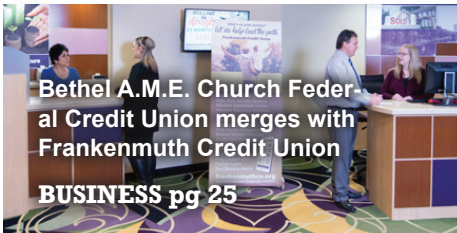


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Trailblazing retired Navy captain to speak at SVSU



A military veteran who retired as the highest-ranking African-American woman in U.S. Navy history will talk about her career as a trailblazer during a visit to Saginaw Valley State University.

Gail Harris, a retired U.S. Navy captain, will deliver her address, titled "Take Command and Win," Thursday, March 14, at 5 p.m. in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room A at SVSU. The event is free and open to the public.

Harris was the first woman in U.S. Navy history to serve as an intelligence officer in a Navy aviation squadron. Harris, who served from 1973-2001, made ground-

breaking strides for women and persons of color in the Navy, often serving as the "first" of every post she accepted in the military.

"We are extremely honored to welcome the highly-decorated Capt. Harris to SVSU," said Bethany Alford, director of the university's Military Student Affairs office. "She is a true pioneer in the Naval community. We are very fortunate to hear about her experiences firsthand."

Harris earned honors of distinction during her career in the military. She received the Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, as well as the Navy Commendation Medal three times. Harris' story has been profiled by international TV networks including BBC and Fox News.

During Harris' visit to SVSU, she also will meet with student groups including individuals affiliated with the military.

Her visit to SVSU is sponsored by SVSU's offices of Multicultural Student Affairs, Military Student Affairs, Residential Life, and Student Life.

For more information on the event, please contact SVSU's Multicultural Student Affairs office at (989) 964-7090.



CHIEF: New Indian League of Nations Chief Magistrate for Michigan

By Joann L. Washington

If you walk down Church street, on any given morning, you can't help but to think, you have stumble into a forgotten paradise, some kind of hidden lost world. It literally takes your breath away. You find yourself, doing a double-take, at all the stunning eye-popping colors of the many flowers, profuse, and heady, all doing their natures best, to out shine the other. If you can make it a few feet down the block, without tripping over your feet, to the double hoop-houses, you will find rows of beans, all types of greens, water melons, pumpkins, squash, bell peppers, hot peppers, tomatoes, lettuce, beets, onions, garlic, sage, rosemary, basil, sweet potatoes, and over 30 blue berry trees, not to mention gaggles of fresh mouth-watering and scrumptious strawberries in the heart of spring. There you will find a woman, outfitted in her

garden gear and a smile to go! She works from sunup to sundown most days.

But she is never too busy to wave at passer-byers, or give a neighbor a helping-hand, or just talk to strangers, that happened to go astray. This is just how she rolls. She's known around the neighborhood as simply Diane, but its more to this master gardener than meets the eye. Mrs. Diane Hoye is the newly appointed Chief Magistrate for the League of Indian Nations of North America. She is the appointed Magistrate for all Michigan Territories. One of her leadership responsibilities is to be an Ambassador of goodwill, civic outreach services and understanding between the US and Canada, to introduce tripartite projects in: Education (building partnerships with schools and leading institutions in higher education, like Michigan State), Ancestry Awareness and Living Healthy, supporting

Detroit's inner-city communities and beyond.

"My Native-American roots have been systematically suppressed for too long, through the most part lack of knowledge and unfortunately embarrassment and miscommunication," says Diane. The premise of this international initiative is to promote candid dialogue, and within time, begin the healing process and learn to embrace our full multi-cultural heritage.

Diane is a member of the Five Civilized Native-American Tribes: the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole. Her Native-American Choctaw and Cherokee heritage runs deep and pure, as she and her family has made sowing back to the earth their life's mission with

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He has also appeared on many major television programs nationally, such as "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," "Real Time with Bill Maher," "The Today Show" and "Good Morning America."



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

He has won many prestigious honors, including an American Book Award and two NAACP Image Awards. Ebony magazine also named him one of the 100 most influential African Americans, and one of the 150 most powerful blacks in the nation.

Along with these accolades, he has taught at well-known universities across the country, including Brown University, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Columbia University and The University of Pennsylvania.

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Hello gentlemen,

On behalf of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra and Wildfire Credit Union, we would like to remind you about the return of our fun-filled, entertaining event, "These Men Can Cook!" As the event name indicates, we're looking for a large group of men who would love the opportunity to show off their cooking skills for the chance to win the title. Many of the chefs from previous years are already signing up for the 2019 event and we'd love to have you on board!

As one of our chefs, your responsibility would be to prepare one of your favorite dishes and then serve it to guests attending the **April 11th event at Apple Mountain Resort in Saginaw**. We're planning on hosting approximately 200 guests, but don't worry about feeding the masses! As each chef will only be sharing a "taste" of their best dish, you would need to plan on preparing a minimum of 30 sample servings of your recipe.

You and the other chefs will have stations set-up to serve your food and are encouraged to decorate them to your own specific style or to indicate the type of cuisine you will be serving! Your recipe will be included in the commemorative "These Men Can Cook" digital cookbook so you can share your incredible dishes with those in attendance!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, April 11th, 2019
Location: Apple Mountain Resort
Time: 5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Conversation
6:00 p.m. Parade of Chefs
6:15 p.m. Food Tasting & Festivities
7:45 p.m. Voting Ends & Counting Begins
8:30 p.m. Trophy Presentation

If you're interested in being involved, simply click on the link and fill out the information below! We encourage our chefs to invite their friends to sign up as well.

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- Building Bridges Award
- Hispanic Business of the Year
- Hispanic Businessperson of the Year
- Most Promising Hispanic Business
- Non-Profit Champion Award
- Young Professional of the Year Award

On this dazzling night, we celebrate the award recipients, all those nominated, and the wonderful success the WMHCC and its many members found in 2018.

Program Timeline:

6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. - Registration and Networking
6:50 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Dinner and Annual Award Ceremony

Parking:

Parking is available at the JW Marriott Ramp or by using the valet service provided by the hotel at either entrances. Special rates for the event are \$8 for the ramp and \$15 for valet parking. Please make sure to bring your ticket with you so it can be validated for the event rates.

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Events are at the heart of fundraising. These can be grand in scale, marketed as an annual gala. or they may take the form of a smaller breakfast or luncheon. In all cases they require planning, coordination, and a major investment of two valuable resources: money and time.

To help ensure you get the greatest yield on your investment we encourage you to focus on your fundraising goals from the beginning. Be specific: how much do you need to raise from sponsorships, ticket sales, and importantly event-related gifts? Sponsorships and ticket sales can often cover the costs of an event – and even net revenue. But you are leaving money on the table if you neglect to put in place specific strategies related to securing gifts before, during and after the event.

Here are our suggestions:

Market your event as a fundraising event: make the fundraising aspect of the event clear; don't hide the fact that the purpose of your event is to raise money.

Ensure event schedule includes time throughout the event for specific asks. Consider making these at the beginning, middle and end of the event. Schedule the time into the program, don't "fit it in." Ensure event materials highlight the organization's impact. This includes banners, information in the program, videos, PowerPoint

presentations, and remarks from the podium.

Provide your keynote and master of ceremonies with fundraising scripts to integrate into their remarks.

Have easy to read and easy to use pledge forms at each table. Establish a text to give number that can return a link for online giving.

If your event has tables, ask each table host to take responsibility for asking each guest at their table to make a gift.

Make sure you have contact information for each guest for follow up purposes, including fundraising.

Secure a challenge grant in advance, to incentivize event participants to give at the event.

Solicit a number of donors in advance so you can "announce" their gifts at the event.

With your event invitations offer a "no go" option, encouraging individuals to simply make a gift without attending the event. Be sure to follow up with each guest to ask for a one-time or recurring gift. Small gifts set up an automated monthly schedule make giving easy.

Know who your major gift prospects are. Put in place a strategy for pre-or-post solicitation by an appropriate volunteer, board member or staff person. Determine the appropriate ask amount in advance and ask. Here's a key lesson learned with major donors: they often know more about fundraising than you, they are waiting to be asked, and they want to know what you want.

Don't get blinded by the razzle, dazzle and glitz of an event and forget to make the ask!

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HEALTH



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Covenant HealthCare & Mary Free Bed team up for new rehab center

by Sarah Jaeger

SAGINAW, Mich -- Saginaw County's Covenant HealthCare is set to expand yet again. The hospital partnering with Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation to build a new \$40.7 million dollar building.

