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Michigan Banner to Celebrate 17th Anniversary at 3rd Annual Heart of the City Awards Luncheon



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. JEAN GOODNOW
PRESIDENT, DELTA COLLEGE

On Friday, November 8, 2019, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate its 17 year anniversary by hosting The Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon at Horizons Conference Center from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The event will also serve as a fundraiser for its non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach and The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship.

Awards will be presented to individuals and organizations in the Great Lakes Bay region who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding

and outstanding initiative.

Additionally, The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship will be awarded to two high school seniors.

This year's theme is "Higher Than Education: Empowering Beyond the Classroom". The keynote speaker will be Jean Goodnow, president of Delta College.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$50 per person or \$320 for a table (seats 8) and can be purchased by calling Jerome Buckley at 989-992-2600.



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OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD



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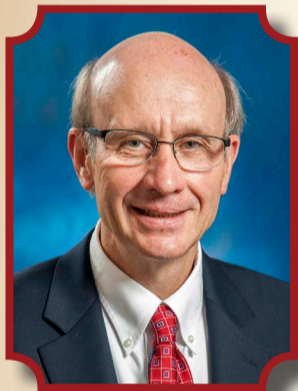
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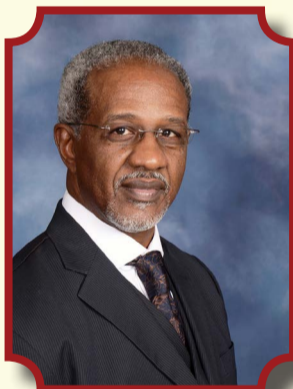
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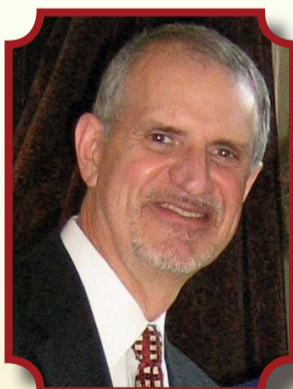
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MINISTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD



Debra Austin

DIVERSITY AWARD



Leo Romo

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IMPACT TURNAROUND AWARD



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Dr. Brenda Coughlin



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Dr. Kathy Stewart

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-Malcom X

Congratulations and accolades to publisher, Jerome Buckley and the Michigan Banner staff for 17 years of visionary commitment and service as vital media resource for communities in the Great Lakes Bay Region!

The Michigan Banner is an ardent voice for commemorating and reporting on the people, stories, news and issues critical to our community. Thank you to the Michigan Banner for crafting narratives which have enlightened, influenced and inspired our thinking, our perspectives and our actions. Thank you to the Michigan Banner for embracing inclusion and reflecting the broad diversity of the Saginaw, Midland and Bay communities with pictures, stories, ads and sponsors. Thank you to the Michigan Banner for lifting and celebrating the community institutions, leaders and educators who are committed to advancing the strategic importance of education and lifelong learning. Thank you to the Michigan Banner for reminding us education is truly our passport to a positive future and for always recognizing as a community we are stronger together. Thank You! Well Done!

The Michigan Banner’s 17 years of visionary and adept journalism have blessed our community and we are richer, stronger and wiser because of your legacy. Best wishes and continued good blessings to my friend and brother Jerome Buckley and the staff of the Michigan Banner!

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MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark “A Resilient Response to Ruckus”

Corey Pritchett MA, CPS (c) AKA Mr. Clark



Welcome to “Navigating the Narrative” w/Mr. Clark! Where we will examine variations of life and it’s “Story” of our “Journey” as it pertains to youth development and the many factors thereof. These writings are for impactful s briefly review two important aspects of the last article: 1) learning with a developed desire to influence changes in behaviors, attitudes, thought processes, etc., in regards to the aforementioned aspects of youth development. Hence the elaborative rehearsal demonstrated in reviewing the information. Elaborative rehearsal works by associating new information with information that is already held in long-term memory, such as the material read in the last few articles of Mr. Clark. This approach requires the learner to engage with new information in a way that creates meaningful connections to something previously learned, thus leading to the new information also being committed to long-term memory.

During this article we will continue with an ongoing work on protective factors based on using WISDOM in responding with life’s challenges. As we reflect on the last article, encompassed with information on wisdom, let us recall that wisdom is an important aspect of development

that is vital to successful, graceful and productive lives. Many confuse “wisdom” with “knowledge” when these are related terms, not identical in nature nor from an application perspective.

In review, wisdom and knowledge, both recurring themes in the Bible, are related but not synonymous. The dictionary defines wisdom as “the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.” Knowledge, on the other hand, is “information gained through experience, reasoning, or acquaintance.” Knowledge can exist without wisdom, but not the other way around. One can be knowledgeable without being wise. Knowledge is holstered.

Wisdom is one of those qualities that is difficult to define—because it encompasses so much—but which people generally recognize when they encounter it. And it is encountered most obviously in the realm of decision-making.

This brings us to the theme of this article which is having a “resilient response to ruckus”... within the context of this article ruckus is defined as a disturbance or commotion. In life we will experience various disturbances and commotions, this is inevitable and cannot be avoided.

However, the focus in our lives ought not to be how we can avoid these disturbances and instances of commotion, but rather “how do we respond” to these moments of “ruckus.” Grant it, all things being equal. We definitely want to avoid foolishness by all means, however, we must not allow ourselves to experience life as if there will “never” be problems, bad days, issues, challenges, grief/sorrow, etc. Thus developing an attitude of resilience and proactive approach to how we plan to respond to many difficult realities when they may occur. Let us attend to using wisdom in our responses to the interruptions of our settled and peaceful lives. Some of us don’t know what peaceful lives are due to the lack of wisdom being taught to us or not witnessing it being demonstrated on a consistent basis. Wisdom doesn’t come just by way of birth or association. It is developed by way of instruction combined with the application of the particular “instruction” given. Therefore, if an individual does not have the developed wisdom to respond to difficult situations that occur in their lives, they will not have the insight to use resilience when experiencing the “ruckus” of life.

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MYB Cover Story, Navigating the Narrative



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Let's examine a couple of scenarios in order to make an attempt to connect this information with our daily experiences.

Scenario 1:

Person/s: An individual in their mid thirties, married with children and even attending a local assembly with other Believers in the Faith. Working a full-time job and active in ministry. Primarily settled and peaceful life.

Issue/Challenge/Grief/Sorrow:

Mother dies. (Relationship dynamic-youngest of four children. "Mommas Boy")

Wisdom Principle/Resilient Response to Ruckus:

Don't depend on substances with the expectation of overcoming the impact of the pain, loneliness, sense of abandonment, hurt, etc. Allow yourself to experience every aspect of the grief/loss, including the separation anxiety, crying and laughter, all do to reminiscing on the precious moments lived with her. Live with a sense of honor towards her and consider the core values she instilled in you, when making decisions and possibly taking risks. Never use the pain of her

death to do harmful things to yourself or others i.e. misdirected anger, slumbering in depression, suicidal attempts, etc.

Scenario #2:

Person/s: Adult male with large family, living in a nice size 4-bedroom home works a full-time job and is socially active plus an aspiring entrepreneur.

Issue/Challenge/Grief/Sorrow:

House catches a fire and practically burns down. (NOTE: this is not a true story in its entirety. It is based on "true events" combined) No one was injured or harmed. However, family lost everything.

Wisdom Principle/Resilient Response to Ruckus:

This is such a detrimental situation for everyone involved, yet an even more critical moment for the male of this family. It's almost as if the world is upon his shoulders, suddenly and with extreme strenuous weight. If he has ever felt the pressure or shall I say "ruckus" that life may bring, he is definitely feeling it at this moment. His concern is not that of others but for the safety, future security, vulnerability, and livelihood and

shelter of/for his family.

Don't panic. As horrible of a situation this is, you have overcome something in life before that caused you pain, stress, struggle, strain, loss, etc. If you have done it before, you can do it again. Application of Wisdom at this moment is to do that what you know to do, in order to survive. Apply the prayer and Faith. Apply the works (actions) with the Faith. Apply the patience you have developed. Ignite the optimism and other empowering aspects of your personality which make-up your entire being of who you ARE. It is in you to get through this situation. Begin to cultivate (tap into, practice, strengthen) the hope within while reaching out to community resources and family/friend for additional support. And at the end of the day just know that you are NOT the first person to experience such a tragedy and will NOT be the last person. Therefore, there are solutions, which exist to this issue you are having.

In conclusion, remember to recall your core values when being faced with challenging moments in life that require a resilient response to ruckus. Keeping in mind that the trials and tribulations of life are destined to appear at various moments in life. It may come in the form of a natural disaster, a bad relationship with a significant other or even a really good friend, it could also come in the form of someone racially offending or bullying you. No matter which form it comes in, be ready to "respond" in the healthiest manner possible, to the "ruckus" by having a resilient attitude of seeking/searching and then applying, wisdom.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you all, Beloved readers and the community of the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond...

Yours in Service, Mr. Corey Pritchett, MA

College: Worth it or not?

Andre Buckley, Jr.



Over the past decade, there has been many more and more talk about whether college is worth it or not. I personally have been

intrigued by the whole debate. Many people say that college is a scheme and I don't know whether I agree with yet. I am currently a student at Central Michigan University, and I am planning on studying Business Professional Sales with a minor in Spanish. At first, I did not want to go to a university because the cost and business is so extreme. I initially was going to go to the Air Force and skip college. I thought I could just go there, stay for several years and then get out and start my career in real estate.

I was stuck between a rock and a hard place because technically I do not need a degree for what I want to do in life. Although it would help enhance my education, I didn't need it. While undergoing the college application process I read this article titled, Is Higher Education a Giant Pyramid Scheme. The article was written in 2012 so I immediately thought about the fact that this has been an ongoing question and concern for over a decade. It terrified me to read about what I could possibly be getting myself into for the next four years of my life.

