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Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, Dr. Waheed Akbar, M.D., with The Dr. Raana Akbar Memorial Lecture Series, and Dr. Donald Bachand, President of Saginaw Valley State University, hosted the Saginaw movie premiere of *The Sultan and the Saint* on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple Theatre. Over 700 tickets were sold for the Saginaw premiere of the film.

The evening program was moderated by Art Lewis, community advocate and host of the Art Lewis Show on WSGW 790, and included

The event was presented by the Seventh Annual Dr. Raana Akbar Lecture Series, the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, and Saginaw Valley State University. Proceeds went towards the East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw.

Produced by Unity Productions Foundation, a California-based non-profit whose mission is to counter bigotry and create peace through the media, *The Sultan and the Saint* is an hour-long docudrama similar to Unity Productions

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Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 10th, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate 15 years of positive, informative and inspiring news in the Great Lakes Bay and Flint region.

The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City* Awards luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Horizons Conference Center and will pay tribute to past, present and future community members and organizations who are committed to service and volunteerism in the Great Lakes Bay area.

We understand the vitality and growth of a community depends greatly on its individuals and organizations. It gives us great pleasure to celebrate 15 years of service by recognizing the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative.

Several community awards will be presented including: Saginaw County Community Impact Award, Outstanding Business Award, Leadership Award and Outstanding Journalism/Media Award.

There are many sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. As a sponsor not only will you help support The Michigan Banner Newspaper's 15 year Anniversary event but you will also help support our non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach.

The Michigan Banner Outreach, established by Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley in 2010, was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the youth in our communities while creating opportunities for students to gain work-based experience in all phases of media.

MBO Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley
Scholarship

The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship will be awarded to two High School Seniors. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a degree in journalism.



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Foundation's earlier, award-winning *Prince Among Slaves and Enemy of the Reich*, both of which aired nationally on PBS. The film depicts how in the midst of the bloody Crusades, with Christians and Muslims clashing all around them, a Christian preacher risked his life to bring peace in a century-old conflict. What he encountered among the enemy tents was a Muslim leader equally willing to listen and search for common ground.

St. Francis of Assisi and Sultan Al-Malik al-Kamil bucked a century of war, distrust and insidious propaganda in search of mutual respect. And they used their faiths to heal rather than fracture. The lessons are far-reaching.

Through the local debut of the film, *The Sultan and the Saint*, Bishop Cistone, Dr. Akbar and President Bachand hope to inspire and encourage peace and unity, and to foster dialog and learning of the sacredness of all people and their relationships with one another.

According to Dr. Akbar, "When I first read the story of St. Francis and the Sultan of Egypt, I was moved by their mission. Their story sheds light on the power of spirituality and love to act as a unifying force between seemingly disparate sides. Today, religious leaders such as Pope Francis and Bishop Cistone continue the tradition of compassion and inclusivity established early by St. Francis and the Sultan. I feel

blessed that Bishop Cistone so warmly accepted my request to help bring this movie to our community."

Dr. Akbar and his late wife Dr. Raana Akbar, have worked to encourage unity and religious tolerance for decades.

"I am pleased to join my good friend Dr. Waheed Akbar in presenting the film *The Sultan and the Saint* to our local community," said Bishop Cistone. "St. Francis of Assisi is revered by Christians and non-Christians alike for his love for God, for all men and women, and for nature's life in all its forms. The historic and remarkable meeting between Francis and the Sultan forged a powerful relationship between Christians and Muslims at a time when both communities were violently opposed to one another. It is my hope that this movie will be a source of inspiration and encouragement for people of all faiths, denominations and ethnic backgrounds to foster relationships of mutual love and respect."

"The story behind *The Sultan and The Saint* offers us a timeless and timely lesson on how to overcome the divides that sometimes separate two cultures," President Bachand said. "Overcoming such a divide often requires taking a leap of faith in the goodness of others, regardless of background or belief. SVSU is proud to be a partner in bringing this important movie premiere to Saginaw."



Bishop Joseph Cistone



Dr. Waheed Akbar



Dr. Donald Bachand



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SMFCU's Andrea Sanchez honored with the 2017 Young Professional Achievement Recognition Award

SMFCU's Andrea Sanchez was honored with the 2017 Young Professional Achievement Recognition Award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Sunday, September 24, 2017. The award, given to nine community leaders this year, recognizes individuals for their outstanding career and professional achievement and their contributions to others in support of social justice and equality.

Sanchez, Business Development Specialist for Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union, was recognized at the 47th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet for her achievement.

"Andrea's involvement and continual contributions to the Saginaw community is truly outstanding," said Laura Crase, President/CEO of SMFCU. "She is an excellent asset to the area and the SMFCU team."

The NAACP of Saginaw Michigan aims to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. The Saginaw Branch can be contacted at 989.752.0614 or through their website saginawnaacp.org



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Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-annual-hispanic-heritage-celebration-tickets-37766919874>

October 6th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
El Kiosko Banquet Hall, 7271 Dix St., Detroit, MI 48209

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- Wild Rice, Cranberry and Pecan Salad with Apple Cider Honey Vinaigrette

Dinner Entrées

- Carved Slow Roasted Prime Rib with Peppercorn and Herb Crust, with Au Jus and Horseradish Sauce
- Breast of Chicken Florentine with Garlic Parmesan Cream
- Roast Pork Loin with Honey Apricot Sweet Onion Glaze
- Three Cheese Saffron Risotto with Artichoke Heart, Roasted Peppers and Eggplant

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In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Delta College invites you to Building Our Future: Our Education & Our Community a Hispanic/Latino Round Table Discussion on October 12, from 5:30-7:00 pm, at the Saginaw Ricker Center.

Panel members and attendees will discuss issues the Hispanic/Latino as well as urban communities face with education and everyday life. We'll address the problems that are known and unknown, and look to develop different ways we can help solve these problems.

Our discussion leaders are:

- Elsa Olvera, Director of Educational Opportunity Center at Delta College
- Monica Hernandez, MA, LLPC, Associate Counselor and Adjunct Faculty at Delta College

- Michael Espinoza, CRPC, B.B.A, President of Yeo & Yeo Financial Services
- Members of Delta College's Society of Hispanic Leaders student organization -- Angelo Kapp, Delta College graduate and undergraduate student at Northwood University, Jessica Fehrman, Delta College graduate and undergraduate student at Saginaw Valley State University, and Adelina Gutierrez, Delta College graduate and undergraduate student at the University of Michigan.

This event is brought to you by the Delta College

Multicultural Office and Society of Hispanic Leaders (SOHL).

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Carlos McMath, J.D., Student and Diversity Coordinator, at 989-686-9117, or email at carlosmcmath@delta.edu.

This event is free and open to the public. Delta College Saginaw Ricker Center is located at 1925 South Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan.

Western Michigan University receives \$2 million grant to assist farmworker community



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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University has been awarded more than \$2 million over the next five years to support first-year, first-generation undergraduate students who are migrant or seasonal farmworkers, or the children of such workers.

The U.S. Department of Education and its Office of Migrant Education awarded the grant to fund their long-standing College Assistance Migrant Program. The University is one of only 10 institutions in the country and the only one in Michigan to receive grant money for CAMP's new funding cycle.