The proposed location for their new hospital is currently where the skywalk joins the Cooper and Harrison buildings. The new hospital will be three stories and host the newest in rehabilitation.

"We're going to have outpatient therapy on the bottom with physicians and then two floors of rehab units," says Kevin Birchmeier, the Vice President of Post Acute Services with CovenantHealthCare.

Once built, the new building will have 48 beds with the potential of another 12 patients in the future.

"With our aging population we're seeing more of our baby boomers who are requiring additional therapy but also our pediatric population," says Christine Clayton, the director for physical medicine and rehabilitation at Covenant HealthCare. "Covenant has a strong pediatric population and we treat those patients as well."

"It could be a motor vehicle accident, neurological, orthopedic, it could be somebody who just got disabled or who debilitated and you know needs to be strengthened back up," says Birchmeier.

The new venture with Mary Free Bed has been in the works for a year and a half.

"Mary Free Bed is internationally and nationally well know for rehabilitation so they're going to be bringing their training services here," says Birchmeier.

It will also mean an additional 25 to 30 jobs for the Saginaw area and allow Covenant HealthCare to consolidate their rehab services.

"Moving our service into one building, incorporating inpatient and outpatient into a much larger facility is going to be great for our therapists as well as our patients," says Clayton.

No date has been set for the groundbreaking but they are hoping to open the new hospital as early as 2021.



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Ohana Family Gardens, a cozy and rustic oasis, nestled between the noise of the traffic and the swiftly changing tide of Detroit's demographics, right in the middle of Highland Park, Michigan. Ohana Gardens, is Detroit's and Highland Park's best kept secret. The food is delicious and pesticide-free. It's a vegan's paradise and a chef's go-to place for fresh home-grown goodness.

Diane credits her innate spirit for healthy living to her Native-American heritage. After the passing of her beloved mother, she had dedicated her life to growing foods that combat cancer, but also promote mental, physical and spiritual healing.

"I believed eating the right foods is the key to living and sustaining healthy bodies and healthy minds," says Chief Magistrate Diane. "The reason why there is so much sickness is because we have gotten away from eating the way that our mothers, fathers and grandparents taught us. We grew up poor, this is what people told me. But, I didn't know we were poor. There was always good, healthy food to eat. Fresh

homemade bread, beans, corn, greens, nuts, rice, all straight from the earth. I don't remember ever missing a day of school because of sickness and neither does my 14 Siblings."

Getting back to the earth is Diane's mission and she is arming herself with a host of Education and Community Development Warrior Women. This open forum of Ethnic "Women" will lay the framework and foundation to establish forthcoming Education and Training, as well as International Growth and Enlightenment Programs. Her focus is to make that vital connection through open dialogue. "We are one, we are not sperate. Perhaps, our first collaboration, is to have a joint project to plant indigenous healing herbs of all types – to have an international garden right here in this neighborhood community. How authentic is that! Brining together people through growing food... and sharing ideas, finding our commonality, by sharing the best of our gifts with our Native-American brothers and sisters, near and far by planting, through the earth."

Chief Magistrate Diane will be inviting key members the League of Indian Nations to Highland Park, Michigan from Ontario,

Canada, to be her honored guest and set the tone and mood for the first League of Indian Nations forum, coming up at the end of August, or the first week in September.

The Education Program that will support the League of Indian Nations through:

Living the Ethnic Tree — An empowering program designed to encourage those to be their best selves, but yet remain true to who they are.

The League of Indian Nations position is to find ways to build and strengthen through cultivating international relationships. Diane's focus is not only to facilitate educate programs for Detroiters, but help those re-discover their forgotten Native- American Culture – by journeying to that sacred path back to the original place of their ancestry – to those voices speaking within, that can no longer be silenced!

For more information about this program, contact:

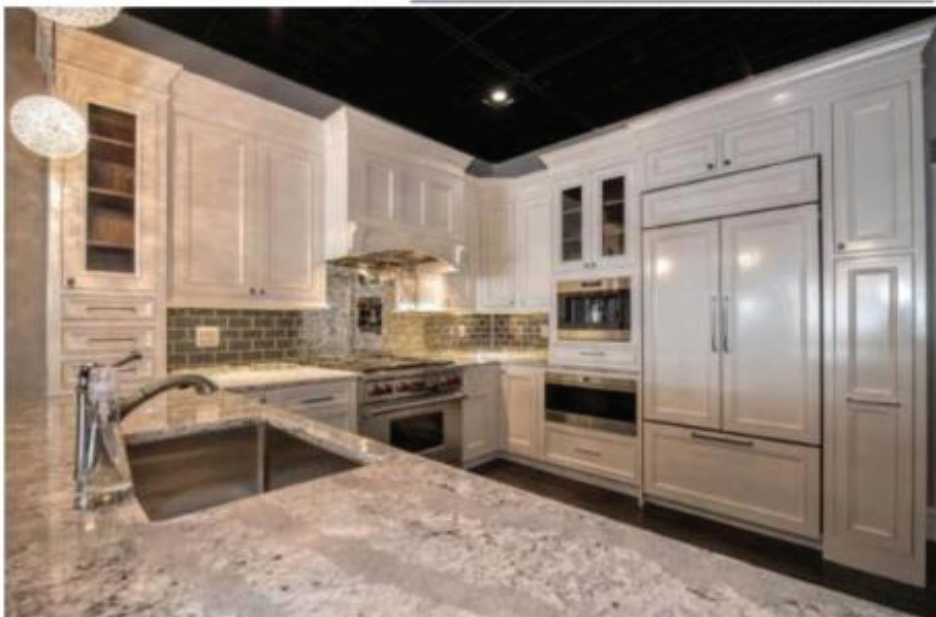
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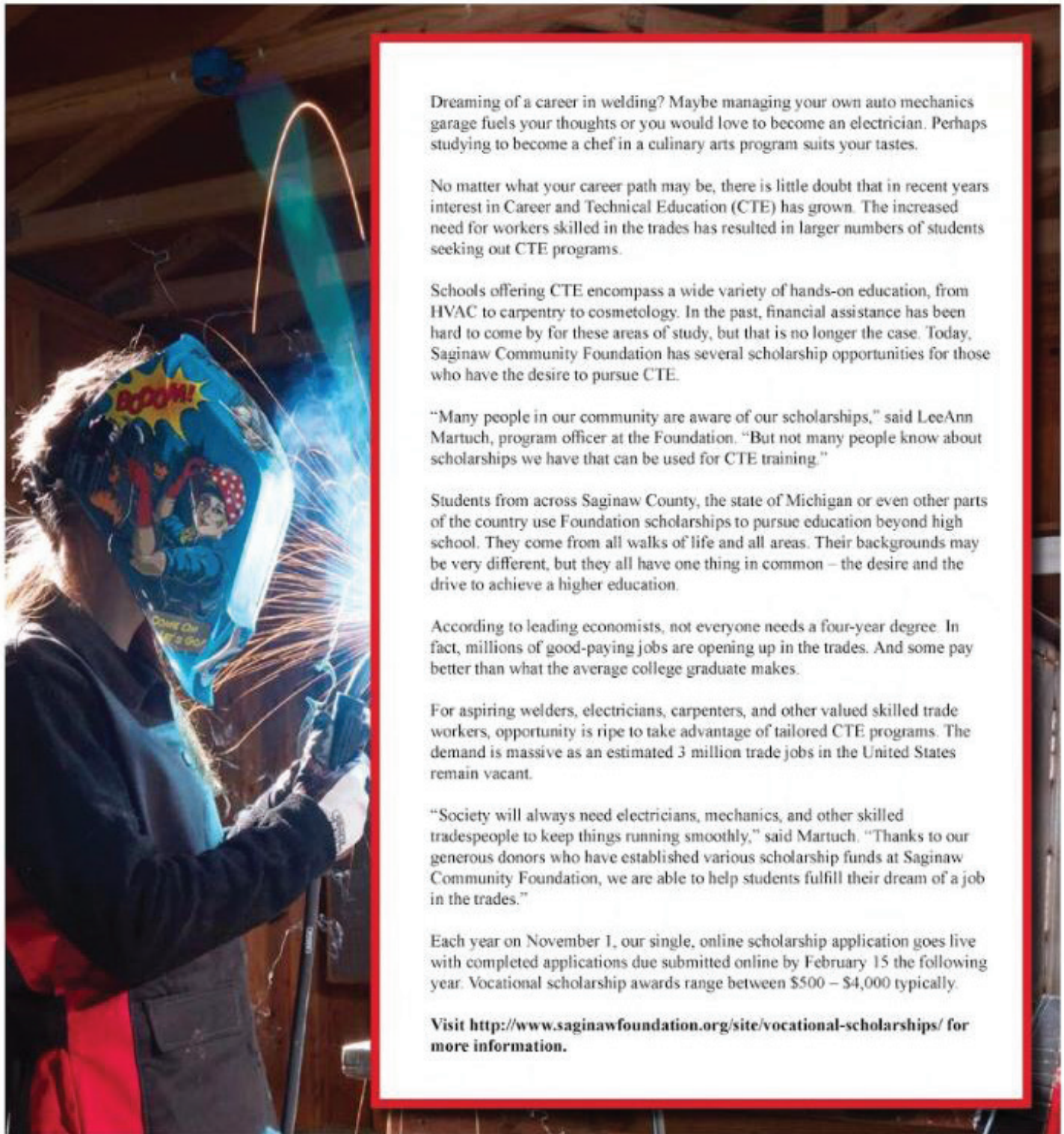
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No matter what your career path may be, there is little doubt that in recent years interest in Career and Technical Education (CTE) has grown. The increased need for workers skilled in the trades has resulted in larger numbers of students seeking out CTE programs.

