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On October 18, the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce will host the 2019 Community Leadership Awards Luncheon. The annual event recognizes and honors the individuals in our community who have invested themselves in the people, businesses and future of Saginaw County.

The 2019 Recipients include: Spirit of Saginaw - Tom Braley, Robert H. Albert, Community Service - Larry Preston, Community Impact - Bob Van Deventer, Samuel H. Shaheen Vision of Free Enterprise - Dick Garber, Outstanding Small Business - Oppermann's Cork 'N' Ale.

The luncheon takes place at Horizons Conference Center (6200 State St., Saginaw, MI 48603) from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Event tickets cost \$50 per person/\$380 for a table of 8.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional event information and for tickets please email Susan Moody at susan@saginawchamber.org or call 989-757-2112.



Seen on the Scene: Howard M. Sharper Jr. Memorial Bench Dedication

On September 24, a new bench on the south end of Wickes Park in Saginaw along the Saginaw River was unveiled as the Howard M. Sharper Jr. Memorial Bench. Howard Sharper, a former Delta College professor turned photographer, died unexpectedly last October at the age of 68. Kareem Bowen worked with Saginaw and county parks, Saginaw Community Foundation and other individuals and organizations to raise enough money for the bench.



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Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 8th, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate 17 years of positive, informative and inspiring news in the Great Lakes Bay and surrounding areas.

The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City* Awards luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Horizons Conference Center and will pay tribute to past, present and future community members and organizations who are committed to service and volunteerism in the Great Lakes Bay area.

We understand the vitality and growth of a community depends greatly on its individuals and organizations. It gives us great pleasure to celebrate 17 years of service by recognizing the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative.


Several community awards will be presented including Impact Turnaround Award, Outstanding Business Award, Motivation Award and more.

There are many sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. As a sponsor not only will you help support The Michigan Banner Newspaper's 17 year Anniversary event but you will also help support our non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach.

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

MBO Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship

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



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Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to the Michigan Banner for 17 years of service! Thank you for showcasing the Michigan Bay Region in such a positive light! When you first started, many thought you were dreaming a wild dream with no hope of making it. Here's to you proving the naysayers wrong and showing great longevity! You have become an important part of our community by connecting races, religions, and regions throughout

Michigan. Thank you for your insight perspectives and interesting content.

The Potter's Touch Ministries looks forward to working with you in the community as we endeavor to enrich lives and partnerships. Keep up the great work and continue to evolve with the times as you have done so well over the years. Congratulations!!

Kareem J. Bowen
Founder & Pastor
The Potter's Touch Ministries



For the last 17 years Michigan Banner has been keeping our community well-informed about what has been going on and for that I'd like to say thank you. I hope that you'll be around for another 17 years to help keep the community together.

LaDora Elliott
Director of Kingdom of Care Daycare

MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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Meet the
Publisher



My name is Andre Buckley Jr. and I look forward to being your Youth publisher for the Michigan Banner.

I am a graduate of Dow high school in Midland Michigan. I served as a news columnist in our journalism class there. I have always been a go getter. I love serving others and making them happy. Youth can oftentimes be overlooked so I'm going to work to promote the youth in the Great Lakes Bay Area and beyond.



Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark Positive Self-Esteem: A Major Protective Factor Against Toxic Relationships

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 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 two 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 the last article we continued with an ongoing work on protective factors. As we reflect, "Protective Factors are factors that contribute to resiliency and reduce the 'risks' of substance abuse." Risk factors can increase a person's chances for mental health challenges and/or substance use/abuse.

In being proactive, individuals must, on

a consistent basis, become engulfed in an array of behaviors, habits and even external factors (work, positive outings of personal desire, etc) which produce "protective factors" and decrease "high risk" decision making that results in substance use/abuse or other unhealthy experiences/developments i.e. suicide, homicide, mental health issues, etc. The objective is to produce:

- Good/positive self-esteem
- Good problem-solving skills/Conflict resolution
- Having a good social support system
- Having a strong bond between children and parents;
- Parental involvement in the child's life;
- Developing clear limits
- Consistent enforcement of discipline

Out of the six positive consequences of protective factors, we will examine one briefly throughout the duration of this article; positive self-esteem. Understanding self-esteem is key to developing a positive self and reaching personal goals. Assessment of self/self-esteem is also a determining factor in establishing the perceptions children/adolescents/adults have of themselves as they think others see them.

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MYB Cover Story, Navigating the Narrative

It affects what they think they look like to others. There are five social competencies of positive youth development, which assist in the development of positive self-esteem. These social competencies are competence, confidence, connection, character and caring/compassion. Competence involves having a positive perception of one's actions in domain-specific areas-social, academic, physical, career, and so on. Confidence consists of having an overall positive sense of self-worth and self-efficacy (a sense that one can master a situation and produce positive outcomes). Connection is characterized by having a positive relationship with others, including family, peers, teachers, and individuals within the community. Character is comprised of having respect for societal rules, an understanding of right and wrong, and integrity. Caring/Compassion encompasses showing emotional concern for others, especially those in distress.