The ones who say college is a scheme always bring up the debt that people would have to carry with them throughout their entire adulthood. In 2018 alone 69 percent of students had to take out some type of loan. Amongst those not in deferment, the average monthly student loan payment is 393 dollars. When reading the information, I thought about how there is something called student loan



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forgiveness but when I looked up facts about that, the US student loan website had me in shock. In 2018, 1,173,420 people requested student loan forgiveness. They only granted it to 55 people. In 2019 student loan debts in America reach an all-time high of 1.4 trillion within the first quarter of the year.

You are probably thinking now, "So with all of this information, why did you choose to pursue a university?" My plan after college is to still go into the Air Force and eventually be commissioned as an officer. In order to do that I would need a degree. So, inevitably I had to go this route the entire time. I am not in any regret of choosing this decision. I have gained multiple positive opportunities. I believe college is what you make of it, but it is not for everyone. It can either make you or break you.

Personally, college has had a substantial effect on me. It has enhanced my communication skills

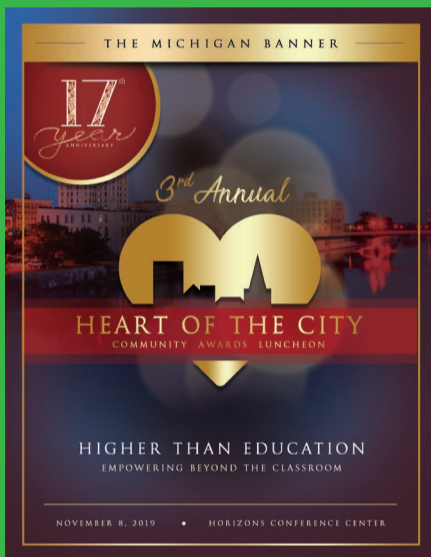
immensely. I have gained multiple scholarships thus far which has allowed me to not have to take out loans. When I get my degree, it will also allow me to have a backup plan if I choose to not go into real estate later in life. I believe any type of education is a great investment of my time. I am technically investing in my future. I am learning more about myself every day while conquering tasks that I never knew I could accomplish.

Ultimately it can be concluded that there are benefits and negative attributes to attending a university. Who is to say which outweighs which? I believe it is all subjective. All my life I have heard the phrase, "go with your heart," and I thought it was just another cliché saying- I was wrong. If I went with what I was told to do from others I would be in a completely different situation today. Taking smart risk builds character and that is what I did.

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Student resiliency expert to discuss neuroscience and education during SVSU talk



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A leader in the field of education will visit Saginaw Valley State University in November to discuss the role of neuroscience in education.

Horacio Sanchez, an SVSU Foundation Visiting Scholar, will examine the subject in front of an SVSU audience Monday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., in Gilbertson Hall's Ott Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Sanchez is one of the nation's prominent experts on promoting student resiliency and using neuroscience to improve school outcomes. As a clinician, he has helped students with severe emotional issues become resilient so they can cope and thrive academically while facing challenges and adversity.

His Monday presentation will focus on how to use neuroscience to improve instruction, behavior and school climate, which are topics Sanchez explores in his best-selling book, "The Education Revolution."

His book focuses on what he identifies as the keys to academic success — maximizing student capacity to learn in the classroom and motivating the student. His talk will discuss how educators can achieve these goals.

He has served as a teacher, administrator, clinician, mental health director and education consultant across the nation. His diverse educational experience has helped him to merge research, science, and practice.

Sanchez is the president and CEO of Resiliency Inc. The organization is a leader in helping institutions improve school climate, instruction, and discipline. He also serves on the True Health Initiative Council of Directors, a coalition of over 500 world-renowned health experts seeking to educate others on evidence-based pillars of lifestyle as medicine while also fighting fake medical facts.

Sanchez has published several articles and books about resiliency, closing the achievement gap and using neuroscience to improve educational practices and outcomes.

His appearance is part of SVSU's annual Visiting Scholars and Artists program.



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The Michigan Banner is proud to recognize Hispanic Leaders at the 2019 Heart of the City Awards Luncheon

This year's Heart of the City will recognize 3 Hispanics in the Saginaw community that have demonstrated excellence and leadership in their field and in the community.

Rosa Morales will receive the Outstanding Journalism/PR Award.



This award was established to recognize outstanding individuals in the Journalism and Public Relations field who have made a significant contribution to their profession and

have maintained the highest standards of the profession.

Rosa Eréndira Morales is an Emmy-awarding multimedia bilingual journalist, educator and mentor born and raised in Saginaw. She graduated from St. Rita's Elementary and St. Joseph's High, never mastering geometry, but falling in love with books and literature.

Morales earned an A.A. in Journalism from Delta College, where she worked part-time with the guru-of College Relations John Kraft. The beginning of professional aspirations emerged.

Morales started her professional career in the late 1960s while still in college, writing for The Delta Collegiate, The State News, El Renacimiento, Sol De Aztlan and The Saginaw News. In fact, some of her first news reports were published in 1968 and 1969---50 years ago.

In 1971 she was recruited by the "Summer Program in Print and Broadcast Journalism for

Members of Minority Groups" at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. The journalism program placed graduates in print and broadcasting jobs around the country. She was placed at the Meredith-owned WNEM TV 5 (NBC) in her hometown.

Little did Morales predict during the Watergate years when investigative journalism flourished, what an eclectic career she would create for herself, spanning five decades, beginning at a time when there were few Latino reporters and even fewer Latina women in media. Morales was the first trained journalist to produce and anchor a Spanish-language TV newscast in Michigan in 1971 at WNEM TV-5, as well as anchor a morning and noon newscast in English. Her very first attempt at TV documentaries was a feature mini-doc on the Soviet Union in the last years of the cold war era, which she shot on 16mm film with an old hand-crank Bell and Howell camera. After TV 5, she worked as producer/host of TeleRevista, the first bilingual public affairs show on WKAR-TV 23 (PBS) at Michigan State University. In San Francisco she won an Emmy for her work on KRON TV 4 (NBC). At that time Morales was a member of the National Latino Media Coalition and was part of a team presentation en banc before the Federal Communications Commission in the 1970s on the media needs of Mexican Americans and Spanish-speaking residents in the United States. Morales also filmed the training (on B&W 16mm silent film) of the participants and wrote the voice/over narration for a segment that aired on TeleRevista. It was during this period that civil rights leader Cesar Chavez also spoke his truth in an interview she shot on the old clunky 16mm film w/mag stripe camera on a heavy wood tripod she used daily on the job.

In 1976 Morales was profiled in the McGraw Hill-ABC TV Network documentary "Survival" produced by Academy-award

nominee Moctesuma Esparza (also producer of The Milagro Beanfield War and Selena). Morales was portrayed as the new Latina woman breaking familial, geographic and cultural barriers to pursue a career in media hundreds of miles from her family in the Great Lakes State.

Morales has written for Michigan dailies and many Latino community publications. For 17 years she served as assistant editor (pro bono) for Mi Gente (Mi People) Magazine. She has worked in corporate communications for General Motors as video producer, and at DaimlerChrysler, where she produced and anchored a Spanish-language business newscast satellite-fed daily to DM units across the globe.

Morales taught print and broadcast news writing at Delta College (11 years) while she also produced and hosted live, public affairs call-in programs, election debates and a teen series called "Right Now". The Spartan alum was director of the Hispanics in Journalism Program at Michigan State University and an advisor to COM-Unity, an association for African American, Latinx, Asian American, Native American and Arab American students in mass media at MSU. Earlier in her career, MSU honored her with the Outstanding COMM ARTS Alumnus (1982).

Among her many fellowships are: Ford Foundation; Institute for Educational Leadership; Belo Fellowship on Pres. Fox Election in Mexico 2000; Walter E. Bagehot Fellowship in Business and Economic Journalism at Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. She received a \$25,000 grant from the Gannet Foundation for to create and run Creating Next Gen of Minority Journalists project at MSU.

Currently, she's researching and writing a non-fiction work "Death Rides on My Shoulder:

Untold Stories of Mexican Americans along M-13", a partmemoir, part-collection of oral histories and life stories of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who used the two-lane North-South state road for decades as they migrated North in trucks to Michigan looking for work in the sugar beet, bean, carrot, pickle fields, cherries, and other crops. Morales will alternate chapters between the other families' stories and her own family's story of why and how they came to El Norte from Mexico. Their oral histories are being recorded, along with photos, and family memorabilia. Recordings are a collateral product that becomes part of the Voces Collection at the University of Texas at Austin.

Throughout her journalistic journey, Morales has maintained her commitment to enlighten the public's understanding of this nation's rich diversity of people and their contributions to society. Her work has informed readers, listeners and viewers about the link between their lives and government policy and how this nation's economic, news and social media systems influence the world. Her blog, El Grito! de Rosa Morales, will be launched December 12, the feast day of La Virgen de Guadalupe. Stay tuned.

David Gamez will receive the Outstanding Leadership Award.



This award was established to recognize individuals and organizations who have demonstrated the following:

- A commitment to the betterment of the Great Lakes Bay region through community service, leadership roles, and initiatives that benefit and grow our community
- Outstanding ability to lead and inspire fellow individuals and organizations to engage in the community

David R. Gamez is the founder of Health Delivery, Inc. (now Great Lakes Bay Health Centers). Gamez founded the non-profit federally qualified network of community health centers to provide comprehensive

primary care to migrant and urban populations and did so in 19 sites in 14 countries. He served in this role from 1973 to 2011 until he retired as President and CEO.

Gamez began his career as a registered nurse at Saginaw General Hospital, serving as a clinical instructor in the hospital's school of nursing, as well as emergency room supervisor and head nurse of the Intensive Care Department. Prior to starting Health Delivery, Gamez was instrumental in the formation of Group Health Services, which later became Blue Care Network of East Michigan.