WMU's CAMP project, which is housed in the Division of Multicultural Affairs, will receive \$416,293 for the 2017-18 academic year and \$2,107,988 overall. It focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics—STEM—education.

WMU-CAMP PROJECT

Diana Hernández, director of the Division of Multicultural Affairs and principal investigator for WMU-CAMP, reports that the program will enroll an average of 40 eligible students during each year of the 2017 through 2022 grant period. Nationwide, CAMP helps out about 2,000 students each year.

"Migrant and seasonal farmworkers are essential to the agricultural industry in the United States and in Michigan, yet they continue to be one of the most impoverished and underserved populations in this country," Hernández says. "Our unique, holistic service plan for the CAMP program provides participants with the comprehensive academic, financial, school-transition and other support services they need to successfully complete their first year of college and continue their college education."

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HEALTH

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In Michigan in 2017, it is estimated there will be 8,160 new cases of breast cancer and that 1,410 women will die from the disease.

Do you know your risk for breast cancer? By being a woman and getting older, your risk for breast cancer increases. A personal or family history of breast cancer also increases your risk as does extremely dense breast tissue, which can mask or hide a breast cancer.

African American women are more likely to be diagnosed at a younger age than white women and diagnosed at a later stage. Late stage diagnoses may be due to lower frequency of mammograms, greater intervals of time between mammograms, and less consistent follow-up of suspicious mammogram results. Compared to White women, African American women also have a higher death rate from breast cancer and across all stages of cancer diagnosis, they have poorer survival than White women.

You can limit your risk by:

- Incorporating healthy behaviors in your life and
- Getting regular breast cancer screenings.

Healthy behaviors that will help lower your risk include:

- Increasing physical activity
- Quitting smoking
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Limiting alcohol

Being tested for breast cancer is important. The United States Preventive Services Task Force, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, and the American Cancer Society recommend:

- Women should be able to start screening as early as age 40, if they want to. It's a good idea to start talking to your health care provider at age 40 about when you should begin screening.

- Women who are more at risk should begin screening at age 40.
- Women with an average risk of breast cancer – most women – should begin yearly mammograms by age 45. All women should begin mammography screening by age 50 at the latest.
- Breast exams, either from a medical provider or self-exams, are no longer recommended.

Pay attention to your family history of cancer. Approximately 5-10 percent of breast cancer is inherited due to strong genetic factors. Also, be aware that for women who are identified at an increased risk for developing breast cancer (and not previously diagnosed), three medications have been approved to reduce breast cancer risk: Tamoxifen, Raloxifene, and Exemestane. These women should discuss the risks and benefits associated with these medications, in addition to possible lifestyle changes, with their health care provider.

Talk with your health care provider about healthy lifestyles and breast cancer prevention and screening. And, if you know someone who needs additional help with breast cancer information and screening, call 1-844-I-GOT-SCR (446-8727) for more information.



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Breast Cancer Statistics

- It is estimated that 255,180 new cases of breast cancer will occur in 2017
- It is estimated that there will be 41,070 deaths from breast cancer in 2017
- For 2017, it is estimated that there will be 8,160 new cases of breast cancer in Michigan alone
- Between 2010 and 2014 in the U.S., Black women had a higher death rate due to breast cancer than White women (29.2 vs 20.6 respectively/per 100,000 population)

Covenant invites community to Pregnancy & Infant Loss vigil on October 15

In 1988 President Ronald Regan named October National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, to remember the babies who die each year, through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still birth, and newborn death. October 15, is the National Day of Remembrance for Pregnancy and Infant Loss. That day, Covenant HealthCare will host its fourth annual candle vigil in memory of babies lost. It is said that if everyone in their perspective time zones lights a candle or turns on their porch light from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm there would be a constant wave of light around the world. This program is open to anyone who has experienced a loss and wishes to remember their baby's life by adding to the wave of light.

The agenda will be as follows:

- 6:45 pm Gathering and music
- 7:00 pm Program begins
- Candle lighting
- Moment of silence
- Personal notes, prayers, wishes and dreams to be placed in a prayer pot and lifted up in smoke.
- Refreshments and donuts indoors to follow.

The vigil will take place outdoors in the garden at the south side of the Harrison campus (1447 N. Harrison) near the visitor parking lot. RSVPs are not required, but you can help us prepare by calling 1.866.COVENANT (1.866.268.3626)

The majority of the program will take place outdoors, despite inclement weather. Please join us for this opportunity to locally recognize and honor these babies.

The Covenant Birth Center and Pastoral Care Departments organize this event and offer counsel to those who have suffered a loss through support groups, awareness, and other acts of caring from the community.

Free radon test kits available during the month of October



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Chris Klawuhn, Saginaw County Environmental Health Director, announced today that the Saginaw County Department of Public Health is distributing free radon test kits during the month of October. He encourages area residents to get a kit and test their home during the coming heating season and, if necessary, to take action to reduce their exposure to this tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas.

Stating that some area residents may be at risk of developing lung cancer from exposure to elevated levels of radon gas in their homes, Klawuhn said, "We are encouraging Saginaw County residents to stop by the health department and pick up a radon test kit, and more importantly, to use that kit during the coming heating season."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, surpassed only by cigarette smoking, and it is a significant environmental health threat that can be easily detected. When elevated radon levels are found, residents should confirm the measurements with additional testing, and then take action to reduce the levels in their homes.

Radon occurs naturally in soil and rock, but being a gas, it can move upward through the soil and it enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation floor or walls. Typical entry points include floor/wall joints, sump openings, crawlspaces, cracks in the floor, and other penetrations caused by plumbing, wiring, or ductwork. Outdoors, it is diluted by the atmosphere, but indoors it tends to be more

concentrated and can accumulate to unhealthy levels. Klawuhn is quick to add that "the only way to know if your home has an elevated radon level is to test your home."

"Because radon is invisible and can't be smelled, it's easy to ignore," Klawuhn said. "It doesn't cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, skin rashes, or other warning symptoms that might be experienced as a result of exposure to many other environmental toxins, yet extended exposure to elevated radon levels may increase one's risk of lung cancer, a generally fatal disease."

EPA estimates that radon is responsible for more than 21,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, and about 29,000 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. Nearly one in eight homes in Michigan has elevated radon levels.

Testing is easy and inexpensive, Klawuhn says. The do-it-yourself test kits distributed by the health department are normally available for \$10.00, and that includes postage back to an out-of-state lab, as well as the fees for having the device analyzed and a report sent back to the consumer. Free kits are available through October 31st in Room 101 at the Saginaw County Department of Public Health, 1600 N. Michigan Avenue in Saginaw.

For more information, call Environmental Health Services (989) 758-3686 or visit www.saginawpublichealth.org. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also has a toll-free number 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642).




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Former Vice President of Advancement for Meharry Medical College joins Saad&Shaw to increase services to HBCUs and other nonprofits

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Memphis, TN, September 21, 2017: Saad&Shaw is pleased to announce the addition of Robert "Bob" Poole to its team of fundraising experts. Poole brings nearly 40 years of experience in higher education fund development and community relations.