Individuals whom lack the aforementioned social competencies, more than likely have low or negative self-esteem issues, which undoubtedly have a negative effect on their lives. Low self-esteem is related to aggression, antisocial behavior and delinquency. It is quite easy to perceive the reality that low self-esteem may have in a toxic relationship, especially during a stage such as adolescence.

Low self-esteem affects relationships in so many ways that it's almost mind blowing. There are almost too many negative side effects to list. Relationship behaviors that might mean you have low self-esteem are, coincidentally, common fight starters, and even breakup fuel. And because many probably have been battling low self-esteem most of their lives, and through many relationships, individuals don't even notice they are doing these things — or think they're

normal relationship behaviors. When, they're not.

People with deep insecurities and low self-esteem feel unworthy of love, and scared that they'll lose it at any moment. This can lead to clingy behavior, as you try too hard to hold on to something you're afraid to lose. It can also mean you're letting your relationship take up your identity, so you don't know what to do with yourself when you're alone.

People pleasers typically have low self-esteem. They overdo it on kindness and helpfulness because they feel a need to prove their worth. They're uncomfortable with conflict or negative emotions, so they work hard to always keep their partners happy, with no concern for their own feelings. This behavior kills relationships because it sets up unrealistic expectations and leads to resentments. It's also kind of a form of dishonesty.

When people have low self-esteem it can cause them to do unhealthy things in order to keep or please their partners. Like enabling behaviors. Enabling can include letting your partner make bad choices that involve you, giving them money for their addictions, supporting them while they don't work on their goals, or not making them solve their own problems.

Last but not least co-dependence is crucial to identifying low self-esteem. Co-dependence often happens when both partners have low self-esteem. It's when you depend on each other too much. It can look like never going anywhere without each other, feeling unable to live without each other, or setting up your lives so they don't work unless you're together. People with healthy self-esteem maintain their individual identities and must of their independence.

Here are some positive indicators

that you possess more positive self-esteem:

1. Gives others directives or commands
2. Uses voice quality appropriate for situation
3. Expresses opinions
4. Sits with others during social activities
5. Works cooperatively in a group setting
6. Faces others when speaking or being spoken to
7. Maintains eye contact during conversation
8. Initiates friendly contact with others
9. Maintains comfortable space between self and others

These are just to name a few, this is not an underlying implication to suggest that an individual whom doesn't possess these listed, doesn't have positive self-esteem. Nor is it defining an individual whom lacks these, to have low self-esteem. It is simply a list to use as an identifying factor to examine or measure, whether or not an individual is leaning more towards positive or negative self-esteem.

In conclusion, be encouraged and know that no matter the dynamics of your relationship, if it is indeed toxic, you always have the right to choose. You may choose to put effort in to the betterment of a relationship or you may choose to exit the relationship, etc. It's all up to you. Examine your relationship with those whom you are most intimate with, whether it is a significant other of the opposite sex within a dating relationship or a heterosexual bestfriend-type relationship. Upon your conclusion, ask, is this a toxic relationship, impacting my esteem negatively or positively?

Grace and peace be multiplied to your relationships Beloved, people...

When I graduate from high school

By Eonce Melville

Although there are many goals I would like to accomplish in my lifetime, one of them would be to attend Saginaw Valley State university majoring in architecture and interior design. It has always been a passion of mine turning my thoughts into art and seeing the awe in people's facial expressions from something I created. Over my four year journey at SVSU I will get a part time job to have money for all of my necessities.

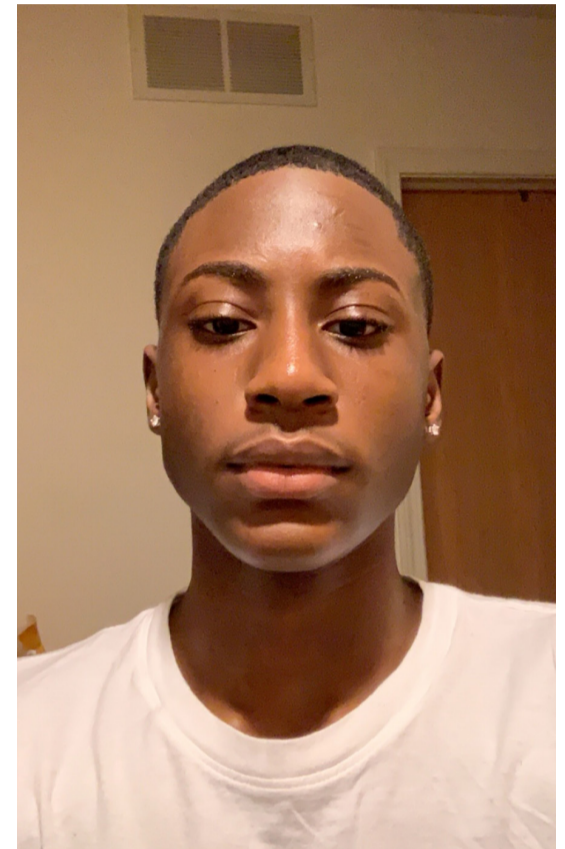
After I graduate from Saginaw Valley state university I plan on moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan; simply because of the increase in job opportunities along with the convenient location from home. After being on the job for about 2-3 years in Grand Rapids I will then prepare to enroll into Grand Valley state university to get my Masters

degree. Earning my Master's degree will allow me to eligible for better job opportunities, increase my income and build an amazing resume.

