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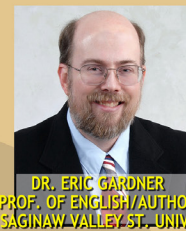
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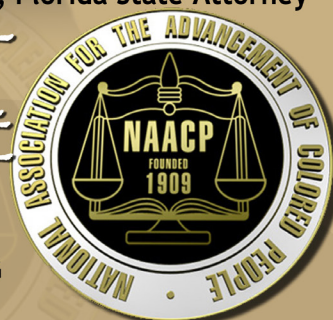
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The Saginaw County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold its 47th Annual Freedom Fund Gala on Sunday, September 24, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State Street in Saginaw. The theme for this year is "STEADFAST AND IMMOVABLE".

Four individuals will share in the honors during the 47th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet; they are Glendorah Lawrence, Houghton Jones Neighborhood Association; Angelia Williams, Director of Special Community Projects-Great Lakes Bay Health Centers; Detective Lt. Marvin Jenkins, Michigan State Police; and Dr. Eric Garner, Professor of English, Saginaw Valley State University.

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## Cover Story, NAACP Freedom Fund

The Honorable Attorney Aramis Ayala, Florida State Attorney is the keynote speaker. Attorney Ayala is a native of Saginaw, Michigan. She graduated from Bridgeport High School and the University of Michigan, and received a Juris Doctor from the University Detroit-Mercy School of Law. NAACP Youth Council President Daniel Webster will deliver the State of Our Youth presentation.

The 5:00 pm opening business reception will recognize outstanding young professionals and

students from the Great Lakes Bay Region who are excelling in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Tickets to the 47th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet are \$65.00 for adults. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Saginaw County NAACP branch office 989.752-0614.

The President of the Saginaw Branch of the NAACP is Leola Wilson. The Freedom Fund Banquet is

chaired by Odail Thorns.

The NAACP, founded in New York in 1909 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland is a 501(c) 3 entity comprised of seven regions representing 49 states, five countries and the District of Columbia. The NAACP ensures the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens through democratic processes.

## Upper Cuts Gentlemen's Grooming Place announces Partnership With Saginaw native, Malcolm Staples and Malcolm's Custom Made to Fit

WASHINGTON -- Upper Cuts Gentlemen's Grooming Place is excited to announce a strategic partnership with the premier bespoke custom clothier, Malcolm Staples of Malcolm's Custom Made To Fit. The highly acclaimed tailor brings his unique custom service palette to Upper Cuts Gentlemen's Grooming Place.

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Staples will operate on an appointment only basis out of The Private Room at the Upper Cuts National Harbor and Upper Cuts downtown D.C. location. The new service amenity brings Upper Cuts' luxury grooming options full-circle. Staples is also offering a Father's Day discount package of a suit, shirt and tie at over 50 percent off to celebrate the launch month. The special runs the entire month of June.

"The addition of Malcolm Staples to Upper Cuts is revolutionary," said Helen McIntosh, CEO of Upper Cuts. "Never before have all elements of luxury men's grooming been paired in this way. Malcolm's Custom

Made To Fit stands alone as a premier bespoke clothier and is the perfect fit for The Private Room at our National Harbor location. Knowing this option is offered by their favorite place to unwind is comforting to our clients."

Malcolm Staples lives by the old adage "do what you love and it never feels like work." It was this inspiration that steered him to leave his corporate job to become a custom designer and entrepreneur. Heavily influenced by his grandfather, a man of style whom he describes as the best-dressed man he has ever seen, Staples is a product of the 50s fashion era attributing his very distinctive appeal to his connection to that era.

Known for perfectly tailored suits, Staples has dressed men and women globally. His clients include celebrities, media personalities, professional athletes, clergy and a host of politicians and business professionals. Notable clients include Bishop T.D. Jakes, Basketball Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and Beauty and Sports icon, Jayne Kennedy. Staples' work was featured globally during 2013 Miss Universe Pageant in Moscow, Russia on host Thomas Roberts.

In 2010, Staples launched "Malcolm's Custom Made To Fit." His first job was designing the custom wardrobe for several athletes in the National Football League including his nephew, LaMarr Woodley of the



*courtesy photo*

Pittsburgh Steelers. Staples grew to have football clients on more than seven teams and it was at this embryonic stage where Malcolm's Custom Made To Fit was solidified.

A native of Saginaw, Michigan now residing in Washington D.C., Staples has garnered a reputation of producing upper echelon garments and an incomparable level of excellence. The self-described "details guru" leaves no stone unturned in providing the ultimate luxury custom experience.

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The Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan is inviting all of the current Hispanic/Latino college students in Michigan to apply for their Future Leaders Scholarship. They will be awarding \$600 scholarships at the Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on October 6, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan. The Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan understands the challenges that go along with trying to get a college education and is committed 100% to making sure they support the community on their journey.

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is October 2, 2017. Students can apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017HLCOMScholarshipApp>

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## Seen on the Scene: Saginaw group protest rescinding of DACA

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, the Justice Department announced that DACA, the program that allowed undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to remain in the country, will stop considering new applications for legal status.

On September 6, a group of local hispanics and other supporters stood at the corner Court and Michigan to protest the rescinding of DACA. Among the protesters were Raymond Bobby Deleon, president of the Mexican American Council and Gilberto Guevara, vice commander of the American G.I. Forum.



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## HEALTH

# Saginaw County Department of Public Health recognizes Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month

Saginaw, MI - September is Infant Sleep Awareness Month and to recognize this important observance, the Saginaw County Department of Public Health is reminding parents and caregivers of techniques that can help substantially reduce the infant death rate in our county and state.

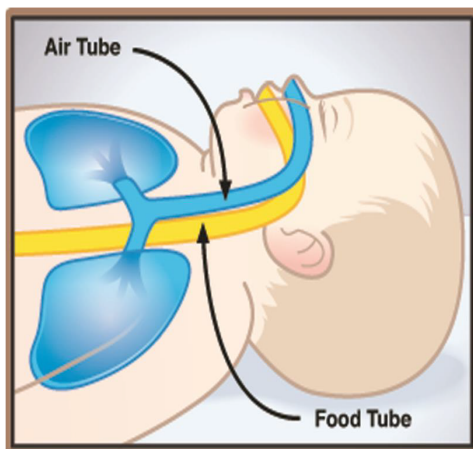
From 2010 to 2015 in Saginaw County, there were 27 sleep-related infant deaths, which is a rate of 2.0 deaths per 1,000 live births. Sleep-related deaths are those where the sleep environment was likely to have contributed to the death. In Saginaw County, suffocation is the most common cause of sleep-related deaths. A safe sleep environment can reduce the risk of all sleep-related deaths.