He is a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), Michigan Primary Care Association, and the National Center for Farmworker Health. Gamez is also a board member of the Saginaw County Crime Prevention Council, the Hispanic Coalition for Better Education, the Saginaw Promise Zone Authority, Central Michigan's School of Health Professions Advisory Board and the Saginaw County Business and Education Partnership. He served on the Board of Trustees of Delta College, was the first recipient of the Delta College Distinguished Alumni Award, and has been recognized as Distinguished Alumni by Central Michigan University and Saginaw High School. He was also awarded the Outstanding Community College Alumnus Award from the Michigan Association of Community Colleges. In 2008, Delta College awarded him "The Spirit of Willie Thompson Multicultural Community Service Award." Additionally, he received The NAACP Freedom Fund Salute to Saginaw Heroes Award. In 2012, he was the recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement in Migrant Health Award" by NACHC. Gamez was selected as a Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar in 1994, and was appointed as a W.K. Kellogg Fellow, traveling to South Africa and Brazil as part of the Kellogg leadership development program. He is a member of the Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance (KFLA).

Gamez earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Central Michigan University. He also attended the University of Michigan's On Job/On Campus program in Health Care Administration and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Rebecca Sanchez will also receive the Outstanding Leadership Award.



Ms. Sanchez has been an instructor with the Saginaw City School District since 1978. She has generously donated her talents to many community events and causes as a way of providing a positive role

model for her students and peers. Rebecca is a School Improvement Team Member at Merrill Park Elementary and is a member of the National Network of Partnership Schools Committee. In May, she was honored to be asked to be the Grand Marshall of the Cinco de Mayo parade in Saginaw. She lives in the Sandusky area and serves as an elder in the Sandusky Presbyterian Church. Rebecca is an avid supporter of the Sandusky Food Backpack program which provides extra support for students facing hunger over the weekend when school meals are unavailable.

Rebecca Sanchez currently serves as the Chairperson of the Team One Credit Union Board. Ms. Sanchez has been a member of Team One for over 35 years and has been on the Team One Board of Directors since 1999. During this time, Rebecca has served on the Budget Committee, Personnel Committee and as the Secretary before being nominated as Chairperson in April 2018.

Leona Flores will receive the volunteer of the year award.



This award was established to recognize individuals who have dedicated a significant amount of their time and effort to volunteer in the Great Lakes Bay community.

Leona Flores was born in Lansing, Michigan, to Floyd and Frances Bailey. At the age of 13, Leona joined

the Salvation Army Church selling War Cry magazines.

Leona graduated from Eastern High School in 1968. In 1969, she married Edward A. Flores and they made their home in Saginaw, Michigan. They have four beautiful Daughters, 18 Grandchildren, and five Great-Grandchildren. They recently celebrated 50 years of their marriage.

In 1973, she enrolled as a student at the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Metropolitan Saginaw (OIC-MS) where she was able to get a co-op position at The Dow Chemical Company. She also volunteered to be the President of the OIC-MS Alumni Organization.

In 1975, she was hired full-time at Dow. In 1985, she decided to go to college and get her Bachelor's Degree. She attended Delta College, Central Michigan University, and finally graduated Summa Cum Laude from Spring Arbor University.

In 1982, she started a children's non-profit dance company, International Dance Company of Saginaw.

In 1990, Leona joined the American GI Forum (AGIF) Saginaw Women's Chapter. She volunteered to be the Queen's Coordinator. She has held every position in the AGIF Saginaw Women's Chapter. She was the State Chairwoman for over six years and was elected the National Vice Chairwoman in 2003. She is currently the National Vice Chairwoman.

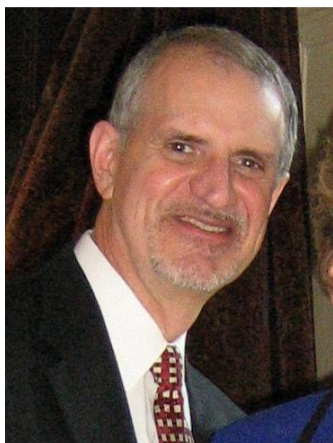
During Leona's career at Dow, she volunteered to become one of the leaders of the Dow Employees Veterans' Group. In 2011, she became the leader of the Dow Hispanic/Latin Network. She was active in leading efforts in the United Way campaigns and Habitat for Humanity. As a Dow manager, she mentored several employees during her career.

In 2009, Leona became part of the Founding Committee of the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute. She is currently serving on the Executive Board and is the Treasurer.

In 2013, Leona retired from Dow after 37 years. She is currently a contractor implementing and managing Competitive

Intelligence databases.

Leo Romo will receive the Diversity Award.



This award was established to recognize individuals and organizations who have demonstrated the following:

- A commitment to creating and supporting an environment

where diversity and inclusion are valued

- Actively and positively promoted the concept of diversity by enhancing or contributing to the overall environment of our community through improving a crosscultural understanding
- A commitment to collaborating with public or private sector organizations or leaders to address key issues

Leo Romo is DIVERSE. He is a Father, Grandfather, Latino, White, Publicly Gay, and after 3 brain operations NOT disabled - he is DIFFERENT abled.

Leo Romo has been very aware of "justice" since elementary years and I have tried to battle any injustice.

Leo Romo was educated in Saginaw - former St. Joseph & Sacred Heart Schools and Saginaw High, Class 1969 - 50 yrs this year. Leo graduated from Central Michigan University 1972 with BS and Michigan State University 1977 with a MA. He was city elementary teacher in several city schools including the former Migrant Program at Jessie Rouse, Handley Elementary's Program for Creative and Academically Talented, and retired in 1993.

Since retirement, Leo Romo has been involved with the community, especially for the LGBTQ, Latino and African-American people and groups. He has been involved with education, activities, organizing, research and documenting the history of these groups.

Leo is very proud of these actions recently:

- In 2017, Leo nominated Ramiro Gonzalez for a recipient of the Saginaw Hall of Fame. Ramiro Gonzalez was a Latino leader-activist-historian. Mr. Gonzalez was selected - "first and only Latino" who was selected for the Saginaw Hall of Fame.
- Leo has presented "African Americans in Saginaw 1855-1900" several times at community lectures at the Castle Museum, First Ward Community Center, Saginaw's YMCA's Philosophy Club, Delta College in January 2020. This including information of Saginaw & Bay City's first African American resident - Joshua James (J.J.) Richardson.
- In 2018, Leo researched and nominated Dr. Charles W. Ellis (1863-1908) to the Saginaw County Hall of Fame
- For several years, Leo has presented "LGBT History in Saginaw Valley" for community groups and has been honored for his LGBT activities. Being gay is only part of being human. Hopefully, in the future, LGBT people will be loved and respected by coming out - especially by family.

We look forward to celebrating our Anniversary Luncheon with all of this year's award recipients. To join us, contact Jerome Buckley at 989-992-2600

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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

How well do you know your donor base?

This is the busy season for most nonprofits. Organizations are simultaneously “closing out” this year and planning for next year. Development directors and executive directors are keeping a close eye on the total of gifts received, and the extent to which the organization is on track to meet its fundraising goals. In the midst of it all we recommend keeping your individual donor in focus.

Here’s what we mean: meeting a fundraising goal means that many people decided to give to your nonprofit. Each should be recorded in your donor database. Together – the person and the data associated with them – should be reviewed as you fundraise and plan. When you record information about your donors you have the information you need to make critical management decisions.

Here are three things to consider.

1. Who specifically are the donors who provide your organization with the majority of its funds? Print out the list. Look at their names. Are these program officers associated with foundations? Corporate giving officers? Individuals or families? Decision makers for a fund at a community center? Has each made a gift or grant yet for this year? What

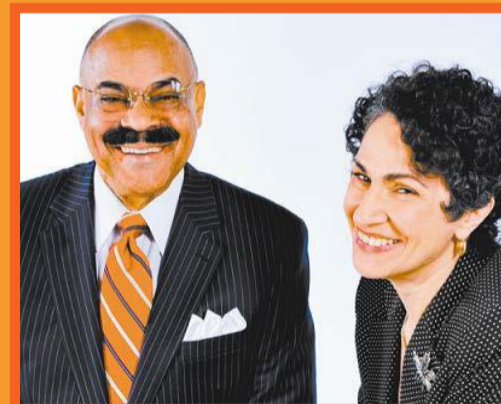
is their giving history? How much has each given in total over the past three years? Who typically solicits each? What actions need to be taken prior to yearend? Which need to be taken in the new year to continue the relationship?

2. What does an aggregate view of your donor information communicate? Run reports so you can answer the following questions. What has been your attrition rate over the last three years? What is the average gift size? Have there been increases or decreases in the total number of donors over the last three years? How many of your donors provide in-kind gifts and resources? How many of your donors participate in a matching gift program? How many of your donors upgraded their gift over the last three years? Do you have enough prospects who can collectively provide you with three times the amount of money you actually need to raise? Can you identify your lapsed donors – those who gave last year (or the year before) but haven’t given this year? What percentage of your goal do these represent? Do you have a specific strategy to reengage these donors?

3. How do you communicate with each donor? Is it “one size fits all” or tailored to match donor preferences

or the way which each gives? Do you in fact know the method(s) that each uses? For example, who makes a grant? Who writes a personal or business check? Who makes onetime online gifts and who has signed up for recurring credit card donations? Do you know who gives at special events, and who gives as a result of being personally solicited? Does your communication match their giving method? When do you make a phone call, send a card, or invite a donor to visit your program?

Your donor base is the heartbeat of your fundraising management: don’t forget to take its pulse.



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HEALTH

Covenant HealthCare Seeks Hospice Volunteers in the Great Lakes Bay Area



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Covenant Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice is looking for volunteers interested in providing support for hospice patients, families and staff in the areas it serves (Saginaw, Bay, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, and Midland counties). Volunteers select the service opportunities that most appeal to them, including patient work, journaling/last letters, faith-based services, music therapy, special events, community outreach and beautician services.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this meaningful work is encouraged to contact

Darcie Johnson, Volunteer Specialist, at 989.583.0254 or darciejohnson@chs-mi.com. An informational meeting/training will take place Wednesday, November 6 at the Covenant Visiting Nurse Association (500 S. Hamilton, Saginaw) from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm; advance registration is required. This will be a chance for the community to learn more about the Covenant Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice and complete the first step of basic volunteer training required for the program.

