session:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Saginaw Max System of Care and Open Table Join More than 1,100 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Celebrations across the Country



The Awareness Day 2016 national event will take place on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. EDT in Washington, D.C. The theme of this year's event, "Finding Help. Finding Hope", will explore how communities can increase access to behavioral health

for individuals, collaborating organizations, and communities to interact with the national event by viewing the live webcast and sharing questions and insights via digital and social media.

Viewers are encouraged to use the hashtag #HeroesofHope when participating in the national event discussion on social media. Open Table faith and community partners across the country are invited to join this national event by watching live on May 5th!

The mission of the Open Table is to train congregations across the country to turn from having transactions with people experiencing poverty (handing out things that do not change their poverty) to having transformational relationships with people experiencing poverty (investing in their human potential to give them the tools to transform their poverty into wholeness). A Table funnels and maximizes the intellectual and social capital resources available from a congregation, including the personal networks of Table members and other congregation members, community organizations, corporations, governmental agencies, and non-profit agencies to support the plan. A longitudinal study found that 95% of young adults and families served by Open Table maintained a relationship with their Table members two years after the completion of their Tables and 85% had a better job and/or were in college or technical school after their experiences ended. With local, faith, state, and SAMHSA resources, the innovative faith/government demonstrations similar to Saginaw are located in five states, with more coming.

For more information about Awareness Day, planning an Awareness Day Live! event, or to view the live webcast of the event, visit <http://www.samhsa.gov/children>.

For more information about the Saginaw Max System of Care, visit: <http://maxsaginawsoc.org>

For more information about Open Table, visit <http://www.theopentable.org>.

Saginaw Max System of Care, a SAMHSA grantee, in partnership with Phoenix-based Open Table, will be featured as an innovative practice at this year's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Awareness Day is a national event to raise awareness about the issues impacting children's mental health.

services and supports for children, youth, and young adults who experience mental or substance use disorders and their families.

Actor Reid Ewing, who plays Dylan in the hit comedy Modern Family, will receive a Special Recognition Award from SAMHSA at the event for speaking out about his experiences with body dysmorphia, and for encouraging young

people in similar situations to seek help.

Saginaw Max System of Care's faith-government initiative allowed for a natural partnership with Open Table, a national, faith-based poverty transformation model. Saginaw Max, in partnership with the faith community, is addressing poverty as a foundational barrier for young adults and children with complex needs and their families through this new and innovative platform. It is this partnership that will be highlighted at Awareness Day Live!—an opportunity



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PACT Mentoring

PACT (People Achieving Change Today) is an LLC local to Saginaw County that creates positive change by contracting with government agencies, faith-based and community organizations to develop and manage programs, projects and initiatives that nurture trusting and purposeful relationships in a community. PACT is contracting with Saginaw MAX System of Care to coordinate mentoring for children and youth in Saginaw County.

PACT has a clear vision. The vision of PACT is a large nexus of caring people and organizations committed to nurturing trusting and purposeful relationships. It has been engineering this vision by partnering with other quality faith-based and community organizations and by recruiting, training and empowering a large team of local Saginaw heroes who engage

in one-on-one relationships. The primary goal of each relationship established by PACT is trust. According to Dr. Jean Rhodes, professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, the most significant predictor of positive mentoring results is whether mentors and mentees share a close, trusting relationship. Such relationships do not just happen.

How is trust built in a mentoring relationship? PACT emphasizes three practices which help ensure the mentoring relationships it establishes are successful and endure over time. First, mentors are expected to maintain a steady presence in the life of the mentee for at least one year. This is a commitment that the volunteer makes before they are connected to a mentee. Second, mentors are challenged to focus on the needs and goals of the mentee. One significant need every child and youth has is the need to

have fun. Fun is a significant characteristic of mentoring relationships that are successful and enduring. Third, mentors are asked to build a relationship with the mentee's family if possible. These practices help to build trust in the mentoring relationships established by PACT.