All babies should always be placed to sleep on their backs, never on their sides or tummies, in their own crib. Other lifesaving steps parents and caregivers can take to protect their baby include:

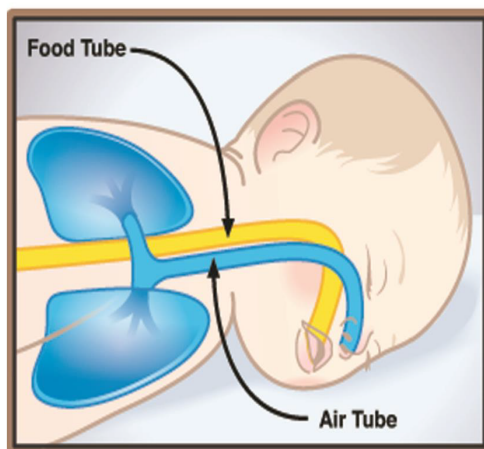
- Never put the baby to sleep with adults or children as the practice exponentially increases the chance of a tragedy occurring
- Put babies in cribs of their own, never on adult beds, pillows, or couches
- Use a firm mattress with a tightly-fitted sheet
- Ensure that the crib does not contain any extra items -- including pillows, crib bumpers and stuffed animals - and use a safe sleep sack instead of blankets
- Place the baby to sleep on his or her back, not on the stomach or side
- Do not overheat baby
- Make certain that no one smokes around baby

There are many resources available. For more information, parents, professionals and others can visit [www.michigan.org/safesleep](http://www.michigan.org/safesleep). The Saginaw County Department of Public Health also has programs and services available for families wanting to know more about safe sleep. Call 989-758-3845 or visit [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org).

## I won't choke when I'm sleeping on my back!



**SAFE:** When I'm on my back my air tube is on top of the tube to my stomach. When I spit up the liquid flows back into my stomach, not my lungs. So, I don't choke!



**NOT SAFE:** When I'm on my stomach and spit up, liquid can easily flow into my air tube and cause me to choke.



*courtesy photo*

# Black Neighbors Band Together to Bring in Healthy Food

## And the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network is creating other ways for Black people to circulate healthy food—and wealth

*J. Gabriel Ware*

A decade ago, researchers reported that more than half of Detroit residents live in a food desert—an area where access to fresh and affordable healthy foods is limited because grocery stores are too far away. Efforts since then to bring more grocery stores—and food security—to predominantly Black neighborhoods haven't worked.

But that's looking to change.

Malik Yakini is executive director of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, a coalition of people and groups that promotes urban agriculture, co-operative buying, and healthy eating. His organization is helping Black people in the city take matters into their own hands by creating their own grocery store, The Detroit People's Co-op. The grocery will sit in the city's North End neighborhood, where about 92 percent of residents are Black and nearly 40 percent have a household income less than \$15,000.

"We found that a co-op grocery store was imperative," says Yakini, adding that the members began to conceptualize the co-op in 2010 after they surveyed hundreds of Detroiters on their dietary eating habits, wants, and needs. "This new store will give the people more control over the food they eat and its production and preparation," he says.

Food deserts are usually found in low-income areas, forcing residents either to travel to the suburbs for fresh groceries or settle for one of the many nearby convenience stores and fast food restaurants. Since transportation and time is an issue for low-income families, the impact is a health epidemic. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Black American adults have the highest overweight and obesity rates in the country.

Other cities similarly affected by a lack of healthy food options are looking for solutions. In Chicago,

where about 600,000 people live in food deserts, the mayor has vowed to provide more fresh meat and produce options in the city's South Side and West Side neighborhoods, but it's been a struggle. Atlanta is converting lands into urban farms, and a local farm in New Orleans is combating food deserts by matching the spending of shoppers with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, up to \$20. What used to be called "food stamps," SNAP is a federal program designed to help low-income households.

In Detroit, the solution is coming from the neighborhoods themselves. Owners of the grocery cooperative will be the people who use it—neighborhood residents.

Kayla Phillips, 23, lives two blocks from where the new grocery store will be built. She immediately bought into the co-op with \$200 after she heard Yakini talk about the grocery at a community gathering he organized a few months ago.

"Food security and food sovereignty in underdeveloped and urban neighborhoods is something that I've always been passionate about," says Phillips, who can count at least seven fast food restaurants but only two grocery stores with limited produce sections within 2 miles of her home. "Because this new store is a co-op, everyone in the community can own it. That is amazing," she says.

Local farms will be integral partners, particularly D-Town Farm, the 7-acre farm owned and operated by DBCFSN. Dispersed throughout the farm are African proverbs that relate to food and the culture of farming. Phillips volunteered to work on the farm and is in awe of the vegetables growing there: potatoes, squash, zucchini, eggplants, spinach, lettuce, garlic, scapes, and more. The new grocery store will be a way to get more of that food deeper into the city and to the residents who need it.

Tirrea Billings, a filmmaker who is profiling D-Town Farm in an upcoming documentary, says spending a lot of time on the farm made her realize how vital it is for more Black people to take part in co-op grocery stores. "A group of people in a nation who can't feed themselves doesn't have a future, that's what one of the farmers at D-Town Farm told me," Billings says. "The new grocery store will be a huge asset for the city of Detroit."

And there are economic benefits. The Detroit People's Co-op is not just about having access to healthy food, Yakini says. He hopes the new grocery store will be an opportunity to increase Black ownership in the city.

"In most Black communities throughout the United States, other ethnic groups own most of the businesses," Yakini says. "And they function on an extractive basis as they take profits out of our community and circulate little of those profits to create jobs, wealth, and community empowerment."

So cooperative models like this are needed in which Black people have ownership and control of the stores in their communities and can share the wealth, he adds.

"Co-ops are one of the ways to do that," Yakini says.

Construction for the new grocery store is scheduled for March 2018. So far, the co-op has 140 member-owners, and Yakini says they aim to have 1,200 member-owners by the time it opens. He and the other DBCFSN members are holding community engagement meetings throughout the city that they expect will help meet their goal.

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The following ABC Greater Michigan Chapter member companies received awards in the following categories:

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The 2017 Excellence In Construction (EIC) awards were also presented at the evening’s event. A staple for chapters across the country, EIC recognizes the outstanding projects, craftsmanship and work that that member companies do. Projects were again this year submitted in a variety of categories. The following companies were awarded:

**New Construction Under \$1 Million**

Wolgast Corporation – Project: Flint YMCA Yurts

**New Construction Over \$10 Million**

Three Rivers Corporation – Project: MidMichigan Health Mt. Pleasant

**Addition/Renovation Under \$1 Million**

Three Rivers Corporation – Project: Helping Hands Dental

**New Construction \$1-5 Million**

Wolgast Corporation – Project: Forward Energy

**Electrical**

Consolidated Electrical Contractors – Project: The Outfields

The 2017 “Pete Crawford Memorial” Safety Leader of the Year award was presented to The Dow Chemical Company Vice President of Operations Canada and USA North and Site Director Michigan Operations, Rich Wells. Rich is a fitting recipient as he has championed the safety movement in the construction industry in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The evening wrapped up with keynote speaker, James R. Fitterling, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Dow Chemical Company.



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# DowDuPont Merger successfully completed

MIDLAND, Mich., and WILMINGTON, Del. - September 01, 2017 - DowDuPont™ (NYSE:DWDP) today announced the successful completion of the merger of equals between The Dow Chemical Company (“Dow”) and E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company (“DuPont”), effective Aug. 31, 2017. The combined entity is operating as a holding company under the name “DowDuPont™” with three divisions – Agriculture, Materials Science and Specialty Products.

Shares of DuPont and Dow ceased trading at the close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on Aug. 31, 2017. Beginning today, DowDuPont will start trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the stock ticker symbol “DWDP.” Pursuant to the merger agreement, Dow shareholders received a fixed exchange ratio of 1.00 share of DowDuPont for each Dow share, and DuPont shareholders received a fixed exchange ratio of 1.282 shares of DowDuPont for each DuPont share.