Volunteers receive specialized training

covering the basic principles of hospice, understanding the special needs of patients and their families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual care giving, and understanding grief and loss. Hospice volunteers are trained in listening skills, family dynamics as well as grief and bereavement.

Hospice volunteers represent all ages and life experiences, but the characteristics that define and unite them are compassion and the desire to help others.

Great Lakes Bay Health Centers are expanding their services in Bay County

Great Lakes Bay Health Centers (GLBHC) has acquired the McLaren Bay Psychiatric Associates (MBPA) practice and building at 690 S. Trumbull St. in Bay City. As MBPA becomes integrated as the newest GLBHC practice, we are excited to announce the new health care location and are honored to welcome current and new patients. Many current employees, including Dr. Ingram and Dr. Lathia along with other healthcare providers, will continue their full commitment to the health center and will continue to see their patients.

GLBHC, in conjunction with many community partners, continues to offer quality healthcare to everyone. The Great Lakes Bay Region as a whole has a need for more access to affordable behavioral health care. GLBHC has established an excellent record of providing high quality, reliable, and compassionate care over our fifty-year history. “We are excited to be able to expand high quality behavioral health counseling, medication management, and substance use disorder treatment to the Bay City community,” said Dr. Brenda Coughlin, President and CEO at GLBHC. “This site, in addition to our already established locations for primary care and dental services, will help us truly Change Lives Because We Care,” added Coughlin.

“Great Lakes Bay Health Centers has a demonstrated history of excellent patient care and we believe this will increase the access for individuals seeking behavioral health care in our region” said Clarence Sevillian, Regional President at McLaren Bay Region.

GLBHC’s Behavioral Health Department provides a team approach toward patient-centered care. The treatment team is comprised of the primary care providers and behavioral health specialists. Master-level behavioral health clinicians provide psycho-social assessments and short-term individual and family counseling. Psychological evaluations and medication management provided by a behavioral health psychiatrist may also be incorporated into the patient’s care. In addition, the Behavioral Health



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Department provides community resource referrals for substance abuse detox and treatment and other community services.

GLBHC is the second largest Health Center organization in Michigan, and has 30 health centers throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond, including Bad Axe, Imlay City, and Owosso. Our Bayside health center on Monitor Road and our Women’s Care health center in the McLaren Health Pavilion in Bay City have provided health care to Bay County residents for many years. We offer primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, pharmacy services, vision, and much more. We provide services that help our patients overcome barriers to accessing health care, such as insurance help, transportation, and translation. Our services meet or exceed national standards helping our patients receive better health outcomes.

Many of our centers are Patient Centered Medical Homes. Our medical homes lead to higher quality care and lower costs. We form partnerships between individual patients and their personal clinicians. Each patient is cared for by clinician-led care teams, who provide for all the patient’s health care needs, and coordinate treatments across the health care system. This PCMH Model is just another way we are providing “Quality Healthcare for Everyone”.

This new Behavioral Health Center is now open and taking new patients. GLBHC Bay City South is located at 690 S. Trumbull St., Bay City, MI 48708. Please call (989) 922-5700 to schedule an appointment and become a patient. For a media contact please reach out to Jeff Reinartz, Director of Communications and Development, at 989-751-6478 or jreinartz@GLBHealth.org.



Samaritas salutes The Michigan Banner on its 17 years of dedicated service to the community. When we all work together to Lift Up Saginaw, there's nothing we can't do!

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Ascension St. Mary's Announces a New Health & Wellness Program

Ascension St. Mary's announces a new health & wellness program for the business community. Ascension Michigan at Work is joining the lineup of programs available at Ascension St. Mary's. Solely focused on the health and wellness for the greater Saginaw area business community, Ascension Michigan at Work is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and preventative services as well as safety and health education to area employers. Services can be customized to meet the needs of each business. The new Ascension Michigan at Work clinic is at the Ascension St. Mary's Towne Centre facility, 4599 Towne Centre Road, in Saginaw.

Services offered include:

- DOT and employment physical exams
- Drug and alcohol testing
- Employee wellness programs
- Return to work programs
- OSHA Complaint Medical Surveillance Programs

In addition to Saginaw, there are 14 other locations including Grand Blanc, Howell, Rochester, Novi, Livonia, Madison Heights, Macomb Township, Southfield, Grosse Pointe Woods, East China, Battle Creek, Coldwater, Kalamazoo and Portage. Ascension Michigan at Work is the largest hospital based occupational health program in the state.

For more information, contact Rachael Wilson, Account Executive, at 989-907-8244.




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Everyone in PACE has a medical team. This team has doctors, nurses, certified nursing assistants, a dietician, activity director, a center manager and a transportation coordinator. An Occupational and Physical Therapist are included. Assessments are done in a timely fashion for those noted to have physical decline.

Great Lakes PACE enrolls those 55 or older and who live in our service area (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services. There are also medical guidelines. Our intake staff will meet with you to assess eligibility. PACE is covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare for many. If not eligible for Medicaid, there is a private pay option. Those enrolled in PACE are charged the cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Would you like to learn more about Great Lakes PACE? Call today! We are open Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM. Walk-in tours are welcome or plan a group tour of any size for your family, church or community organization.

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BUSINESS & WEALTH

City of Saginaw Recognized For Supporting Business



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Saginaw is one of five communities across the state of Michigan to have been identified for the strategies they employ to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development, according to the annual eCities study. The study, conducted by iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research, identified the cities of Hillsdale, Houghton, Saginaw, Tecumseh, and Hartland Township as 2019 eCities Honored Communities for their successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's growth. This is the second time in three years the City of Saginaw has received this honor.

"The City of Saginaw is committed to working with businesses to create jobs and reinvent our city. We value the developers, the state and their efforts, Saginaw Future, and all of our partners striving to make the city successful." -- Timothy Morales, Saginaw City Manager.

"Economic Development has evolved to

include talent attraction and development," said JoAnn Cray, President of Saginaw Future. "With an extremely mobile economy, the City, SFI, Chamber and other strategic partners are helping these talented individuals realize the opportunities to secure rewarding and meaningful jobs, and the many community aspects that make Saginaw a great place to live and raise a family." The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments, and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the five-year period of 2014-2018, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2.25 percent per year by investments such as road and parking structure improvements, water main and streetscape upgrades, as well as police, fire, and computer equipment, while property tax rates increased by less than 1

percent on average per year.

"While accounting for only about 15 percent of the cities and townships in Michigan, the 277 communities analyzed are home to 70 percent of the population and 85 percent of the state's commercial property," said Tim Davis, the College of Business' assistant dean for student engagement and success. "By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in developing business and encouraging entrepreneurs."

The communities were acknowledged on Tuesday, October 22 during the 2019 eCities recognition event, in which this year's research findings were discussed and the strategies and success stories of the participating communities celebrated.



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Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union Changes Its Name To Health Advantage Federal Credit Union



Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union (SMFCU), announced today that it is changing its name and brand identity as part of a larger journey to improve the financial health for the healthcare industry.

“Last year we expanded our charter to include anyone who works in the healthcare industry within the state of Michigan,” said Laura Crase, CEO. “The name captures the heart of our credit union, our philosophy of service, our members and our community. Health Advantage is the foundation that our membership was built upon. This new name more accurately reflects and identifies all the members that we serve while preserving our history and heritage.”

“What will not change is the friendly service and fantastic overall value that members have come to expect from us,” Crase said. The credit union offers a comprehensive range of financial services, from credit cards and mortgages to commercial business loans and more.

During the transition, members account numbers will remain the same, and their checks, debit cards, credit cards, online banking and versatile app will all continue to function in the same way. The www.smfcu.com website will automatically redirect to the new website, www.healthadvantagecu.com.

Isabella Bank Corporation Announces Strong Earnings for Third Quarter 2019



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Isabella Bank Corporation (the "Corporation") (OTCQX: ISBA), released its earnings results for the third quarter of 2019 reporting record net income of \$4.4 million or earnings per common share of \$0.56. Achievements in the third quarter of 2019 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2019 include:

- 20.2% increase in third quarter net income compared to the third quarter of 2018
- Second consecutive quarter for record earnings results
- Loan growth of \$15.2 million during the quarter and \$63.1 million since year end 2018
- Cash dividend yield of 4.7%

“We are very excited to share our record results for the third quarter of 2019,” stated Jae A. Evans, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. “While we benefited from some one-time financial events during the period, we continued to produce strong earnings results from our core operations which include offering competitive lending and deposit products. Additionally, we have placed considerable efforts into the management of our balance sheet as part of our strategy to grow the bottom line to benefit our customers and our shareholders.”

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Net Income

Net income for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2019 was \$4.4 million and \$12.1 million, respectively. Net income for the same periods of 2018 was \$3.7 million and \$10.5 million, respectively. Net interest income for the three month period ended September 30, 2019 increased \$323,000 when compared to the previous quarter and \$423,000 when compared to the same period last year as a result of growth in the loan portfolio, improved yields, and less reliance on higher cost deposits and borrowings. Third quarter 2019 noninterest income increased \$396,000, or 13.8%, from the same period last year, while third quarter 2019 noninterest expense decreased \$467,000, or 4.2%, from the same period last year.

A combination of improved yields and growth in the loan portfolio over the past twelve months were large drivers of a \$3.2 million increase in interest income for the first nine months of 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. Interest expense on deposits and borrowings increased \$2.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2019 when compared to the same period in 2018 primarily due to higher interest rates. Noninterest income increased \$648,000 during the first nine months of 2019 when compared to the same period in 2018 as we experienced an increase in debit card transaction fees and gains related to foreclosed assets. Noninterest expenses for the first nine months of 2019 grew by less than 1% or \$176,000 compared to the same period in 2018. Expenses related to employee compensation account for a portion of this increase, which was offset by an FDIC assessment credit received in September 2019, reduced audit and consulting fees, and ongoing cost control initiatives. These initiatives include managing employee turnover, capital expenditures and vendor costs.