Schools offering CTE encompass a wide variety of hands-on education, from HVAC to carpentry to cosmetology. In the past, financial assistance has been hard to come by for these areas of study, but that is no longer the case. Today, Saginaw Community Foundation has several scholarship opportunities for those who have the desire to pursue CTE.

"Many people in our community are aware of our scholarships," said LeeAnn Martuch, program officer at the Foundation. "But not many people know about scholarships we have that can be used for CTE training."

Students from across Saginaw County, the state of Michigan or even other parts of the country use Foundation scholarships to pursue education beyond high school. They come from all walks of life and all areas. Their backgrounds may be very different, but they all have one thing in common – the desire and the drive to achieve a higher education.

According to leading economists, not everyone needs a four-year degree. In fact, millions of good-paying jobs are opening up in the trades. And some pay better than what the average college graduate makes.

For aspiring welders, electricians, carpenters, and other valued skilled trade workers, opportunity is ripe to take advantage of tailored CTE programs. The demand is massive as an estimated 3 million trade jobs in the United States remain vacant.

"Society will always need electricians, mechanics, and other skilled tradespeople to keep things running smoothly," said Martuch. "Thanks to our generous donors who have established various scholarship funds at Saginaw Community Foundation, we are able to help students fulfill their dream of a job in the trades."

Each year on November 1, our single, online scholarship application goes live with completed applications due submitted online by February 15 the following year. Vocational scholarship awards range between \$500 – \$4,000 typically.

Visit <http://www.saginawfoundation.org/site/vocational-scholarships/> for more information.

BUSINESS & WEALTH

DETROIT: entrepreneur merges scientific, creative sides into brand that celebrates people of color



Mark S. Lee, president and CEO of The Lee Group MI LLC, an independent integrated marketing consulting firm focused on providing marketing, branding and communication solutions to clients.

Working a full-time job as an environmental scientist and launching a new business is no easy feat.

Deirdre Roberson did just that, using scientific and creative skills as a basis for a business concept focused on celebrating and empowering people of color through designing clothes and jewelry based on skin and hair characteristics.

She launched **Eumelanin** (pronounced: you-mel-a-nin) in March, a Detroit-based clothing and jewelry brand named after the most abundant type of human melanin found in brown and black skin and hair.

The Melanin T-shirts come in shades of blacks and browns inspired by melanated skin tones. They have the chemical structure of melanin on the chest in gold and each piece of jewelry is infused with the chemical structure of melanin in its design. It combines Roberson's scientific and creative sides while enabling her to use her life experiences to address challenges faced locally and beyond.

In her words, "A brand designed to redefine what it means to be beautiful in every shade; combining Science, Self-love, and Style."

I talked to Roberson, 32, about how she's merged scientific and creative worlds to address a need she's passionate about.

Lee: You're a chemist and yet, you started a business last year. Why did you decide to

become an entrepreneur?

Roberson: I didn't decide, it kind of happened (and was) birthed out of my scientific and creative worlds colliding and trying to address needs that I am passionate about. I was in a pitch competition for my company Motor City S.T.E.A.M and I am a co-founder of this company with two other black female scientists. I decided to put the chemical structure of melanin on my shirt in hopes the judges would ask what it was. We won the competition and they didn't ask, but everyone else loved the shirt and wanted one so I decided to create, design and build the brand and its website. After I released the shirts online in March they sold out in six hours and at that point, I knew I was on to something and that is how Eumelanin was born.

Lee: And how are you combining science and fashion to promote self-love?

Roberson: By using the inspiration from melanated skin tones as the palette for its apparel colors and infusing the chemical structure of melanin in all of our jewelry designs. The line allows customers to boldly wear their values; it says "I am Melanated and proud." It allows us to love and affirm ourselves, our beauty and say we love our melanin in a world where we are told not to.

It changes the conversation from melanin being seen as a threat to it being fashionable, empowering and beautiful. Eumelanin allows us to stylishly proclaim the beauty and design of our blackness; scientifically know as our melanin.

Lee: How important is it to teach new generations about STEM?

Roberson: I would not just say STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) but STEAM, which includes the arts. The integration of the arts from creative,

literary and visual propels STEM learning. It is extremely important for a number of reasons; STEM jobs are on the rise and the demand for STEM professionals is rapidly increasing, so we need to prepare the future for the careers of tomorrow.

STEM also is the birthplace of where the majority of problems are solved from health to tech, and in order for the problems that plague our communities to be addressed, we must be present to speak up about them and make them a priority.

The more representation we have, the more minorities we have in STEAM careers improves the lives of minority groups by making sure we find solutions to our problems.

Lee: What impact has STEM had on your life and what was the moment you wanted to make a profitable business from it?

Roberson: At an early age STEM had an impact on my life, back then we only called it chemistry. I fell in love with chemistry in high school at Cass Tech in Detroit. I had the best chemistry teacher! What turned it until a profitable business is when my STEM world collided with my creative side and this new birth of STEAM. STEAM is the reason I am a chemist, creative and entrepreneur.

Lee: How has your life experience shaped you as an entrepreneur?

Roberson: I have always been a fearless and passionate person and I believe those two things are the foundation my entrepreneur journey and experience is built upon. I am always trying to find ways to make my worlds collide and that's what Eumelanin is for me the combining of my scientific and

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creative sides.

Furthermore, Eumelanin addresses issues of colorism that I have experienced and black and brown people around the world experience. I wanted to create a brand that tackles this problem head-on while still being true to who I am, my intelligence, my creativity and my style. I have received so much clarity about who I am and what drives me on this journey of building Eumelanin.

I am constantly reminding myself not to rush the process and be present in every moment.

Lee: What are some of the highlights and challenges since starting Eumelanin?