Next, after earning my Master's degree and being promoted to a higher level I will then proceed to open up my own architecture firm called "Eonce Design & Co.", designing all future buildings and homes all across michigan. With every detail created from creative workers that I will employee. Eonce Design & co. will be the most talked about business of the near future when talking architecture.

In conclusion, after graduating high school I will be on the road to mastering architecture in every way possible and knocking down every boundary in my way. I will make all of my family and friends proud. Though I know there's going to be distractions and hard times I will be sure to never

quit no matter what and turn Eonce Designs & Co. into reality!



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More Teens in Mexico
Feel "Addicted" to Their
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First Hispanic female Air Force pilot to discuss trailblazing career at SVSU talk

A Latina aviator whose career broke sound and gender barriers will visit Saginaw Valley State University next month.

As part of the university's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Lt. Col. Olga Custodio will discuss her journey as the first female Hispanic United States Air Force pilot during a public presentation Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m., in SVSU's Founders Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Her talk, "A Night with Olga Custodio," also will detail her experience as the first Hispanic female commercial airline captain and examine the challenges she faced rising in ranks of a male-dominated profession.

Custodio's father served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. Custodio's family traveled with him to different military camps around the world including Taiwan, Iran, Paraguay, and the U.S. They settled in Puerto Rico when Custodio was 15 years old. After graduating high school, she applied to the University of Puerto Rico's ROTC program but was denied because only men were admitted to the program.

In 1980, Custodio entered the Flight Screening Pilot Officer Training School and went on to graduate from the Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. She was the first Hispanic female to complete Air Force military pilot training in the U.S.

In 1988, American Airlines hired her as a commercial pilot, making her the first Latina to become a captain.



courtesy photo

Custodio retired in 2003 to San Antonio. She now is an active charter member of the Women Military Aviators Association, the Women in Aviation International, as well as The Order of Daedalians. These organizations encourage youth from the San Antonio area to seek civilian and military aviation careers.

Her appearance at SVSU is sponsored by the university's Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, and Military Student Affairs, as well as the student organizations, Latino Awareness Association, and Female Empowerment and Multicultural Education.

Custodio's appearance is part of SVSU's annual Visiting Scholars and Artists speaker series. She will serve as a Dow Visiting Scholar during her visit.

For more information about the Visiting Scholars and Artists program, visit svsu.edu/publiclectures.

Seen on the Scene: La Unión Cívica Mexicana Supporting UAW Strike



Celebrate Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month at Mott Community College



Mott Community College invites you to celebrate Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month. The International Institute at the College is hosting a variety of cultural experiences that include film, music, art, conversation and a trivia night. All events are free and open to the public.

“We want to recognize the contributions made by Hispanic and Latinx Americans to the United States,” said Jessica Esperanza, Coordinator of the Foreign Language program at MCC.

“Today nearly 58 million people, or 18% of Americans, are of Hispanic or Latinx origin and another 3.3 million are residents of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory,” Esperanza added. “Our events are intended to learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively enriched our nation and society.”

The celebration kicked off with several events in September including a screening of the film “Dolores,” and Latinx-Q Art, an exploration of Afro-Latina and Afro-Latinx artists. However, there are more events in October.

Join the CAFÉ y CONVERSACIÓN on Oct. 2 and enjoy coffee, tea and pastries, and a conversation on Latinx history, culture and significance. From 10 to 11 a.m. in the Curtice-Mott building, Room 2106.

Oct. 10 is ¡MÚSICA EN VIVO!, a celebration of live music, dancing and light refreshments with the Lansing-based group Flamenco empanao from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Curtice-Mott building, Room 2106.

See if you have what it takes to win a Hispanic/Latinx Cultural Trivia contest on Oct. 15! Join MCC for a fun evening of culture, trivia, music, food, prizes, and more, from 6 -8 p.m. the Curtice-Mott building, Room 2106.

For more information, call 810-396-8186 or email jessica.esperanza@mcc.edu.