“Today marks a significant milestone in the storied histories of our two companies,” said Andrew Liveris, executive chairman of DowDuPont. “We are extremely excited to complete this transformational merger and move forward to create three intended industry-leading, independent, publicly traded companies. While our collective heritage and strength are impressive, the true value of this merger lies in the intended creation of three industry powerhouses that will define their markets and drive growth for the benefit of all stakeholders. Our teams have been working for more than a year on integration planning, and -- as of today -- we will hit the ground running on executing those plans with an intention to complete the separations as quickly as possible.”

“For shareholders, customers and employees, closing this transaction is a definitive step toward unlocking higher value and greater opportunities through a future built on sustainable growth and innovation,” said Ed Breen, chief executive officer of DowDuPont. “DowDuPont is a launching pad for three intended strong companies that will be better positioned to reinvest in science and innovation, solve our customers’ ever-evolving challenges, and generate long-term returns for our shareholders. With the merger now complete, our focus is on

finalizing the organizational structures that will be the foundations of these three intended strong companies and capturing the synergies to unlock value. With clear focus, market visibility and more productive R&D, each intended company will be equipped to compete successfully as an industry leader.”

## Board and Governance

The Board of Directors of DowDuPont comprises 16 members – eight directors formerly on the DuPont Board and eight directors formerly on the Dow Board. There are two lead directors: Jeffrey Fettig, who previously served as the lead independent director for Dow; and Alexander Cutler, who previously served as the lead independent director for DuPont. Liveris serves as the executive chairman of the Board and Breen also serves on the Board. Other Board members include:

### From Dow:

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Three Advisory Committees have been established by the DowDuPont Board, chartered to generally oversee the establishment of each of the Agriculture, Materials Science (Dow) and Specialty Products divisions in preparation for the separations. Additionally, each Advisory Committee will develop a capital structure in accordance with the guiding principles set forth in the Bylaws, and designate the future chief executive officer and leadership team of its respective intended company.

## DowDuPont Officers

As previously announced, DowDuPont will be led by a proven leadership team that reflects the strengths and capabilities of both companies. Along with Liveris and Breen, it includes the following executives:

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- Stacy Fox, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
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- James C. Collins, Jr., Chief Operating Officer for the Agriculture Division
- Jim Fitterling, Chief Operating Officer for the Materials Science Division
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To learn more about the DowDuPont merger visit: <http://www.dow.com/en-us/news/press-releases/dowdupont-merger-successfully-completed>

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## Dow Event Center and Huntington Event Park Guests Greeted with New Security Policy

The next time you head to an event at The Dow Event Center or Huntington Event Park in downtown Saginaw, you might want to give yourself a little extra time to arrive early. On September 7th, the facilities are unveiled new heightened security protocols.

Each year, over 300,000 people go to The Dow Event Center and Huntington Event Park for concerts, sporting events, conferences, VIP events, and more. The attendance has reached over 3 million patrons in the 12+ years SMG has managed The Dow Event Center venue. In an effort to help continue to keep those individuals safe, guests will be greeted with new metal detectors and an updated list of prohibited items not allowed inside. "Enhanced security procedures are becoming more common in venues across the country. The safety of each guest who enters The Dow Event Center or Huntington Event Park is our top priority," said General Manager Matt Blasy. "These changes are part of our comprehensive security plan to enhance the safety of our fans, employees, and artists."

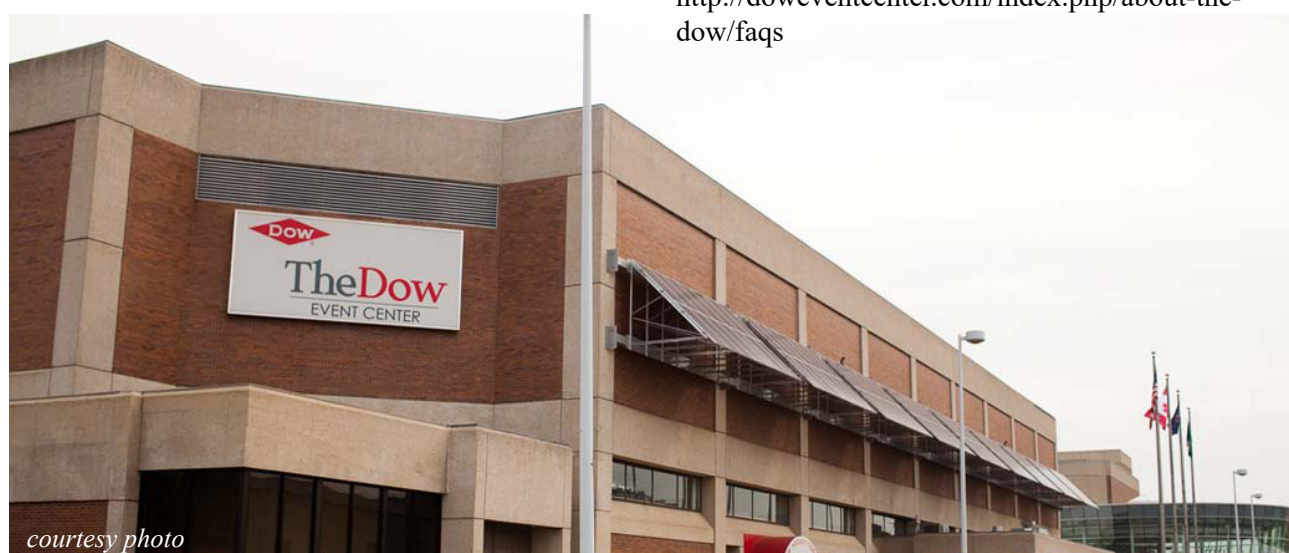
The new enhancements will include walk-through metal detectors at entrances and size restrictions on all bags brought into the building. Medical related items will be allowed, and so will service dogs, but the backpacks and overly large purses or bags will need to stay at home. There is a new strict policy that you will not be allowed to bring in any bags

larger than 14 inches by 14 inches by 6 inches. Guests with bags larger than the allotted size or any items that are not allowed into the venue, will be asked to take them back to their vehicle since The Dow Event Center and Huntington Event Park is unable to store over-sized or prohibited items. Guests have the right to refuse a bag search and the venue has the right to refuse entry.

Saginaw Spirit President, Craig Goslin said, "As we approach our 16th season in Saginaw, a superior fan experience is the goal of the Saginaw Spirit Hockey Club. Safety for our patrons at Saginaw Spirit games is of utmost importance to all of us and we are very pleased that the Dow Event Center Management is taking this very important step to ensure just that."

The annual economic impact of the Dow Event Center, Huntington Event Park; along with the Saginaw Spirit in the Great Lakes Bay Region is over \$20 million. "Our main goal is to ensure the fans we love are able to travel to the area, have an enjoyable time while here and return home safely to their families after each event. These increased security measures not only help us to do just that but also are essential to protecting the region for the continual benefit of its residents and the travel and tourism industry." said Marketing Manager, Suzanne Sharp.

For full details of the security policy, please visit: <http://doweventcenter.com/index.php/about-the-dow/faqs>



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## 1st State Bank - 13th Annual Ruby Award



1st State Bank is now seeking nominations to Recognize the Upward, Bright and Young. Since 2005, the RUBY Award has recognized 138 young people based on their professional achievements and the impact they have on our community.

Recipients will be profiled in the Great Lakes Bay Business Magazine and will be celebrated at the awards event in early 2018.

To be eligible, nominees must be 39 or younger as of December 31, 2017. Nominees must either work or live in Saginaw, Bay or Midland County. Nominations must be received by November 3, 2017.