For the past 14 years Poole served in Meharry Medical College's institutional advancement division, most recently as senior vice president. He was instrumental in raising a historic \$125 million

for the successful Campaign for Meharry, and has since secured more than \$90 million in private philanthropy.

After starting his career in development leadership at Fisk University, Poole served for 11 years as director and later vice chancellor for development at North Carolina Central University, where he launched and completed the institution's first comprehensive campaign. He then worked at Norfolk State University as vice president for development, expanding private giving and marketing initiatives and generating significant federal funding.

He later returned to Fisk University as vice president for institutional advancement, and subsequently served in the major gifts division at Dillard University.

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., and a graduate of Fisk University, Poole has achieved consistent success across philanthropic disciplines including corporate and foundation relations, planned giving, major gifts, and alumni giving. He has also fostered effective new marketing and public relations programs.

In his role as a Senior Philanthropic Advisor at Saad&Shaw, Poole will apply his expertise to working with colleges and universities, with an emphasis on historically black colleges and universities.

His areas of expertise include:

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Great Lakes PACE: A Social Outlet for Seniors



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Great Lakes PACE is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. We celebrated our 2nd Anniversary May 5, 2017. It has been joyous watching the quality of life improve for PACE participants. Many people are in need of help; but are clueless to the great benefits provided by PACE. We desire and appreciate your support in sharing this resource with others.

One of our services includes restored socialization for those with physical decline. Isolation rooting from aging or health issues can result in hopelessness, despair, increased pain and even depression. PACE enrollees are emerging from their invisible shells with brighter moods, improved energy and decreased depression.

Holly McBride is our Activities Director and has worked with seniors for 18 years. She plans live entertainment, social outings, spiritual and group activities to meet diverse social needs of participants. Great Lakes PACE services are often

mistaken. PACE has homecare but it is not just a homecare program. It has socialization; but it is not just a socialization program. We have therapy; but it is not just a therapy program. PACE is a managed care program and has all the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. An exam is completed by our PACE doctor with close medical follow-up. Assessments are done by our PACE team to address changing needs. Those enrolled in PACE will be responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

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Garber Automotive Group Acquires Martin Chevrolet



Saginaw, MI - The Garber Automotive Group is pleased to announce the acquisition of Martin Chevrolet in Saginaw. Effective October 2, 2017, Martin Chevrolet will officially become Garber Chevrolet Saginaw.

"We are proud to welcome Martin Chevrolet into our Garber family of dealerships," says Richard Garber, President of Garber Management Group. "We're working hard to ensure a smooth transition, for both the Martin staff and their customers, into the Garber Automotive Group. We are honored to be able to grow our family with such a fine company. We feel we are truly making Saginaw automotive history with the blending of our two families, and we look forward to continuing the long tradition that Martin Chevrolet has established for serving customers in Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region."

Bill Martin, third generation owner of Martin Chevrolet, shared that he was very pleased that it is the Garber organization to which he is entrusting his legacy. "Dick Garber is also a third-generation owner of a heritage Saginaw business. I can't think of a better person, or a better company, to carry on and serve our customers."

Garber Chevrolet Saginaw will become the 17th dealership within the Garber family of dealerships, and assures employees and customers alike of the broad network of resources available through the Garber Automotive Group.

There will be a press conference at Martin Chevrolet, 8800 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, in the building west of the main showroom, at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017. The press is invited for refreshments, interviews and photos.

Garber Management Group (Garber Automotive, founded in 1907) is the umbrella organization for 17 dealerships located in Michigan, Illinois, Florida and New York. The group represents 15 manufacturers which include Buick, Chevrolet, GMC, Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Nissan, Hyundai, Porsche, Audi, Acura, Honda and Toyota. The organization also consists of RightWay Automotive, a sub-prime used vehicle operation with over 25 locations in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Georgia. Gateway Financial Solutions is the finance arm of the business. Together the organization employs over 1600 people nation-wide.

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Rehmann announced today that it was named one of Michigan's Best and Brightest in Wellness® by the National Association for Business Resources. The esteemed Best and Brightest in Wellness® awards program honors companies and organizations that recognize and celebrate quality and excellence in health and wellness.

NABR annually awards organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to make their business and the community a healthier place to live and work. Winning organizations will be awarded at a prestigious awards gala on October 20, 2017 at The Henry Autograph Collection Hotel in Dearborn, MI. Award winners were evaluated by Synbella, the nation's leading wellness provider.

"Rehmann's commitment to our associates includes promoting and implementing a healthy organization," said Katie Strehler, Rehmann chief human resource officer. "Being healthy is much more than physical wellness, which is why at Rehmann, we highlight the importance of multiple facets of overall wellbeing."

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The most valuable gift may be the gift of time. While we give the gift of our time through our actions, we cannot actually give anyone an extra hour. We all get 24 hours a day. No more. Yet many of us are so busy it feels as if there isn't enough time. In the nonprofit sector this manifests as "too busy to fundraise." Very few people will say it out loud, but their actions are a clear communicator.

Here are a few of the common phrases we have heard in conversation over the years "If I just had more hours in the day," "I need more time" and all-time conversation starter "I'm just so busy." We get it! Life is full. But busyness can get in the way of fundraising. People are not ATM machines. Identifying, cultivating, and sustaining relationships with donors and funders takes time. And, for nonprofit leaders it should be a priority. It's just not something you can delegate. Yes, you can have a development director – you may even have a team of professional fundraisers. But that doesn't mean you are not the Chief Fundraising Officer. If yours is a small, grass roots or emerging organization it is even more important that you make the time for fundraising.

When leaders are too busy to fundraise we have a few suspicions about why that might be. Here are a few: You don't like to fundraise. You lack understanding of the business and art of fundraising. You don't have a clear understanding of your role and responsibilities. You have not yet embraced the idea that you are the chief fundraiser for your organization.

Luckily there are indicators that can shed light on this situation. Our unscientific study has identified ten indicators that you may be too busy to fundraise.

Are any of the following familiar?

1. Unable to return calls in a timely manner
2. Lack of trust in staff and volunteers
3. A tendency to micro manage
4. Unable to set priorities
5. Absence of a plan "B"
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7. Unable to embrace new ideas and let staff and volunteers run with them
8. No time to spend time with top donors and prospective funders
9. Lack of planning
10. Lack of accountability and transparency

Don't make excuses – get busy fundraising! You have enough time.



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EDUCATION

Nearly \$85,000 Raised at Sixth Annual Southeastern Michigan Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Benefit Dinner

*courtesy photo*

DEARBORN, Mich. – Nearly 400 foster youth will receive college scholarships following the sixth annual Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Benefit Dinner held Thursday evening at The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn.

Thursday's event was attended by 324 guests who raised nearly \$85,000 for scholarships through the Michigan Education Trust (MET), the Michigan Department of Treasury's 529 prepaid college tuition program's Charitable Tuition Program. So far this year, more than \$429,000 has been raised through donations and fundraisers.

The keynote speaker was Gail Perry-Mason of Detroit, who was in foster care as a child and is now a nationally recognized authority on financial literacy.

"I think the best thing we can invest in is our youth," Perry-Mason said. "The dividends live on forever and are priceless."

A partnership between MET and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) makes Fostering Futures Scholarships possible.