The first PACT mentoring relationship was launched in July 2014 and several dozen mentoring relationships have launched since that time. The mentors of PACT are a group of diverse volunteers dedicated to helping the young people of Saginaw County achieve success. However, there are many more children and youth in Saginaw County who would still benefit from a mentor. PACT is always recruiting new local heroes to join their ever growing team.

For more information, contact Terry Kuhns at peopleachievingchangetoday@gmail.com

Safe School Healthy Students

“Children are the priority. Change is the reality. Collaboration is the strategy” – Judith Billings, Washington State Superintendent.

Creating meaningful change in how youth and families receive mental and behavioral health services can't be accomplished alone – it takes collaboration and dedication from all of the systems that serve youth and families in the community. One of these systems that Saginaw MAX is proud to collaborate with is Saginaw Public Schools and their newly implemented Safe Schools Healthy Students initiative.

Safe School Healthy Students (SS/HS) is a collaborative effort of school, parent, family, student and other youth-serving organizations proven to be successful in creating safe and secure schools in communities. In 2013, Saginaw Public Schools was selected as one of three Michigan pilot communities to receive the Safe Schools Healthy Students federal grant. The four-year grant, which is in conjunction with the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMSHA), Michigan Department of Education, and Michigan Department of Community Health affords opportunities for state and local education agencies and community organizations to work together on coordinated programs around five key elements:

- Element 1: Promoting Early Childhood Social & Emotional Learning & Development
- Element 2: Promoting Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health
- Element 3: Connecting Families, Schools, and Community
- Element 4: Preventing Behavioral Health Problems
- Element 5: Creating Safe and Violence-Free Schools

SS/HS recognizes that schools alone do not have the capacity to respond effectively to the broad range of the social and emotional needs of students. Therefore, through the collaboration with mental health agencies, law enforcement, juvenile justice, social service, and other community agencies, SS/HS is able to strengthen

the role of schools as healthy learning environments that support the academic, social, and emotional growth of students,” said Lisa Coney, Safe Schools Healthy Students Project Manager.

System of Care has continued to be one of Saginaw Public Schools strongest partnerships by leveraging resources together to provide professional development and training for school staff, students, teachers, administrators on an array of topics as it relates to mental health services and fully implementing services that address children and families' social and emotional development, violence prevention, trauma, strengthening families as well as providing opportunities for cultural/diversity awareness. The marriage between System of Care and Safe Schools Healthy Students Implementation and Care Review Team, has been a catalyst that's bringing about changes within schools and communities as we work closely together to provide a safe and supportive environment for all individuals in Saginaw County.

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As a result of this workshop individuals and family members of young children, teens and young adults will have an increased awareness of various health insurance models; a better understanding of how to access health coverage and services for children with special needs/disabilities, be better prepared to participate in the development of an Individualized Health Plan, and increased ability to advocate for health supports and services.

We encourage individuals and families to invite people who provide support and services to you and your family. Providers are encouraged to invite individuals and families you support and serve. Forming partnerships between people served and those providing services is crucial in building collaboration and partnering in decision-making at all levels with individuals and families of children and youth with special needs and/or disabilities.

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Resource Parent Training is a curriculum that was developed out of the work of the National Children's Traumatic Stress Network. It is an 8-module training format that is led by a parent and clinician.

This Training was initially developed for foster parents; however, it has since been adapted to train all forms of caregivers, including the community at large as well as system partners.

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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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.

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EDUCATION



Modeling the science of healthy eating

CMU nutrition program fosters education, mentorship

The seventh-grade students at White Pine Middle School in Saginaw jumped out of their seats as Central Michigan University senior dietetics students Danielle Sova and Amber Waskiewicz showed them how to add colorful, healthy foods to their plates.

Sova, of Saginaw, and Romeo native Waskiewicz, were working with the middle schoolers as they completed their fieldwork experience for their community nutrition class. The students developed a nutrition mentorship program called Nutri-pals for three seventh-grade classes at White Pine.