Online Nomination forms are available at [www.1ststatebk.com/ruby-award-nomination](http://www.1ststatebk.com/ruby-award-nomination)

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We encourage you to be proactive and share the value of your work with your community. Let people know how your organization relates to matters that are dominating public discussion. Think of it this way: most people want to know what they can do. If your organization makes a difference in the lives of people impacted by natural disasters, racism, white supremacy, and/or immigration policy you need to let people know.

Whether you define an event as “good” or “bad” be prepared to communicate on social media, in print, and on TV and radio. You are a subject matter expert. You are constantly involved in activities related to these current events. And yes, donations to your organization can make a difference now and in the future. Don’t be afraid to communicate and to ask.

But you have to be prepared. Here are ten suggestions:

1. Proactively create an advisory group to provide ethical guidance.
2. Make sure your board, advisors and staff agree with “hot-topic” talking points.
3. Make sure your overall communications plan includes specific messages that can be used during a time when public attention focuses on work related to your nonprofit.
4. Determine who is the one person to speak to the press.

5. Make sure that talking points are up-to-date.
6. Provide your spokesperson with data and stories to counter false information.
7. Be prepared to move quickly with an email campaign, online giving, press releases, and direct mail.
8. As appropriate, be prepared to call a press conference. Know who within the media to reach out to and who will be available to answer questions.
9. Review your media kit. Make sure your website has a media section with current information about the people you serve, the history of your organization, data related to the need your nonprofit addresses. Make it easy for media sources to easily draw on your organization’s expertise.
10. If you outsource your marketing and communications, talk with your consultant or firm to put a plan in place.

Don’t let your lack of readiness turn into lost opportunities when current events are before you. Stay proactive and stay current.



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# SVSU first in the nation to offer students Healthcare Financial Professional Certification

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Saginaw Valley State University has become the first university in the nation to offer the Certified Healthcare Financial Professional credential when school leaders incorporate this certification into the curriculum this fall. The certification is available to those studying in SVSU's Master of Science in Health Administration and Leadership program.

The certification is made available in collaboration with the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), a national membership organization for healthcare finance professionals.

HFMA President and CEO Joseph J. Fifer, FHFMA, CPA, said the certification program is geared toward healthcare professionals, including clinical and nonclinical leaders, who are seeking to understand the new financial realities of health care.

"In my previous position in a healthcare system, physicians often approached me with questions about financial issues," Fifer said. "I spoke with them one-on-one because there was no structure for this. There is a tremendous unmet need for education in this area for all types of clinicians, and this certification program addresses that."

Marilyn Skrocki, an SVSU professor of health sciences and coordinator of the university's Master of Science in Health Administration and Leadership Program, said the certification will differentiate graduates of the master's degree program and "provide them with the enhanced skills and confidence needed to work in today's dynamic healthcare environment."

The certification program reflects a broad range

of business and financial skills. The certification designation is geared toward clinical and health plan leaders as well as finance professionals, including both experienced leaders and those who are new to the field. The program includes two online learning modules that highlight the shift from volume to value in care delivery. The program also features coursework on the intersection among financial data, clinical decision-making, and health plan activities. The certification exam is self-administered online through HFMA.

**Learn more about the Certified Healthcare Financial Professional Certification at [www.svsu.edu](http://www.svsu.edu).**

# 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](mailto:scimath@delta.edu) or calling 989-686-9245.**

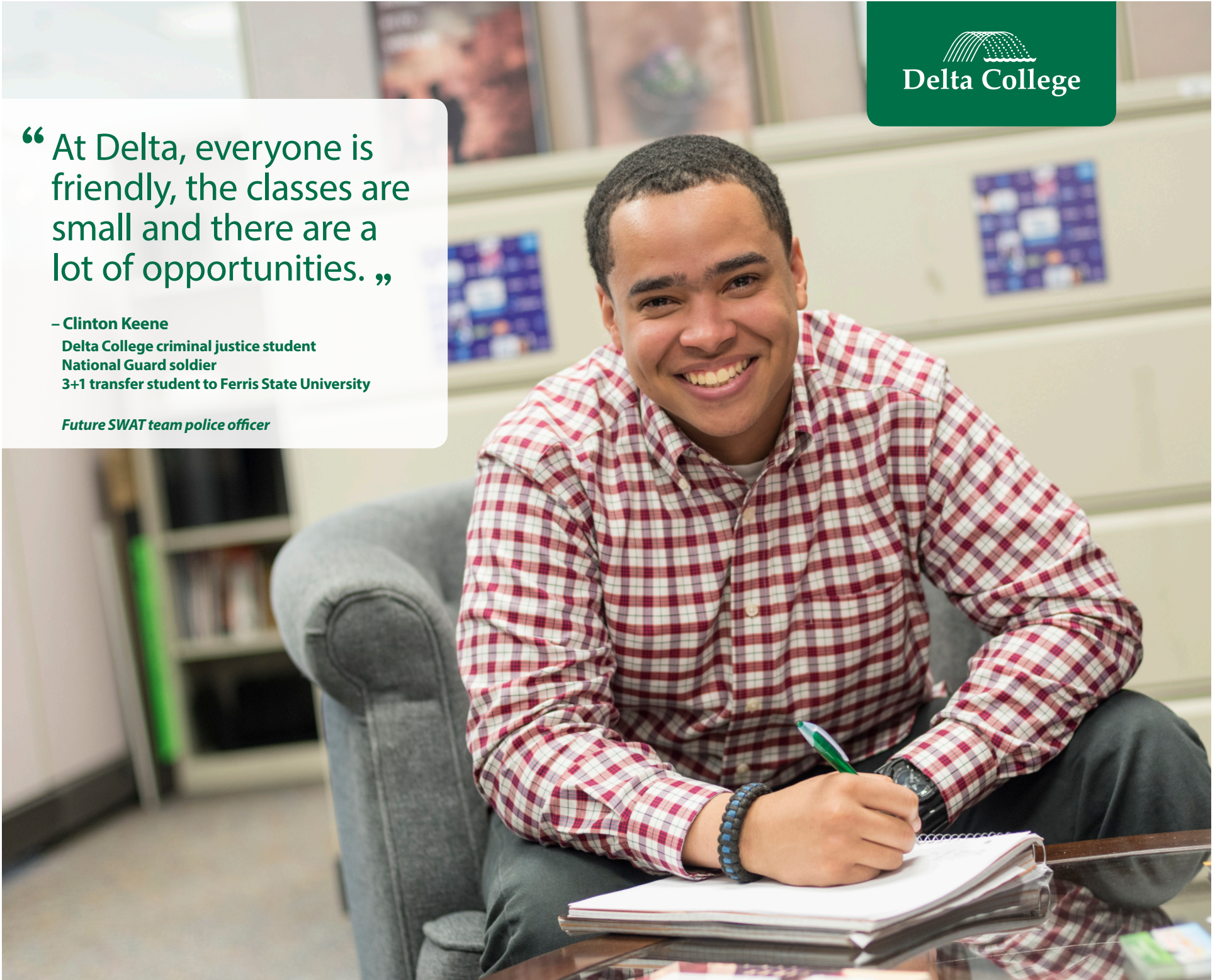




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# Kettering University students learn case-study method at Harvard Business School

*Pardeep Toor*

Four Kettering University students -- Demetri Blackwood '20, Harschal Patel '19, Faybiana Walker '19 and Daniel Gurizzian '20 -- traveled to Harvard University in June 2017 to participate in residential pre-MBA workshops at Harvard Business School (HBS).