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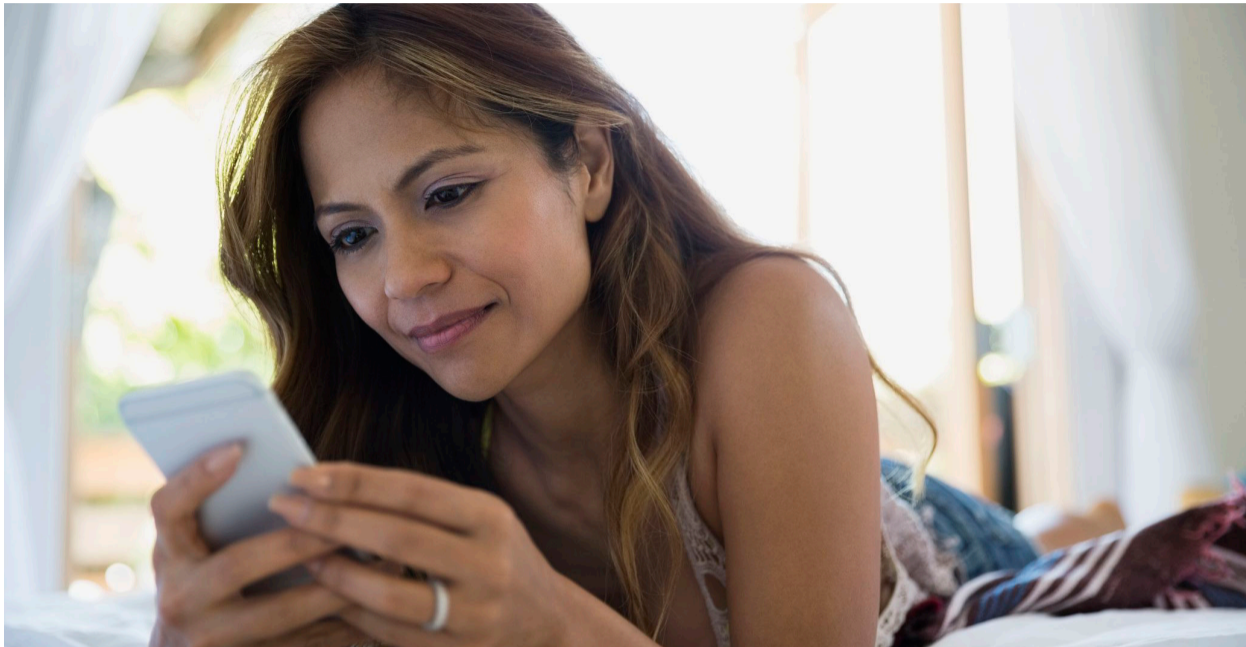
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New Study Reveals More Teens in Mexico Feel "Addicted" to Their Mobile Devices Than Teens in Other Countries Surveyed



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MEXICO CITY, Oct. 1, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Mobile devices are altering family life in Mexico, according to a first-of-its-kind study conducted by the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and Common Sense that examines device use, habits, and attitudes of Mexican teens and their parents. More Mexican parents expressed concern about their teens' use of mobile devices, and more teens reported feeling distracted and "addicted" to their phones than families in three other countries: the United States, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

The study, titled *The New Normal: Parents, Teens, and Mobile Devices in Mexico*, is based on a survey of more than 1,200 Mexican teens and parents, and was led by USC Annenberg dean Willow Bay and Common Sense founder and CEO James P. Steyer. Mexico is the fourth country surveyed—following the U.S., Japan, and the U.K.—in the global mapping project designed to advance a cross-cultural exploration of family digital media engagement.

Close to half of teens (45 percent) surveyed in Mexico said they feel they spend too much time on their mobile devices; half said they "feel addicted"; and 77 percent of teens said they feel distracted daily by their mobile phones. Four out of five Mexican parents agreed that their teens are distracted by these devices daily, and almost two-thirds said they

feel they spend too much time on them and believe they are "addicted."

On the other hand, Mexican parents and teens are doing more to ensure healthy use of mobile devices, with 33 percent of parents and 29 percent of teens saying they "very often" try to reduce their time on their devices, compared with just 12 percent of parents and 7 percent of teens in the U.S. In addition, Mexican families are more likely to have family rules on the use of mobile devices than those in other countries studied.

Key findings from the Mexico study reveal that:

- Mobile devices are rewiring daily life for teens and their parents. Two-thirds of parents (71%) and teens (67%) in Mexico said they use their mobile device almost all the time. Close to half of teens (47%) and parents (46%) said they check their device several times an hour.
- Mobile devices are interrupting sleep for parents and teens alike. During the night, more than a third of teens (35%) and parents (34%) said they wake up to check their device at least once for something other than the time: text messages, email, or social media.
- Most teens and parents admit that their phones are a daily source of distraction. Three in four teens (77%) and parents

(75%) said they feel distracted by their mobile device at least once a day. The vast majority of parents (82%) said their teen is distracted daily, including more than two-thirds (69%) who said their teen is distracted several times a day. Over half of teens (56%) said their parents are distracted by their device daily.

- Parents in Mexico are concerned about their teens' mobile device use. Almost two-thirds of parents (64%) said they feel their teen spends too much time on their mobile device and believed they are "addicted" to their device (62%). Almost a third of teens (31%) said they think their parents are "addicted" to their devices. Notably, almost three-quarters of parents who say they "feel addicted" to their device have a child who "feels addicted" too, creating households where the entire family is more likely to "feel addicted" to their mobile devices.
- More teens in Mexico feel they spend too much time on their mobile devices, when compared with teens in the other countries surveyed. In Mexico, 45% of teens said they spend too much time on their mobile devices, compared with 39% in the U.S., 32% in the U.K., and 17% in Japan.