"CMU students have the opportunity to work on their outreach skills and showcase those abilities while at the same time helping communities around Michigan in different, awesome ways," said CMU professor and nutritionist Leslie Hildebrandt, who teaches the class.

Getting hands-on experience

On a recent day at White Pine, Sova and Waskiewicz worked closely with Terrie Robbie, middle years program STEM coordinator for Saginaw Township Public Schools, and seventh-grade teacher John Kowalski to move groups of children through four stations in his classroom. The stations included the colorful plate exercise along with a hydration activity, reading nutrition labels and an interactive trail mix bar where students scooped healthy options for snacking.

"My station was all about food labels, so I walked them through a comparison of two types of chips," Waskiewicz said. "We're hoping to not only make them familiar with labels, but also to help them recognize healthy options when they see them."

The CMU students were watched closely by Covenant Healthcare registered dietitian Ann Hoffman, the professional overseeing Nutri-pals.

Hoffman approved the activities, collaborated with Sova and Waskiewicz as they prepared for the class, and kept a close watch on how the information was presented to the seventh-graders.

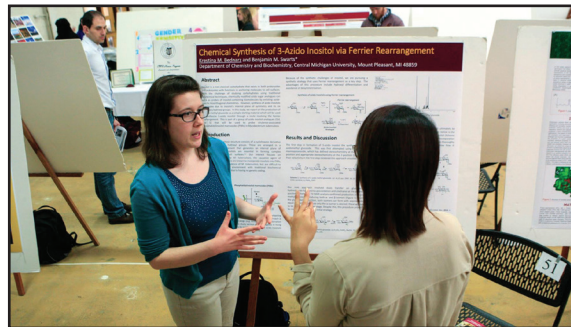
"This is a tough age when kids are all different shapes and sizes," Hoffman said. "There is a higher risk of eating disorders at this age versus others because of the ways they are changing. I want to be sure we are focusing on the value of some foods over others and not focusing on fats or calories."

CMU students come into the science classes in Saginaw during the life sciences unit, timing carefully planned by Robbie and Kowalski. The unit teaches about cell biology and heredity, messaging that ties directly to nutrition and makes for an important link between science and the everyday lives of growing children.

JUMP TO PG 23, Modeling healthy eating

CMU student research and creative endeavors on display

Hundreds of students showcase their work at annual events



Courtesy Photo

The innovative work of Central Michigan University students was on display as they shared their research and scholarly and creative endeavors with the university community. The students shared their projects with attendees of these annual events in Mount Pleasant and Lansing.

Capitol Scholars

This week, 23 undergraduate students from across CMU presented their research to

alumni, friends and state legislators at the 16th annual Capitol Scholars event in Lansing. The students displayed a range of research projects from a variety of majors at the Capitol Building in Lansing April 19.

Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition

The SRCEE exhibition, held each year in April, is sponsored by CMU's Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

SRCEE features nearly 400 poster displays, computer and video demonstrations, case studies, internship experiences, and creative performances by more than 700 graduate and undergraduate students.

The exhibition, which took place April 20, celebrates the innovative work of students by providing them with an opportunity to share their research and scholarly and creative endeavors with the university community.



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SVSU students honored for outstanding innovation in community impact



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Saginaw Valley State University students have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to supporting charities in the Great Lakes Bay Region through the annual Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition.

Michigan Campus Compact, an organization that recognizes college students serving as civically-engaged citizens, selected SVSU and Battle of the Valleys initiative as the recipient of the first-ever statewide 2016 Innovations in Community Impact Award.

"Battle of the Valleys has had a tremendous impact on our community," said Renee Johnston, president and CEO of the Saginaw Community Foundation. "I love the fact that the concept is so unique: a combination of fun, competitive, charitable, and a great way to get involved."

An annual fundraising competition between students from SVSU and Grand Valley State University, Battle of the Valleys

is a one-week challenge. Since 2003, students have raised funds for their university's respective charity partners during the week leading up to the rival schools' annual football game.

