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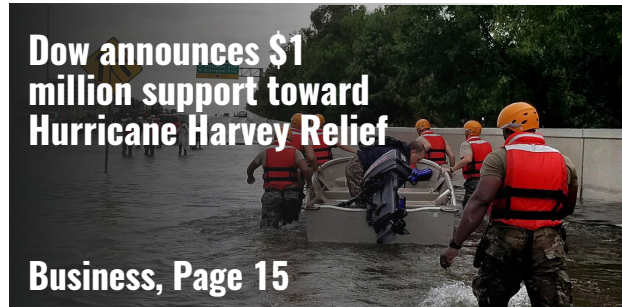


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## Hundreds attend free Kids Festival in downtown Saginaw



On Saturday, August 26, KMS Creative Group partnered with Women of Colors and The Michigan Banner to host the 3rd Annual Great Lakes Bay Kids Fest. The festival took place in the empty lot across the street from Michigan Works and TV5 in downtown Saginaw. Hundreds of kids attended the free event and received free school supplies.

A variety of STEM activities were provided by the Midland NOBCCHE (National Organization for

the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers) Chapter, Engineering for Kids Great Lakes Bay Region and Women of Colors' SaFt (Students and Future Engineering) program. Kids had the opportunity to make arts and crafts with Miss Saginaw County Shelby Saint Souver, Miss Spirit of the State Shelby Lentz, Miss Saginaw County Outstanding Teen Maria Evola and Miss Oakland County

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Outstanding Teen Aubrey Hammis. Other festivities included games, prizes and music.

Event Coordinator Michelle McCoy looks forward to growing the event and working with more organizations to bring more educational fun to Saginaw. "We're already looking at what improvements can be made for next year," says Michelle. "We're looking at adding more activities and unique live entertainment. Next year will be our fourth year and we're proud to see how far the festival has come in such a short period of time".

To learn more about the Great Lakes Kids Fest visit [greatlakesbaykidsfest.com](http://greatlakesbaykidsfest.com) or contact Michelle McCoy at (989) 513-2768.



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The Michigan Banner brings to the forefront leaders in our community who are making a positive difference in all facets of our community such as education and government, in broadening economic opportunities and bringing to mind social responsibility; all are committed to the betterment of our Great Lakes Bay Region.

In addition, the Michigan Banner educates, informs and engages readers, encouraging them to get involved and be empowered to play an active role in creating a positive and healthy community for their families to work, live and play.

Congratulations to staff of the Michigan Banner on your 15 th anniversary! I look forward to your continued growth and success!



Sincerely,

Richard Garber,  
President Garber Management Group



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# Creating and Maintaining a Ghetto

*Terry L. Duperon*

In the past, ghettos were created by countries that conquered other countries, such as in Ireland and India when occupied by the English, and in Germany under Hitler.

They did this to confiscate their resources, leaving the people with just enough to survive, never enough to prosper or to have hope for a better future. People with no hope are easy to control.

Ghettos have nothing to do with race. Ghettos are about good people trapped in dependency, dependent upon a government that forces them to come to it for their basic needs.

But I ask you, why do we have a ghetto in the USA, a rich country that has never been conquered by anyone?

If you wanted to create a ghetto in America, you would use these three rules:

- Separate yourself from the people you want to control,
- Make them dependent, and
- Rob them of their dignity, the dignity of self-sufficiency.

How would you separate yourself from them? First you make sure they couldn't afford to live where you live.

How would you make them dependent? You'd make sure they had enough money to survive, but not to thrive. They would have to come to you for their basic needs: food, shelter, clothing, and other needs.

What would rob them of their dignity? You would break down the family unit by giving more money to families that don't have a man

in the house, hence, robbing the men of the dignity of supporting their families. You provide enough money that makes it very difficult for the men to compete, or even to measure up. In this way, the father would no longer be in authority over his children.

But it is very hard for a single parent to do everything to raise a child. As schools attempt to help these parents, teachers are restricted by so many rules and regulations that they, too, are prevented from gaining authority over the children. Hope for a better future dwindles. And where there's little hope, crime goes up.

Next, you make it difficult for families to obtain guns to defend themselves, and at the same time, make it more difficult for police to make neighborhoods safe.

To control the population, you finance and support abortion clinics in the ghettos.

You convince the people in the ghetto that you are doing this out of the goodness of your heart. You convince them that they will lose what little they have if they don't stick with you.

Now you have a ghetto.

Who would do such a thing to their fellow man? To find out the answer, ask yourself, "Who benefits?"

Which party maintains 95% of the voting bloc from the ghettos? Who gets the bloc of votes?

Answer that and you will start to see why the ghettos are maintained.

The last thing you need is to gain absolute power and have only one party, is create

socialized medicine. Now you can control all the basic needs...health and life itself.

And that is why ghettos in the United States are created and maintained.

Democracy....over.

So where does the money come from to pay for all this? The money is taken from the middle class to pay for the ghetto. "Christian duty" carries a lot of weight to most Americans. Trouble is, Jesus never took anything from anybody to give it to someone else. That would be Robin Hood. This is not generosity to your fellow man. This money is extracted from the paychecks of the middle class, not freely given by them. So now you are controlling two classes of people...forcing them to go where they don't want to go, and to live like they don't want to live.

When you separate yourself, make people dependent, and rob them of their dignity, it is not a gift. It is not a help.

What IS help?

Help is the opposite. Help comes from within.

The solution is simple. But it is not easy.

**You have to break the dependency.**

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## Alejandra Y. Castillo chosen as new CEO of YWCA USA



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WASHINGTON, D.C. — YWCA USA today announced its board of directors has selected Alejandra Y. Castillo as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective September 18, 2017.

"This is the perfect time for Alejandra Castillo to become YWCA USA's next CEO. We have selected a bold leader who will further our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women," said Sylvia Hill Fields, YWCA USA national board chair. "Alejandra's ability to navigate complex systems, develop public-private partnerships, and advocate for women and girls, especially those of color, is exactly what YWCA USA needs as we enter our next chapter of leading systemic social change."

With over two decades of policy, legal and political experience in Washington, D.C., Castillo has dedicated her life to public service. She has been instrumental in driving key federal legislative and public policy initiatives focused on civil rights, economic development, children and family law, and health policy. In her most recent role as national director of the Minority Business Development Agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, she secured financing and capital of over \$19 billion for businesses owned by people of color, creating or retaining over 33,000 jobs.

"I am honored to take the reins of such an iconic organization," said Castillo. "YWCA has a long history of being at the forefront of racial justice and gender equity issues while working for institutional change. From leadership training, STEM education, and entrepreneurship to advocacy days on Capitol Hill and support for survivors of domestic violence, YWCA continues to change lives every day."

"Alejandra is a change agent. She has the expertise, vision and bold leadership skills needed to elevate YWCA's voice in the national policy arena and strengthen our network of 215 associations to enhance the day-to-day services we provide women and girls — especially those of color — to regenerate families and communities, and enable individuals to achieve their hopes and dreams," said Fields.

# Community Board

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## Misa Hispana - Hispanic Mass Saturday, September 30, 2017

Catedral Santa María de la Asunción  
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Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption



4:00 P.M. Mass

### All are Welcome! Todos son bienvenidos!

The Most Reverend Joseph R. Cistone, D.D., Bishop of Saginaw, invites you to participate in a Spanish Mass that will celebrate the rich traditions of the Hispanic Community.

Please join us for our post reception as we recognize the Guadalupanas de San José on their 90th Anniversary!



For more information, call the Office of Hispanic Ministries (989) 797-6646 or e-mail [Hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:Hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org)

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# GOLF OUTING

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- Southwest Pasta Salad with Tomato Rotini with Roasted Corn, Scallion, Black Beans, Bell Peppers and Ancho Chile Lime marinade
- 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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# HIGHLIGHTS & PHOTOS from the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Golf Outing

The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held its 26th annual golf outing on August 14, 2017 at the Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township, and the Greystone Golf Club and Orchards Golf Club in Washington Township. Nearly 400 golfers participated in this year’s event.

Senior-level executives, business owners and purchasing representatives from across the state of Michigan came together for one of the top Hispanic business development events of the year. This annual premier event was a fun-filled day of golfing. “Many thanks to all of our sponsors who helped make our 26th Annual Golf Outing such a success! Everyone enjoyed themselves, networked and had fun. The weather was perfect. But more importantly, our Golf Outing makes it possible for the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to continue promoting economic advancement, growth, and sustainability for our members,” said Gloria Lara, Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce CEO.



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# Get to Know Great Lakes PACE



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## What is PACE?

(PACE) is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. It views senior services with the belief that care can be done successfully in their homes in most cases. The ideas rooted in PACE are traced back to the early 1970's when a group sought and created a practical approach to suitable care for the elderly within their communities. Methods changed over the years and today we have our current PACE program.

Great Lakes PACE is for those who are 55 or older and live in our service area. This includes Great Lakes Bay Region and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac counties (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines. A brief assessment by our PACE staff will determine if medical guidelines are met. For most people PACE services are fully covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare. For those not eligible for Medicaid; PACE is still an option when paying privately.