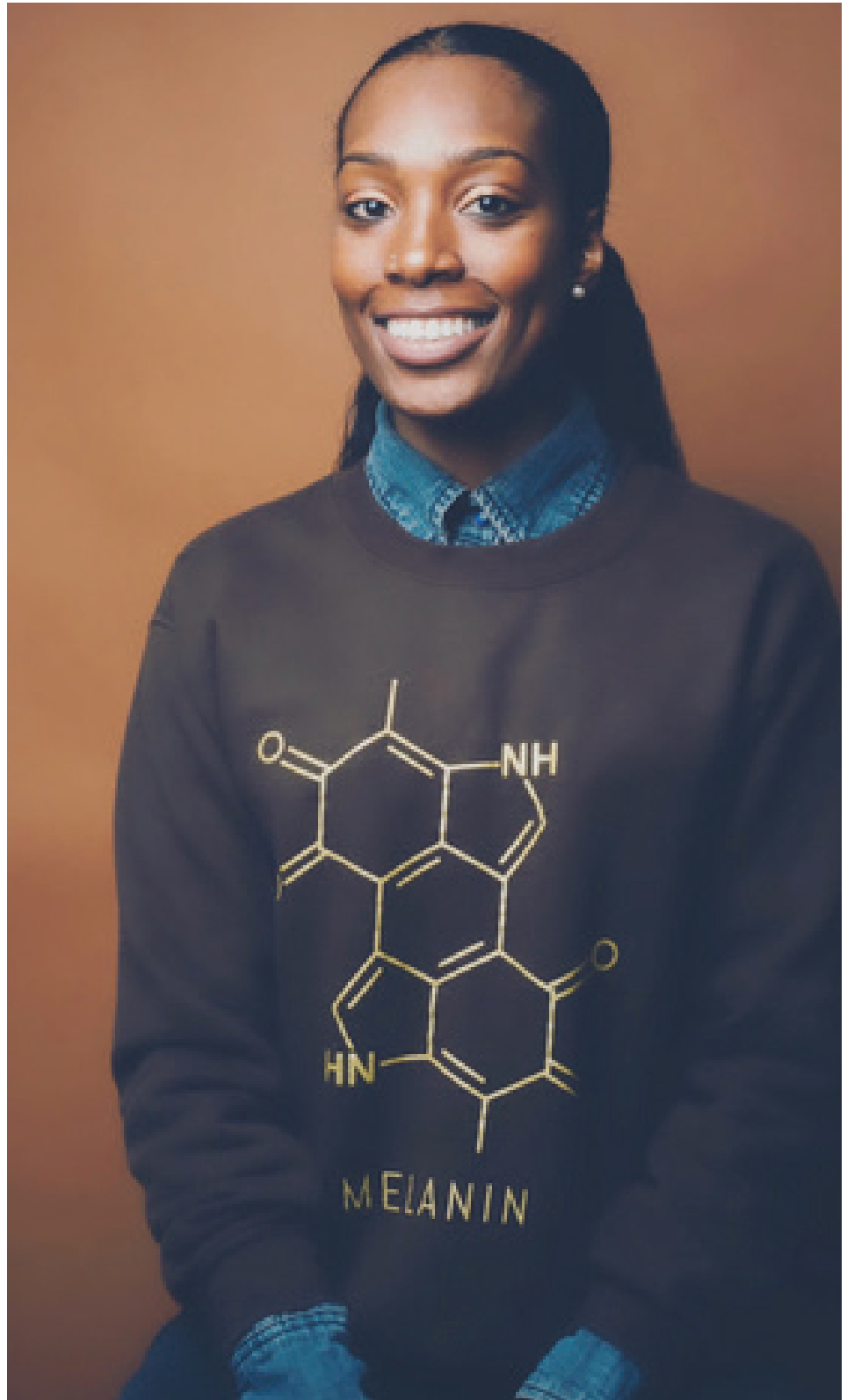
Roberson: Some of the highlights have been launching in March 2018 and pretty much selling out preorders within six hours. In September 2018, I won a \$5,000 grant and obtained my first micro business loan as well. I am also set to launch in three Macy stores in the U.S. this March/April, as I am approaching the one-year mark for Eumelanin.

Now the challenges: Working a full-time job while trying to build a business has been a significant challenge — a lot of late nights, early mornings and little sleep. To this day, I am still the only employee, so I had to make really great partnerships with my apparel and jewelry manufacturers so I can focus on scaling the brand.

And most importantly, funding and financing your business. I started Eumelanin with my savings, but it gets difficult balancing personal and business financial obligations. It taught me how necessary it is to find a balance between pursuing your dreams and not putting yourself in bad financial situations because of your dream. I am still learning this especially when your passion is in the front seat.

Lee: You will be selling your product at Macy's. How did you make this happen?

Roberson: I applied for the Market at Macy's program and after them checking out my company, its metric and sales my business was accepted. I have been aggressively working on growing my business so when opportunities arise I jump on it.



Deirdre Roberson founded Eumelanin, a Detroit-based clothing and jewelry brand named after the melanin found in brown and black skin and hair.



Shannon Irish Dance Academy performs at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History.

Kick Off St. Patrick's Day at the Castle Museum

SAGINAW, Mich.— The Shannon Irish Dance Academy will perform at the Castle Museum Saturday, March 16 at 1 p.m. in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Visitors will experience traditional and contemporary Irish dance from this talented academy.

Admission to this event is \$1 for adults and .50 for children. Members of the Historical Society of Saginaw County are free to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

The Castle Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 989-752-2861 or visit www.castlemuseum.org.

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SVSU Board approves improvements to Pine Grove apartments

The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approved spending up to \$1.8 million to make improvements and renovations to Pine Grove apartments during the Board's regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18. The on-campus apartments were originally constructed in 1986 and will be modernized as a result of the project.

In addition, the Board approved spending up to \$1.1 million for maintenance of campus infrastructure, including parking lots, roads and sidewalks.

The funds for the two projects will come from reserves allocated for capital projects and the university's auxiliary system, which includes self-supporting operations such as University Housing.

The Board also granted tenure to 10 faculty members, effective July 1. They are:

- Teresa Beadlescomb, assistant professor of social work
- George Corser, assistant professor of computer science and information systems
- Sylvia Fromherz Sharp, assistant professor of biology
- Tammy Hill, assistant professor of nursing
- Maureen Muchimba, assistant professor of health sciences
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MSU St. Andrews Announces Winter Workshops for Teachers



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MSU St. Andrews is adding new teacher workshops to support STEM classroom education. Both new and old workshops are free for area teachers and offer hands-on activities that can be incorporated into their curriculum. Visit standrews.msu.edu to learn more and register for the following workshops.

The Forensic DNA Fingerprinting workshop simulates human forensic testing by taking DNA from a hypothetical crime scene and matching it with the DNA of five "suspects". Participants will learn how to use restriction enzymes to cut DNA, and gel electrophoresis to separate the resulting

DNA fragments by size, thereby generating a DNA fingerprint. This workshop is available on February 26 and March 6 from 12 to 4:30 p.m. This workshop supports school delivery of Project Lead the Way content.

The Plant DNA Fingerprinting workshop will explore genetic diversity in plants by comparing the DNA fingerprints of a variety of common herbs and vegetables. In this workshop, teachers will learn several basic molecular biology techniques, including isolating DNA from plant tissue, amplifying DNA using polymerase chain reaction (PCR), setting up DNA restriction

digestions, and separating DNA fragments based on their size using gel electrophoresis. This full-day workshop is available on April 10 and April 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This workshop augments Project Lead the Way content with advanced topics of DNA isolation and PCR.

The new Photosynthesis workshop provides a laboratory-based overview of photosynthesis, the process by which plants transform light energy into chemical energy. Participants will study the effect of light on photosynthesis and compare the rates of photosynthesis for plants in different light conditions. This workshop is offered on March 21 and March 27 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This workshop supports school delivery of Project Lead the Way content.

The 3D printing workshops offer experience working with computer-aided design (CAD) and 3D printing to provide the advantages of visual aids in STEM classrooms. MSU St. Andrews currently offers three options for 3D printing: basic, advanced, and open labs. The basic workshops are for novice users and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 13 and March 14. The advanced workshops are for those with previous experience and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 21 and March 20. Additionally, the open lab drop-in hours are available from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on February 15 and March 15.

The equipment needed to perform these activities will be available for teachers to either "checkout" or use with their classes at the MSU St. Andrews facility. Instructors are also available to consult with teachers on how to modify experiments to fit within facility constraints in their classrooms.

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Bethel A.M.E. Church Federal Credit Union merges with Frankenmuth Credit Union

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“Bethel A.M.E. Church Federal Credit Union has provided its members with saving and loan products for a variety of reasons with only a limited staff. In order to meet growing need for additional products and services as well as the way these products are delivered, a partnership was needed,” said Sherwood Spells CEO of Bethel A.M.E. Federal Credit Union.

He added “Frankenmuth Credit Union was selected because of its willingness to work within the community while providing these expanded products and services at the existing location,”

On June 30th Bethel’s membership made the final step of the merging process by voting in favor of joining efforts. For the past several months both credit unions have developed and nurtured a positive working relationship with the commitment to bring more to the combined membership.

“This new partnership will open up an array of wonderful new services for Bethel’s membership which includes access to all of our branch locations and products such business loans and merchant services,” said Vickie Schmitzer, Frankenmuth Credit Union CEO.

The Bethel A.M.E. Church Federal Credit Union was organized in 1978 with the unique objective of building economic self-reliance for members of the African-American community. Since then the field of membership had expanded to anyone who is a member or employee of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Coleman Temple COGIC, Bethesda Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Institutional Baptist Church, Zion Baptist Church, Grace Community Church or the Saginaw Family Child Care Network Service.

All of the current employees of Bethel A.M.E. have been asked to continue their employment with Frankenmuth Credit Union. As of August 1st the new branch is named the Bethel A.M.E. branch of Frankenmuth Credit Union. Branch operating hours for Bethel will remain the same and will be:

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SPORTS

Tigers unveil 2019 giveaways: bobbleheads, PJs and replica jerseys



By Kurt Nagl

Paws pajama pants, Sparky Anderson bobbleheads and Detroit Stars jerseys are among the Detroit Tigers promotional giveaways on the schedule for the 2019 season.