"Of course, there is the positive financial impact on those charitable organizations who have been the beneficiaries of the funds raised, but there is also an impact on the community at-large," Johnston said. "The dollars raised over the years have allowed organizations to provide services that address specific needs in the community."

"These students also are sending a positive message to the community through the commitment they are making through their fundraising and volunteer efforts."

SVSU has won 10 of the 13 competitions — including the last eight — raising \$331,329 of the \$508,819 total. The university that wins

the competition also receives the contest's "Valley" trophy.

SVSU students in November 2015 once again brought the trophy back to their campus. SVSU won the Battle of the Valleys contest by raising \$24,540 for Get Outside for a Healthy Inside, an affiliate of the Saginaw Community Foundation dedicated to improving physical fitness in Saginaw.

"We are very proud of our Saginaw Valley students in meeting this challenge, and their efforts to improve the health of all Saginaw residents," said Sharon Dinse, coordinator for Get Outside for a Healthy Inside.

The 2015 Battle of the Valleys coordinator was SVSU student Natalie Schneider, a business management major from Saginaw Township. Schneider also was honored individually by Michigan Campus Compact with a Commitment to Service award for her extensive community involvement. She serves as the philanthropy chair for SVSU's student government and is a Wolohan Fellow, part of a select group of Saginaw County students working to improve the image and quality of life for their hometown.

"Natalie and her classmates at SVSU stepped up to address the lack of adequate areas for exercise and enjoyment of the outdoors," Dinse said. "We are using the funds to begin the process of creating and revitalizing neighborhood parks and trails."

Schneider and her fellow SVSU students who helped organize the Battle of the Valleys initiative accepted the awards during the Michigan Campus Compact Awards Gala in East Lansing Thursday, April 7.

FROM PG 21, Modeling healthy eating

"We are teaching them about nutrition at a cellular level," Sova, who also is majoring in child development, said. "We introduce carbohydrates, fats and proteins and then connect those to foods they already know. They learn that what they eat is science."

Empowering middle school mentors

After sitting through the curriculum and hands-on activities planned and organized by

Sova and Waskiewicz, the seventh-graders then put together their own ideas for sharing what they learned. The White Pine students will travel to Arrowwood Elementary to teach nutrition basics to a class of younger students.

"We call this a project-based learning opportunity," Robbie said. "The students take a lot more information away from a unit when they have the responsibility of teaching it to another class."

After the hands-on class, Kowalski pulled together his students to reflect on their learnings from the stations and come up with ideas they can teach to the younger students at Arrowwood.

"Our follow-up class was filled with lots of ideas, building on what they could do and keeping the excitement of working on this project," Kowalski said.

CMU names spring commencement speakers

More than 3,300 students will receive their degrees



David J. Matty



Belle S. Wheelan



Eduardo B. Fernandez



Gary L. Dunbar

Courtesy Photos

A prominent dean, an educational pioneer, a top television industry executive and a passionate neuroscientist will share their insights with thousands of Central Michigan University spring graduates May 6 and 7.

Keynote speakers planned for the four commencement ceremonies are:

- David J. Matty, '77, dean of the College of Science at Weber State University;
- Belle S. Wheelan, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges;
- Eduardo B. Fernandez, '84, vice president and divisional general manager of E.W. Scripps; and
- Gary L. Dunbar, M.A. '76, professor in the department of psychology and director of the neuroscience program at CMU.

Matty will speak during the doctoral ceremony, which will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, May 6, in Warriner Hall's Plachta Auditorium.

While at Weber State, Matty contributed to the planning, programming and construction of the university's new 185,000-square-foot science building that will open this fall and house all of the college's departments and programs. He previously worked for 25 years at CMU as a dedicated department of geology faculty member and served as a department chairperson. During his time at CMU, he was instrumental in securing approximately \$500,000 in external grants and another \$250,000 in equipment donations, as well

as establishing the annual CMU Posters at the Capitol event in Lansing, now known as Capitol Scholars. Matty, who earned his bachelor's degree in geology from CMU in 1977, will receive a Doctor of Science honorary degree. The three undergraduate/graduate ceremonies will take place Saturday, May 7, in the CMU Events Center's McGuirk Arena.