Blackwood, Patel and Gurizzian participated in Peek Weekend -- an educational experience designed for college students to increase their knowledge and insight into the MBA degree.

"I learned a lot about Harvard and what a great name Kettering has there," Blackwood said. "Kettering has a really good name because of the co-op program and how we design leaders. A lot of people were astonished that we had co-op built into our curriculum."

The three-day program exposed students to Harvard's case-study method of teaching. The method presents real-life business scenarios to students the night before class and then encourages spirited in-class discussions the following day. The cases were in the fields of leadership, strategy, organizational behavior, finance and accounting.

Students received the cases at 9 p.m. the night before class.

"It was a whirlwind of a weekend," Gurizzian said. "We didn't get much sleep."

This was the first time all four students were introduced to the case study method.

"I learned that the HBS MBA program has the ability to engage students in a fluid manner," Patel said. "The case method allows you to express your personal thoughts, while still collectively analyzing the case study with your cohort. This experience truly showed that we can learn the most from each other."



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Kettering students also had the opportunity to learn from and network with current HBS students as well as program alumni. The alumni are currently employed by leading companies such as Apple and Facebook. Networking with alumni expanded the possibilities of the students' current engineering degrees.

"The program made me reflect on what more I can do," Walker said. "I need to broaden my horizons. I'm learning engineering skills at Kettering but I need to learn more. I need to expand my knowledge to become a leader in the future."

Walker participated in the weeklong Summer Venture and Management program. She studied three cases per day while attending program socials and networking events. As an Industrial Engineering major, Walker thrived when studying operations cases and realized that she needs to enhance her knowledge in finance and accounting.

All four students are now interested in pursuing graduate school after graduating from Kettering. They all specifically expressed interest in attending HBS. However, between now and then, they are focused on bringing what they learned at Harvard back to Kettering in order to maximize their undergraduate experiences.

"I learned how to make decisions with constraint," Blackwood said. "I've learned that you're not going

to have all the information to make the perfect decision. Sometimes you have to make the decision without all the information but you can still do it rationally. Being a leader means you have to be decisive and know how to make decisions with confidence."

After the experience at HBS, Gurizzian is planning on pursuing an applied Mathematics minor to go along with his Mechanical Engineering major in order to expand his professional opportunities after Kettering.

Blackwood is excited to challenge himself by participating in campus groups that are outside his comfort zone while Walker has gained confidence with the knowledge that pursuing graduate studies at Harvard is now possible and attainable.

All four students experienced both professional and personal transformations that they feel will remain with them for a long time to come.

"One takeaway from my Peek Weekend experience at Harvard Business School would be to consistently strive to make the people around me better," Patel said. "I plan to apply this for the duration of my time at Kettering, in my career, and in life moving forward."



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## Bows to Bones Exhibition at Andersen Enrichment Center

A Photographic Exhibition of the Musicians of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra is on display now through November 3, 2017. This exhibition features a series of sixteen simplistic, black and white images by professional photographer Gregg Barckholtz. The exhibition is on display at the Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust, across from Ojibway Island in Saginaw. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bows to Bones was born out of Gregg Barckholtz's love of music and his desire to capture the musician's oneness with their instrument. Using the tried and true form of black and white photography, from the depth of the fine paper comes the reflection of the musician and their instrument. The instruments contain all the wonderful ingredients that every photograph needs: line, design and composition.

The musician provides the connection that is the soul of the photograph by the way they gracefully hold their instruments, their life story in their hands. "Magic, it just seems to happen every time I photograph a musician with his or her instrument," says Gregg.

"My hope is that this series will put a face to the Saginaw Bay Symphony," Gregg said "like baseball trading cards help the young connect to the sport. I hope this exhibition is a new connection for you, that you will enjoy my images, and that they may drive you to take in a concert to see and hear these talented musicians perform."

Gregg Barckholtz, an award winning photographer, began his career in 1980 when he opened Portraits by Gregg in St. Charles, Michigan, later building his

current studio on Midland Road in Saginaw. He earned his Master of Photography degree from the Professional Photographers of America, was named Michigan Photographer of the Year 6 times, Mid-East States Photographer of the Year, and has lectured as far away as the Philippines. Gregg's private collection has been on display at the Saginaw Art Museum during his time as an Artist in Residence, he has had exhibits at Studio 23 in Bay City and Andersen Enrichment Center among others. Gregg has photographed over 10,000 sessions in the Great Lakes Bay Region, sessions that ranged from newborns to graduating seniors, to the President of Dow Chemical, to a portrait of Congressman David Camp.

## The Flint Institute of Arts presents the 10th Annual Art on Tap Beer Tasting



The Flint Institute of Arts presents the 10th Annual Art on Tap Beer Tasting on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

As a well-rounded event, the FIA's 10th Annual Beer Tasting Event is sure to create a night to remember. The night's musical guest, country, rockabilly, blues, and bluegrass band, The Genesee Ramblers, are sure to uplift any Art on Tap patron with original songs and covers of your old favorites. As a compliment to your palette

while tasting, Executive Chef Antwain Trimble of the FIA's own Palette Café and Catering will create an exquisite spread of beer cuisine to treat your tastebuds.

During the event, Michigan Hot Glass will be on site blowing glass, creating some exquisite pieces as a preview of what the FIA will be unveiling in early 2018 with the grand opening of the eagerly awaited Glass Blowing Studio and Demonstration Space! A silent auction will take place during the event where patrons can bid on a wheelbarrow of beer that will

come from each brewery represented at the event totaling roughly 100 individual brands and flavors.

Early Access VIP is available from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm and features all Main Event perks plus exclusive beers for the ultimate beer sampling experience.

Art on Tap is presented in partnership with John P. O'Sullivan Distributing, Inc. & Fabiano Brothers, Inc. For additional information visit [www.flintarts.org/events/special-events/beer-tasting](http://www.flintarts.org/events/special-events/beer-tasting).



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### Activity choices for September 2 – 29:

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**Now What?** – In this interactive game, visitors use their problem-solving skills (and senses of humor) to answer the question, Now what?

Activities change on a regular basis, ensuring that regular visitors have something new to explore.

For more information visit <http://www.mcfta.org/alden-b-dow-museum-of-science-and-art/current-exhibitions/smithsonian-sparklab/>

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## YMCA of Saginaw and the Boys & Girls Club of the GLB region partner on KidsCampUs

A new school year is filled with potential—a chance to start new routines and habits, build new friendships and discover new possibilities and interests. It's an exciting time for many kids, however—at the end of the school day, 11.3 million kids head to homes where they are unsupervised from 3 to 6 p.m. according to Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness organization. As children transition from summer to fall, the YMCA of Saginaw and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region have partnered to provide programs to school-aged children throughout the region to keep youth active, busy and engaged during out-of-school time. Through a well-rounded approach to youth development, the KidsCampUs afterschool and educational program and activities offer a caring and safe environment during the critical hours after school. Whether through sports, mentorship, or academic support, the Y and the Boys & Girls Clubs nurtures the potential of all youth throughout the school year.

“One in five children do not have someone to care for them after school, an essential time to help increase children's success in school,” said Doug Temple, Director of Membership / Marketing, YMCA of Saginaw. “Afterschool at the Y is an opportunity for families to ensure their kids are receiving additional support, continued learning and a chance to participate in meaningful activities that can inspire children's motivations and abilities to succeed. New for 2017 is the KidsCampUs program where community partner, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region will be leading the after school endeavors.”