"Mobile devices are at the center of life for Mexican families as they are for families in the U.S., the U.K., and Japan," said Bay, the dean at USC. "Parents today are facing unprecedented challenges navigating both their children's and their own mobile device use, and we're seeing that in Mexico, for example, over half of parents feel their teen's mobile device use has negatively impacted family meals, conversations, and activities."

"Our aim with this research is to offer a snapshot of Mexican parents' and teens' mobile device habits, attitudes, and opinions set in a cross-cultural context and to generate further discussion about how devices and technology are changing the way Mexican parents and teenagers interact in a culture that treasures family," said Steyer, the CEO of Common Sense. "We hope to help guide families around the world toward healthy use and balance in today's interconnected communities."

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Members of the Latin/Hispanic community across the state are invited to come to Lansing and engage with the policy process. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with their legislators, hear and learn from statewide leaders during the luncheon ceremony, and connect with Latino organizations from across the state.

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For more information, contact Rep. Garza's office: (517) 373-0852 • alexgarza@house.mi.gov
Register online: <http://bit.ly/MILatinoDay>

Organizations taking part in this special day include:

- Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan
- Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
- LLEAD – Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development
- West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Have you ever wondered why your fundraising efforts seem to stall, not get off the ground, or never come to an end? We suspect your campaign isn't working with a sense of urgency.

There are so many things that need to go right in order for a fundraising campaign to be successful. One of them is creating a sense of urgency. This should be set during the planning phases: you cannot recover once you set another standard.

If you want to increase momentum within your fundraising, we have 11 suggestions to help you get started.

1. Establish a time duration for your anticipated fundraising campaign, and stay with it.
2. Prior to launch, create an agreed upon list of campaign milestones.
3. When recruiting volunteers and staff, let them know what you are asking them to do, and that the team works with an expectation that time and dates are honored.
4. Reinforce the importance of due dates during meetings and through written communications. When key dates are missed, take the time to focus on this fact, discuss what happened, and come up a work-around solution.
5. Encourage all who are involved with your campaign to think about back up plans: encourage the development of a Plan B and Plan C to offset time lost working on Plan A. Things will go “wrong” – that’s part of the process. Don’t worry about it: plan for it.
6. When a member of your fundraising team shows a pattern of disregard for meeting dates and accomplishments, speak with them about it directly. Be in a position to replace that person with a more responsible volunteer or staff person if needed.
7. Acknowledge and honor those individuals – both volunteers and staff – who meet their commitments in a timely fashion.
8. Don’t forget the “meeting before the meeting.” Before each meeting, take time to individually contact participants to ensure that key assignments are progressing, and to learn what issues – if any – may need to be addressed.
9. After each meeting send out highlights or minutes documenting commitments, results, new plans, and alternative strategies.
10. As a fun element, put in place rewards and penalty programs. Plan to celebrate when team members meet – or exceed – their commitments. Build in fun, non-shaming “penalties” for when people slack on their responsibilities.
11. Be clear in all your communications that the opportunity to volunteer with a nonprofit should be viewed as an honor and a privilege. The same professional importance should be given to volunteer service as to your career.

Believe it or not, people can fulfill commitments if they are reasonable, specific, within their capacity and interest, and time-defined. Creating a sense of urgency actually supports a team in reaching its goals. Here’s the hard part: you have to set the standard and live up to it, and before you ask / demand others to do the same.



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HEALTH

Aerial spraying being conducted in 14 counties to combat mosquito-borne disease

LANSING, Mich. – Due to the large geographic distribution and number of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) cases in humans and animals, coupled with warm weather projections, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and 12 local health departments have decided to conduct aerial spraying in high risk areas combat further spread of the deadly disease EEE.

Spraying was scheduled take place starting Sunday, Sept. 29 starting at 8 p.m but was pushed to Sept. 30 due to weather changes. Residents are encouraged to visit Michigan.gov/EEE for up-to-date information.

Spraying will occur in the following 14 counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph and Van Buren. Visit Michigan.gov/EEE for more detailed information.

Aerial spraying is conducted by low-flying aircraft, beginning in the early evening and continuing up until 4:30 a.m. the next morning, in areas of concern. Mosquito control professionals will apply approved pesticides as an ultra-low volume (ULV) spray. ULV sprayers dispense very fine aerosol droplets that stay suspended in the air and kill adult mosquitoes on contact. This is a tactic other states, including Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have recently employed to combat EEE.

“We are taking this step to help protect the health and safety of Michiganders in areas of the state that are being affected by this dangerous mosquito-borne disease,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. “The continuing number of cases in

both people and animals indicate an ongoing risk for EEE exposure. We continue to urge residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites until a hard frost.”