Individual game tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Saturday and can be purchased at tigers.com or the Comerica Park Box Office. Tickets for Opening Day — April 4 vs. Kansas City — are limited to eight per person.

This season the club will highlight the 35th anniversary of the 1984 World Champion Tigers with a celebration on June 29 vs. the Washington Nationals.

In total, there are 23 giveaways planned at Comerica Park from April 6 through Sept. 21, according to a Wednesday news release from the team. This year's batch of freebies includes hats galore — trapper hats, floppy hats and patriotic hats — as well as the traditional, perhaps less exciting beer koozies and magnetic schedules.

Other items likely to produce lines outside the gate include a Miguel Cabrera bobblehead picture frame, Tigers travel mug, a carry-on bag and a tote bag. There are also nine fire-

work displays planned.

The Tigers are beefing up their swag game in anticipation of a season with low expectations for a young team embarking on a rebuild. The bobblehead effect has long been an audience attraction tool for teams across the MLB.

Besides promotional giveaways, the team has a separate schedule of special theme events, for which fans can buy packages that include a ticket and piece of merchandise. The highlights include a Ron Gardenhire-“Game of Thrones” bobblehead and Star Wars beanie. The team’s popular college cap days, which feature Tigers caps with school insignia, are also returning.

The Tigers are in Lakeland, Fla., now for spring training. The team play their annual college team scrimmage against Southeastern University at 1:05 p.m. Friday.

The full lineup of special theme events can be found on MLB.com.

The full promotional schedule, along with sponsors and criteria for receiving the giveaway, is below:

April 6: magnetic schedule; first 10,000 fans; DMC

April 7: Kids Opening Day; wall calendar; all kids 14 and under; Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan

April 20: trapper hat; first 10,000 fans; FOX Sports Detroit

May 18: MLB tote bag; first 20,000 fans; MLB Network

June 7: Bringing You Summer carry-on bag; first 10,000 fans; Delta Air Lines

June 8: Tigers travel mug; first 10,000 fans

June 9: Play Ball bat and ball set; all kids 14 and under; Chevy and MLB

June 14: Pure Michigan koozie; first 10,000 fans; Pure Michigan

June 15: Fiesta Tigres cooler; first 10,000 fans (21+ years); Sol

June 16: Father’s Day men’s toiletry bag; first 10,000 male fans; DMC

June 28: Lou Whittaker and Lance Parrish mini bat; first 10,000 fans; Frito-Lay

June 29: Sparky Anderson bobblehead; first 10,000 fans

July 5: patriotic hat 10,000; fans (21+ years); Miller Lite

July 6: Miguel Cabrera bobblehead picture frame; first 10,000 fans; Pepsi

July 7: Paws PJ pants; all kids 14 and under; Aquafina

July 19: Pink Out the Park item; first 10,000 fans; Kroger

July 20: Fan Vote floppy hat; first 10,000 fans; National Coney Island

July 21: kids Back to School food container; all kids 14 and under; Kroger

Aug. 9: Topps baseball cards; all fans; Topps

Aug. 10: 100th anniversary Detroit Stars replica jersey; first 10,000 fans; Comerica Bank

Aug. 11: kids Back to School spiral; all kids 14 and under; Michigan State Police

Aug. 30: Premo tote bag giveaway; first 5,000 fans; Premo Brands

Sept. 21: Print All Over shirt; first 10,000 fans; Visit Central Florida

Hall of Fame Press Release



Ballots for the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2019 have been mailed to the 1,200-plus lifetime voting membership.

Voters will cast ballots in five separate categories – Interscholastic Athletes, Coaches, Contributors, Teams, and new this year – Veterans.

“Our selection committee wanted to make sure that athletes from 50 years ago and beyond will be represented and not forgotten,” said Jack Tany, Hall of Fame president. “They’ve played an important part in Saginaw County sports history.”

Voters will select one person in the Veterans category. Larry Day (swimming), Bob Kolbe (multi-sports), Charlie Markey (football), Bob Sanders (bowling) and Thelvius “Bope” Winiackie (football) make up the Veterans Category.

In the Interscholastic/Professional Athletes category, voters will choose four athletes from the likes of Stacy Delaney (softball), Matt Hoffman (hockey), Greg Housner (baseball), George Kubiak (basketball), Jenni Rasmussen (softball), Brad Redford (basketball), Jenny Ryan (basketball) and Blair White (football).

One coach will be selected from Claudette Charney (basketball), Jack Guttowsky (baseball), Steve Jakska (baseball), Ralph Munger (football) and Bob Quinn (tennis). Making up the Contributors category is Helen Fry (gymnastics), Hoge Holtz (athletic official), Stanley Krajkowski (booster), John Pozenel (sports writer) and Ron Schauman (benefactor).

Teams on the ballot include the Douglas MacArthur state champion softball team (1981), Frankenmuth girls state champion basketball teams (1992 & 1996), Freeland state champion gymnastic teams (1983 & 1985), Nouvel Catholic Central state champion football teams (2006 & 2007) and St. Stephen's state champion golf teams (1982 & 1983).

Ballots must be postmarked by March 20, 2019. The results will be announced at a press conference at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History, 500 Federal Avenue in Saginaw.

For more information, please contact Hall of Fame president Jack Tany at (989) 737-4725

Interscholastic/Professional Category

Stacy Delaney

Standout pitcher for Freeland High School, where she won the state's Miss Softball Award her senior season.

Struck out 1,741 batters during her four-year career for the Falcons, sporting a 112-15 record.

Helped lead Freeland to a pair of Division 3 state softball championships in 2003 and 2005.

Became first pitcher in MHSAA history to hurl no-hitters in two state championship games.

Appears in MHSAA record book no less than 30 times, including a state record for consecutive shutouts in a season (6) in 2003.

At the University of Missouri, she was 16-3 with a 1.32 ERA her junior year and 20-4 with a 2.01 ERA her senior season.

Earned All-Big 12 first team honors her senior year and second team All-Midwest Region and second team All-Big 12 her junior season.

Helped lead Missouri to a Super Regional in 2008 and then to the Women's College World Series in 2009.

Matt Hoffman

First player from Saginaw County to play Junior Hockey, playing for the Oshawa Generals from 1989-90 to 1991-92.

Shared Rookie of the Year honors with former NHL star Eric Lindros.

The best OHL season came in 1990-91 when the 6-3, 217-pound winger scored 41 goals and 58 assists for 99 points.

Was a member of the Memorial Cup champion Oshawa team that was inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame

Played in 8 hockey leagues over the course of his 11-year Minor League pro hockey career, including time in the United Kingdom.

Tallied 168 goals and 224 assists during his pro hockey career.

Drafted by the Calgary Flames in the 7th round of the 1991 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Former Director of Southern Scouting for the Iroquois Falls Eskis of the Northern Ontario Jr. Hockey League.

Greg Housner

One of the top all-around athletes from Bridgeport High School, winning 3 letters each in baseball, basketball, and football.

Earned 1st Team All-White Pine Conference 5 times; 2 in baseball, football (for three positions - end, linebacker & kicker), and basketball.

Named Class A All-Area in basketball in 1979 and Class A All-Area football in 1977 and 1978.

He was named to 5 All-State teams, earning 2 in baseball (1978 & 1979), 2 in football (1977 & 1978), and 1 in basketball (1979).

In 1978, he played for Means Stamping's National runner-up team in the Connie Mack World Series and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Drafted by the Kansas City Royals in 1979; opted to go to Central Michigan University, where he earned six letters - two in football and four in baseball.

A member of 2 MAC football title teams and 2 MAC baseball title teams.

Played for the Scranton Red Sox in the Atlantic Collegiate League in 1981 & 1982 and was on the All-Star team each year. He hit 28 home runs in 2 years and was team MVP in 1982.

George Kubiak

Played Basketball, Football and Track at Carrollton High School from 1967-1970.

In football, he was named Honorable Mention All-State as a receiver his senior year.

Named to Class C All-State basketball team his junior and senior seasons from both AP and UPI as well as the Detroit Free Press his senior year.

Led Cavaliers to a 25-1 record in 1969-70 season, before being upended in the Class C state finals by River Rouge.

Named Mr. Basketball Retro runner-up for the 1969-70 basketball season.