Located at 1915 Fordney Street within the YMCA of Saginaw, afterschool and structured programs will be delivered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region from Monday thru Friday from 3:00pm to 6:30pm at a cost of just \$25 annually and no one is turned away for the inability to pay.

For youth looking to explore their interest in sports, swim and camp the Y has created a youth program membership which gives youth special pricing. Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the Y.

**For more information on the YMCA of Saginaw and Camp Timbers, visit their website at [www.saginawymca.org](http://www.saginawymca.org) and for Afterschool and Educational Programs visit the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region at [www.boysandgirlsclubsGLBR.com](http://www.boysandgirlsclubsGLBR.com)**

## Stars to run nightline bus route for 2017-18 school year

After a successful pilot last spring, the Nightline bus service is a go for the entire 2017-2018 school year. The Nightline runs from 9pm to 2am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Fares are \$1.50, but students with an SVSU student ID ride the line for free. The route runs hourly and starts at the SVSU Student Center and then heads to Meijer and other businesses on the Tittabawassee corridor, the Dow and Saginaw's downtown area, Saginaw's Old Town district, then heading north on Bay back to the Tittabawassee corridor before returning to SVSU. The bus service is aimed at safe access to Saginaw night life for students and the general public.

To promote the service, STARS is giving away free \$20 value cards to the first ten riders on Thursday,

September 14. The \$20 value cards are good for any STARS services, including fixed bus routes, STARS Express 24/7 dial-a-ride, or STARS LIFT.

Steffens said, “This service serves hits economic and local business support – we're getting students out to check out businesses in Saginaw for the first time in many cases. Safety – we all can agree that responsible transportation options are important. City growth – as students see there is plenty to do in Saginaw, they will be more inclined to move here permanently. The Nightline is not just an entertainment and dining bus route. It's a seed. I look forward to see what it grows into.”

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(STARS) and Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) have brought together various partners to cover the cost of the service, and the partnerships continue to grow. “That means it's fully paid for,” pointed out Glenn Steffens, STARS Executive Director, adding, “This service comes at no cost to the STARS city millage, because those who want to see it happen – including the SVSU Student Association – are putting up the money for it. No city millage dollars pay for this needed service.” Current partners for the year-long project include the SVSU Student Association, SVSU, and the Kochville DDA, but Steffens says you can expect that list to grow.

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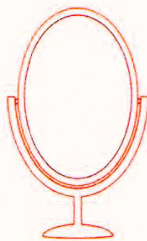
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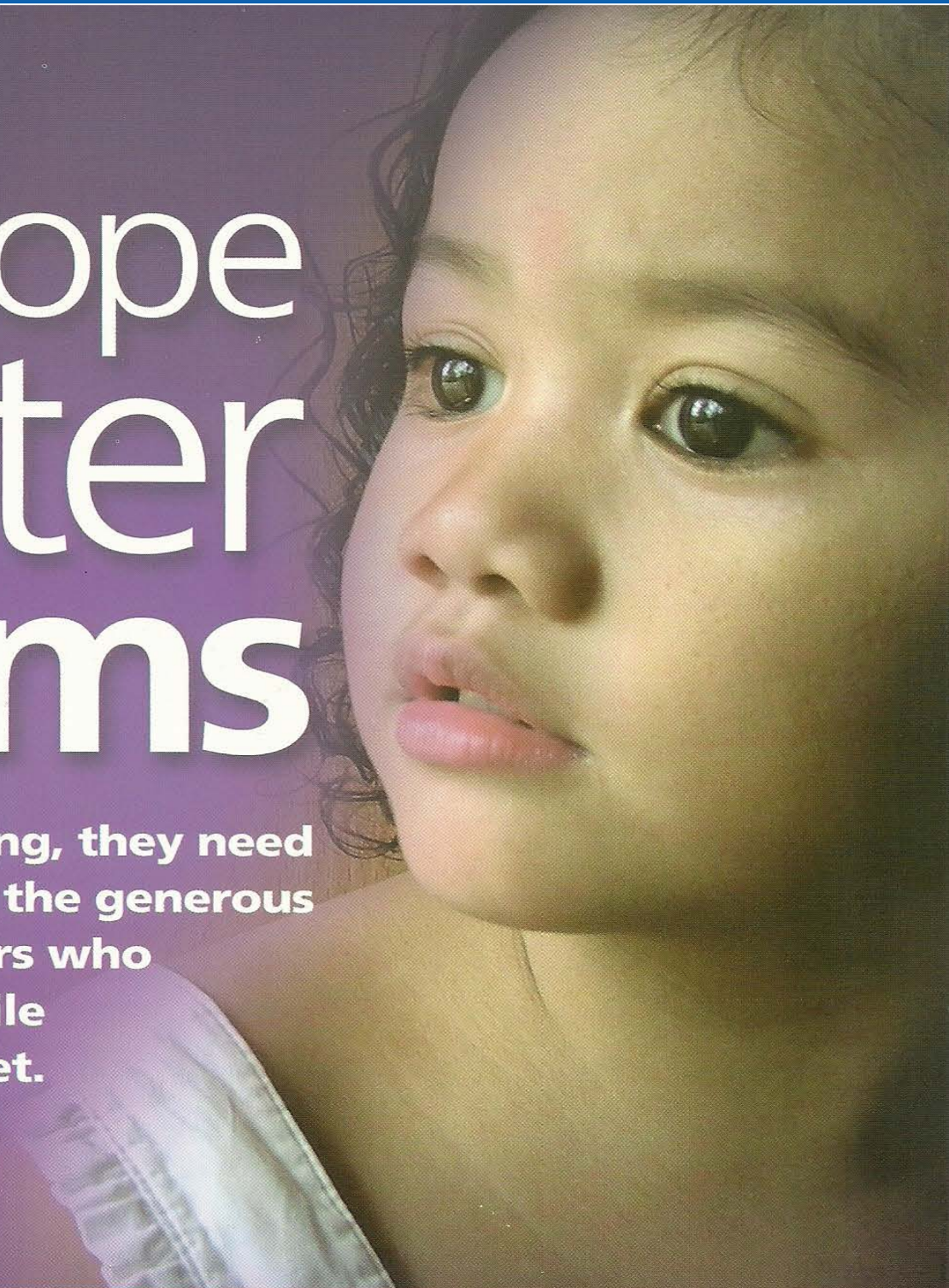
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*Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist*

While many of us look forward to Friday, with its end-of-the-workweek designation and our weekend plans, certain cultures consider it an unlucky day.

While superstitions play an important part in the Friday the 13th jitters, we offer a different approach to this “unlucky” day with 13 fearless things to know about your Social Security number and card.

1. Your Social Security number is your link to Retirement or Disability benefits since we use it to record your wages and earnings.
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## Congressman Dan Kildee announces new Federal grant supporting 25 Americorps



*courtesy photo*

WASHINGTON – Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today announced that 25 new AmeriCorps VISTA members will be serving in the Flint Community Schools thanks to a federal grant through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The \$449,512 federal grant, awarded to the Crim Fitness Foundation, will support 25 AmeriCorps VISTA members serving in the Flint Community School Corps in before and after-school programs. Additionally, the Crim Fitness Foundation will match a portion of this federal grant with \$61,413 for the program.

“Every child, no matter the zip code they are born into, deserves an equal opportunity to succeed,” Congressman Kildee said. “National service programs like AmeriCorps VISTA are helping Flint kids improve their academic performance. I am proud to support national service programs that help to create more opportunity for Flint kids and create better environments for learning. I am also grateful to the Crim Fitness Foundation for their investment in this program and all of their work

to help our community recover from the ongoing water crisis.”