Great Lakes PACE has unique services and they are often misunderstood. PACE provides home care but it is not just a homecare program. PACE is a

managed care program and offers all the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. Our PACE doctor completes a full exam and provides ongoing medical treatment with close supervision. Assessments are done by our team of PACE professionals to address any 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.

Great Lakes PACE receives many positive reports from both enrollees and family. We hear accounts of pain reduction, reduced caregiver stress, improved mood and increased socialization. Our Adult Day Health program offers a social network for those with physical decline that has resulted in depression and loneliness. There is transportation to and from our PACE center for Adult Day Health or medical appointments if needed. PACE uses a holistic approach as a choice to nursing home placement.

PACE is often misunderstood and others may try to share with inaccurate details. Walk-in tours are welcome. Jeri Darby RN and Amanda Shoup SW are our intake coordinators. They are available to answer questions or provide informational sessions

to your church or group. A visit to our facility will add clarity to the scope of PACE services. We offer walk in or scheduled tours that may also include evening hours. You can also call 989 272-7610 and schedule a lunch tour. We will answer your questions over lunch following a tour for a group of any size. Call today and schedule a tour for your family, group or organization. Following a tour we often hear; "This sounds too good to be true;" Great Lakes PACE...It's good and it's true!

Great Lakes PACE services are offered in these Zip Codes: Saginaw Midland, Bay, Gratiot, Tuscola and portions of Shiawassee and Arenac Counties:

48417, 48601, 48602, 48603, 48604, 48607, 48609, 48611, 48614, 48616, 48623, 48626, 48631, 48634, 48637, 48638, 48640, 48642, 48649, 48650, 48655, 48662, 48706, 48708, 48722, 48724, 48732, 48747, 48757, 48841, 48460, 48831, 48415, 48734, 48615, 48615

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## HEALTH

# American Cancer Society Presents the National Community Health Center Award to Great Lakes Bay Health for Innovative Work in Cancer Prevention

Saginaw, Michigan – In honor of National Health Center Week 2017 (August 13-19th), the American Cancer Society (ACS) recognized Great Lakes Bay Health Centers with its first-ever National Community Health Center Awards for its collaborative efforts to help reduce the unequal burden of cancer. GLBHC was the only health center in the nation honored for its innovative work with migrant workers to reduce the burden of cancer and reduce barriers to care.

Through a CHANGE Grant awarded by Lee Denim and the American Cancer Society, GLBHC has increased their mammogram screening rates from 31% to 70% over 3 years. GLBHC has improved its breast cancer screening practices by targeted outreach, not only to their patients, but also offering additional navigation services, such as transportation and translation to migrant workers.

“Being able to provide our seasonal agricultural workers with excellent health care including mammography is a joy. Migrant workers we serve provide us with products such as fresh blueberries, peaches, cilantro and pickles, and are so grateful for health care services,” said Dr. Brenda Coughlin President and CEO of GLBHC.

In communities across the country, individuals are not receiving potentially life-saving cancer screening resources, education, and follow-up care. Some of the barriers include poverty and lack of access to these services, as well as the perception that screening tests are invasive and unpleasant.

Screening can help save lives if people get tested and cancer is detected early, but for many people who are underinsured or uninsured, getting

screened can be difficult if not impossible. The American Cancer Society is committed to partnering with Community Health Centers to reach these overburdened populations and acknowledges the work health centers are doing across the country to ensure everyone has equal access to cancer education, screening tests and follow-up care.

For more about the award contact Dan Knaup GLBHC Director of Quality Improvement 989-759-6474. For more information about migrant care please contact Jesse Costilla, GLBHC Migrant Program Manager 989-922-5658.

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of 2 million volunteers saving lives in every community. As the largest voluntary health organization, the Society's efforts have contributed to a 25 percent decline in the cancer death rate in the U.S. since 1991, driven by less smoking, better treatments, and earlier detection. We're finding cures as the nation's largest private, not-for-profit investor in cancer research, ensuring people facing cancer have the help they need and continuing the fight for access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings and more. For more information, to get help, or to join the fight, call us anytime, day or night, at (800) 227-2345 or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

GLBHC offers medical and dental care in their 26 sites throughout the Great Lakes Bay and beyond. They are a Health Center Program grantee under 42 U.S.C. 254b, and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 U.S.C. 233 (g) – (n). This press release is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant #H80CS00689 titled Health Center

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## Great Lakes Bay Health Centers offers School-based care for Saginaw High and Arthur Hill students



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Students at Saginaw High School and Arthur Hill High School have the opportunity of receiving health care services thanks to Great Lakes Bay Health Centers. Services are available for all students ages 10-21 regardless of where they attend school and must have parental consent in order to receive services. Services offered include physicals (sports & school), treatment for illness or injuries, health education, mental health counseling, and vaccines (shots). The School-Based Health Center staff are available to enroll families in Medicaid, Food Assistance & Cash Assistance. Centers are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

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## New partnership allows local dental center to expand services to Medicaid adults



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The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) announces a new partnership with My Community Dental Centers (MCDC).

My Community Dental Centers operates the dental center at 185 N. Frost Dr. in Saginaw on behalf of the health department. The dental center is dedicated to providing quality care to all, and welcomes patients covered through Medicaid, Healthy Kids Dental, Healthy Michigan Plan and private dental insurance. The center also offers My Dental Program (MyDP) for those without dental insurance, and provides reduced fees based on household income.

Comprehensive dental care for the entire family including – exams, cleanings, fillings, tooth removal, dentures, and crowns are provided. The care is customized to meet the individual needs of each person, and offered in a patient-centered atmosphere with exceptional customer services. The center also utilizes electronic patient records, digital radiography and state-of-the-art dental equipment.

A lack of access to dental care negatively affects the community's health and well-being. As part of the 2017 Saginaw County Community Health Improvement Plan, dental health has been identified as a health priority. Access to dental services, particularly among adult Medicaid residents, has been noted as a gap in Saginaw County.

“This new dental resource provides for expanded access for adults with Medicaid and the uninsured residents in Saginaw County,” said Christina Harrington, acting health officer. “This resource in addition to the Great Lakes Bay Health Centers dental program helps to address the gap in access to dental services amongst our most vulnerable populations.”

The dental center is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information or to register as a new patient, call (877) 313-6232 or visit the MCDC website at [www.mydental.org](http://www.mydental.org).

MCDC currently operates 36 public dental centers on behalf of local health departments throughout the state. This spring, Dr. Donald Weikum D.D.S. joined the network of MCDC offices.

“MCDC looks forward to providing a dental home to residents of Saginaw and surrounding counties who have previously been unable to find a dentist” noted Dr. Weikum.

Studies now show when your mouth is healthy, chances are your overall health is good as well. Follow these tips for a healthy smile and overall healthy you: visit your dentist regularly, brush twice a day for at least two minutes using a soft bristled brush and fluoridated toothpaste, floss each day, eat healthy foods, and limit snacks. Be Wise. Be Well.

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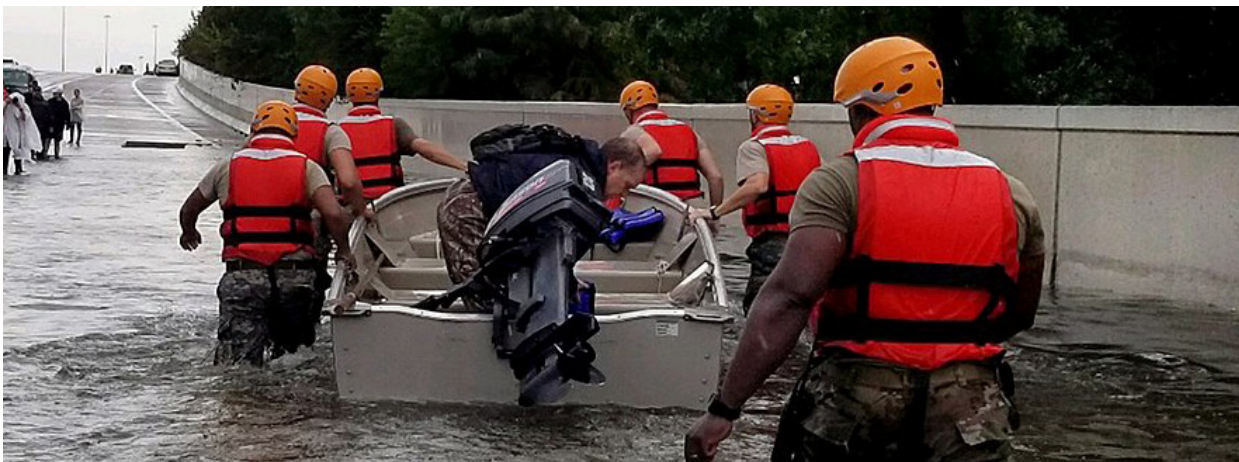
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# Dow Announces \$1 Million support toward Hurricane Harvey Relief, recovery and resiliency



MIDLAND, Mich. - August 29, 2017 - In response to the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas, The Dow Chemical Company (NYSE: DOW) and The Dow Chemical Company Foundation announced today the allocation of \$1 million to support immediate relief and long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts associated with the storm and its aftermath as well as support for the Company's impacted employees.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire region, including our employees and the communities that we call home as the wrath of Hurricane Harvey is endured," said Andrew Liveris, Dow's chairman and chief executive officer. "Our primary concern right now is the safety of our employees and communities, and we're working closely with our Dow families and local partners to help."