The pesticide being used is Merus 3.0 which is an organic pesticide containing 5 percent pyrethrin. Pyrethrins are chemicals found naturally in some chrysanthemum flowers. They are a mixture of six chemicals that are toxic to insects. Pyrethrins are commonly used to control mosquitoes, fleas, flies, moths, ants and many other pests. Pyrethrins have been registered for use in pesticides since the 1950s.

In general, health risks are not expected during or after spraying. No special precautions are recommended; however, residents and individuals who have known sensitivities to pyrethrins can reduce potential for exposure by staying indoors during spraying. Aerial spraying is not expected to have any impacts on surface water or drinking water.

Aerial spraying will be conducted in the nighttime hours as this is when mosquitos are more active. It is also when fish are less likely to be at the surface feeding and honeybees are most likely to be in their hives. However, owners should cover small ornamental fishponds during the night of spraying. While it is not necessary to bring animals indoors during spraying, concerned pet owners can bring animals inside during spraying.

Additional information about aerial spraying and other health-related information is available in a Frequently Asked Questions document at Michigan.gov/EEE.

As of Sept. 27, EEE has been confirmed

in nine people, with three fatalities, in Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. In addition, cases have occurred in 27 animals from 13 counties: Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph and Van Buren. There is an EEE vaccine available for horses, but not for people. Additional animal cases are under investigation.

MDHHS is continuing to encourage local officials in the affected counties to consider postponing, rescheduling or cancelling outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, particularly activities that involve children. This would include events such as late evening sports practices or games or outdoor music practices. The MDHHS recommendation is being made out of an abundance of caution to protect the public health and applies until the first hard frost of the year.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 33 percent fatality rate in people who become ill. People can be infected with EEE from the bite of a mosquito carrying the viruses. Persons younger than age 15 and over age 50 are at greatest risk of severe disease following infection.

Although the aerial spray is considered necessary to reduce human risk, it will not eliminate it. Residents must continue to protect themselves from mosquito bites by:

- Avoid being outdoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitos that carry the EEE virus are most active.

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- Applying insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use.
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.
- Maintaining window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.
- Emptying water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.
- Using nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

Signs of EEE infection include the sudden

onset of fever, chills, body and joint aches which can progress to a severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Anyone who thinks they may be experiencing these symptoms should contact a medical provider. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

More information, including a Frequently Asked Questions document, are available at Michigan.gov/EEE.

SVSU presentation to examine opioid epidemic's reach in rural Michigan



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A Saginaw Valley State University educator's determination to fight the opioid epidemic in rural Michigan will be the focus of a public presentation at the campus next month.

Kathleen Schachman's talk, titled "High-Tech, High-Touch Solutions to the Opioid Crisis in Rural Michigan," is scheduled Thursday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m., in SVSU's Founders Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Schachman, SVSU's Harvey Randall Wickes Endowed Chair of Nursing, will discuss how her work at the university — where she has helped merge health care delivery with educational opportunities for students and practicing nurses alike — has brought her face-to-face with one of the region's

deadliest health crises.

After a career spent as a primary care nurse practitioner across the U.S. and overseas, Schachman joined SVSU in 2014. The following year, she helped oversee SVSU's partnership with the Bay County Health Department as the two organizations opened a nurse practitioner-led primary care health clinic in downtown Bay City now known as Bay Community Health Clinic. Staffing the site are university faculty as well as students from SVSU and other higher education institutions, from the disciplines of nursing, social work, occupational therapy, and pharmacy.

Almost immediately upon opening, the health clinic began tending to patients reporting dangerous addictions to opioids

such as heroin, fentanyl and other powerful pain-killing drugs. Staff members have expanded their services after implementing telehealth components to the office, allowing them to treat and interact regularly with rural community residents sometimes deterred from seeking health care because of their distance from far-off treatment facilities. What the staff and Schachman discovered upon utilizing the telehealth approach was a largely untreated population also suffering from opioid use.

Schachman continues to add reinforcements to the struggle against the epidemic. Earlier this year, she helped SVSU secure a \$2.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health's Health Resources and Services Administration. Over the course of four years, the funds will allow 100 nurse practitioners to enroll in SVSU's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate program. Once certified, those nurses will be trained to combat the opioid epidemic — and other mental health care conditions — in those rural communities.

Schachman's presentation is part of SVSU's annual Visiting Scholars and Artists programs. Her appearance will serve as SVSU's annual Thomas and Hilda Rush Distinguished Lecture.

For more information about the Visiting Scholars and Artists speaker series, visit www.svsu.edu/publiclectures.



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CMU faculty tackle breast cancer recurrence

Pair targets a protein that appears to be key to remaining disease-free after treatment

Two Central Michigan University faculty members are collaborating on research that could lead to preventing breast cancer from recurring once it has gone into remission.

mug-Stave-Kohtz--CMED.jpg Stave Kohtz was doing research on that issue in the College of Medicine when he learned about biologist Xantha Karp's work with tiny worms called *C. elegans* in her lab in the College of Science and Engineering.