At the 9 a.m. ceremony, Wheelan will address the audience. She is a groundbreaking educator who has the distinction of being the first African-American and first woman to serve in such a leadership capacity for the SACSCC as well as several other institutions during her career. She has dedicated more than four decades to ensuring current and future generations pursue their degrees through quality academic programs. Wheelan has served in a variety of faculty and leadership roles at different institutions, including provost at Tidewater Community College, president of Central Virginia Community College and Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She will receive a Doctor of Public Service honorary degree.

During the 1:30 p.m. ceremony, Fernandez will address the graduates. He is a dedicated broadcasting executive who oversees 14 stations in larger-market U.S. cities, including WXYZ-ABC and WMYD-MyNet in Detroit, WCPO-ABC in Cincinnati, and KMGH-ABC in Denver. Fernandez also held the distinction of being the only Hispanic general manager

of a top 15 market in the country when he was named vice president/general manager of WXYZ-ABC in 2010. Industry peers honored him with the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences' Silver Circle Award for his more than 25 years of dedicated service to the broadcast industry. Fernandez, who earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast and cinematic arts from CMU in 1984, will receive a Doctor of Public Service honorary degree.

Dunbar will speak at the 6 p.m. ceremony. He has spent 34 years dedicated to the students of CMU and has served in various roles inside and outside the classroom. These include serving as the John G. Kulhavi Professor of Neuroscience as well as director of the Brain Research and Integrative Neuroscience Center. He is highly respected for his projects to incorporate stem cell transplants, dietary supplements, and pharmacological treatments for cognitive or motor deficits following brain damage and neurodegenerative diseases. He developed the first undergraduate neuroscience major in the state of Michigan, which became a national model and was nationally recognized as the 2013 Outstanding Undergraduate Neuroscience Program by the Society for Neuroscience. In 2015, Dunbar was named Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year. He earned his master's in psychology and biology from CMU in 1976.

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FUNdraising GOOD TIMES

Proofreading potholes: fundraising miscommunications



Mel and Pearl Shaw

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us about our recent column on fundraising and proofreading. We heard from readers in Memphis, New York, and California on this topic. They included donors, volunteers, an executive director, and a foundation program officer. Each had a story to tell about a nonprofit and proofreading. Here are three tales of woe, and two mistakes we recently made, including one in the article on proofreading!

One reader shared an invitation he received for an event to be held this month. It contained all the important information, and even included a personal hand written note. Unfortunately, it also closed with “Please RSVP by December 14, 2012.”

A program officer who makes funding

recommendations for a foundation emailed us the following. “We received a lovely annual update from one of our grantees with pictures and great copy with numerous misspelled words. It was printed in color at great expense, however, it didn’t convey the correct message. This subject is right on!”

When we were writing the column we had one big fear: “what if we don’t proofread this well enough?” We had someone else proof the article, and still we received a call from a reader who found a “miscommunication” in the opening paragraph. The sentence read “How are you communicating with the written word?” Our caller explained to us that “you don’t communicate with the written word.”

We practiced being polite on the phone,

but were looking at each other, silently asking, “What do you mean, ‘you don’t communicate with the written word?!?!’” Then the caller explained “you don’t communicate with a table. It’s a table. You don’t communicate with the written word. You communicate using the written word.” Ah, he was so right. We just didn’t see it.

A retired technical writer called to share his experience working on major proposals. His recommendation: make sure your proofreader has no involvement with the document. If someone is close to a project, or has contributed content or ideas, they may overlook items that someone else might question. He also asked that we address the topic of email communication. We said “yes,” and then realized that is a tall order!