As a part of this commitment, Dow is collaborating with national and local partners providing critical services to individuals immediately effected by the flood. To help meet this immediate need, Dow will donate \$100,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, \$100,000 to Team Rubicon,

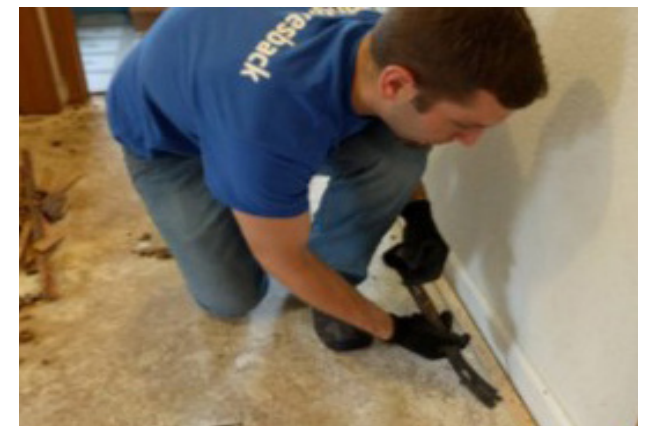
and \$200,000 to other local nonprofit organizations assisting the region.

Dow is also matching employee and retiree donations up to \$100,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

As recovery and rebuilding efforts begin, Dow will continue to engage community partners to assess and respond to community needs not currently identified across the region through a financial commitment of \$500,000, and in-kind and volunteer support.

Texas is home to approximately 12,000 Dow employees and contractors. Dow has safely accounted for each of its employees, however, many are personally impacted by the storm. To support its employees through these challenges, Dow is offering interest-free loans and temporary housing as needed. Communities impacted where Dow sites are located include Seadrift, Freeport, Texas City, Deer Park, Beaumont, Bayport, La Porte and Houston.

## Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union partners with Habitat for Humanity



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Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union partnered with Habitat for Humanity to provide \$95,120.00 in home improvement funds and first-time homebuyer down payments. Through the partnership, SMFCU helped thirteen local families with roofing, windows, basement waterproofing, insulation, gutters and downspouts, bathroom modifications, doors, water heaters, HVAC and the installation of ramps and handrails.

"Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity has been an outstanding success," said Laura Crase, President/CEO of SMFCU. "Together, we helped make local families homes more functional and their lives easier."

Habitat for Humanity partners with organizations around the world to help build or improve community homes. With the aim of promoting strength, stability and independence, Habitat for Humanity advocates for shelter and affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity Saginaw-Shiawassee is located at 315 West Holland Street in Saginaw and can be contacted at 989.754.9435 or [www.sshfh.org](http://www.sshfh.org).



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## Inaugural Flint Homecoming a rousing success



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The first-ever Flint Homecoming concluded with more than 60 expatriates returning to Flint to reconnect, rediscover and invest in the future of their hometown. In all, more than 150 participants – including sponsors, and business and community leaders – came together over 1-1/2 days to partake in panel discussions, site tours, networking opportunities and reminiscing about the city that helped shape them personally and professionally.

Signature events were held at The Durant as well as the Durant-Dort Factory One on Wednesday, Aug. 16, and Thursday, Aug. 17, respectively.

In addition, pledges totaling \$50,000 for two Flint projects were announced by expats during the event. Dr. William Pickard, CEO, Global Automotive Alliance pledged \$40,000 to the Friends of Berston

Field House for the construction of a Family Literacy Classroom at the historic community center. Herb Washington, President & CEO of H.L.W. Fast Track, a food and beverage company, pledged \$10,000 toward ongoing renovation of the historic Capitol Theatre.

A list of distinguished speakers and dignitaries greeted the Flint expats, including: Flint Mayor Dr. Karen Weaver; Rich Baird, Senior Advisor to the Gov. Rick Snyder; Lt. Gov. Brian Calley; Ridgway White, President, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation; Mary Kramer, Group Publisher, Crain's Detroit Business & Crain's Cleveland Business; Mark Reuss, GM Executive Vice-President of Global Product Development, Purchasing & Supply Chain; and Mike McDaniel, Coordinator, FAST Start Initiative.

## Construction trades camp held for area students

Midland, Michigan, August 2017 – For the fourth year in a row the Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA) along with the Midland County Educational Service Agency (ESA) conducted a construction trades camp for area middle and high school students.

Two groups of students came to the GMCA Midland training facility where they were given basic instruction and information on a variety of construction careers. The week of July 17, twenty-two students, and the week of July 24, twenty-eight regional students attended the three-day camp (Monday – Wednesday, 8:00am – 4:45 pm). Students heard presentations and participated in hands-on activities with local businesses in the trades of welding, scaffolding, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, carpentry, safety and heavy equipment. The last part of the camp consisted of a field trip arranged through the Home Builders Association of Midland County, touring residential building sites in different construction phases as well as some completed homes.

Staff from Northwood University gave a presentation on construction entrepreneurship

allowing the students to see where a career in construction trades has the potential to take them.

“My son told me JE Johnson hires people for their attitude. He is going to work on developing a CAN DO attitude. This camp was one of the best things I could have spent my money on!” said one mother following a parent tour at the end of the camp session.

“Greater Michigan Construction Academy is committed to its partnership with the Midland County ESA and local school districts to create career exploration & training opportunities for youth. There are incredible career opportunities in construction – both residential and commercial. By opening up our facility to the camps and engaging employers from the region, we hope to ignite an interest in future construction training and careers in the industry.” – Bridget Sadenwater, Director of Education at GMCA.

Area businesses who donated their time to work with the students were: Niles Plant Services, JE Johnson, Valley Electrical Contractors, Midland County Habitat for Humanity, The Tancor

Corporation, Bierlein Environmental Services, Great Lakes Safety Training Center, Three Rivers Corporation, Midland Home Builders Association and Northwood University.

GMCA currently trains in twelve different construction trades specialties. The Academy is a nationally registered program with NCCER and the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT). GMCA is also the first vocational school of its kind to go through the process and receive ACCET accreditation.

For more information and class descriptions, fees, and registration contact GMCA at (989) 832-8879. Email Stephanie Davis at [sdavis@gmca.edu](mailto:sdavis@gmca.edu) or you can visit our web site at [www.gmca.edu](http://www.gmca.edu)

For more information on how to participate in the Starting at Square One construction trades camp next summer contact Kristen Sanborn at the Midland County ESA at (989) 631-5892 or email [ksanborn@midlandesa.org](mailto:ksanborn@midlandesa.org).

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# Morehouse Alumnus Juan Thomas Named President of National Bar Association



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Morehouse College alumnus Juan R. Thomas '92 is leading the nation's oldest and largest bar association of mostly African American lawyers and judges.

The Chicago attorney was recently installed as president of The National Bar Association (NBA) earlier this month during the organization's 92nd convention in Toronto. Thomas succeeds Kevin Judd, a bankruptcy attorney from Washington, D.C.

The NBA was founded in 1925 and represents some 60,000 lawyers, judges, law professors, and law students worldwide.

Thomas is a nationally acclaimed attorney. He is Of Counsel at the Chicago law firm of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. in Chicago. He is also the founder and principal of The Thomas Law Group in Aurora, Ill.

Thomas' tenure comes as the United States faces a changing political landscape and a raft of legal challenges. Voter suppression, police misconduct, loss of civil rights, and overall erosion of rules of law have made it necessary for groups like the NBA to "step up and present solutions," Thomas said.

As the NBA's 75th president, Thomas will reignite a commitment to civil rights and social justice, he told NBA members in July, during the group's annual convention. "An American poet ( Lawrence Ferlinghetti) once said, 'Pity the nation and the people who allow their rights to erode, and their freedoms to be washed away.' The NBA is the bulwark against that erosion."

Thomas practices real estate/estate planning, labor and employment, and family law. He also provides counseling and training to clients in personnel, collective bargaining, and business development.

He was named to The National Black Lawyers' list of Top 100 Trial Lawyers, an honor given to a select group of lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications

Before starting The Thomas Law Group in 2003, Thomas was involved in political and governmental affairs. He served as the legislative liaison for Citizen Action, Illinois.

Prior to being the NBA's new president, Thomas has served as national vice-president and secretary of the organization.

Thomas earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Morehouse. He received his Juris Doctor and a master's degree in educational policy studies from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.



# Tri-Star Trust Bank welcomes Mason Sarosi

SAGINAW, Mich. – Tri-Star Trust Bank welcomes Mason Sarosi to its Saginaw office. Sarosi joins the Tri-Star team as a Relationship Assistant. Prior to coming to Tri-Star, he served as a Wealth Management Intern with Exchange Capital Management in Ann Arbor. Sarosi received his Bachelor of Arts with a major in Business Finance and a minor in History from Kalamazoo College.