Her research includes the dormant state, called dauer, the worms enter when exposed to stress. They come out of it when the stressor is gone. She has been studying the genes that control the fate of the worms' cells during dormancy.

Kohtz wondered if breast cancer cells go through a similar process after undergoing

the stress of chemotherapy, and if so, is there a connection.

It turns out the connection may be a protein called UNK.

A little manifestation of UNK in the original tumor meant a short disease-free interval, a lot of UNK meant a long disease-free interval, he said.

"It's almost like an internal alarm clock that is set at some point early on, such as when the tumor is treated, and that determines the length of remission," he said.

mug-Xantha-Karp-Lab-as.jpg One function of UNK in normal cells, and presumably in cancer cells, is to keep certain other genes turned off. The details of this process are still being studied, Karp said.

The research teams are working together to identify the genes that UNK turns off in dormant cancer cells and that come back on when the cancers recur.

Once those "targets" are found, drugs can be formulated to turn them off and prevent cancer's recurrence.

Their work is being funded with a one-year \$171,000 grant from the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation in Midland, Michigan.

"I think our chances are very high that we will find something that will move us closer to our goal," Karp said.

"Best-case scenario is we find a very clear drug target that affects the breast cancer cells."



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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Dow and UPM partner to produce plastics made with renewable feedstock

Midland, Mich. & Helsinki, Finland – September 24, 2019 – Dow (NYSE: DOW), in partnership with UPM Biofuels, a producer of advanced biofuels, announces the commercialization of a plastics offering for the packaging industry made from a bio-based renewable feedstock.

Dow is integrating wood-based UPM BioVerno renewable naphtha – a key raw material used to develop plastics – into its slate of raw materials, creating an alternative source for plastics production. Dow is using this feedstock to produce bio-based polyethylene (PE) at its production facility in Terneuzen, The Netherlands, for use in packaging applications such as food packaging to reduce food waste. Following a successful year-long trial program, Dow is now planning to scale production and address the increasing global demand for renewable plastics.

“The partnership between UPM and Dow illustrates our ambition to ensure the products we sell support the shift from a traditional linear economy towards a circular economy,” said Carsten Larsen, Dow’s recycling commercial director for Europe. “At the end of their useful life, products and materials are recovered as efficiently as possible so they can be used again. We are focusing on the sustainability properties of every polymer we bring to market by working with partners like UPM to source alternative feedstocks to minimize the amount of fossil resources required for production.”

UPM BioVerno naphtha is produced at UPM’s biorefinery in Lappeenranta, Finland, from crude tall oil, which is a residue of paper pulp production. Unlike many other alternative renewable feedstocks, no extra land is required for the feedstock production. The feedstock originates from sustainably managed forests.



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This process also significantly reduces CO₂ emissions, especially by carbon sequestration, compared to standard fossil derived PE resins, and the plastics produced can help brand owners meet their sustainability packaging goals. The entire supply chain is International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC) certified, based on mass balance approach, meaning all steps meet traceability criteria and reduce negative environmental impacts.

Packaging made from this renewable feedstock can be fully recyclable as demonstrated through a collaboration with brand owner Elopak, an international supplier of paperboardbased packaging for food and beverage. Dow’s bio-based low-density polyethylene (LDPE) resins are used to coat Elopak’s liquid carton containers and in the production of carton caps, resulting in a 100 percent renewable beverage carton. This was achieved without compromising the benefits of the original form of plastic-coated packaging in addition to reducing the CO₂ footprint of the packaging during production and use.

“It’s exciting to work with Dow and Elopak in the production of a truly sustainable consumer product,” stated Panu Routasalo,

vice president for UPM Biofuels. “We are pleased to help meet value chain demand for increased sustainability in packaging by providing a highquality renewable naphtha for the market.”

This agreement with UPM is the latest example of Dow’s strategy to enable a shift to a circular economy for plastics by focusing on resource efficiency and integrating recycled content and renewable feedstocks into its production processes. Dow also recently partnered with the Fuenix Ecology Group, based in Weert, The Netherlands, for the supply of pyrolysis oil feedstock, which is made from recycled plastic waste.

Through these efforts, post-consumer plastics will continue to have value through an extended lifespan. These agreements also contribute to Dow’s commitment to incorporate at least 100,000 tonnes of recycled plastics in its product offerings sold in the European Union by 2025.

Dow is showcasing the “tall oil” project with UPM at K 2019, the world’s largest plastics and rubber trade fair from 16-23 October in Dusseldorf, Germany.



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Experts: Teaching Financial Literacy Starts in Youth, Continues for Lifetime

Teaching our youth the basic principles of managing their money will make Michigan a “home for opportunity,” according to experts.

At the inaugural MI Financial Literacy Summit at Henry Ford College on Monday, Sept. 16, State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks facilitated a panel discussion with experts from across the state about the role financial literacy has in shaping Michigan’s future through all phases of life.