"The money raised last night will help more young people go to college," said Robin Lott, executive director for MET. "At MET, we realize how important higher education is to developing highly skilled young adults who can achieve their dreams. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors and guests we are able to fund the Fostering Futures Scholarships and make college a reality to youth who are exiting foster care."

About 13,000 students are in the Michigan foster care system run by MDHHS. Fewer than 10 percent of former foster youth nationally enroll after high school and fewer than 3 percent eventually earn a degree.

At the event, Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust

Fund presented Making a Difference Awards to two supporters of foster youth. Winners were U.S. Rep. Brenda L. Lawrence and former Western Michigan University President John M. Dunn.

Lawrence, who was unable to attend because she was in Washington D.C., delivered a videotaped acceptance message. She has sponsored legislation to support youth in foster care, and has supported a Congressional internship program for foster youth.

Dunn was president of Western when the university established the Seita Scholarship for former foster youth and initiated other programs to benefit that student population.

Anyone who could not attend Thursday's event can make donations to the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund by visiting www.fosteringfutures-mi.com. Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund is a Section 170 (c) non-profit organization. All contributions are eligible for a federal tax deduction.

Come to the STEM Festival at Delta College



Walking on water, 60-second ice cream and objects floating in mid-air are just some of the marvels of science that you'll experience at the Dow Great Lakes Bay STEM Festival at Delta College. The festival is free and open to the public on Saturday, October 7 from 10am-4pm.

Mind Trekkers, a traveling, hands-on science and engineering show from Michigan Technological University's Center for Pre-College Outreach, and Delta College faculty, staff and volunteers are working with over 29 STEM partners to bring more than 150 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities to the festival.

"Our goal is to create a spark and create an environment of excitement and interest in science and technology," says Cody Kangas,

director of the Center for Pre-College Outreach at Michigan Tech.

The first day of the festival, Friday, October 6, will host middle school students during morning and afternoon sessions. Over 3,500 middle school students and chaperones are registered to attend. On Saturday, October 7, the festival will be free and open to community visitors of all ages.

"Our STEM Festival is an excellent opportunity for families to explore the worlds of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an engaging, exciting and informal environment," said Cindy Drake, Delta College Professor of Biology and Event Coordinator. "Students of all ages can experience the 'WOW' of STEM through fun hands-on activities while also learning more about the

many profitable STEM careers available in our area."

The STEM Festival premier sponsor is The Dow Chemical Company. Midland Area Community Foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation, Bay Area Community Foundation, MDOT, and SC Johnson, are also proud sponsors of the event.

For more information visit STEM Festival or contact the Science and Mathematics Division by emailing scimath@delta.edu or calling 989-686-9245.