Sarosi grew up in Ann Arbor and now resides in Saginaw. During his time at Kalamazoo College, he received the Presidential Founders Scholarship for his academic achievements and leadership in the community. Sarosi volunteered with the food banks of Ann Arbor and traveled to Mexico City, on a mission trip, to provide aid, food and entertainment to local residence. Sarosi had this to say about joining the Tri-Star team, "I am incredibly excited about the opportunity to join Tri-Star. I look forward to working with and learning from such an experienced and caring group of professionals"

# 1st State Bank receives approval for Midland location

Saginaw, MI - Rick Goedert, President and CEO of 1ST State Bank, announced that the Bank has received approval from the FDIC and the city of Midland to open a location at 400 Ashman Street, Midland, Michigan.

Goedert stated, "This is a very positive move for our current Midland customers and 1st State Bank. We are looking forward to being a part of the Midland community and serving Midland businesses. We expect to break ground this fall and open the Ashman office in early spring 2018."

The office will be located on the corner of Ashman and Buttles. This is the first location in Midland for 1st State Bank.

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# If you can't raise it, save it

We recently heard the phrase “small up.” It means to look wisely at your resources and find ways to live with less while retaining your focus on what’s important. While the phrase is being used within the context of personal finance, it is one that can have value to a nonprofit.

Fundraising often focuses on securing the funds needed to operate a nonprofit. Another aspect of fundraising is securing in-kind gifts and services. This means asking individuals, organizations and businesses to donate those things you would ordinarily have to purchase. This can reduce operating costs, and fundraising needs. You can also look at these gifts as expanding the impact of your fundraising: you can dedicate a larger percentage of funds raised to service, advocacy, performances or classes.

If you are a board member ask that time be set aside to review your organization’s budget for the purpose of identifying areas where the board – or volunteers or staff – can solicit in-kind items that offset budgeted costs.

The gifts can be large or small. They can include donations of printing, office space, storage facilities, food, or technology services. What you don’t want is donations of items you don’t need, can’t use or those whose use will increase your budgeted expenses. Think old computers that need to be repaired before they work slow– especially when you haven’t budgeted for computers.

Including the solicitation of in-kind goods and services in your fundraising plan can increase the involvement of board members, volunteers and donors. While not everyone has the ability to make a

meaningful financial gift many of us have the ability to give time and resources. Related to this, while not everyone is comfortable asking people for money, many of us easily ask for involvement, goods or services.

Including these donations in your fundraising can grow your donor pool and expand your reach into the community. They also provide current donors with another way to partner with your nonprofit. For example, if your organization is planning a technology upgrade consider asking a corporate donor to conduct a technology assessment for you. Their expertise will help you make wise purchasing and training decisions. And who knows – maybe they will make a financial contribution to help cover the upgrade.

Bottom line: In-kind items should offset a line item in your budget. While other donations are welcome, these should be a priority.



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## EDUCATION

# M-STEP Results in Math and Social Studies Improve in Nearly All Grades in 2017

LANSING – Statewide M-STEP scores this year show mathematics and social studies proficiency gains in eight of nine grades tested, and 11th grade SAT scores also showed improvement, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) reported today.

Mathematics scores increased in grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, or all but grade 4, which increased 2.6 percentage points in 2016. Social studies scores increased in grades 5, 8 and 11.

“The Spring 2017 results show math and social studies scores are continuing to improve, and that is exciting news,” said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. “The English language arts scores are disappointing, however.”

Where in 2016, English language arts (ELA) scores increased in three of six grades last year, student proficiency scores in 2017 decreased in all but Grade 5, which showed an increase of .5 points. Decreases ranged from .8 pts in Grade 8 to 2.3 points in Grade 7. Grade 3 declined 1.9 points. A three-year (2015-17) comparison of ELA scores show increases in grades 5 and 8 of 2.4 and .4 points respectively. Decreases ranged from 1.1 points in Grade 6 to 5.9 points in Grade 3.

Whiston said that it is important for schools and districts – with the help of their intermediate school districts (ISDs) – to carefully examine these scores and other data to look for paths to improvement.

“It is important that we keep working with ISDs and local school districts to provide support and assistance to help all of their students achieve at higher levels,” Whiston said. “We keep moving forward on our goal to be a Top 10 education state in 10 years and know that the early work we’re putting into motion will pay positive dividends in the very near future.

“I am confident that investments into Early Childhood education and literacy supports will bring improvement and growth,” Whiston said. “We need to stay focused and diligent.”

## Early Literacy Support Expected to Influence Future Results

Two years ago, Michigan identified early literacy gaps as a focus area for policy and program support for learners, and established a set of initial support mechanisms to address the learning gaps. These programs have since been initiated with educators over the last 18 months. The programs, created and funded by the legislature, support specific recommendations to ensure that all students have strong literacy skills by the end of third grade. These include:

- Added instructional time grants that support districts in providing additional targeted supports for students who struggle in reading and other literacy skills;
- ISD literacy coaches, who provide direct assistance to school districts and public school academies to address instructional needs to help these students;
- Assessment reimbursement grants to support districts in the use of screening and diagnostic tools to help identify specific student needs, so that they can receive targeted support; and
- Professional learning funds to support the creation of a literacy coach network and resources for educators to learn and implement best practices to support all students, as well as students with specialized literacy learning needs, including English Learners, students with disabilities, and other students who may struggle to demonstrate these skills.

MDE also is in the process of distributing to school

districts over \$20 million in state funds appropriated for the upcoming school year for additional instructional time to pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions in order to be reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Several organizations are partnering with MDE to provide a consistent, coherent support infrastructure, so that all early literacy efforts are focused on the same needs. MDE and Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) teamed up with several literacy experts to form a task force to develop the Essential Instructional Practices for different learners, including K-3, early learners, and now adolescent and young adult learners.

These efforts have just begun to reach Michigan educators and students in child care settings and classrooms throughout the state. As they become more fully implemented, more of Michigan’s children will have the literacy skills they need to succeed.

## Establishing a Consistent Testing System

Over the past several years, legislative changes to Michigan’s testing system, as well as changes resulting from feedback from school districts, have created some anxiety for educators and students in taking the M-STEP, Whiston noted.

MDE is working with stakeholders to implement an improved testing vision of Whiston’s that will reduce testing time and provide a better path to show student academic growth.

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# SVSU student's passion for political communication pays off with prestigious scholarship



*courtesy photo*

A Saginaw Valley State University senior was one of 60 students in the nation to receive a prestigious scholarship given to undergraduates passionate about communications in the public policy industry.

Dan Wunderlich was named a 2017 recipient of the \$1,000 Media Fellows scholarship, provided by the Washington Media Scholars Foundation. The nonprofit organization offers opportunities for college students interested in public policy-related communication.

He recently finished a communications-based internship working in the Washington, D.C. office of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, a Republican representing Michigan's 11th congressional district. The region covers communities including Wunderlich's hometown of Troy.

Wunderlich spent the summer helping the office draft media releases and speeches on the congressman's behalf.

"I love trying to take a situation and turning that into a message that can connect with people," he said. "That's where I get my fun out of it: creating those messages."

Erik Trump, SVSU professor of political science, has witnessed Wunderlich's enthusiasm for expressing his thoughts and helping others.

"He is an exceptionally skilled communicator, a creative thinker, an extraordinarily self-directed individual, and a genuinely kind and thoughtful person," Trump said.

Wunderlich's internship put him in the same rooms with some of the nation's most influential leaders including Vice President Mike Pence and Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul Ryan.

The experience also reinforced his desire to seek a job in public policy. Wunderlich plans to pursue a professional career as a political communications director — preferably at an office in the nation's capital — after he graduates from SVSU with a bachelor's degree in May 2018.

Wunderlich said he first fell in love with communications while attending a Troy High School class that he initially signed up for because he anticipated it would be "an easy A." Instead, the teacher exposed him to the joys and importance of communicating.

"I firmly believe, no matter what your industry, communicating is a central part of everything you accomplish," he said. "Communication runs the world."

His professor said Wunderlich has shown the ability

to relate well to others.

"Dan is a two-way communicator," Trump said, "someone who very effectively modified his speech and body language to put other people at ease. In the classroom setting, he listens carefully to other students' ideas and responds positively and civilly, even when he holds a different position."

Wunderlich is determined to demonstrate to the Washington Media Scholars Foundation that their faith in him is justified.

"I believe in a strong return on investment, and I want to be a great return on their investment," he said.