Was the leading scorer on Central Michigan University's freshman basketball team (17.5) before winning three varsity letters (1972-75)

Coached basketball at Arthur Hill High School from 1978-96, carving out a 261-141 overall record.

Jenni Rasmussen

Earned a total of 12 varsity letters in basketball, volleyball and softball at Swan Valley High School.

Tallied 91 career pitching victories in softball with 979 career strikeouts from 1997-99, including 412 in 1999.

Threw six no-hitters her senior year, including four perfect games while posting a 34-2 record.

Tied for second in the state for lowest ERA in a season (0.06) her senior year.
Named Miss Softball by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association in 1999.
Four-year varsity softball letter winner at Central Michigan University.
Named All-MAC honors in 2002 when she posted an 8-0 conference record.
Helped lead Central Michigan to the Mid-America Conference championship in both 2000 and 2002.

Brad Redford

The Frankenmuth High School sharp-shooter scored 2,146 career points in his prep basketball career (2004-08).
Averaged 36.7 points-per-game his senior year, winning the state's Mr. Basketball Award.
His name appears in the Michigan High School Athletic Association basketball record book 17 times.
Owns the state record for most 3-pointers in a season (143) and free throw percentage in a season (.967) when he canned 208 of 215 during the 2007-08 campaign.
His 102 consecutive free throws in a season is first all-time in state history and second nationally.
Redford owns the state record for most points in a first quarter (27) and had three games where he scored 50 or more points.
Received a basketball scholarship to Xavier University (Ohio) where he led the entire Atlantic 10 Conference in 3-point percentage and a school-record 46.5 percent during his freshman year.
Led the Atlantic 10 Conference in 3-point shooting percentage his senior year at 44.6 percent (66 of 148).

Jenny Ryan

Four-year starting guard for Nouvel Catholic Central's basketball team where the Panthers were 93-10.
Helped lead the Panthers to a pair of Class C state basketball championships.
Holds state championship game records for most points scored in a quarter (17) and most steals in a game (12).
Tied for seventh all-time for most points in a state championship game with 30 (2006).
Earned Michigan's Miss Basketball Award from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in 2009.
Tallied 1,405 career points (13.6), 443 career steals (4.3), 368 career assists (3.6) and 344 career rebounds (3.3).
Went to the University of Michigan, where she was named team MVP her senior year after averaging a career-best 10.2 points-per-game. Established a new Michigan single-season record with 167 assists her senior season and finished her career ranked first in games (130) and minutes played (4,558), second in assists (489) and steals (291) and 10th in rebounding (698).

Blair White

Football/basketball/baseball standout at Nouvel Catholic Central High School
Averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds his senior year in basketball.
A pitcher/first baseman for the Panthers 2005 state champion baseball team.
Had 63 pass receptions for 800 yards (12.7 average) and 10 touchdowns as a senior.
Was a walk-on at Michigan State University, before winning four varsity letters and a starting receiver his junior year.
Named co-captain his senior season and selected for first team All-Big Ten honors by the coaches and second team by the media.
Finished his Spartan career ranked among MSU's all-time leaders in receptions (12th with 116), touchdown receptions (15th with 10) and with receiving yards (16th with 1,674).
Signed as an undrafted free agent by the Indianapolis Colts in 2010 and played two seasons before injuries ended his career.

COACHES CATEGORY

Claudette Charney

An outstanding three-sport athlete at Dwight D. Eisenhower High School (1976), earning letters in basketball, volleyball, and track.
She received a basketball scholarship to Saginaw Valley State University, where she holds the career scoring record of 17.1 points-per-game and the single season record of 20 p.p.g. in 1977-78, and the record for most points in a game with 42 in 1977.
At Grand Valley State University, she averaged 19.8 p.p.g. and 10.8 rebounds; named GLIAC 1st Team, 1st Team Academic All-America. Had a successful 34-year coaching career: Muskegon Community College (1981-83); Alma College (1984-85); SVSU (1985-95); GVSU (1995-2002); and Hillsdale College (2002-15).
She is the all-time leader in coaching victories for the SVSU women's basketball program with a record of 196-92 in her 10 seasons at the helm. Led the Cardinals to a pair of GLIAC championships. Her 1992-93 squad advanced to the NCAA Division II Round of 16, while leading SVSU to three NAIA National Tournament appearances.

Became only the 11th women's basketball coach in NCAA Division II history to win 500 games. Her career coaching record is 578-354.

Inducted into both the Grand Valley State University (1990) and Saginaw Valley State University Sports Hall of Fame (2017).

Jack Guttowsky

The Carrollton native played three years of varsity baseball and two years of varsity football for Arthur Hill High School from 1949-51.

He played for service teams while in the U.S. Army (1954-56) as well as nearly two decades in the Saginaw City Baseball Federation League where he would eventually become a head coach.

His nickname "Ace" was given to him by junior varsity football coach Seymore Murphy, and used by some of his old teammates.

Was a long-time respected head coach for ITI in Saginaw Township's Stan Musial Baseball League, where he coached coach-age players well into his 70s while earning 14 league titles.

For nearly 30 years he organized an annual golf outing to help raise funds for area baseball tournaments.

Guttowsky also took the time to coaching youth basketball, Girl's Pigtail softball, and Little League Baseball.

Was an inaugural board member of the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Arthur Hill Letter Winner's Association honored him with its Special Inductee Award in 2008.

Steve Jaksa

Coached at Lake Fenton, Grand Blanc and Flint Southwestern High Schools before becoming an Assistant Baseball Coach at Miami University (Ohio).

Varsity baseball coach at Nouvel Catholic Central High School, where he captured a pair of state championships (1990 & 1997) along with three runner-up finishes (1992, 1994 & 1995).

Compiled an overall record of 353-106 while at Nouvel and named Coach of the Year three times.

Head baseball coach at Northwood University from 1997-99 before moving on to Central Michigan University, where he was Assistant Baseball Coach/Recruiting Coordinator from 1998-2002.

In 2003, he was named head baseball coach at CMU and compiled an overall record of 507-421-2 over 16 seasons – ranking him second on the school's all-time coaching wins list.

He led the Chippewas to three Mid-American Conference championships and six MAC West Division titles while compiling a 257-157 record in conference action.

Named the MAC Coach of the Year in both 2004 and 2015, coaching 10 All-Americans, two MAC Pitchers of the Year, a MAC Player of the Years, 20 first team All-MAC selections and 33 second team All-MAC honorees.

Inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2000, the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 as a member of the 1974 National Champion Connie Mack team, and in 2013 he received the Grand Blanc High School Distinguished Alumni Award. He currently is the head baseball coach at Saginaw Valley State University.

Ralph Munger

Was an Honorable Mention All-State halfback as a junior and first team All-State selection as a senior at Frankenmuth, where he played on a pair of Class C state championship teams.

A four-year starter at Concordia Teachers College, making All-NAIA District first team honors in 1973 as well as team MVP honors and named Outstanding College Athlete of America award.

Was a starter and leading rusher on the Chicago Land Semipro football team in 1974, where he was Rookie of the Year for the Football Division Champions.

As a varsity football coach at Frankenmuth (1980-91), had 80-37 record and was MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year five times and Saginaw News Dream Team Coach in 1989.

At Rockford High School (1992-present), has compiled a 240-77 record. His 327 career wins are sixth most in state history.

His Rockford teams have won the OK Red Conference 16 times, won three Division 1 state titles and two runner-up finishes.

Selected as Regional Coach of the Year 12 times, Class A Coach of the Year four times, recipient of prestigious Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award for amateur athletes in 2011, MHSCA Coach of the Year in 2012, West Michigan Officials Association Coach of the Year in 2012, National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year finalist in 2013, and Grand Rapids Press Coach of the Year in 2008.

Inducted into the Frankenmuth Softball HOF (2002), Rockford High School Athletic HOF (2002), Concordia College Athletics HOF (2003), Michigan High School Football Coaches Association HOF (2007) and Michigan Amateur Softball HOF (2015).

Bob Quinn

Quinn amassed an incredible 617 career wins coaching boys and girls tennis at Douglas MacArthur and Heritage High

Schools

At MacArthur, his girls' teams won 9 White Pine Conference titles and 9 regional titles (1975-88). His boy's teams won 14 White Pine Conference titles and 9 regional titles (1972-88).

At Heritage, his girls' teams won 5 White Pine Conference titles (1989-2007) and his boys teams compiled a 107-45 record (1994-2007).

Saginaw Valley League Coach of the Year (boys) 1999 & 2007, and (girls) 2003 & 2008).

Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Boys Coach of the Year in 1980, and Division I Boys Regional Coach of the Year in 2001, 2003, and 2007.

Michigan High School Coaches Association Boys Coach of the Year in 1980 and 2007. Named Saginaw Valley League Boys Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2007.

Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Girls Coach of the Year in 1985, Class B Regional Coach of the Year in 1985, '86, and '87, and Division I Regional Coach of the Year in 1989, '95, 2001, '02, 05, 06, and '08.

Past President MHTeCA (1980-81) and MHTeCA Board Director (1976-present). Inducted into MHSTeCA (1992) and the Michigan High School Coaches Association (2004).

CONTRIBUTORS CATEGORY

Helen Fry

Came to Saginaw in 1961 when she began teaching in the Saginaw Township School District.

In 1962, she and husband Tom started a gymnastics program by building balance beams and raising money to purchase mats.

For 13 years Gym-Jesters was a program offered by the Saginaw Township Community Schools.

Gym-Jesters became a full-fledged business when participation rose to over 450.

The Gym-Jesters Gymnastics Club ultimately became members of the United States Gymnastics Federation, the governing body of gymnastics in America.

Girls' teams have won numerous local, state, regional and national honors.

Received the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Community Leadership Award in 2009.

Has been the founder, owner and director of Gym-Jesters for over five decades.

Hogey Holtz

Attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary High School, where he graduated in 1964 with 11 varsity letters – and was a member of the 1961 state champion track and field team.

He has been an athletic official of the Michigan High School Athletic Association since 1974.

Holtz has officiated four state championship games in football, umpired a pair of state baseball title games, worked seven quarterfinal games in softball, and one semifinal in both boys and girls basketball.

The Saginaw Officials Association created a Hogey Holtz scholarship fund to assist new officials with clinical fees.

He worked three American Softball Association National Tournament and 20 Michigan ASA State Tournaments.

Served as supervisor for the Saginaw Recreation Knothole program for two years.

Has worked 2 GLIAC Softball Tournaments, 2 MIAA League Tournaments, and 8 Junior College Regionals.

Duties with the Saginaw Athletic Officials Association include 12 years as Assigning Secretary, 6 years as vice-president.

Stanley Krajkowski

Began his long association of volunteerism at St. Casimir's Elementary School in 1966.

Instrumental in starting and working Bingos, Auction, Fun Fest, and Christmas Tree sale to fund the athletic department at St. Mary Cathedral High School.

Handled financial duties for Nouvel Catholic Central Athletic Association when the school opened in 1984.

Coordinated volunteers, worked concessions, ordered supplies and cleaned and maintained concession stand facilities for over 20 years.

Served as a board member of the Francis Reh Academy and the Leona Group.

Inducted into the Saginaw Catholic Schools Hall of Fame in 1992.

He was also inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame as a contributor in 2002.

Krajkowski was the first recipient of the Bishop Murphy Award for leaders of outstanding faith.

John Pozenel

While a student at Saginaw Valley College (now SVSU) in 1968, he created a club bowling team, which was the school's first-ever sports activity.

Saginaw Valley State University awarded him an honorary varsity letter in 1983 to commemorate his effort. Began his journalism career at The Saginaw News in 1969; full-time in 1970. His main beats were professional hockey, bowling, and fast-pitch softball. He retired in 2006 after a 37-year writing career. It was his idea for the annual Flint-Saginaw All-Star bowling match, which has endured for four decades. Pozenel also wrote stories for such publications as The Hockey News, National Bowlers Journal, Bowlers Digest and Bowling Magazine. He was also a stringer for the Associated Press (1970-71). Honored with first prize for sports writing from the Michigan Associated Press in 1978. Was voted second place nationally for daily newspaper bowling coverage by the Professional Bowlers Association in 1991. He became the first outstate bowling personality to have the championship tournament and banquet dedicated to him by the Michigan Majors, a state-wide bowling tournament organization. In 2000, he became the first journalist to be enshrined in the Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame.

Ron Schauman

Schauman, owner/CEO of Schauman Construction Company, played quarterback at both Bridgeport High School and Ferris State College. Donated \$300,000 to the Freeland Athletic Association for the purchase of synthetic turf at Falcon Stadium. Schauman Construction Co. has provided updates and renovations to the concession stand and track storage building. One of the driving forces that led to the construction of the 66,000 square-foot Freeland SportsZone. Donated the land for the \$3.6 million facility and volunteered his time to be the general contractor for the initial construction as well as several major additions. Led an effort with dozens of contractors to donate the labor to construct a new state-of-the-art locker room and press box at Falcon Stadium. Long-time supporter of the Freeland Athletic Association, Freeland Community Sports Association and the Freeland Lions Club. Has received the "Champion for Children" and "Spirit of Saginaw" awards.

VETERANS CATEGORY

Larry Day

Swimming and golf standout at Douglas MacArthur High School in 1968-69. A member of the varsity golf team that took second place at the Class A state meet in 1969. A qualifier for the 1968 Olympic swimming trials and selected to the All-American High School swimming teams in both 1968 and 1969. Captured the Class A state championship in the 100-yard butterfly in a time of :52.8 in 1969. Received an athletic scholarship to the University of Michigan, where he was a four-year letter winner; captain of the team in 1973, and a member of the Water Polo Club for four years. Selected to the All-American Collegiate Swimming Team in the 200-yard butterfly in 1971. Boys' varsity swimming coach at Fenton High School (1981-1987) and Grand Blanc High School (1996-99) as well as head coach of the Fenton High School water polo team for three years. Named Coach of the Year three times. Set World Records in two events in two different age groups in Masters Swimming (2001 and 2011). Inducted into the Saginaw Swimming Hall of Fame in 1977.

Robert "Bob" Kolbe

Nicknamed the "Blond Bullet," he earned 12 varsity letters at Saginaw High School in football, basketball, baseball and track (1931-33). In 1933, he broke a 21-year-old broad jump school and Alumni Field record when he jumped 20-10 ¼. In 1933, he was never beaten in the 100-yard dash where he clocked in at :9.8, including a wind-aided :9.6. The :9.8 was a school record and stood for two decades. He won the 100-yard dash (:10.0) and was a member of the winning 880 relay team (1:33.8) at the Class A state track meet in 1933. Named to the Class A All-State football team as a halfback/punter by the Detroit Times as a junior and by the Detroit Times, Detroit Free Press, Detroit News and Associated Press his senior year. In 1929, he played third base and outfield for the Exchange Club Stars, the 8th district champions of the American Legion Junior (16-year-old) team. The team made it to the state championship where they lost to Battle Creek, 18-16, in the semifinals. The speedy left-handed batter later played for the Indiantown team in the Saginaw Valley Semi-Pro League.

Named to the All-State baseball team in 1933. That year he was never thrown out on an attempted steal, or thrown out on a grounder to a shortstop or third baseman.

Charlie Markey

Football, track and wrestling standout at Saginaw High School.
Averaged 5.6 yards rushing and was the team's leading tackler his senior year.
Named Class A All-State by the AP, UPI, Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.
Once scored 104 points in a high school track and field meet.
Personal best time of 9.9 seconds in the 100-yard dash and 22'2 1/2" in the long jump.
Received a full-ride football scholarship to Central Michigan where he earned three varsity letters.
Rushed for a CMU school record 1,513 yards in 1972, finishing fifth in the nation with 137.5 yards per game.
Named team MVP senior year and was named a third team Little All-American by the Associated Press.

Robert "Bob" Sanders

Earned three "Bowler of the Year" awards from The Saginaw News, a feat that has been matched but not topped by any male bowler.
All three years he posted the highest individual league average in the city as well.
Chalked up a 208 average in 1968 and 209 in both 1969 and 1972.
Twice rolled the highest local series of the year – 772 in 1969 and 793 in 1976.
In 1966, he piled up a lofty 1,830 all-events score at the American Bowling Congress National Tournament in Rochester, N.Y.
In the 1970 ABC, Sanders had a hand in a 1,241 doubles total giving him second place.
Four times he was named to the Saginaw All-Star pin teams for post-season competition. In 1966 and 1967, he bowled with the Saginaw teams against Bay City and participated in the Flint-Saginaw series in 1970 and 1972.
He bowled multiple 298, 299's and two 300 games in his career. Additionally, he bowled multiple 700 series throughout his career.
Sanders was inducted into the Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame in 1980.