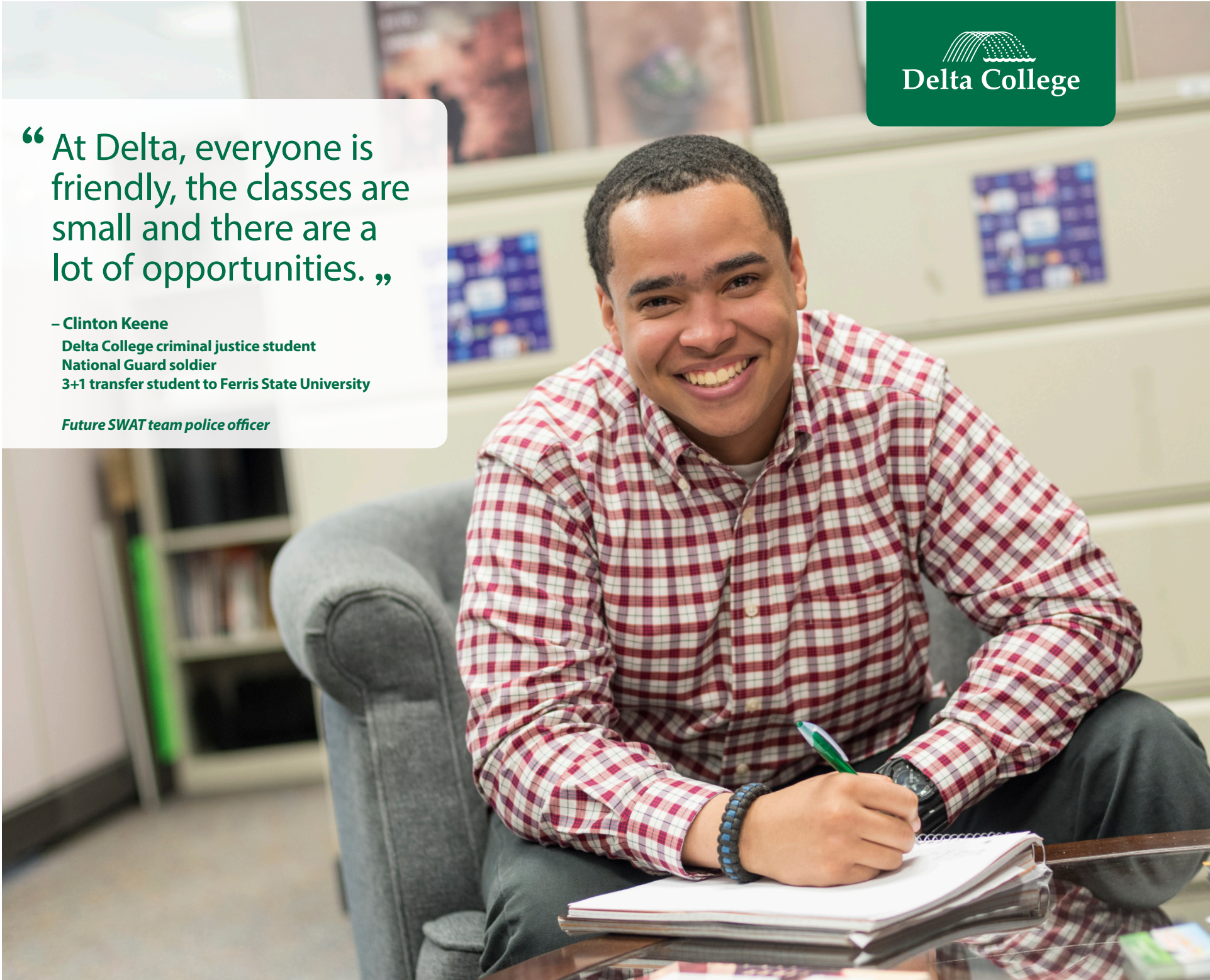




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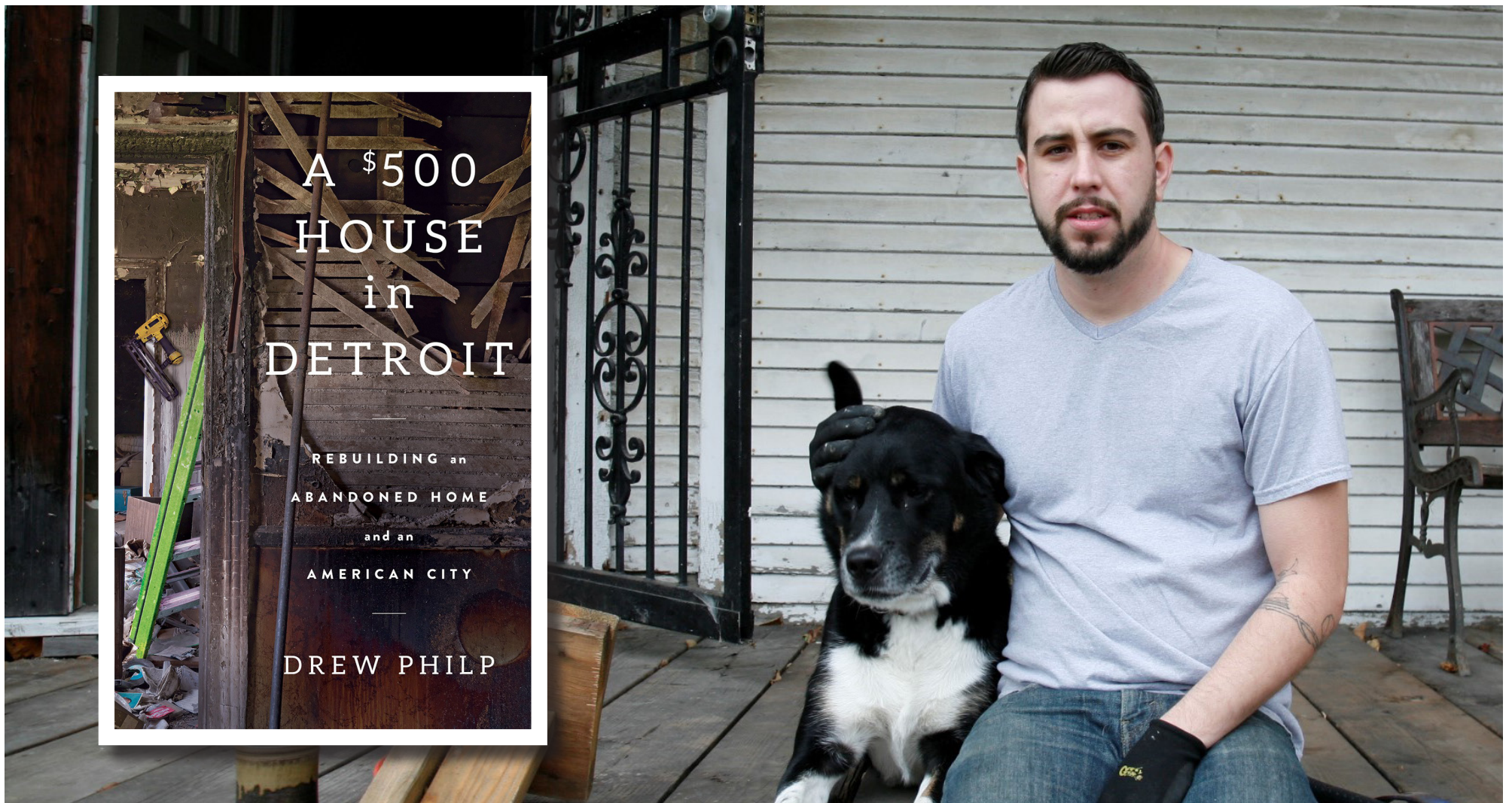
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Detroit author wins SVSU literature award



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Saginaw Valley State University has awarded the 2017-18 Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature to author Drew Philp for his book, "A \$500 House in Detroit: Rebuilding an Abandoned Home and an American City. The award is part of SVSU's community-minded commitment to recognize exceptional writing within Michigan.

The book describes the story of Philp moving to Detroit, with no friends, job, or home, with the hopes of making a difference in the run-down, almost abandoned city. There, he purchased a house for \$500, tore out almost everything inside—leaving only the framework— and began remodeling.

Set in Detroit, this true story intimately portrays the current growth of this once-thriving American

city. The book guides the reader through Detroit's rich history and addresses many of the city's current issues, including gentrification and the battles among the social classes.

Philp will visit SVSU in the early months of 2018, when he will accept this award as well as visit classes on campus to share his experiences with SVSU students. The University of Michigan graduate also will receive a \$1,000 prize.

Established by the late Stuart D. Gross and his wife, Vernice, the Gross Award for Literature is administered by SVSU. Winners are selected by a panel of judges from SVSU's staff and faculty. Judges this year were Ashley Blinstrub, research and assessment librarian; M. Patricia Cavanaugh,

professor of English; Catherine Curtis, reference librarian; Jules Gehrke, associate professor of History; and Carlos Ramet, associate dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences.

Employed for many years as a journalist with The Saginaw News, Gross joined the SVSU staff in the school's early years and served in a variety of public affairs roles. He was recognized as a regional historian and published several books. Among his writings are, "Saginaw: A History of the Land and City," "When Timber was King," and "Where There is a Will." Following his retirement from SVSU, Gross wrote and produced a play, "Let's Have Lunch Sometime." He died in 1996; Mrs. Gross, in 2001.



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Kids Conference encouraging entrepreneurship to be held at Saginaw Valley State University



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Kids are just a "swipe" away from having access to the world and its influences. The role models they encounter may not portray the ideal character that leads to healthy development. Kids Rule Now! Inc. focuses on character training with a "twist." Kids are exposed to positive character traits portrayed by entrepreneurs and philanthropists that can ultimately give them more successful outcomes.

In order to meet the needs of the Saginaw County Elementary School body, Kids Rule Now! is hosting their 2nd Annual KIDposium on Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall, in Saginaw, MI.

The fee for 2nd -6th Grade students is \$5.00, 7th - 12th Grade Students - \$15, Parents/Adults - \$25 (per person). The Conference Fee includes: Buffet Luncheon, separate morning and afternoon Workshops for Students and Parents/Adults. ALL students must be accompanied by an adult.

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Asia Newson, Owner of SUPER BUSINESS GIRL, and known as Detroit's Youngest Entrepreneur returns as the Keynote Speaker. She's ready to share her experiences and challenges as a young entrepreneur.

"It's time for our kids to be reminded of their awesome potential" says Rhonda Webb, the founder and director of Kids Rule Now! "We believe it's important for our kids to be exposed to successful entrepreneurs, visionaries, and dreamers who will inspire them to recognize and pursue the dreams/aspirations in their own hearts."

Register ONLINE: www.kidsrulenow.org Everyone must be registered in advance. Registration deadline is Monday, October 11th. NO Registrations are accepted at the door. Early Registration has been extended to October 7th.

For more information or questions, contact Rhonda Webb (989) 482-7345 or Email: rhondaalexia@gmail.com

Unique 'Piano Windtet' from Germany to perform in concert at SVSU



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A group believed to be the only "Piano Windtet" of its kind (piano, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn) will perform in concert at Saginaw Valley State University Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall as part of SVSU's Rhea Miller Concert Series.

Featuring four wind soloists from German orchestras and one pianist, the members of Ensemble 4.1 devote themselves to chamber music for this unusual combination of instruments.

Since forming in 2013, the group has given concerts in Germany and overseas, some of them organized by the Goethe Institute and by German embassies abroad. Their special communicative power and their intoxicating atmosphere on stage have been repeatedly praised by critics.