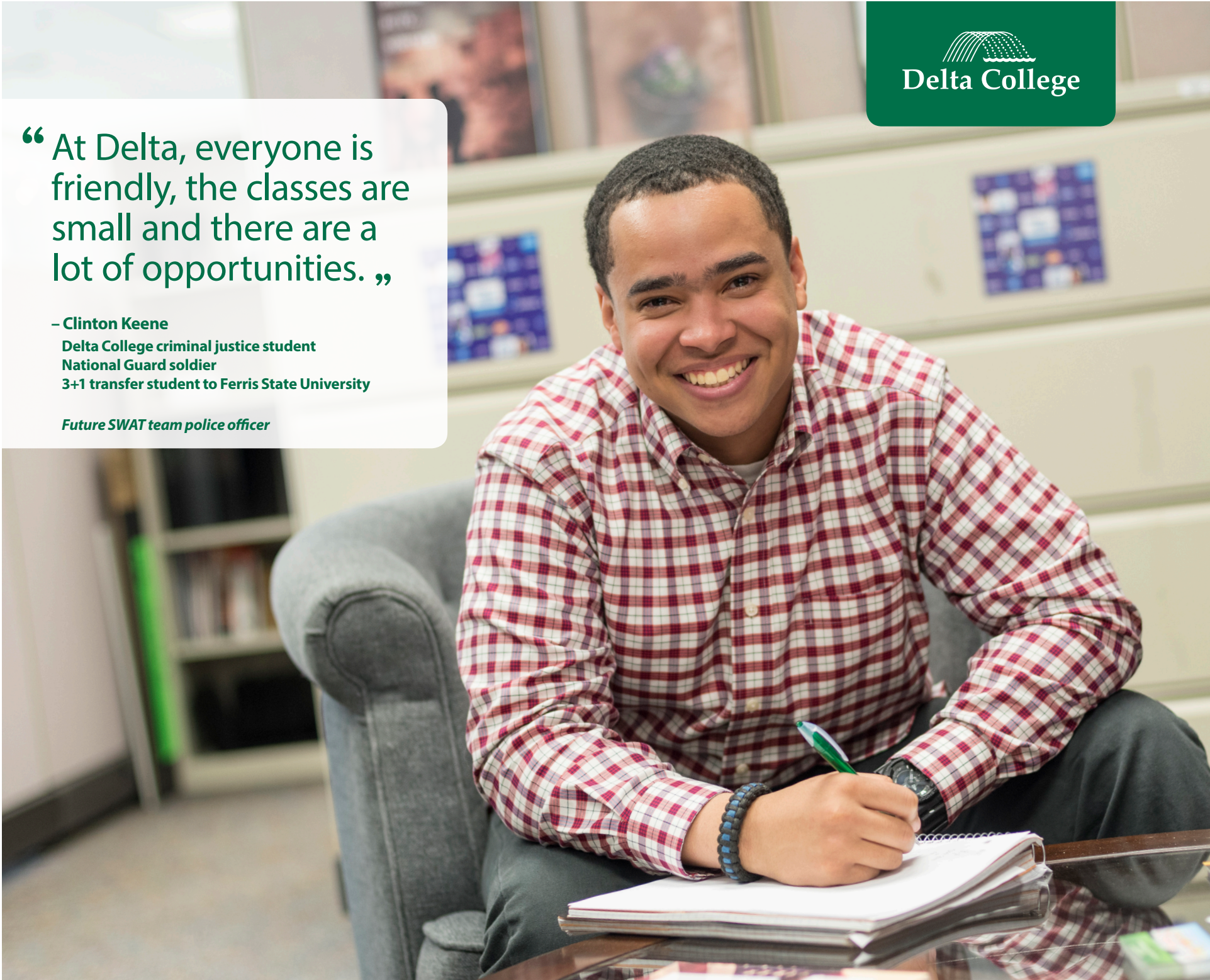
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Clinton Keene, Delta College criminal justice student, Public Safety officer and soldier in the National Guard, is excited about his future in law enforcement.

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“There has been some volatility in statewide assessments recently,” he said. “We want to be responsive to educators; develop a solid and informative testing system; then let it stand for at least 10 years.”

Whiston has proposed implementing a statewide testing vision that has a benchmark assessment for students in the fall, an optional mid-year assessment to gauge progress, then a summative assessment for students in the spring.

### 2017 M-STEP Highlights

Nearly 98 percent of all Michigan schools took the M-STEP assessment online this year, compared to 80 percent in 2015. A pencil-and-paper option remains available for those relatively few districts that are not yet ready technologically.

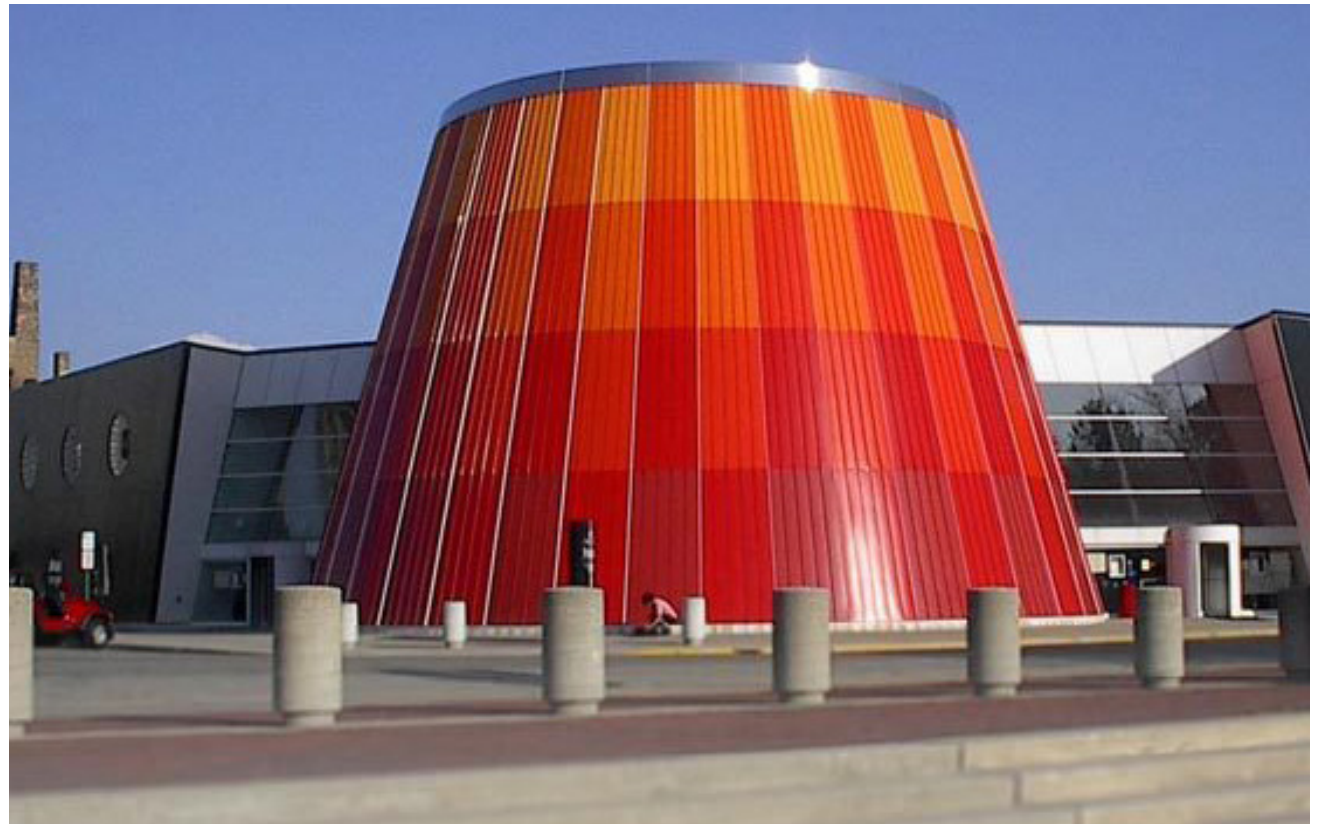
Of the 18 grade-subject combinations tested, 10 showed gains in the percent of students proficient or advanced. When compared to 2015 statewide results, this year’s increased proficient or advanced M-STEP scores occurred in:

- Grades 5,8 and 11 in social studies
- Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in mathematics
- Grade 11 in science, and
- Grades 5 English language arts (ELA)

The SAT, administered to all high school juniors for the first time in Spring 2016, serves as both a college entrance exam and state ELA and mathematics assessment. Scores on the SAT showed improvement in both subjects. Like the M-STEP, the SAT is aligned with state standards.

“We know we have work to do when it comes to improving reading skills statewide, particularly with our youngest learners,” Whiston said. “To make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years, we need to provide the focused supports and resources for schools and teachers, to help every child learn to read at grade level by the third grade and beyond.”

## Saturn Jewel of the Heavens



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Beginning Saturday, September 2, at the Delta College Planetarium, audiences can enjoy an excursion through one of the most beautiful and majestic planetary systems in space with its new show “Saturn, Jewel of the Heavens.”

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The show debuts as Cassini reaches the “Grand Finale” phase of its mission, deliberately burning up in Saturn’s atmosphere in September so it doesn’t contaminate any of the moons since many contain conditions suitable for life. Each show will contain a live ‘epilogue’ to share the latest photos and discoveries from its final days in orbit.

“Saturn, Jewel of the Heavens” will run Saturdays, September 3 through October 28 at 3:30pm and is suitable for ages 8 and up. News media interested in covering the show (including images) should contact Mike Murray, Astronomer and Planetarium Manager at 989-667-2270 or [mikemurray@delta.edu](mailto:mikemurray@delta.edu)

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 3-18, students, seniors and military. To learn more about other shows and events at the planetarium, go to [www.delta.edu/planet](http://www.delta.edu/planet) or call 989-667-2260. The Delta College Planetarium and Learning Center is located in downtown Bay City at 100 Center Avenue.