The Corporation's fully taxable equivalent net yield on interest earning assets was 3.13% and 3.07% for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2019, respectively. This compares to 2.97% in both the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2018. The Corporation's banking subsidiary, Isabella

Bank (the "Bank"), has implemented various initiatives which, over time, are expected to continue to improve the net yield on interest earning assets. These initiatives included transitioning a larger percentage of assets from lower yielding investment securities to higher yielding loan opportunities, continued growth of the loan portfolio, reduced reliance on higher cost borrowings and brokered deposits, and enhanced pricing strategies related to loan and deposit products.

Assets

As of September 30, 2019, total assets were \$1.8 billion and assets under management were \$2.5 billion. Assets under management include loans sold and serviced of \$258.9 million, and assets managed by Investment and Trust Services of \$475.6 million. During the third quarter of 2018, assets managed by Investment and Trust Services reached an all-time high surpassing \$500 million. While the value of these assets declined during the fourth quarter of 2018 due to a drop in the securities markets, assets managed by Investment and Trust Services rebounded \$28.1 million or 6.3% during the first nine months of 2019 due to improvement in the market as well as new business.

As a result of the flat yield curve that has existed for several months, the opportunity to identify new investment securities for purchase at an acceptable yield has been limited. Therefore, the Bank's securities portfolio has declined by \$49.3 million since the fourth quarter of 2018 as a result of sales and maturities. Based on strategic objectives, the Corporation has utilized this available cash flow to reduce borrowings as they mature and other high-cost funding sources, resulting in a decline in total assets as of September 30, 2019 when compared to December 31, 2018.

Loans

Loans grew \$15.2 million during the third quarter of 2019 to \$1.2 billion as of September 30, 2019. The loan portfolio has grown \$63.1 million or 5.6% during the first nine months of 2019. This growth was largely driven by the commercial loan portfolio which increased \$49.2 million. Also contributing to this growth

was an increase in residential real estate and consumer loans totaling \$22.6 million. While the portfolio did experience a decline of \$8.7 million in agricultural related loans, this is reflective of seasonal trends within this business sector.

Deposits

Total deposits increased \$27.4 million or 2.1% during the third quarter of 2019 to \$1.3 billion as of September 30, 2019. This increase can largely be attributed to growth in savings and trust related deposits. Over the last year, the Bank has experienced growth in certificates of deposit, savings and demand deposit accounts as the result of strategic product pricing and a high level of customer service. In recent periods, excess liquidity was used to reduce high-cost deposits such as brokered certificates of deposit accounts. During the past twelve months, brokered certificates of deposit accounts have declined \$32.0 million or 37.7% which has improved the Bank's net interest margin.

Capital

The Bank continues to be designated as a "well capitalized" institution as its capital ratios exceeded the minimum requirements for this designation. As of September 30, 2019, the Bank's Tier 1 Leverage Ratio was 8.5%, Tier 1 Capital Ratio was 11.7% and Total Capital Ratio was 12.3%. From a consolidated perspective, the Corporation's Tier 1 Leverage Ratio was 9.2%, Tier 1 Capital Ratio was 12.6% and Total Capital Ratio was 13.2% as of September 30, 2019.

Dividend

During the third quarter of 2019, the Corporation paid a \$0.26 per common share cash dividend. Based on the Corporation's closing stock price of \$22.30 as of September 30, 2019, the annualized cash dividend yield was 4.7%.



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(Flint, Michigan) Strong times are ahead for Flint's Bishop International Airport! Airlines are increasing frequency and nonstop options for our Southeast Michigan travelers by adding exciting new destinations, returning popular seasonal routes and increasing flights to our favorite Florida destinations.

Interim Airport Director, Nino Sapone, "The progress really began in September with the launch of American Airline's new nonstop service to Charlotte, their second largest hub. This was quickly followed by Allegiant's announcement of new ultra-low fare flights to Sarasota, and then the return of their popular seasonal flights to Ft. Lauderdale in December. That makes for 5 'fun in the sun' destinations from Flint on Allegiant. These destinations join our current nonstop flights to Ft. Myers/Punta Gorda, Orlando/Sanford and Tampa Bay/St. Pete."

The strong trend the airport has been

experiencing will be most noticeable to travelers during deep the winter months of 2020. From January until March the airport will experience year-over-year growth between 11.2 and 43.3 percent per month. March will have the most seats available year-over-year, coming in at an impressive 46,549 seats, the largest number of seats available in March since 2016. Every airline across the board will be up in seat capacity over their 2019 figures.

Newest flight additions

American Airlines:

New nonstop to Charlotte, NC
Started September 4, 2019

Allegiant:

New nonstop to Sarasota, FL
Starts November 24, 2019

Allegiant:

Return of seasonal Ft. Lauderdale, FL
December 20, 2019

Additionally, we have growth in seat and flight capacity to

American Airlines:

Increased frequency to Chicago-O'Hare

Delta Air Lines:

Increased seats to Atlanta-Hartsfield

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EDUCATION

SVSU selected to national academy focused on advancing student success



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Saginaw Valley State University is home to hard-working students who often overcome challenges in pursuit of their degrees. The university has placed additional emphasis on degree completion by participating in an exclusive program offered by one of the nation's leading higher education accreditors.

SVSU was selected as one of eight institutions nationally to participate in the Higher Learning Commissions Student Success Academy, a 3-year initiative that will connect university staff and faculty with industry experts and resources aimed at impacting student success.

“Everyone on our campus has a role in student success; it’s at the core of everything we do at SVSU,” said Deborah Huntley, SVSU’s provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

“Participation in the Student Success Academy is a way to systematically assess our initiatives and to enhance the services and supports that we provide to our students from their first engagement with the university through their post-graduation success. This benefits our students, it benefits our university, and it benefits all the communities SVSU serves.”

The Student Success Academy will pair SVSU representatives with higher education scholars. Together, they will examine the university’s existing programs affecting student success and later identify opportunities to implement additional initiatives to impact outcomes. The data-based analysis will involve examining the student population, how SVSU policies and practices impact student outcomes, and what kind of actions may generate more success.

The 3-year program kicked off when SVSU representatives and their Student Success Academy peer institutions met in October for a roundtable conference in St. Charles, Illinois, just outside Chicago. The gathering included Higher Learning Commission staff and members — including renowned experts in higher education-related issues — providing an overview of the academy objectives.

The conference introduced attendees to the year-by-year goals of the academy. The first-year goal involves reviewing SVSU student data and identifying gaps that exist in the student success initiatives at the university. The second-year goal includes identifying opportunities for closing those gaps. The goal for the final year involves designing an action plan to eliminate those gaps.

The conference also provided national data points — relating to topics such as rates of student retention and course completion — aimed at helping academy members measure their respective universities against peer institutions.

The Higher Learning Commission accredits SVSU. The university most recently received a 10-year reaccreditation from the agency in June 2014.

A committee of SVSU faculty and staff members participated in the academy. That roster includes the following:

- Jenna Briggs, senior director of Advanced Studies and International Student Services
- Sidney Childs, associate provost for Student Affairs and dean of students
- Rachel Florence-Spaetzle, director of orientation programs
- Dawn Hinton, professor of sociology
- Poonam Kumar, director of the Center for Academic Innovation and Online Learning
- Josh Ode, associate provost
- Erik Trump, professor of political science
- Nick Wagner, executive director of institutional effectiveness

Delta College Graduation Ceremony at Saginaw Correctional Facility



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Delta College and the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland, Michigan, held a graduation ceremony recently for ten students who completed their associate's degree in Small Business Management/ Entrepreneurship. These men were the first group to graduate through a program in which 53 students at the facility are taking Delta courses.

"This ceremony was a highlight of my career in education," said Dr. Jean Goodnow, President of Delta College. "I believe in the power of a community college education. In fact, several of the ceremony

attendees, including the warden, revealed that they too are proud Delta College graduates." Federal funding for the program was made available in 2015 when President Obama's Education Department announced an experimental program called Second Chance Pell. Delta College is one of three community colleges in Michigan working with correctional facilities to offer incarcerated individuals an opportunity to earn college credit toward a degree.

"This partnership is important to our community because as a society, we must equip incarcerated people with the skills to build a life for themselves upon release from prison," said Tom (O'Bell) Winn, Warden, Saginaw Correctional Facility. "We also know education is transformative to how people view themselves. It saves the state money by lowering recidivism, giving more incarcerated individuals access to desirable careers, and building a stronger workforce."

DELTA COLLEGE FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications are now open for full-ride President's Honors Scholarships to Delta College.

The President's Honors Scholarship is an academic-based scholarship for 2020 high school graduates in Bay, Midland or Saginaw County. The scholarship covers two years of tuition, fees, required books and more, enabling recipients to earn an associate's degree cost-free. Twenty scholarships will be awarded.

"Each year, 20 of our district's brightest students are able to attend Delta College cost-free on the President's Honors Scholarship," said Dr. Jean Goodnow, President of Delta College. "At Delta, they will have an opportunity to receive a high-quality education at one of the best community colleges in the United States, without worrying about how to pay for it."

The deadline for applying is November 11 at midnight.

Eligibility Requirements

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Interested? Need more information?

Call the Honors Program at 989-686-9091 or email honors@delta.edu. To begin the application process go to [scholarships](https://www.delta.edu/scholarships).



Flint Promise Students Reflect on the Transition to College



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This year, more than 140 Flint Promise scholars are attending Kettering University, Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint. And for many students, they're learning just how different college can be from high school.

"Professors don't tell you how much time it will take to study or do a project," said Blase Haynes, a first-year Flint Promise student at Kettering University. "But if you put in the effort and do the extra work, it will pay off."

Cristian Rodriguez, a second-year student at Mott Community College, agrees.

"The biggest adjustment is time management," says Rodriguez. "Although, it suits me better because I have the flexibility to build my schedule around my life."