In addition to the masterpieces for this original instrumentation by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig van Beethoven, the ensemble is devoted to discovering rarely played compositions from the turn of the 19th to the 20th century. Composers such as Walter Giesekeing, Theodor Verhey, Herrmann Zilcher, and David Stephen are again being performed for an enthusiastic public.

The musicians of Ensemble 4.1 are:

- Alexander Glücksmann, who began playing the clarinet at the age of nine. In 2003 he was appointed principal clarinet of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra.
- Thomas Hoppe, piano, who has won numerous prizes and awards including the German Music Competition in 2004, the Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition in 2007, selection as BBC New Generation Artists in 2009 and the Borletti-Buitoni Trust Special Ensemble Fellowship in 2012.
- Christoph Knitt, who gained his first experience as an orchestral musician as principal bassoon in the State Youth Orchestra of Saxony-Anhalt. Since 2006 he has been principal bassoon at the Potsdam Chamber Academy.
- Fritz Pahlmann, who was and is a regular guest as principal horn at the State Opera in Munich, the Munich Philharmonic and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra, as well as other orchestras. He has been engaged as principal horn for the Staatskapelle Weimar Orchestra since 2007.

- Jörg Schneider, who was made principal oboe in the RIAS-Youth Orchestra Berlin, and has been associate principal oboe for the Jena Philharmonic Orchestra since 2007. He is a winner of international chamber music competitions in Osaka, Marseille and Schwerin and is a scholarship holder of the German Music Competition.

The Rhea Miller Concert Series is made possible by a generous gift from Rhea E. Miller, a longtime friend of SVSU. Her gift, administered by the Miller Trust for Music Education, has provided the university with the opportunity to offer outstanding performances by nationally and internationally acclaimed musical artists at no cost to the audience since 1993.

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MCC to raise funds for Houston hurricane relief for sister colleges

Mott Community College (MCC) is mounting a two-month Hurricane Harvey relief campaign called "Mott Cares" campus-wide. All dollars raised will be collected and distributed equally to three Houston-area community colleges, including Houston Community College; Lone Star College; and San Jacinto College.

"We understand here at Mott how it feels to have community college family members reach out from across the nation and show they stand with you during a difficult time," said MCC President, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea. "Now it is our time to do what we do best. To serve. We want to pay forward the blessings that we received during The Flint Water Crisis."

Additionally, the MCC Student Life office will coordinate having students create messages of encouragement to send to the three Houston-area community colleges during MCC's Fall Rally event on Sept. 13, and the MCC Athletic program at MCC will send t-shirts to the athletic departments of Houston Community College, Lone Star College, and San Jacinto College.

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Bethel AME Church to welcomes new Spiritual Leader and family to Saginaw on October 8



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Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, welcomes its' new spiritual leader, Reverend Dennis Laffoon and his family to Saginaw, Michigan. He is married to Reverend Rochelle Laffoon and they have three children, Laurence, Brittany and Aubrey.

Reverend Laffoon is a Gary, Indiana native and holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was called to preach in 1999 after working many years in the church. He has served as pastor for 11 years since ordination for "two" Indiana Bethel A.M.E Churches - one in New Albany and the other in Bloomington, before coming to the helm of Bethel A.M.E. Church Saginaw. Reverend Laffoon is a published writer with the African American

Lectionary through Vanderbilt University Divinity School and is a distinguished fellow of the Wabash College Pastoral Leadership Program, sponsored by the Lilly Endowment.

Bethel's new spiritual leader loves his family, loves his church and more than anything, he loves the Lord. He also has a special love of the visual and performing arts and brings a bevy of gifts and talents to his ministry at Bethel A.M.E. Church Saginaw. Reverend Laffoon is committed to using his gifts as a bridge to show God's love to the world.

The Bethel A.M.E. Church congregation will host a Saginaw "Welcome" Reception for Reverend Dennis Laffoon and his family on Sunday, October 8, 2017

immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bethel A.M.E. Church invites leaders and members of the community to join our October 8 morning worship and attend the after-service reception to "Welcome" our new spiritual leader.

Bethel A.M.E. Church is the oldest African-American church in the city of Saginaw. "BETHEL", which means "HOUSE OF GOD" in Hebrew, is defined as a place where God is worshiped; a holy place.

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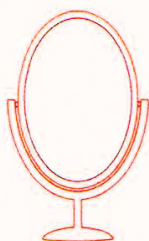
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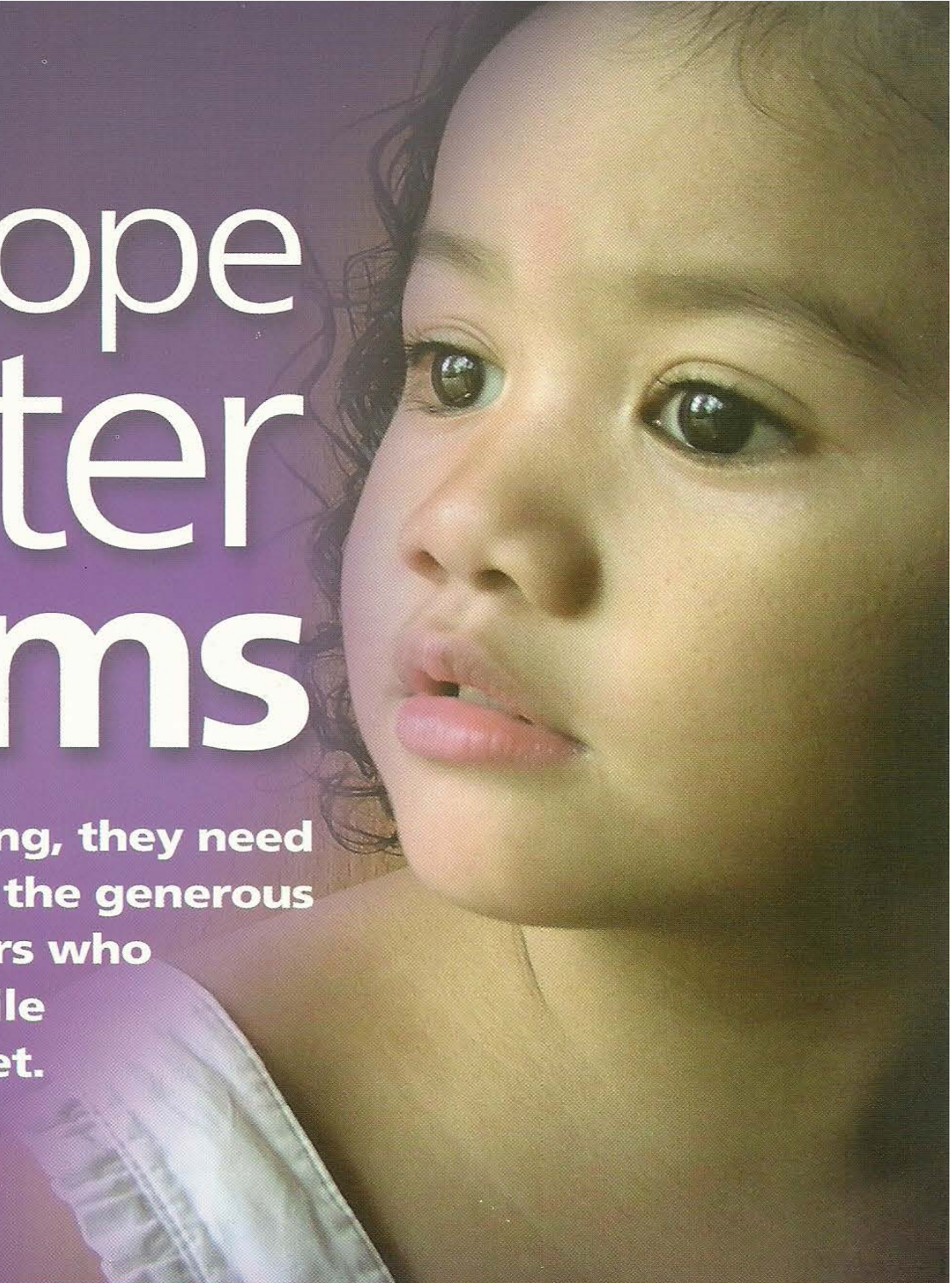
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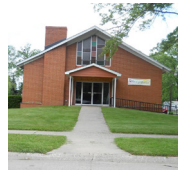
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Henry Gaudreau, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, announces run for State Senate