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# Local kids benefit when DCECU joins community members to ‘Stuff the Bus’ with donations at Garber Chevrolet

*The second annual event collected backpacks, school supplies, nonperishable food items for Midland County early childhood programs*

Midland, MI - At the second annual “Stuff the Bus” event hosted by Garber Chevrolet in Midland to collect supplies for early childhood programs throughout the county, Dow Chemical Employees’ Credit Union and its staff members donated hundreds of items to the cause.

The credit union itself purchased and donated approximately \$1,000 worth of items – 25 backpacks, seven insulated lunch bags and 56 membership-club-sized packages of nonperishable food. And DCECU’s employees contributed more than 600 school supply items, including pencils, paper, glue, notebooks, erasers, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pocket folders, backpacks and more.

“I was thrilled to see how much the credit union and our employees contributed to this cause,” said DCECU Consumer Centralized Lending Manager Juli Lacina, who helped coordinate the credit union’s participation in the drive. “Thanks to the efforts of Garber and all the individuals and organizations who donated, a whole lot of local kids will have the supplies they need in their classrooms – and the supplies they need at home to help reinforce their classroom learning – during the upcoming year.”

DCECU representatives delivered the collected items to Garber during the Aug. 11 event, which was organized to benefit Midland County’s Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start and Early Childhood Special Education – programs offered by the Midland County Educational Service Agency in collaboration with many early childhood partners.

In all, the Garber event collected 120 backpacks, more than 500 notebooks and hundreds of other school supplies to support 30 classrooms in seven locations, plus enough nonperishable food items for three different food pantries to each receive four to five large boxes full of food items.

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# Community Groups of Saginaw Speak Out Against White Supremacy



Saginaw, MI- The Ezekiel Project, The Bridge Center, The Saginaw Branch of the NAACP and The Mexican American Council gathered on Monday, August 21 at 6:00 pm on the steps of Saginaw City Hall to respond to the hate and racism displayed in Charlottesville, VA that has continued to boil up across the country.

These organizations invited the community to unite together in acceptance and radical love to stand up against messages of white supremacy. A statement written by the leadership of The Ezekiel Project, The Bridge Center, and The Saginaw Branch of the NAACP was presented to the Saginaw City Council during public comment at their meeting.

If you are interested in learning more about The Ezekiel Project please contact Jamie Forbes at [Jamie@TheEzekielProject.com](mailto:Jamie@TheEzekielProject.com) or (989) 529-4318.



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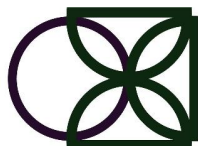
# Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority Public Hearing on Budget Plan & Strategic Priorities

The Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority has scheduled a public hearing to present and solicit comment on the FY 2017 Preliminary Budget and Service Plan. The public hearing will take place Thursday, September 7, 2017. Interested citizens, community leaders, and stakeholders are encouraged to attend and provide comment.

The hearing will be held:

Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, or until all those present and wishing to comment are heard, in Room 001 – Training Classroom, in lower level of Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, 500 Hancock Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

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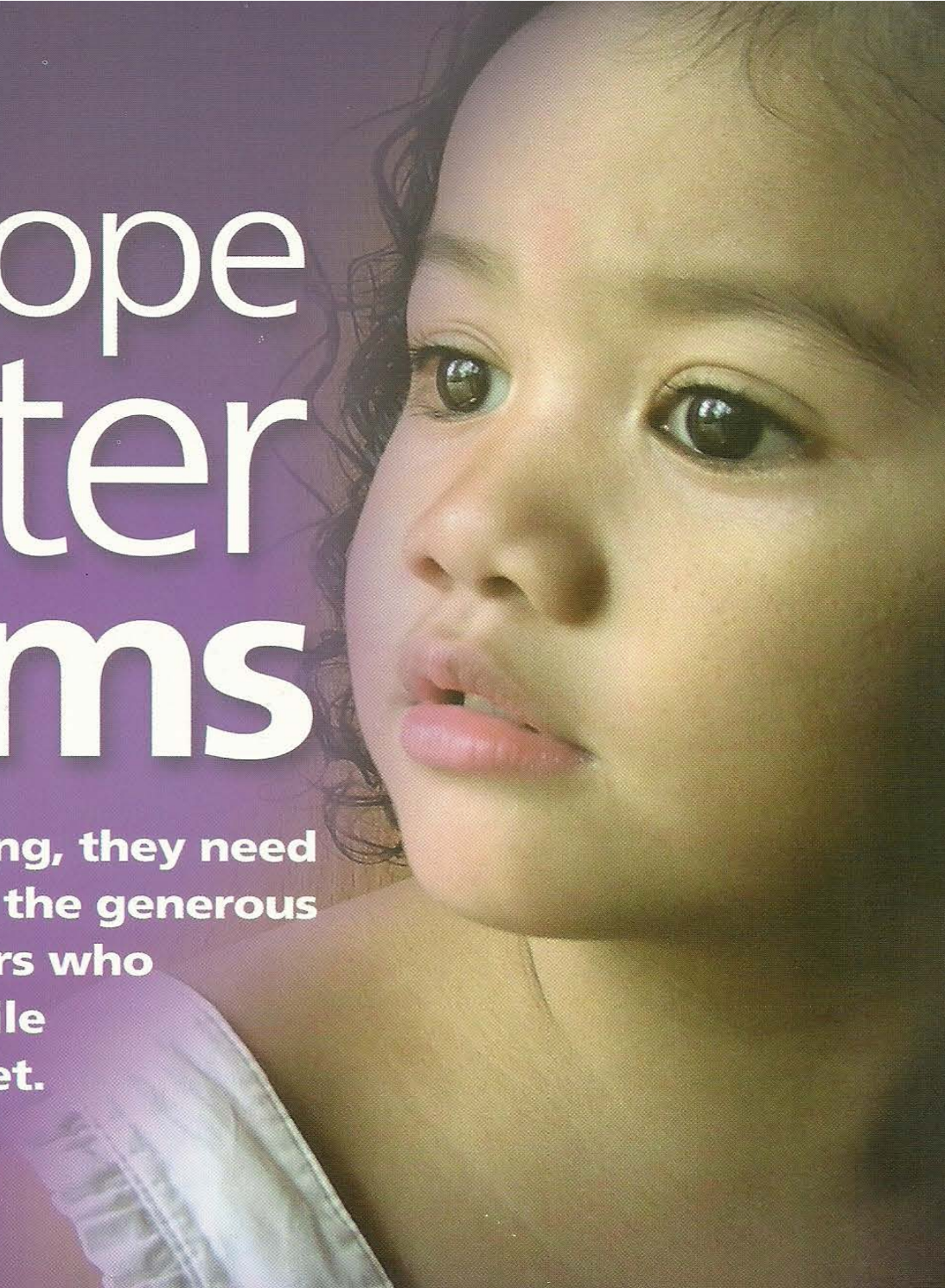
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# State Police Encourages Residents to Take Action to Prepare during Michigan's Preparedness Month

## *Annual Prepare Fair in Marquette on Sept. 7 and Mt. Pleasant Sept. 21*

LANSING, MICH. Michigan residents should prepare for emergencies and disasters by making an emergency plan with their loved ones and learning life-saving skills like first-aid and CPR during Michigan's Preparedness Month, according to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD).

Throughout September, the MSP/EMHSD is joining federal, state and local governments, as well as private and public organizations, in supporting emergency preparedness initiatives and encouraging residents to take action to prepare. Agencies nationwide are uniting under the theme "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." to encourage everyone to create a family emergency plan and to learn skills needed to help themselves and others until help can arrive.

"Taking time to create an emergency plan or to learn basic first aid skills can save lives," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "It's important that individuals and families plan now, so they are better equipped to react when an emergency of disaster strikes."

Residents are also encouraged to know the hazards that affect their communities and build an emergency supply kit. Businesses are encouraged to prepare for emergencies and disasters by establishing an emergency preparedness program.

All households should be self-reliant for at least three days by building an emergency preparedness kit supplied with food, water and medications. During an emergency or disaster, critical services -such as electricity, water service or access to



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grocery stores -can be impacted and response for police, fire and rescue personnel could be significantly delayed.

Since 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder has issued disaster declarations for incidents involving severe thunderstorms, flash flooding and a sinkhole. On October 21, 2016, Snyder declared a state of disaster for Marquette County after storms, heavy rain and flash flooding caused severe damage. On June 23, 2017, a disaster declaration was declared for Isabella and Midland counties after torrential rainfall and flash flooding caused widespread damage. On June 28, 2017, Bay and Gladwin counties were added to the declaration.

### **2017 Prepare Fairs in Marquette and Mt. Pleasant**

To take preparedness into action and commemorate Michigan's Preparedness Month, the MSP/EMHSD is collaborating with Cops & Doughnuts, Isabella County Emergency Management, Isabella County

911, Marquette County Emergency Management, Target and the Westwood Mall in Marquette to host two 2017 Prepare Fairs.

- The first Prepare Fair will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the Westwood Mall, 3020 US-41, Marquette.