That flexibility has also been key for Brianna Scott. Although Scott is a first-year Flint Promise student, she has enough credits for senior status because she earned college credits while attending Genesee Early

College. That puts her on the fast track to pursue her doctorate in molecular biology.

While many students enjoy the independence college life brings, it can also be a challenging time for some. In fact, research shows that college students who struggle with independence and adapting to their new environments are more likely to struggle with grades and the college overall experience.

It's for that reason that Flint Promise provides success coaches for its scholarship recipients. These coaches offer guidance on a variety of resources, including transportation, employment, child care, tutoring and other community support services. They can also bridge communication gaps between students and college staff and departments.

"We are committed to seeing these students succeed," says James Avery, director of Education & Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, which administers

the Flint Promise scholarship. "To do that, we aim to make the journey from high school graduation to college graduation as smooth as possible. Our coaches are there for the students from start to finish."

Looking forward, Flint Promise is accepting scholarship applications for students who will start college in the winter semester. The deadline to apply is November 15.

Flint Promise is a scholarship program for Flint residents who graduate from high schools in the city of Flint. By covering the cost of tuition after federal grants and other scholarships have been applied, Flint Promise allows eligible students to attend participating colleges and universities for little to no cost.

Flint Promise was established through \$2 million in combined gifts from the Consumers Energy Foundation and Tom Gores, founder of FlintNOW.

To learn more about the scholarship, or to apply, visit theflintpromise.org.



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

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Transformative teaching and learning practices at the forefront of multi-institutional symposium in Flint



More than 100 professors, lecturers and instructors from Flint institutions of higher learning – Kettering University, University of Michigan-Flint, Mott Community College and Baker College

– recently collaborated to present The Quad-POD (Professional Organizational Developers) Teaching Symposium at The University of Michigan-Flint.

Last month, nearly two dozen faculty members from Kettering University took part in the inaugural Multi-Institutional Teaching Symposium, which included a faculty poster session, keynote presentations, group classroom sessions and roundtable

discussions. With a focus on “Transformative Practices in Teaching and Learning,” the symposium was an opportunity for participants to share proven step-by-step processes and techniques to effectively personalize coursework for students.

Topics presented included “Engaging Students in Undergraduate Research,” “Critical Inclusive Pedagogies,” “Multidisciplinary Service Learning Research” and “Framing Meaningful Learning: A Critical Thinking Experience.”

Dr. Julia Kiernan, Assistant Professor of Communications at Kettering University, served as keynote speaker. She presented how the interdisciplinary collaborations that are currently underway at Kettering University have worked to positively affect students’ engagement with their general education courses. She outlined the work the College of Science and Liberal Arts (CSLA) has done to date and explored ways in which

interdisciplinary clusters have contributed to both student and faculty engagement and community building.

“One of the things I am continually struck by since Kettering shifted to the College model is the shared passions of faculty across disciplines,” said Dr. Kiernan. “In the CSLA, particularly, it is really exciting to be working with colleagues from very diverse backgrounds who share pedagogical ideologies. I think it is these faculty collaborations that truly improve our students’ experiences at Kettering, not only in terms of student success, agency and engagement, but also via community building and relationship building.”

Plans are underway for the next Quad-POD Teaching Symposium scheduled for October 2020. For more information, go to umflint.edu/tclt/quad-pod-consortium#tab-about-quad-pod.

CMU steps up Detroit outreach and engagement

New strategy and new leadership will reinvigorate Central Michigan University's commitment to the city of Detroit and the surrounding metro region.

A five-pillar strategic plan focuses on student recruitment, alumni engagement, business engagement, business development and community engagement in Michigan's largest city and metropolitan area.

Rhonda Welsh, CMU's first executive director of Detroit outreach, will drive the strategy.

"Rhonda's extensive experience will help us increase our footprint in the metro Detroit area so we can better engage alumni, foster business and community relationships, and strengthen recruitment efforts," said CMU President Bob Davies.

Welsh brings to CMU nearly 20 years of communications and community relations experience. She has served as a marketing and public relations consultant at Multi-Training

Systems in Southfield, Michigan; alumni officer at Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts; and assistant director of public relations for the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

CMU's Detroit-area strategic efforts include:

- Providing opportunities for current CMU students to engage with K-12 students in metro Detroit.
- Stationing CMU's director of business development in Detroit, along with full-time admissions and alumni personnel.
- Fostering relationships with businesses that have high CMU alumni employee numbers, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Quicken Loans, Ford, DTE Energy and Meridian Health.
- Partnering with community organizations to increase civic contributions and volunteer opportunities.

CMU's Detroit office, in the heart of downtown at 777 Woodward Ave., offers

career services, professional development events, prospective student and financial aid workshops, and alumni gatherings for young professionals in the region. Central also has suburban Detroit centers in Clinton Township, Dearborn, Southfield, Troy and Warren.

More than 46,000 CMU graduates live in the metro Detroit region of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. That's one-third of all CMU alumni in Michigan.

About 30% of current CMU on-campus students also hail from southeast Michigan.

"Every one of our students and alumni are valued, from the Upper Peninsula to Detroit and everywhere in between," Davies said. "Because CMU has such a broad reach, it is important our resources are accessible throughout the state. The Detroit outreach position will help us to connect and engage with more metro Detroit students and alumni than ever before."







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25th Annual Ascension St. Mary's Cornette Ball to Honor Saginaw Cardiologist - Dr. Rao V.C. Gudipati



Ascension St. Mary's Foundation is pleased to announce that Rao V.C. Gudipati MD, FACC, FAHA will receive the prestigious Spirit of St.

Vincent Award. Dr. Gudipati will be honored during the 25th Annual Cornette Ball on Saturday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center.

Dr. Gudipati began his cardiology practice with Valley Heart Institute in 1990 and Michigan CardioVascular Institute in 1998, totaling almost 30 years of service to the Saginaw and surrounding communities. He served as president of MCVI for eight years. He also served on the board of the Saginaw County Medical Society from 2004 to 2012, including as President from 2007-2008. He served as president of the SCMS Foundation from 2010-2012 and started the annual golf outing which is their primary fundraiser. He served as a member of the Board of Medicine of Michigan from 2008 to 2011.

Dr. Gudipati specializes in cardiology and is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology and adult comprehensive echocardiography. He has received numerous honors and awards throughout his time in the medical field such as Fellow of the Year at St. Louis University Medical Center, Division of Cardiology and Chief Resident in the Department of Medicine at The Chicago Medical School.

He was major contributor to the Central Michigan University College of Medicine and has been a clinical associate professor at

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CMU College of Medicine since 2014. He previously taught at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and the Chicago Medical School. He has conducted many medical research projects and has published a multitude of scholarly papers and other works. He was also Best All-Around Student at Guntur Medical College in 1976.

The Ascension St. Mary's Foundation Cornette Ball is one of the grandest black-tie galas in the region. The festive evening

includes a cocktail hour, a magnificent five-course gourmet meal and live music by Detroit's Intrigue. The Spirit of St. Vincent Award is presented annually to at least one highly respected physician or group who has rendered long and noteworthy service to the Great Lakes Bay community and beyond. For sponsorship information or details about attending the event please contact Tammy Weighman at 989.907.8875 or visit www.stmarysofmichigan.org/foundation.

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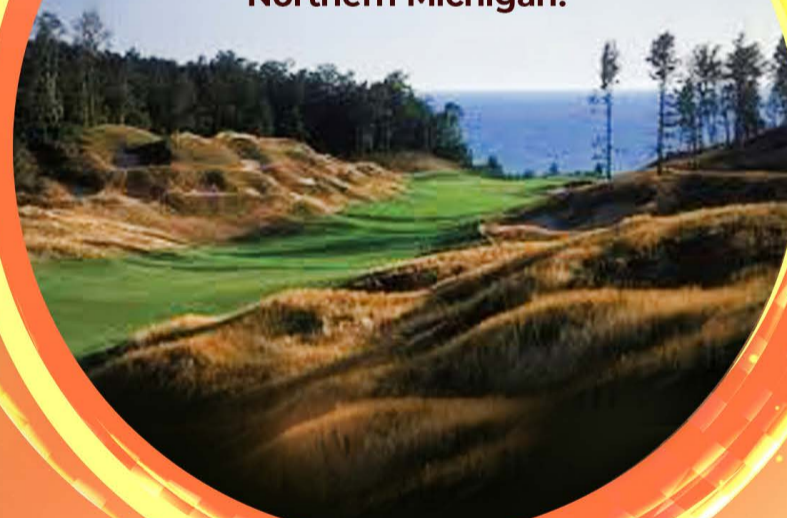
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Enrichment Commission Announces \$52,700 in Minigrant Awards

Through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Minigrant Program the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission is proud to announce that \$52,700 has been awarded to twenty-nine organizations and individual artists in Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw Counties. The Enrichment Commission serves as one of ten regional regrating agencies administering the Minigrant program for the MCACA.

The Minigrant program funds both Arts Projects and Professional and Organizational Development grants. Arts Project Minigrants provide funding for locally-developed, high-quality arts and cultural projects that are free or low cost to area residents. They allow non-profit organizations to grow arts access and appreciation, encouraging all those in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond to think, work and live creatively. The Professional and Organizational Development Minigrants assist non-profit organizations, administrators and professional artists, supporting unique experiences such as attending conferences, workshops and seminars or hiring short-term consultants.

The Enrichment Commission received thirty-one grant applications, for a total of \$69,974 in requests. After much deliberation, the Minigrant Panel came to a consensus and distributed \$52,700 in funding for professional and organizational development and arts projects.