Created in 1965, AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program designed to reduce poverty in America. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full-time for one year at non-profit organizations, faith-based institutions, or local government agencies, multiplying their impact and building their capacity to carry out essential projects.

The Flint Community School Corps program is in all eleven Flint Community Schools and helps to improve academic performance through a well-rounded education. The new AmeriCorps VISTA members will be providing before, after-school and summer learning activities for students in grades K-12, including mentoring, tutoring, health education and sports-based development. Members will also be working to connect Flint families with wrap-around services to connect parents and kids with community support programs.

“The Crim Fitness Foundation is proud to host more than 60 National Service members each year. Our VISTA members are critical to our Flint Community School Corps program that is working to reintroduce the Community Education model into the Flint Community Schools,” said Gerry Myers, CEO of the Crim Fitness Foundation.

Since January 2016, CNCS has invested critical national service resources to support Flint as it responds to the water crisis. Now more than 120 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members have been involved providing aid to the community. The members’ service spans many areas including educating residents on using water filters, providing information on healthcare and nutrition, assisting with donations management and helping residents access wrap-around services.

## City of Midland Issues PSA Regarding Flood-Damaged Furnaces

The City of Midland has issued a public service announcement to residents regarding the repair of furnaces damaged in the June 2017 flooding event.

The City of Midland has received several calls and questions concerning permits for the replacement or repair of furnaces that were damaged or destroyed during the recent flood event. Some callers have reported that contractors have advised them that repairs to furnaces are not permitted and a new furnace must therefore be installed. To clarify, there is no ordinance or code in place that would prohibit a furnace unit damaged in the June of 2017 flood from being repaired. No permit is required for such repairs.

Should a furnace require replacement, the State of Michigan Building Code does require residents to obtain a permit for that installation. The City encourages residents to contact a licensed contractor to assess their individual units to determine whether a repair or replacement is warranted.

Any questions related to building permits and regulations should be directed to the City Building Department at 989-837-3383.

For more information on registering for federal disaster aid, flood damage repairs, and other programs and resources available to flooding victims, visit <http://bit.ly/midlandflood>. Residents with any type of flood damage should register with FEMA by October 2, 2017 at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

# Saginaw Spirit sends five players to NHL Camps

SAGINAW, Mich. – The Saginaw Spirit will be missing five key members of their team for the foreseeable future as goaltender Evan Cormier, right wing Cole Coskey, defenseman Marcus Crawford, center Brady Gilmour, and defenseman Keaton Middleton will take part in various NHL main camps during the month of September.

Cormier, 20, enters his fourth season with the Spirit and fifth in the Ontario Hockey League when the 2017-18 season begins. The New Jersey Devils selected Cormier in the fourth round, 105th overall, in the 2016 NHL Draft. The Bowmanville, Ontario native will skate in his second main camp with the Devils organization. At the conclusion of the Spirit's 2016-17 season, he was retained by Devils AHL affiliate in Albany, but did not appear in any games.

The New Jersey Devils will compete in the 2017 Prospects Challenge at Buffalo, New York's HarborCenter, home of the 2017 OHL Pre-season Showcase, from Sept. 8th – 11th. Joining the Devils at the 2017 Prospects Challenge are the Buffalo Sabres, Boston Bruins, and Pittsburgh Penguins.

Both Keaton Middleton and Cole Coskey will compete for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 2017 Rookie Tournament taking place at the Ricoh Coliseum, home of their AHL affiliate Toronto Marlies, in Toronto, Ontario from Sept. 8th – 10th. Joining the Leafs in the tournament are the Ottawa Senators and Montreal Canadiens.

Middleton, 19, enters his fourth year with the Spirit and fourth in the Ontario Hockey League. The Toronto Maple Leafs selected Middleton in the fourth round, 101st overall, in the 2016 NHL Draft. Middleton is coming off of his most prolific year scoring for the Spirit, notching 18 points last season, while punishing opponents with his physical style of defense. This is Middleton's second main camp with the Leafs.



*courtesy photo*

Coskey, 18, is embarking on his third season with the Saginaw Spirit in 2017-18. The Zion, Illinois native nearly tripled his point outpoint from his rookie season, putting up 31 points last year for the club. Though undrafted, the Leafs have extended an invitation to the dynamic winger to compete in the 2017 Rookie Tournament.

Brady Gilmour and Marcus Crawford will take part in main camp for the Detroit Red Wings, with Brady Gilmour joining the team for the 2017 NHL Prospect Tournament held at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City, Michigan from Sept. 8th – 12th. Joining the Red Wings at the 2017 NHL Prospect tournament are Spirit prospect Martin Necas and the Carolina Hurricanes, Chicago Blackhawks, Alum Hayden Hodgson and the Columbus Blue Jackets, Dallas Stars, Minnesota Wild, New York Rangers, and St. Louis Blues.

Gilmour, 18, enters his third year with the Spirit in 2017-18 after being the highest scoring returner from last season's roster (47 pts.). The Grafton, Ontario native was selected by the Detroit Red Wings in the seventh round, 193rd overall, in the 2017 NHL Draft. This is the first Red Wings main camp for Gilmour.

Crawford, 20, enters his fourth season with the Spirit and fourth season in the OHL. Crawford

eclipsed a career-high in points last season with 39, second on the team amongst defenseman. The Ajax, Ontario native will report to Traverse City for Detroit Red Wings main camp on Sept. 15. After NHL camps with Ottawa in 2015 and New Jersey in 2016, this will be Marcus Crawford's third NHL camp.

Joining Gilmour and Crawford at Detroit Red Wings camp will be alumni Dylan Sadowy and Filip Hronek.

Sadowy, 21, spent nearly four seasons with the Spirit from 2012-2016. The Woodbridge, Ontario native finished his Spirit career as the team's 12th highest scorer (152 pts.) in the team's 16-year history. Sadowy spent the 2016-17 season split between the Toledo Walleye (ECHL) and Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL), but was a part of the Griffins Calder Cup Championship run.

Hronek, 19, was taken in the second round, 53rd overall, in the 2016 NHL Draft. Hronek led the Spirit in scoring amongst defenseman with 61 points in 59 games. The Byst, Czech Republic native finished the season with the Grand Rapids Griffins appearing in 10 games. Hronek dressed in two playoff games for the Griffins, and was, along with Sadowy, part of the 2016-17 Calder Cup Championship run.

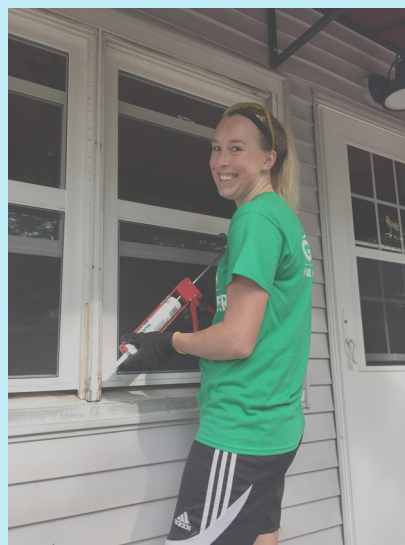
The Spirit continue their pre-season schedule on Friday, Sept. 15 hosting the Flint Firebirds at The Dow Event Center. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

**The 2017-18 home opener is set for Sat. Sept. 23, hosting the London Knights at The Dow Event Center. For tickets and more information, call (989) 497-7747 or visit [www.saginawspirit.com](http://www.saginawspirit.com)**



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# Heartbreak to End the Season

*Great Lakes Loons falls short of first winning record since 2011*



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MIDLAND, Mich. - The bases were loaded with two outs in the bottom of the 9th inning. Everything was in place for a dramatic end to the season, but a ground out to third base from longtime Great Lakes Loons catcher Stevie Berman ended the threat and the Loons season finished with a 10-8 defeat to the Lake County Captains on Monday afternoon.