Thelvius "Bope" Winiackie

Football and track standout athlete at Arthur Hill High School from 1954-56.
All-Saginaw Valley shot put champion in both 1955 and 1956.
In 1956, he won the Class A state championship in the shot put, breaking Don Schiesswohl's state record. He won every shot put event his senior year.
Two-year starter on the varsity football team as a two-way lineman and was a unanimous pick on the All-Saginaw Valley team his senior year.
He was named All-State and to the All-American High School football teams as a senior.
Awarded a scholarship to Purdue University, where he played on the freshman football team in 1956.
Transferred to Central Michigan College (now CMU) where he played fullback/tackle on offense and linebacker on defense, landing All-Conference honors in 1957 where he averaged 4.7 yards per carry and scored three touchdowns and 10 conversions.
Drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers, but had to quit football due to an illness that saw him lose 65 pounds.

TEAMS CATEGORY

Douglas MacArthur Girls Softball - 1981 State Champion

Douglas MacArthur became the first Saginaw County team to win a state championship in girl's softball as they won the Class B title.
Led by head coach Sue Skulley, the Generals nipped Richmond 10-9 for the regional title and then beat Grosse Ile 11-2 in the semifinal contest.
At Ranney Park in Lansing, MacArthur beat Eaton Rapids High School 8-4 in the state championship game.
DMHS captured the White Pine Conference with an 8-2 record and finished the season 20-5 overall.
Standout pitcher Liz Alfano compiled a 16-3 season record.
Named to the All-White Pine All Conference first team were Alfano, outfielder Pam Carpenter, second baseman Cindy Devers, and catcher Lisa Ruffle. Second team selections included Kim Cullings, Jill Swaffield and Kris Johnson. Kathy Haeger and Ellen Wainwright were honorable mention picks.
Making the Saginaw News All-Area team as first team selections were Alfano and Carpenter. Devers, Cullings, and Ruffle

were second team picks, and Swaffield and Wainwright were named honorable mention.

Frankenmuth Girls Basketball Teams – 1992 & 1996 State Champions

Won Class B state championship in 1992 by defeating St. Joseph, 67-54.

The team scored 2,046 points (75.8 average) for the season and allowed just 906 (33.6 average) in rolling to a perfect 27-0 record under head coach Art Pelzer (BCAM Coach of the Year)

Set a school record by scoring 118 points in a regular season game against Bullock Creek.

Led by seniors Jaami McClellan, Kristi Kern, Michelle Mueller and sophomore Ann Lemire.

Won Class C state championship in 1996 by topping Gwinn, 50-24 – a record for fewest points allowed in a state title game.

The team scored 1,783 points (66.1 average) for the season and allowed 915 (33.9 average).

The Eagles, who finished with a 26-2 record, were coached by Jim Petteys who was named Class C Coach of the Year.

Frankenmuth was led by All-State players Christina Grossi and Niki Blankenship, both seniors, and junior Darcy Daenzer, a 1st team All-Area recipient.

Freeland Gymnastics Teams – 1983 & 1985 State Champions

Coached by Alice Buchalter who was inducted into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

A Class C school, the Falcons competed against Class A and B schools since there was no Class differentiation in gymnastics at the time.

In 1983 regular season, Freeland competed in eight meets and captured first place in all but one of them.

Their 136 points helped in the 1983 state meet helped them become the first Class C team in Michigan gymnastics history to win the state title.

Team members in 1983 included Michelle Wyllie, Colleen Goddard, Tracy Smith, Suzanne Hendricks, Tammy Leaman, Julie Morman and Elizabeth Bailey.

During the 1985 regular season, the Falcons competed in 10 events and finished first in nine of them – its only loss was to Holland by .25 of a point.

Freeland scored 138.25 points at the 1985 state meet to capture their second championship in three years.

Team members in 1985 included Lori Stanick, Suzanne Hendricks, Julie Morman, Corry Maxwell, Diane Langhorne, Dana Dumont, Linda Gleasner, Jamie Nieman and Julie Boelter.

Nouvel Catholic Central Football Teams – 2006 & 2007 State Champions

The first and only football team in Saginaw County history to win back-to-back state titles since the playoff system was introduced in 1975.

Coached by Mike Boyd, who will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame this year.

Topped Inkster 28-14 to win the Division 6 state championship at Ford Field in 2006, thus becoming the first undefeated state champion from Saginaw County since the 1973 Arthur Hill team 31 years previously.

The 2006 Panthers ran the table to finish the season with a perfect 12-0 record, outscoring its opponents 435-71 (an average of over 30 points-per-game) to go with five shutouts. The regular season included victories over Traverse City St. Francis, the defending Division 7 state champion, and Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, the Division 6 runner-up in 2005.

NCC's 2006 captains included Brad Sonntag, the Associated Press Class C Player of the Year, John McColgan, Nicholas Birbaum, Nick White, Adam Maine and Zac Themm.

Nouvel then beat Blissfield 12-7 to win the Division 6 state championship at Ford Field in 2007.

Nouvel CC finished the season with a 10-3 record and outscored its opponents 290-185.

The Panthers' 2007 captains included Ryan Palmer, Andy Shooltz, Nick Awrey, Andy Carpp, Dan Hurd and David Kazmierski.

St. Stephen's Golf Teams – 1981 & 1982 State Champions

St. Stephen's captured back-to-back Class C state golf championships in 1981 and 1982.

In 1981, the Titans beat Birmingham Brother Rice by three strokes at Kalamazoo's Milham Park Golf Course.

Doug Bohn (77) and Pete McColgan (78) led the way for St. Stephen's with a second and third place, respectively.

Tom Stewart carded an 83 and Dave Langhorne a 91. Greg Rupert was the team's alternate.

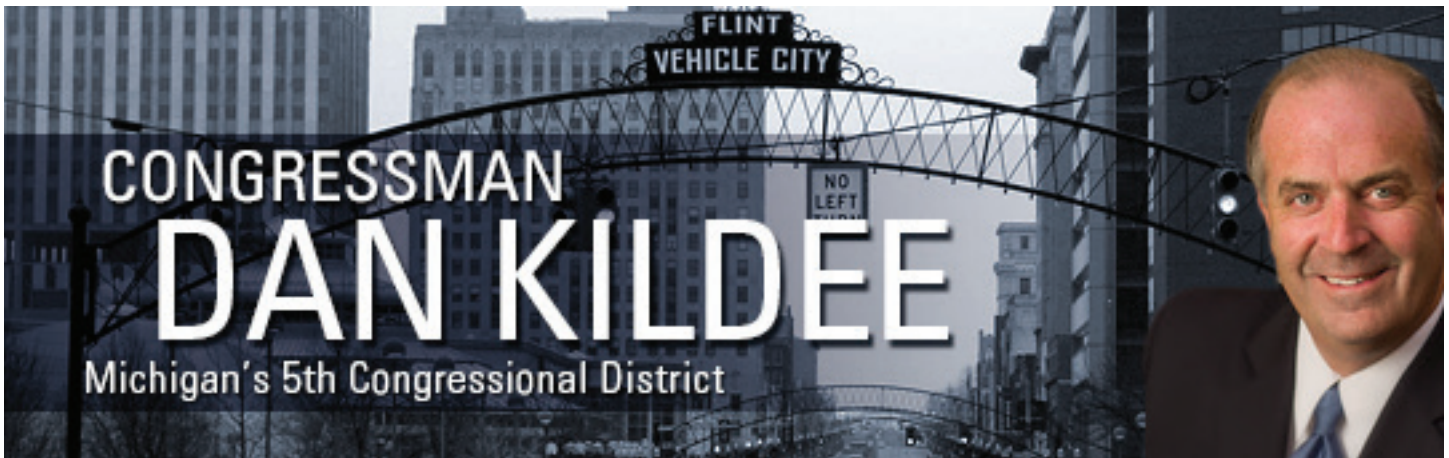
In 1982, St. Stephen's topped Pewamo-Westphalia by six strokes at Marshall Country Club.

McColgan finished the round with a 78 to tie for second low medalist.

The Titans also received a 79 from Stewart, followed by Bohn (82) and Pete Hendrick (87). Phil Serier was the team's alternate.

St. Stephen's was coached by Leo "Sam" Franz, who was inducted into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY



Today, the House passed H.R. 8, a bill that would require a background check on every gun sale or transfer to ensure that we keep guns out of the hands of bad actors. This bill would close dangerous loopholes that allow criminals to buy a weapon without a background check, such as those purchased at a gun show or online.

This action was one of our top priorities in a new Democratically-controlled House. By moving this bill forward, we are taking long-awaited action to prevent senseless gun deaths in our country. It is my hope that the Senate will take quick action on this legislation to send it to the President's desk.

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