Professional and Organizational Development Minigrants:

DJ Carmody – Expanding Creativity (Midland) - \$570

Emerald Joiner – American Choral Director Association Conference (Saginaw) - \$500

Friends of Theodore Roethke – Organizational Growth & Development (Saginaw) - \$750

Historical Society of Saginaw County – AMM Annual Meeting (Saginaw) - \$950

Jenna Swanson – MMA 2019 Conference (Saginaw) - \$500

Major Chords for Minors – Sustainability Plan/Board & Governance/Strategic Fund Development (Saginaw) - \$1,000

Matt Travis – League of American Orchestra Conference (Midland) - \$750

Midland Center for the Arts – Tessitura Conference (Midland) - \$1,100

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum – Assoc. of Children’s Museums Conf. (Isabella) - \$1,100

Nicholas Moore – Studio to Digital Development (Saginaw) - \$180

Saginaw Choral Society – ACDA Regional Conference 2020 - Saginaw (\$1,000)

Stacie Rose – Watercolor Painting Workshop (Saginaw) - \$1,100

Studio 23 – Americans for the Arts 2020 Conference (Bay) - \$500

Total for Professional and Organizational Development: \$10,000

Arts Projects Minigrants

All Music is Power – All Music is Power (Saginaw) - \$3,600

Chippewa River District Library System – Summer Reading Program (Isabella) - \$4,000

City of Mt. Pleasant – Paint the Intersections (Isabella) - \$2,550

Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service – Family Fun Day in Park (Clare) - \$3,400

Friends of Bay City State Park Recreation Area – Music from the Marsh (Bay) - \$2,550

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan – Girl Scouts Give Vision and Voice (Saginaw) - \$2,000

Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service – Professional Development Workshop (Gratiot) - \$1,275

Harrison District Library – 2020 Community Concert Series (Clare) - \$2,800

Isabella County Parks and Recreation – Art from Our Park (Isabella) - \$2,125

Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House – 2020 Japan Festival (Saginaw) - \$3,800

Mid-Michigan Area Cable Consortium – Art Review (Isabella) - \$1,480

Pere Marquette District Library – Imagine Your Story (Clare) - \$4,000

Saginaw Strings – Advancing New Ensemble Chamber (Saginaw) - \$1,000

St John ELCA Saginaw – Temple of Wonder (Saginaw) - \$2,420

State Theatre of Bay City – Musical Workshops for Elementary Students (Bay) - \$3,800

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A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

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A Chocolate Affair, the Delta College Foundation’s annual fundraiser, will take place Thursday, November 7 at Midland’s Great Hall at Valley Plaza. The event supports the Possible Dream Program, which provides cultural and educational opportunities to area at-risk students in grades 6–12.

Tickets On Sale Now
Tickets for this unforgettable evening of great food, drink and live music with friends and colleagues are available for

purchase now. General admission tickets are \$65 each, while patron level tickets are \$125. The evening begins at 6pm for patron ticket holders and 7pm for general admission. Patron ticket holders enjoy premium menu selections and an exclusive martini bar.

All proceeds go to the Possible Dream Program, which has helped thousands of students stay on track to finish high school and prepare for college over the years. Possible Dream students can also

receive a two-year scholarship to Delta College.

This year’s top sponsors are Dow, Chemical Bank, Mauro and Cinthia Gregorio, PNC Bank and Spence Brothers.

To learn more about the event, please call the Delta College Foundation Office at 989-686-9224 or foundation@delta.edu. To purchase tickets online go to A Chocolate Affair.

McGuire Retires from Isabella Bank Corporation Board



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Jae A Evans, President and Chief Executive Officer of Isabella Bank Corporation (ISBA), announced today that Mr. W. Michael McGuire has retired from the Board of Directors after 12 years of loyal service.

Mr. McGuire has served as a dedicated board member and ambassador of Isabella Bank since 2007, and member of the corporate board since 2010. He also served as a member of the compensation and human resource committee, the audit committee, and the corporate governance committee. Prior to serving on the Isabella Bank and corporate board of directors, Mr. McGuire served on the Farwell advisory board for Isabella Bank. He maintained his role on the Farwell advisory board throughout his 12 years of service.

“Mike has been a tremendous asset to our board and executive team. His dedication to people and process development has been instrumental. We are grateful for his years of service and wish him well in his future endeavors,” said Jae Evans.

Mr. McGuire, an attorney, retired in 2013 as the Director of Office of the Corporate Secretary and Assistant Secretary of The Dow Chemical Company.

Girl Scouts of Michigan in Partnership with Evergreen Executive Source to Find CEO

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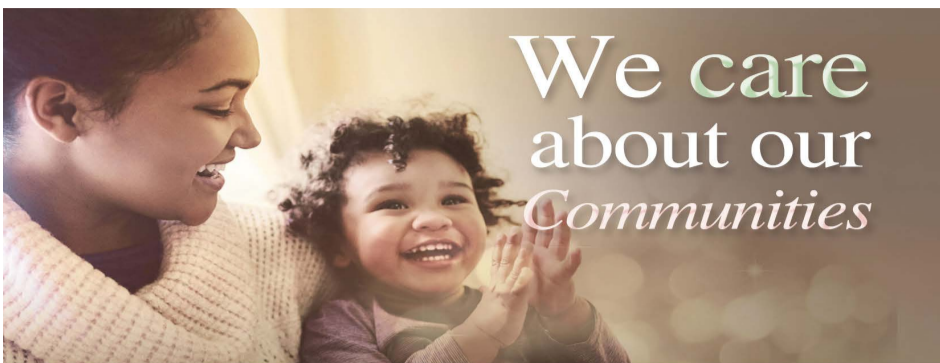
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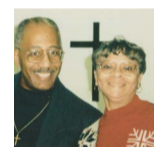
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Elijah Cummings and John Conyers leave behind powerful legacy of leaders in the civil rights political movement



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ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

Maryland Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, a sharecropper's son who rose to become a civil rights champion and the chairman of one of the U.S. House committees leading an impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump, died on October 17, 2019 from complications from longstanding health problems. He was 68.

Cummings was a formidable orator who advocated for the poor in his black-majority district, which encompasses a large portion of Baltimore and more well-to-do suburbs.

As chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, Cummings led investigations of the president's government dealings, including probes in 2019 relating to Trump's family members serving in the White House.

Cummings began his long push for civil rights at age 11, when he helped integrate a swimming pool in Baltimore. This year, during a speech to the American Bar Association in April, Cummings recalled how he and other black children organized protests with help from their recreation leader and the NAACP.

While serving in the Maryland House of Delegates

from 1983 to 1996, Cummings pushed for a ban on alcohol and tobacco ads on inner-city billboards in Baltimore, leading to the first such prohibition in a large U.S. city.

Cummings then chaired the Congressional Black Caucus from 2003 to 2004, employing a hard-charging, explore-every-option style to put the group in the national spotlight.

He cruised to big victories in the overwhelmingly Democratic district, which had elected Maryland's first black congressman, Parren Mitchell, in 1970.

In 2015, when the death of black Baltimore resident Freddie Gray sparked the city's worst riots in decades, Cummings carried a bullhorn in the streets and urged crowds to go home and respect a curfew. He spoke at Gray's funeral, asking lawmakers in the church to stand up to show Gray's mother they would seek justice.

In addition to his speaking engagements, he wrote a biweekly column for the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper.

Congressman Elijah Cummings was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, founded on January 9, 1914 at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Cummings is survived by his wife and three children.

JOHN CONYERS JR.

John Conyers Jr., a Korean War veteran who was the longest serving African American member of Congress in U.S. history, died on October 27, 2019.

Mr. Conyers was the third-longest-serving House member in U.S. history and the first African American to hold the title of dean, or member with the longest continuous service — a mantle he took on in 2015 after the retirement of Michigan's John Dingell Jr.

First elected in 1964, Mr. Conyers introduced the first bill to create a federal holiday honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — an effort that languished for years until President Ronald Reagan signed it into law in 1983. Mr. Conyers first offered the bill four days after King was assassinated in Memphis in 1968.

For years, Mr. Conyers held a powerful position as the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, to which he was appointed as a freshman lawmaker in 1965.

He sat on the panel in 1974 when it investigated President Richard Nixon and later voted to submit articles of impeachment to the full House (he supported all three articles).

Mr. Conyers went on to chair the Judiciary Committee from 2007-11 and was chairman or ranking Democrat on the powerful House Oversight Committee from 1989 to 2004.

A lawyer by training, Mr. Conyers was considered one of the more liberal members of Congress.

During his legislative career, Mr. Conyers helped spearhead landmark reforms including extensions of the Voting Rights Act, as well as passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Hate Crimes Act of 2009.

Mr. Conyers' successes included pushing for the Jazz Preservation Act of 1987, the Motor Voter Bill of 1993, and the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Conyers is survived by wife Monica, sons John III and Carl.

Secretary of State offices to close for Veterans Day

LANSING – Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson reminds residents that all Secretary of State offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

Most license plate types can be ordered or renewed online at ExpressSOS.com. Driver's license permits and registrations for vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles or boats may be printed, allowing motorists to drive legally until they get their renewed driver's license or plate and tab in the mail. Additionally, customers may order a duplicate registration or title, change their address and register to be an organ donor on the website.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's

license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty. License plate tabs also can be renewed at self-service kiosks, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator to find a Secretary of State kiosk near you.

With the exception of holidays, offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays, offices are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. A few branch offices offer Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon. Check the Branch Office Locator at Michigan.gov/SOS for complete hours and services.



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SPORTS

Spirit Acquire Duhart, Five Draft Picks From Barrie



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Last month, the Saginaw Spirit General Manager announced a trade involving the Spirit and the Barrie Colts. In the deal, Saginaw has acquired left wing Dalton Duhart, a second round pick in 2020 (OSH), a second round pick in 2024 (KGN), a third round pick in 2021 (SSM), a third round pick in 2022 (OS), and a fifth round pick in 2023 (BAR) in exchange for left wing Nicholas Porco and defenseman Ian Lemieux.

Duhart, 18, comes to the Spirit by way of the Barrie Colts, where he spent parts of two seasons. Originally drafted by the London Knights in the third round, 47th overall, in the 2017 Priority Selection, the Grand Blanc, Michigan native was shipped to the Colts in December of 2018. The Belle Tire graduate

has appeared in 111 career OHL games, scoring 14 goals and adding 16 assists.