Chesaning, MI – Henry Gaudreau recently launched his campaign for the 32nd District State Senate and unveiled his campaign theme: “Proven Leadership for a Better Michigan!” at the Saginaw County Democratic Headquarters. The 32nd comprises all of Saginaw County as well as Argentine, Clayton, Fenton, Flushing, Gaines, and Montrose Townships.

“I’ve spent a lifetime serving the people of this great country. Now it’s time for me to focus on my home and fight for the people of Saginaw and Genesee counties. It’s ironic, I’ve lived on two different continents and in eight different states. I ended up seven miles from the farm I grew up on. I can’t leave, I love this area and this state.”

Gaudreau is a graduate of Birch Run High School, holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan, and a Master’s degree from Troy State University. He has completed the U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College and the Air Force Air War College. Gaudreau retired from the Air Force as the Director of the 448th Propulsion Sustainment Group where he was responsible for a budget of \$1.6B to furnish all aspects of sustainment, overhaul, engineering and safety of 83% of the Air Force’s military engines. Upon his retirement Gaudreau was employed as Vice President of an international construction firm where he faced firsthand the cash flow and regulatory issues common with small businesses.

“I don’t think Lansing hears what’s going on in mid-Michigan. We need a strong, loud voice that will stand up for the people of Saginaw and Genesee counties. One thing the military pounds into its leaders is to take care of your people. Lansing isn’t doing that and that’s got to change...we need to take care of our people. Our state needs to invest in robust apprenticeship and vocational programs. Right now, we simply have a website that directs everyone to the federal government. That doesn’t work.



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Second, and dear to my heart, we’ve got to do better to support, protect and assist our veterans. Let me stress this, the last thing we vets want is a hand-out or pity. But the state needs to make sure some of our guys get help getting their rightful benefits. I’ve seen vets get lost in the system, it’s a travesty. And, we can’t let another fiasco like the Grand Rapids Veterans home happen again. We need to fight to have one of the new veteran’s homes located here in the Saginaw Valley.

Family farms are under threat. The average farmer in Michigan is about 59 years old. We need to address that, young people need to be able to get into the industry. It’s not a family farm when the

big agri-businesses make everyone sharecroppers. Protecting farms from having someone declare the field a wetland because it’s wet after the spring rains is another perfect example of how we must fight to protect farming every year.”

Gaudreau extensively details his views for government on his web site: www.VoteGaudreau.com.

The Gaudreau Campaign is putting together a campaign team and working with citizens all over the Saginaw Valley to get their message out that someone with energy, drive and skills will fight for them in Lansing.

Congressman Dan Kildee receives Public Service Award his leadership community

On September 21, 2017, Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) received an award at a “Community Salute” event honoring him for his decades of public service and commitment to the families of the Fifth Congressional District.

The Industrial Mutual Association (IMA) Recreation Association presented the award to Congressman Kildee in Burton at an event that brought together leaders from the community to speak about Congressman Kildee’s work. The IMA Recreation Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization which provides educational and recreational opportunities for children and adults in Genesee County. IMA programs support sports, recreation and education – including the First Tee program – while fostering good citizenship and team efforts.

“The Board of the IMA Recreation Association overwhelmingly chose Congressman Dan Kildee for the Community Salute award this year,” said IMA Recreation Association Board President Dan Smith. “His fight to advance the health and education of children and families in Flint and Genesee County has been inspirational and has helped to improve the lives of so many in our community and we truly thank him for that.”

“I am honored to accept this award and grateful to my friends and family, along with my constituents, who have elected me to be their voice in Congress,” said Congressman Kildee. “Non-profit organizations like IMA Recreation Association do important work in our schools and neighborhoods to help provide more opportunities for mid-Michigan residents. I am proud to be a Flint kid and live in the Fifth District, and I am grateful to have great community partners like IMA Recreation Association alongside me fighting to make our region a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

Since being elected to Congress, Congressman Kildee has been a fighter for the families of Michigan's Fifth District. In just his first term, Congressman Kildee secured hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to help strengthen neighborhoods, raise home values and make communities safer by removing abandoned houses across Michigan, including in Flint and Saginaw.

During the water crisis in Flint, Congressman Kildee worked tirelessly to bring much needed relief to Flint families. He led the fight – bringing Democrats and Republicans together in Congress – to pass legislation to bring over \$100 million in federal funds to the city to aid in its recovery. Additionally, he worked with the Obama Administration to secure additional hundreds of millions to help Flint recover, including Medicaid expansion, funding for new jobs and nutritious foods.

Before being elected to Congress, Congressman Kildee co-founded and served as the president of the Center for Community Progress, a national non-profit organization focused on urban land reform and revitalization.

He also founded Michigan’s first land bank – the Genesee County Land Bank – which is responsible for tens of millions of dollars in redevelopment in Flint. The Genesee County Land Bank later served as a model for over 100 other land banks across the nation.

Previously, Congressman Dan Kildee served as the Genesee County Treasurer, on the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, and on the Flint Board of Education. Additionally, he worked for eight years at the Whaley Children’s Center, a residential treatment facility in Flint for children who have experienced trauma and abuse.

Rep. Guerra, CARES Task Force Hold Final Meeting in Clare Co.

HARRISON — State Rep. Vanessa Guerra (D-Saginaw) and members of the House CARES Task Force held its final meeting today at Mid-Michigan Community College in Harrison. Today’s meeting included testimony from a prosecutor, local law enforcement, and representatives from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and area Community Mental Health locations. After meetings in Howell, Grand Rapids, Auburn Hills, Lansing and Detroit, members of the task force will begin working on legislation to address the issues they have heard over the last few months.

“I’m glad that the task force came to a more rural part of the state, where more remote services can make access difficult. In addition, I’ve had the chance to talk to mental health providers and consumers in the Saginaw area,” Guerra said. “We’ve heard a lot of expert testimony and good ideas this summer, and I look forward to seeing what this bipartisan group can do to address these very complex issues.”