But, because he asked, here are three email tips:

1. Include your contact information at the bottom of each and every email and reply. All of it, including your phone number. Believe it or not, people still use the phone.
2. Proofread for clarity. Keep your messages as direct and concise as possible.
3. Use spell check.

Finally, we conducted a workshop for a nonprofit board on April 9th. Unfortunately when we were beginning the workshop and referring participants to the agenda we noticed that there in bold letters was the date March 9th!!

Here’s what we know: no one’s perfect. At the same time it is important to put policies in place that help protect against typos and miscommunication. Fundraising is all about communication and we want your message to be well received.

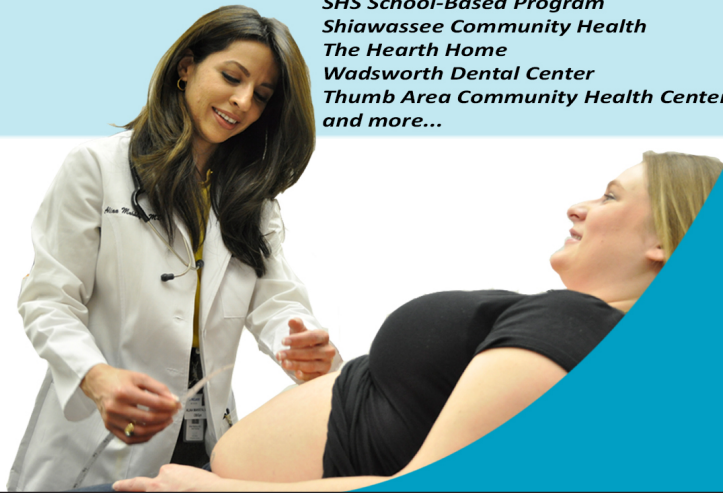
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Tuesday, August 2

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- ★ Co-founder of the monthly Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast.
- ★ Created the "Fight the Blight" and Habitat for Humanity partnership. Addressing the abandon house and home rehabilitation issue with Saginaw County Land Bank. Over 175 houses demolished and 65 home improvements since 2013.
- ★ Founder of the Buena Vista Business Association (BVBA) and author of the "Buy BV First" initiative. Established www.buybvfirst.com.
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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson
Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

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Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Early Head Start, launched in 1995, provides support to low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families.

EHS programs enhance children’s physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care; support parents’ efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

Together Head Start and Early Head Start have served tens of millions of children and their families.

At Saginaw ISD Head Start our attentive staff is available Monday through Friday to answer all your questions and make every effort to ensure you are 100% satisfied.

Saginaw ISD Head Start
Claytor Administrative Building
3200 Perkins Street
Saginaw, MI 48601
Phone 989.752.2193
Fax 989.921.7146

Office Hours
Monday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
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Thursday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM

For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: www.saginawheadstart.org

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*Joe Baca,
Congressman*

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-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

Non Profit Directory

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989-399-9918

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989-759-6400
Houghton-Jones Task Force
1708 Johnson Street
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Lighthouse Outreach Center
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Mobile Medical Response
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Michigan Banner Outreach
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Saginaw, MI 48602
989-714-2240

Pit and Balcony Theatre
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www.pitandbalconytheatre.com
989-754-6587
pitandbalconytheatre@yahoo.com

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www.saginawlibrary.org

Restoration Community Outreach
1205 Norman
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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)
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Saginaw, MI 48601
989-753-7741

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

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welcomed you, for
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— Romans 15:7*



COMMUNITY

Boys & Girls Clubs Receive \$8,250 Grant for “Street Smart” Program

Saginaw, Mich. – Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region has received a grant in the amount of \$8,250 from the Saginaw Community Foundation to fund the implementation of their “Street SMART” program in Saginaw.

Street SMART is a violence prevention curriculum designed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The program offers expanded anti-bullying lessons, as well as an emphasis on resiliency training to give Club members the skills they need to grow up confident, caring, and responsible.