Nicholas Porco's tenure as a Spirit concludes playing in 158 games including 20 playoff games. The former fourth overall pick of the 2017 OHL Priority Selection scored 33 goals and 33 assists over his Spirit career. Porco was selected in the fifth round, 142nd overall, by the Dallas Stars in the 2019 NHL Draft.

Ian Lemieux saw his first Spirit action in a mid-season call-up last year, where he finished the year with 19 regular season games under his belt. Lemieux also appeared in eight playoff games last year, posting a +/- rating of plus-two. Lemieux was selected by the Spirit in the sixth round, 105th overall, of

the 2018 Priority Selection. Lemieux's Spirit career spanned 33 games, scoring one assist.

Dalton's father Jim played 27 games for the Saginaw Lumber Kings in the Colonial Hockey League during the 1996-97 season. Duhart's 478 points in a Flint Generals uniform ranks him fourth all-time in the 40-year existence of the Flint Generals. His 470 games were the most played by any player in Generals history.

The Spirit hope to see Duhart make his debut Sunday evening when the Spirit play host to the Soo Greyhounds. Puck drop is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at The Dow Event Center.

Women's Soccer Heads to Districts with Two Championship Titles



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The Delta College's women's soccer team is making history after claiming two championships in less than two weeks. On Thursday, October 10, the Pioneers capped an undefeated regular season at 13-0-0 by capturing the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) championship for the second year in a row. And, on Saturday, October 19, the team claimed the NJCAA DIV III Region XII championship for the third consecutive year with a 3-0 win over Schoolcraft.

This is the first time in school history the team finished the regular season with a perfect record. The Pioneers have been ranked second in the nation for most of the year.

The team now heads to Coon Rapids, Minnesota for the NJCAA DIV III Great Lakes Region District Championship, where it takes on the Region IX and Region XIII champions on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3.

Delta hopes to advance to the national finals for the second consecutive year. This year's finals will be held November 14-17 in Dryden, New York.

For the Delta College soccer team roster and more about the team, visit the Delta Pioneers website.



Saginaw Co. Sports HOF inducts 2019 class

The Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame inducted its 2019 class Sunday evening. The class is made up of seven individuals and two teams.

INDUCTEES:

Stacy (Delaney) Rohr

Rohr led Freeland to two Division 3 state championships in softball (2003 and 2005). She finished her career with 1,741 strikeouts and a 112-15 record. She was the Miss Softball Pitcher of the Year as a sophomore when she became the first pitcher in MHSAA history to throw back-to-back no-hitters in the state semifinals and final. She would go on to play two years at the University of Michigan and two years at the University of Missouri.

Hogey Holtz

Holtz has been an athletic official for the MHSAA since 1974. He has officiated four state finals for football, two state finals for baseball, seven quarterfinals for softball, and a quarterfinal for both girls and boys basketball. He has been an official for four Mr. Basketball winners, two Miss basketball winners, and a Heisman Trophy winner.

Charlie Markey

Markey was a football, track, and wrestling athlete at Saginaw High. He ran for 6.4 yards per carry as a junior, gaining 790 yards. His senior season he rushed for 936 yards on 166 carries in nine games. He also led the team with 138 tackles (42 solo). At Central Michigan University, Markey rushed for a school-record 1,513 yards in 1972 as a senior. He rushed for 100-plus yards in nine of 11 games that season. He finished his career with the second-highest kickoff return average (30.0 yards) in program history. He was inducted into the CMU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003.

Ralph Munger

Munger was a member of back-to-back state champion football teams in 1968 and 1969 at Frankenmuth. He holds the second-longest punt return in MHSAA history (96 yards). He returned to his alma mater to coach football from 1980-91, finishing with a record of 80-37 and was named the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year five times. He led the Eagles to four conference titles and two regional championships. After Frankenmuth, Munger coached at Rockford, compiling a record of 240-77. His 327 career victories are the sixth-most in state history.

Brad Redford

As a senior at Frankenmuth, Redford averaged

36.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 3.0 steals per game while being named the Mr. Basketball Award winner and the Gatorade State of Michigan Player of the Year. He made 102 consecutive free throws and knocked down a state-record 96.7 percent (208-215) from the line as a senior. He made a state-record 143 three-pointers in his final year at Frankenmuth and finished his career with 2,146 points. At Xavier University, Redford led the Atlantic 10 Conference in 3-point percentage as a freshman.

Jenny Ryan

Ryan led Nouvel Catholic to a state championship in 2006 and 2008. The Panthers went 93-10 in her four seasons. Ryan was named the Associated Press Class C Player of the Year in 2008 and was selected as Michigan's Miss Basketball in 2009. She holds to MHSAA state finals records - most points in a quarter (17) and most steals in a game (12). She finished her high school career with 1,405 points, 443 steals, 368 assists, and 344 rebounds. Ryan played four years at the University of Michigan, finishing her career with the program record for most games played (130) and most minutes played (4,558). She is second in career assists (489), second in steals (291) and 10th in rebounding (698).

Blair White

White played three sports at Nouvel but is best known as a football standout. He was a two-year starter at wide receiver in high school, catching 63 passes for 800 yards and 10 touchdowns in his senior season. White walked on at Michigan State but was awarded a scholarship for his junior and senior seasons. He led the Spartans with 43 catches in his junior year, finishing the seasons with 659 receiving yards. He caught 64 passes for 876 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior. White was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Indianapolis Colts in 2010 and caught a touchdown pass in his NFL debut against the Denver Broncos. He finished the year with 36 catches for 355 yards and five touchdowns.

Nouvel Catholic Central 2006 & 2007 State Champion Football Teams

The 06-07 Nouvel football teams became the first team in county history to win back-to-back state championships in the playoff system (since 1975). Head coach Mike Boyd led the 2006 Panthers to a 12-0 record, outscoring opponents 435-71. The 2006 team had two players named to the Associated Press Class C All-State first team. The 2007 team finished 10-3, outscoring opponents 290-185. Boyd earned back-to-back Coach of the Year honors.

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PICS OF THE WEEK

On November 3, 2019, the Mu Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. helped to bring *Harlem 100: a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance* to the Midland Center for The Arts. Pictures from the AKA's reception below...





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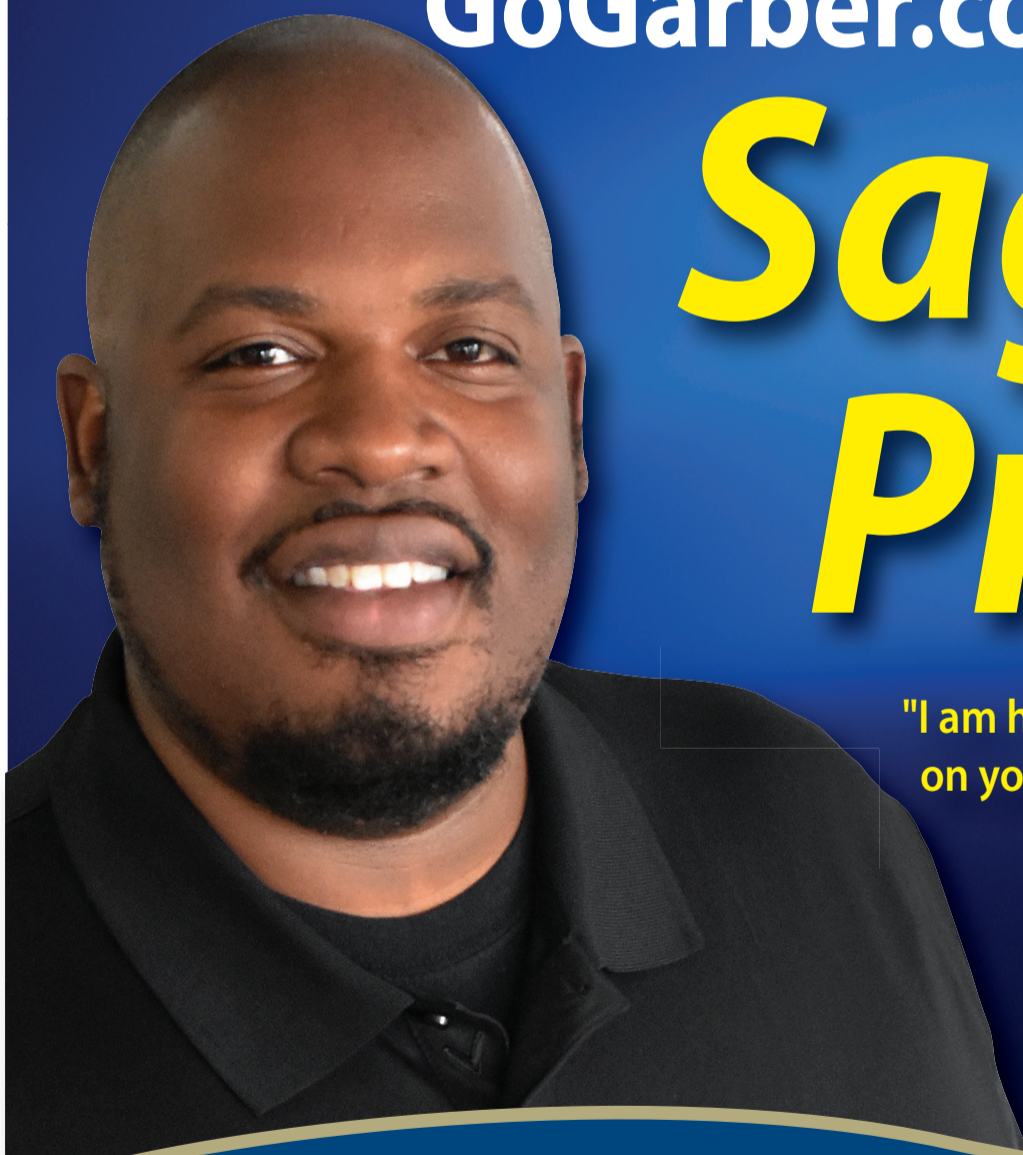
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