The bipartisan House CARES (Community, Access, Resources, Education and Safety) Task Force was formed to develop policy solutions to the opioid crisis, mental health resources, jail diversion and more. Interested individuals can submit a comment online at house.mi.gov/CARES.

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Tigers begin managerial search in-house



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MINNEAPOLIS -- Tigers general manager Al Avila has been on hand for Detroit's final games of the season at Target Field. But he was here with the future in mind.

While the Tigers finished out their 2017 schedule, Avila and vice president of player personnel Scott Bream and assistant GM David Chadd interviewed members of the current coaching staff for the managerial opening.

"That was my purpose to come here, to interview our in-house candidates," Avila said. "That's been pretty much accomplished. And then going into next week, we will start interviewing guys from outside."

Avila has interviewed third-base coach Dave Clark and infield coach Omar Vizquel, and he is expected to talk with hitting coach Lloyd McClendon, who has managed previously in Pittsburgh and Seattle. McClendon interviewed for the job four years ago before Ausmus was hired. Clark served as an interim manager in Houston in 2009. Vizquel has shown interest in managing, including a stint this spring leading Team Venezuela in the World Baseball Classic.

The process of interviewing those from outside the organization is expected to take longer, since some

of the expected candidates are serving as coaches on postseason-bound teams and aren't likely to be available for interviews until their seasons are over. Avila said they've already started asking teams for permission to interview people under contract with other organizations.

The Tigers have scheduled organizational meetings next week in Detroit, bringing in their front office and scouts to begin work on their offseason plans.

Ideally, Avila said, he'd like to have a manager hired by the end of October.

"Because of the playoffs, it might take a bit longer," Avila said. "But the way we've planned it out, I think we can accomplish that. Logistically, we might have to fly somewhere [to interview a candidate], as opposed to them flying to us."

One potential candidate who should soon be available to interview is Rays third-base coach Charlie Montoyo. MLB Network's Jon Heyman reported on Saturday that multiple teams have asked for permission to talk with Montoyo, who managed eight seasons at Triple-A Durham before the Rays promoted him to join manager Kevin Cash's staff.

Montoyo fits the profile of what Avila has said he's

seeking in a candidate, combining Major League coaching experience with a track record managing in the Minors. He earned International League Manager of the Year with Durham twice.

"There are guys in the Minor Leagues that, quite frankly, go through a season like this almost every year," Avila said last week. "In the Minor Leagues, the majority of the time you're going to have a team that's not a winning team. You're going to have some players, you're going to move them up, things of that nature. A guy who's worked at the Major League level, most guys will have gone through a lot of different experiences as far as winning teams, losing teams, rebuilding teams."

Giants third-base coach Phil Nevin and Marlins third-base coach Fredi Gonzalez also should be available to interview if the Tigers want. Nevin managed in the Tigers' farm system from 2010-13. The Tigers dismissed him from Triple-A Toledo, a decision believed to be former general manager Dave Dombrowski's call. Gonzalez, a former manager in Miami and Atlanta, has a long relationship with Avila dating back to their work in the Marlins' farm system in the 1990s.

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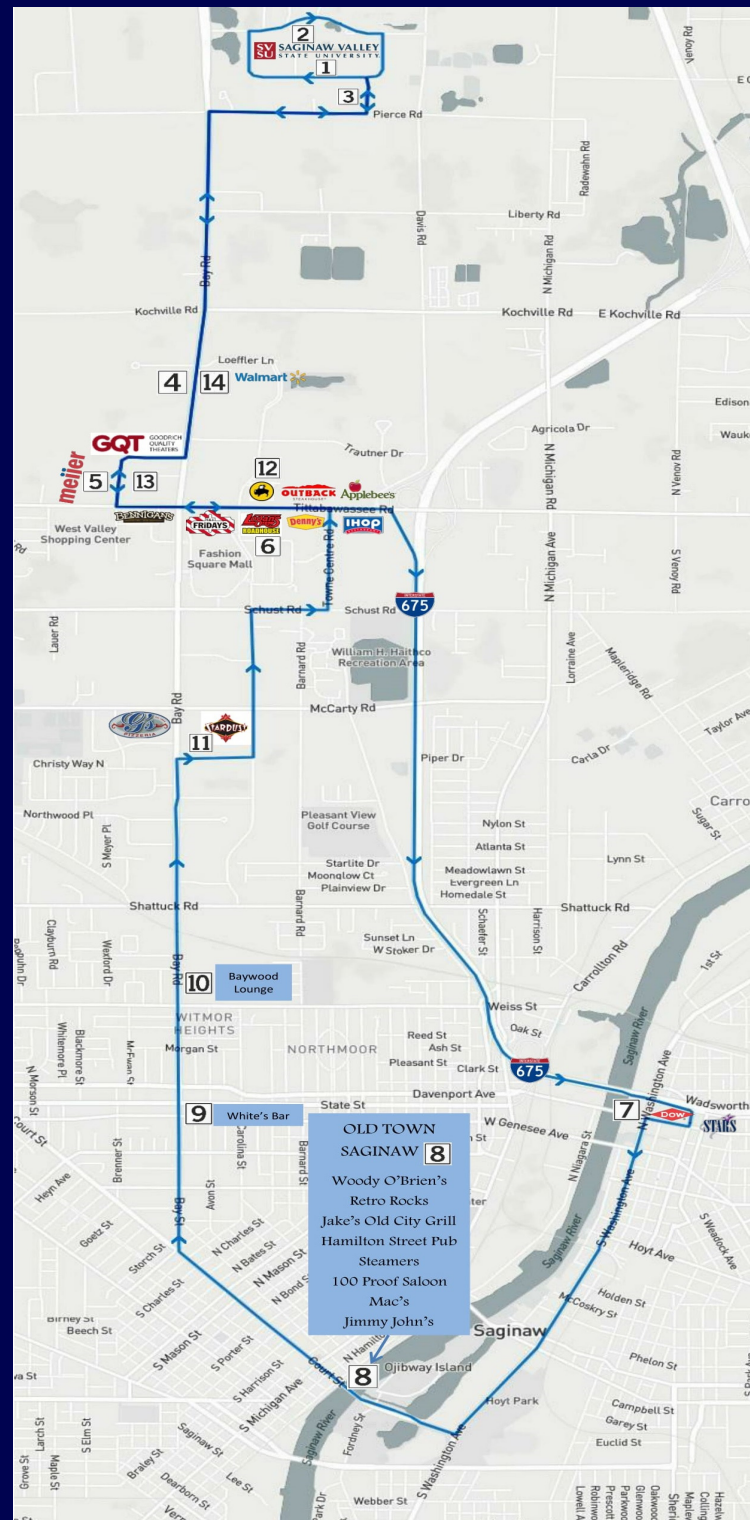
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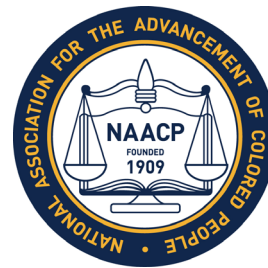
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Daniel Webster, Youth Chairman of the Saginaw NAACP gives remarks at the 2017 Saginaw NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.



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