The second Prepare Fair will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Cops & Doughnuts, 1327 S. Mission, Mount Pleasant.

Individuals attending the fair will learn about local emergency response agencies, how to develop a family emergency plan and how to create an emergency preparedness kit. Attendees will also be able to meet local first responders and volunteers. The event is free of charge and open to anyone.

To learn more about preparing for emergencies and disasters and making an emergency preparedness plan, or for more information about 2017 Prepare Fair go to [www.michigan.gov/miready](http://www.michigan.gov/miready) or follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @MichEMHS

## Gov. Rick Snyder creates new council to combat opioid epidemic in Michigan



*courtesy photo*

LANSING, Mich. – To improve coordination of Michigan’s efforts to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic, Gov. Rick Snyder today signed Executive Directive 2017-2, establishing the Council on Opioid and Prescription Drug Enforcement (COPE).

This council, which was recommended by the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, will address, develop and maintain relationships among local, state and federal agencies charged with enforcing the laws and regulations.

“We must ensure all partners are working together effectively if we are going to combat this epidemic and protect all Michiganders,” Snyder said. “This council will open up the lines of communication and allow for a better use of resources while working to reduce opioid abuse and prevent addiction from occurring in the first place.”

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will lead the council, in conjunction with the directors of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the Michigan State Police. The council will coordinate with the Michigan Attorney General’s Office, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the

Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, and other relevant agencies involved in the enforcement of laws and regulations related to opioids for their input and participation on this council.

“The opioid epidemic is destroying lives and families every day,” Calley said. “It is an emergency and we need to go above and beyond to combat it. I’m proud to lead this council and improve coordination among everyone involved so that we can save more lives and prevent addiction from occurring.”

Michigan has seen a dramatic increase in opioid-related deaths. From 1999-2015 more than 4,400 people have died from an opioid overdose with over 50 percent of those deaths occurring since 2010.

COPE will meet monthly to discuss trends, targets, methods, major cases, and other relevant information to address prescription drug and opioid abuse across Michigan, as well as share information and ideas with the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission as appropriate.

## Michigan Legal Self-help Celebrates 5th Anniversary, Prepares to Launch ‘Legal Help Finder’ Tool in September

LANSING, MI August 31, 2017 - Michigan Legal Help, created to help self-represented litigants navigate simple civil legal problems without an attorney, is celebrating its fifth anniversary. This innovative program is helping Michigan be a national leader in opening the doors of our justice system to more people. In addition to the website, Michigan Legal Help provides information and assistance to individuals through local self-help centers in 19 counties.

“The value this website brings to families and communities statewide is not measured in dollars but in access to justice,” said Justice Bridget McCormack. “I am very proud that the program educates the self-represented on court processes and procedures, increases access to justice, and serves as a model for similar initiatives across the country.”

In September, Michigan Legal Help plans to offer a new Guide to Legal Help tool, which will enable litigants to use an advanced logic tree to help identify a visitor’s legal problem and what services they qualify for. The finder then directs the user to the most appropriate resources to resolve their problem, given what is available in the community.

Also in September, Michigan Legal Help and its Director Angela Tripp will receive a 2017 Access to Justice Awards from the Michigan State Bar Foundation. The award honors persons who have significantly advanced access to justice for the poor in Michigan. Since its inception in 2011, eight people have been honored with the award.

# Northwood Family Mourns Longtime Coach Rollie Massimino



*courtesy photos*

“Rollie did everything with passion,” said Keith Pretty. “One of my favorite memories of him was his immense pride when Massimino Court, inside Countess de Hoernle Student Life Center, was dedicated in his honor. He established a world-class collegiate basketball program in West Palm Beach.”

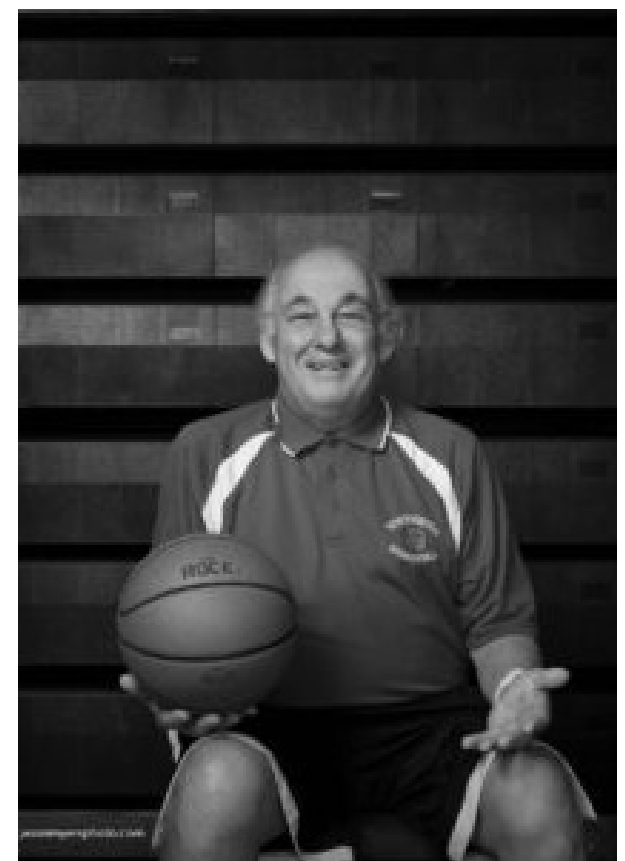
Prior to coaching at Northwood, Rollie coached at Stony Brook University, Villanova University, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Cleveland State University. He is likely best known for coaching his Villanova Wildcats to a historic win over Georgetown University to win the 1985 NCAA Tournament.

Northwood University is sad to learn of the passing of longtime men’s basketball coach Rollie Massimino at the age of 82 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

“We are deeply saddened to hear of Rollie’s passing,” said Keith Pretty, Northwood University president and chief executive officer. “Rollie was one of the greatest basketball minds of our time, and helped develop young men not only on the court but in life. Outside of his basketball acumen, he was a great husband, father and friend. He will be deeply missed by the Northwood University family.”

Rollie was a close friend of Northwood University, where he coached at the Florida campus for more than a decade. While at Northwood, he had an impressive 171-37 record, and a winning percentage of 82 percent. He became the 39th coach to achieve 800 career wins.

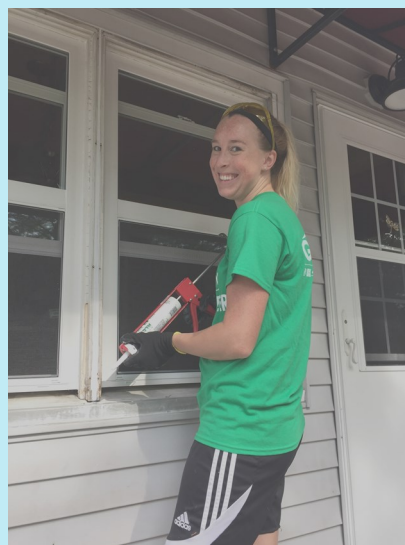
Aside from a prolific basketball coaching career, Rollie was dedicated to seeing his student athletes become leaders in business. His “team” approach to life was always strong, particularly with his wife Mary Jane.





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# Urban Sports League to Launch Baseball and Softball Program in Saginaw

SAGINAW— Urban Sports League is partnering with Saginaw Valley State University to launch a baseball and softball program for Saginaw youth on Saturday Sept. 9, 2017 at Unity Park 1400 N. 14th St., Saginaw, MI.

The program is designed for boys and girls ages 6-8 and will feature 14 sessions where youth will learn the fundamentals of baseball and softball. SVSU head baseball coach Chris Ebright and his players will lead the clinics, which run from September to October.

“We are super excited about the launch of Urban Sports League in Saginaw,” said Delores McKinney, a Saginaw, MI native, co-founder of USL and CEO of Eminence Group, LLC. “The game of baseball teaches kids the importance of team work and instills confidence that lasts a lifetime. We are looking to transform lives, families, and communities with local leadership and renovated, dedicated playing fields in each host city.”

Urban Sports League will continue the Saginaw program in April 2018 with spring clinics and summer league games in June, July and August next year.

Saginaw isn’t the first city to enjoy the excitement of USL youth baseball. USL held baseball clinics and a summer league in Baltimore for some 40 children in partnership with Coppin State University. Detroit, MI will also join the USL league this year. McKinney plans to expand the league to five additional cities in 2018, including Charlotte, NC; Durham, NC; Jackson, MS; Louisville, KY and Tallahassee, FL.

“It’s an avenue in which we can help the youth develop themselves,” said Marshall Thomas, the retired Saginaw High School athletic director and basketball coach who helped bring USL to Saginaw. “I think we’ve got another tool to keep the kids busy. And I like the aspect of college coaches with their players coming in because they will be teaching character and the things that you need to be successful at an early age.”

Urban Sports League has plans to expand to 88 inner cities across the country. The league targets communities that are disproportionately impacted in areas such as education, poverty and other socioeconomic disparities.

Research shows that disadvantaged youth when involved with positive sports programs have better social skills, are less shy and withdrawn and less likely to experiment with chemical substances.