“This program will be an essential addition to our Saginaw Unit,” said Ginger Drzewicki, CEO. “As bullying is such a prominent issue,

especially among children ages 10 to 14, we can’t overstate the importance of a curriculum focused on conflict management and positive social behaviors.”

The Saginaw Community Foundation awards grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, local units of government, and religious institutions.

About Boys & Girls Clubs

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region has been in operation for over five decades. Today, the organization operates facilities in Bay City, Essexville, Pinconning, Carrollton, and Saginaw. Its mission: to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their

full potential as productive, responsible, and caring adults. Through a series of programs and activities, Clubs aim to positively impact as many children’s lives as possible. In 2015, their total registered membership was 2,273 – an 18% increase from the previous year.

About the Saginaw Community Foundation

Founded in 1984, the Saginaw Community Foundation works to improve the quality of life in Saginaw County by linking donor interests with the community’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities. Its mission is to help enhance the quality of life for the Saginaw County community. Learn more at saginawfoundation.org.

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Christ Disciples Baptist Church
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Pastor Genevieve Benson
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Saginaw, MI 48601
(989) 754-2444

Christ Fellowship Baptist Church
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PastorD818@gmail.com

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Website: www.messiahsag.org

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Pastor Robert B. Corley Jr.

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Wolverine State Baptist Convention
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Saginaw, MI 48607

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

City of Saginaw City Council Vacancy

Saginaw City Clerk Janet Santos reminds those interested in applying for City Council to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Councilman Amos O'Neal, they must have their City Council Member Application and Affidavit of Eligibility filed with the City Clerk's Office, located at 1315 South Washington Avenue, Room 102, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016.

Applicants must be a Citizen of the

United States, age 18 years or more, a resident of Michigan for 30 days, a resident and a registered voter in the City of Saginaw, and may not be in default to the City. Default is defined as when the City has placed an individual on notice that money is due and owing, and the individual has not entered into a payment plan with the City. Also considered a default is the failure to file yearly income tax returns or file an Income Tax Affidavit for

taxable income under \$1,000.00.

City Council will interview applicants at a Committee of the Whole meeting to be held Tuesday, May 10, 2016, with a time to be determined, and appoint a new member during a Special Council meeting that same evening. Any questions on the application process should be directed to the City Clerk's Office at 989.759.1480, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

M Parks awards and honors Volunteers from Positive Results Downtown Saginaw and Friends of Hoyt

On April 20, 2016, Wednesday evening, City Manager Tim Morales attended the mParks Community Service Award Ceremony at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing. Those honored included Saginaw's "Positive Results Downtown Saginaw" and "Friends of Hoyt Park."

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association's Community Service Awards recognize individuals and groups who show outstanding support to public recreation and park programs in their community. Community Service Awards are presented to individuals, groups, and organizations that support parks and recreation in Michigan. Past recipients include park friend groups, program and department sponsors, and volunteers who make a difference

in their community through contributions to parks, recreation, and leisure services.

Positive Results Downtown Saginaw was nominated and recognized for their many community events throughout all seasons. Some of these include "Friday Night Live" summer concerts in Morley Park, the "Holidays in the Heart of the City" event and parade, and winter activities such as Bring Back the Ice, in collaboration with Friends of Hoyt Park.

Friends of Hoyt Park was nominated and recognized for renovation and enhancements made to the Hoyt Park including the historical warming house for winter skaters, and the ball diamonds for the youth softball/baseball league and tournament play. Friends of Hoyt Park have restored winter sports to the park, maintaining

four hockey rinks and scheduled events during winter.

"I was happy to nominate Positive Results Downtown Saginaw and Friends of Hoyt Park for the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Community Service Award, they are truly deserving. It was my pleasure to attend the Community Service Award Ceremony where they were presented with their awards. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize and thank them and all their volunteers, and to show the City's appreciation for all their hard work." - City Manager Tim Morales

For more information please contact Debbie Powell, Public Information Officer at (989) 759-1403.



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