Despite winning the first two games of the series, the Loons still needed a Labor Day win to complete the sweep and guarantee a winning record for the campaign. With the loss, Great Lakes finishes the season with a 69-70 record while welcoming 202,433 through the gates at Dow Diamond for the year.

With neither team qualifying for the Midwest League Playoffs, both knew these would be the final three games of their 2017 seasons which made for high-scoring, free-flowing baseball. In the series, the teams combined for 44 runs on 65 hits.

Seven extra-base hits came from the Loons in the finale with Cody Thomas and Moises Perez each going 3-for-4. Perez supplied some of the power with a double, triple and two runs batted in. Jeren Kendall also had a double and triple.

The Loons made their play for victory two different times. Trailing 6-3 heading into the bottom of the 6th inning they clobbered four extra-base hits in the frame to plate four runs and take a 7-6 lead. Then after Lake County had stormed back to take the lead heading into the 9th, Gavin Lux scored on Kendall's triple to make it 10-8 before the Loons loaded the bases in one last gasp.

Lake County had six different players with two hits as they racked up 14 hits in the game. Emmanuel Tapia was one of them as he went 2-for-5, including his franchise-record 29th home run of the season. Tapia also finished as the MWL home run champion.

Melvin Jimenez was perfect in his start for the Loons going three innings not allowing a baserunner and striking out four batters. Colby Nealy (L, 0-1) took the loss while Alsis Herrera (W, 6-2) and Dalbert Siri (SV, 14) rounded out the pitching decisions.

With that, the 11th season of Loons baseball comes to a close. Opening Day will take place on Thursday, April 5, 2018, against the Lansing Lugnuts at Dow Diamond.

The Great Lakes Loons are the 2016 Midwest League Champions and have been a Single-A partner of the Los Angeles Dodgers since 2007. Dow Diamond, home of the Loons, also houses ESPN 100.9-FM and the Michigan Baseball Foundation. For tickets and more information about the Loons, call 989-837-BALL or visit Loons.com.

## Seen on the Scene: JaVale McGee returns to Flint with NBA championship trophy

On September 6, Golden State Warriors center and Flint native, JaVale McGee returned to his old stomping grounds at the International Academy of Flint. McGee was celebrated with assemblies at local schools, a parade down Saginaw Street, and a program outside City Hall, where Flint Mayor Karen Weaver proclaimed Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, JaVale McGee Day.





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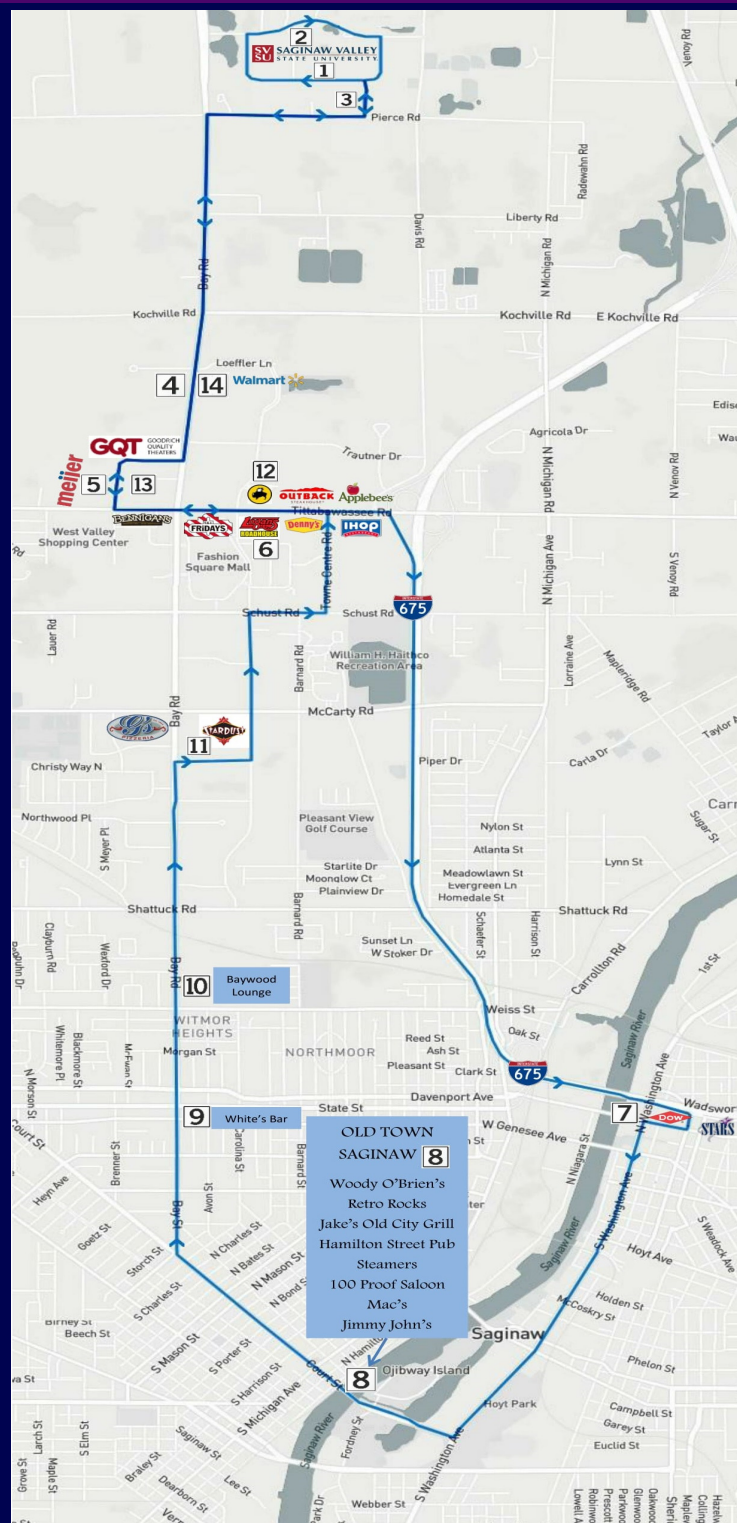
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- 7: Dow Center on the :20's
- 8: Old Town (Court/Mich) on the :25's
- 9: White's Bar on the :35's
- 10: Baywood Lounge on the :37's
- 11: Stardust & G's Pizzeria on the :40's
- 12: N. Side Tittabawassee on the :45's
- 13: Meijer/Theater on the :47's
- 14: WalMart (E. Side Bay) on the :50's

END: SVSU STUDENT CENTER





## PIC OF THE WEEK

**Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Kloc, Councilwoman Brenda Moore and Councilman Clint Bryant attend Michigan Municipal League's 2017 Convention**



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Members of Saginaw's city council attended the Michigan Municipal League's 2017 Convention in Holland, MI from September 13-15. The Michigan Municipal League is dedicated to making Michigan's communities better by thoughtfully innovating programs, energetically connecting ideas and people, actively serving members with resources and services, and passionately inspiring positive change for Michigan's greatest centers of potential: its communities.





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