Baltimore mother Dwan Norwood said the USL program gave her two 9-year-old sons higher self-esteem.

“It gives them something to look forward to doing,” Norwood said. “It made them have a love for a sport that they never even thought of. And considering the amount of murders we’re having in this city, it’s really good to have the kids out of the way.”

Urban Sports League partners with public schools and local colleges and universities to grow the baseball program.

USL utilizes baseball as a vehicle to teach 10 core values: honesty, respect, perseverance, integrity, confidence, teamwork, responsibility, judgement, giving back and sportsmanship.

The program in Saginaw requires a \$30 refundable deposit for each child. The fee is refunded once the child successfully attends 85 percent of the scheduled clinics, practices and games.

The Sept. 9th clinic in Saginaw begins at 9 a.m. and parents who want to register their child can call 833-USL-BALL or visit [www.urbansportsleague.org](http://www.urbansportsleague.org). The schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.— Registration

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.— Clinics

11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. – Food and community fun



National Urban Sports League (USL) 501(c)3 was created to provide youth sports programs in the top 88 urban cities throughout the United States. The league for boys is the Urban Baseball League; and the league for girls is Urban Softball League. Each league will begin with ages 6U and 8U, growing yearly until 17U. USL partners with inner city public schools and local colleges & universities to provide each child with high caliber instructional training for our National Pastime. The league was founded by Delores L. McKinney and Lou Presutti as a national effort to give inner city youth the opportunity to play baseball and softball and to keep this great American tradition alive in our urban communities.

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# Tigers reportedly agree to deal that sends Upton to Angels

The Angels and Tigers completed a blockbuster deal prior to Thursday's waiver trade deadline, with Detroit agreeing to send All-Star slugger Justin Upton to Los Angeles for two Minor Leaguers and cash, MLB.com's Jon Paul Morosi reported.

The Tigers will receive Minor League pitcher Grayson Long, ranked No. 9 among the Angels' top prospects by MLBPipeline.com, and a low-level player to be named later, according to multiple reports.

To make room for Upton in their outfield alongside Mike Trout and Kole Calhoun, the Angels are trading Cameron Maybin to the Astros, according to MLB Network Insider Ken Rosenthal.

Neither club has commented on or confirmed the reports.

Upton is owed \$22.125 million each year through 2021, but has an opt-out clause that can only be exercised after this season. Trade talks picked up after Upton informed the Tigers he would likely opt out due to Detroit's rebuild, Morosi reported.

Upton, 30, is hitting .279/.362/.542 with 28 homers. His .904 OPS represents a career high and he is on pace to surpass his career high of 31 homers, set last year and in 2011.

Upton can still end up being the top outfielder on the free-agent market this offseason, with Arizona's J.D.

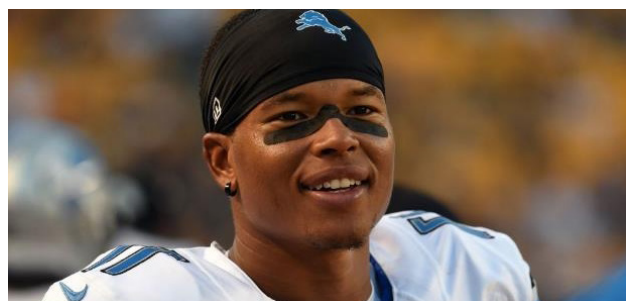
Martinez and Cleveland's Jay Bruce the next biggest names. But for now, Upton can help the Angels, who entered play Thursday one game back of the second American League Wild Card spot.

Teams have until midnight ET tonight to trade for a player and have him be eligible for the postseason. Any player acquired after Aug. 31 is not eligible to play in the postseason.

Upton's contract also includes a limited no-trade clause that allows him to block a deal to 20 clubs. The Angels were not among teams on Upton's no-trade list, and he has not given his new team assurance regarding his opt-out clause, Morosi reported.

## Jones teams up with Playworks Michigan for his "Catches for Kids"

*Jones Jr. teams up with Playworks Michigan for his "Catches for Kids" campaign to support the benefits of healthy play in Metro Detroit.*



*courtesy photo*

Detroit, MI - Marvin Jones, Jr. is taking the football field this season to make a difference in the lives of kids with every catch he makes. Jones is inviting the public to make a pledge for every reception he has during the 2017 season with the proceeds going to support Playworks.

The "Catches for Kids" campaign will support Playworks' impact in the Detroit area and across

the state of Michigan. In the 2017-18 school year, Playworks will partner with over 16 schools in s. Michigan reaching more than 7,000 children directly. Playworks impacts another 8,000 students through professional development trainings for school staff and youth workers across the state. With Marvin Jones, Jr.'s support through the "Catches for Kids" campaign, Playworks Michigan will reach a total of 15,000 children at over 35 elementary school

While anyone making a pledge of \$1 or more per catch will be entered into a drawing to win a signed football, everyone making a pledge of \$5 or more or a flat donation of at least \$50 will receive a special limited-edition Marvin Jones, Jr., t-shirt.

"I am proud to partner with Playworks to help give all kids in Detroit a chance to play every day.

Staying active and playing with my friends was an important part of growing up for me," said Jones, who is beginning his second season with the Lions. Those opportunities to play and have fun are quickly disappearing for our kids, and Playworks is helping to make sure schools have full-time coaches to help them get the most out of recess. I am very excited to support Playworks with this pledge campaign, and I hope Lions fans will join me in making sure each catch I have this season helps keep kids here in Detroit playing all year long."

"We are grateful to partner with Marvin Jones, Jr. this season for his "Catches for Kids" campaign," says Angela Rogensues, Executive Director of Playworks Michigan. "These funds will directly support our programming in predominately low-income schools impacting more than 7,000 children in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties."

# Why the Scale May Be Your Nemesis

*Derrick Harge | Certified Peer Fitness Trainer | American Council on Exercise*

The scale has derailed more “good” fitness/nutrition plans than just about anything else I can think of. We've become obsessed with what the "number" says. The anxiety while waiting on that number to pop up on your digital scale will cause your blood pressure to go up into the stratosphere. The TV shows go straight to commercial just before the weight shows on the scale and we're all tensed and agitated waiting for those two minutes to pass. We've become obsessed with just losing weight. Not caring if it's body fat, muscle, water or a combination of the three. We just want to lose weight. But the fact is: we gain and lose weight all throughout the day. We lose weight just by breathing. We gain weight by just sitting. I've seen people go into a meltdown because they've gained half a pound or gloat mightily after they've lost two pounds (water from sweating) after an intense cardio session. Never mind the fact they used a different scale than before or they don't have on the same clothes as before or it's a different time of day as before or you're taking medications that cause significant weight gain or for females, different times of the month that cause huge weight fluctuation. It's much more important to get on and stay on a good nutrition and fitness plan than to obsess about the numbers. By adhering to a good fitness and nutrition plan, those "numbers" will take care of themselves. We're trying to speed up our metabolism. Reducing body fat and gaining lean muscle should be your goal whether you're trying to lose weight or trying to gain weight.

We know there are risk factors for being overweight (heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoarthritis, breathing issues, high cholesterol), but did you know there are also risk factors for being under-weight (nutrient deficiencies, impaired immunity system, female reproductive issues, osteoporosis, anemia).

You want a great scale to measure body size and composition? How about using the best scale in the world. Your clothes! Your clothes will tell you everything you need to know about how your fitness

and nutrition milestones are coming. Instead of the scale, how about measuring yourself monthly. Start with your neck and work your way down to your ankles, measuring everything else in between. Your neck, shoulders, chest, waist, hips, thighs, calves, ankles, upper arms and lower arms. Take a full length photo in bra and panties or a one piece bathing suit (men, undershorts or swimming trunks). Photograph yourself from the front, both sides and rear. Put it somewhere where it's a constant reminder of what your ultimate milestones are (plus, it'll give you a great before/after photo).

If you **MUST** weigh yourself on a regular basis, follow these basic tips:

- **Weigh yourself no more than once a week**
- **Try to weigh yourself on the same scale (make sure it's calibrated)**
- **Try to weigh yourself at the same time of day (if possible, in the morning before breakfast)**
- **Wear as little clothes as possible (swimming suit, underwear, etc.)**
- **Remove all unnecessary items (shoes, jewelry, wallets, etc.)**
- **Weigh yourself on a hard, flat surface**
- **Weigh yourself before and after your workout (to see how much fluid you've lost – these have to be replenished)**

I'm not saying NEVER get back on a scale again. Just understand the scale is like any other tool we use in measuring and assessing our fitness/nutrition milestones. Use it sparingly and see how it fits with the rest of your fitness/nutrition milestones. Remember this: if you're happy with how you look and feel, **STAY OFF THE SCALES!**



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## PIC OF THE WEEK

### Leadership Saginaw Class of 2018 gather at Bavarian Inn Lodge for the opening retreat



*courtesy photo*

On Thursday, 8/17 and Friday, 8/18 the members of the Leadership Saginaw Class of 2018 gathered at Bavarian Inn Lodge for the opening retreat. Over the next 10 months the class will tour the county and experience People Helping People Day, Diversity Day, Law Enforcement Day and Arts & Culture Day to name a few.





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