Much of the conversation focused on the need to educate our state’s youth. For young adults, financial literacy often comes abruptly in life with limited access to resources and consistent education.

“The summit was an incredible start of a dialog with so many experts who want to create a more successful Michigan,” Eubanks said. “We must continue our discussions on how we can best financially empower individuals and families through statewide coordination. I look forward to continuing this discussion across the state in the coming year.”

Financial literacy means having the skills and knowledge to make informed and effective decisions with available financial resources. This includes creating a budget, saving money and paying bills.

After the panel discussion, the state treasurer met with state agencies, community partners and key stakeholders to identify the key concepts needed to be financially literate through a lifetime.

“We had a very productive series of conversations throughout the day,” said Russ Kavalhuna, President of Henry Ford College. “The Henry Ford College team and I look forward to working with Treasurer Eubanks and many other partners across the state to provide the tools and education that will allow Michigan citizens to be financially successful throughout their lifetimes.”

The MI Financial Literacy panel members included Brian Rakovitis, of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, Derek D’Angelo, of the Michigan Council on Economic Education, Chelsea Neblett, of the city of Detroit, and Linda Cena, of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

To learn more about the MI Financial Literacy initiative, go to www.michigan.gov/finlit or follow the state Treasury Department at @MITreasury on Twitter.

Yeo & Yeo Recognized Among Michigan’s Best and Brightest in Wellness 2019

Saginaw, MI - For the sixth consecutive year, Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants has been selected as one of Michigan’s Best and Brightest in Wellness. The program highlights companies, schools, and organizations that promote a culture of wellness, as well as those that plan, implement and evaluate efforts in employee wellness to make their business and their community a healthier place to live and work.

“This is an exciting achievement that recognizes Yeo & Yeo’s commitment to the health and well-being of our employees,” said Thomas E. Hollerback, president and CEO of Yeo & Yeo. “We are proud to support and encourage employees looking to live a healthier lifestyle at home and in the workplace.”

Yeo & Yeo supports wellness for its employees by paying a large portion of health care premiums, helping to keep costs low for employees. The firm has a high percentage of participation in its wellness plan and health care

premium reduction incentive. Another initiative is the firm’s Fitbit Fitness Program. Themed, monthly challenges for individuals and teams, along with prizes and friendly competition, have resulted in a high level of participation. Yeo & Yeo also offers an Ergonomic Standing Desk option for employees for a healthier work environment. The firm facilitates convenient onsite health screenings for health care participants at each of its office locations, offers onsite flu shots at no cost, and provides an Employee Assistance Program that offers confidential guidance and resources designed to support work-life balance.

Criteria for selection included wellness programs and policies, culture and awareness, leadership, participation and incentives, communication and measurement, among others.

Yeo & Yeo will be honored at a symposium and awards celebration on October 4 at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn.



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The Flint & Genesee Chamber and CVB to salute excellence



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Who are the leaders of the business community and exemplars of service in the hospitality industry in Flint & Genesee? The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) want to know, as nominations are now open for this year's Art of Achievement Awards, the area's premier showcase event.

"We've all had that amazing customer service experience; the kind that you want to tell your friends about," said Steven Elkins, the Chamber's director of member services.

"There are also opportunities to recognize a variety of business and community leaders as well as up-and-coming professionals who are doing terrific things to move Flint & Genesee forward.

"We're asking you to share that story by nominating that business or those individuals for one of our Art of Achievement awards."

Nominations for 2019 are being sought in the following business and hospitality categories:

Business Awards

- CEO Business Award – Any company with 50 or more employees working to have a positive impact in Flint & Genesee.

- Small Business Award – Any company with fewer than 50 employees working to have a positive impact in Flint & Genesee.
- Minority-owned Business Award – Any minority-owned business working to have a positive impact in Flint & Genesee.
- Claire M. White Award – Honoring a woman working for the betterment of Flint & Genesee in community, career or someone else's life.
- Young Professional Leader Award – Any young professional 40 or younger making great strides to benefit their company and/or the community.
- Nonprofit Impact Award – Any charity, church or nonprofit making great strides to positively impact any facet of the Flint & Genesee community.

Hospitality Awards

- Gloria J. DeHart Award – Exemplifies an individual or organization who has worked to improve Flint & Genesee in the eyes of the hospitality community, creating a positive impact and perception of Flint & Genesee.
- Hospitality Ambassador Award – Recognizes exemplary customer service in the non-hotel areas of food service, bartender, transportation, business, etc.

The winner will have gone above and beyond in the performance of his/her job to make a difference in the customers' experience.

- Frontline Ambassador Award – Recognizes a hospitality worker within a Genesee County hotel who provided outstanding service to guests staying at their establishment. This may include, but is not limited to: Front Desk Staff, Host/Hostess, Housekeeper, Guest Services and Maintenance.
- Restaurant of the Year – Recognizes a Genesee County restaurant for their outstanding service, menu and overall experience of the customer.
- Hotel of the Year – Recognizes a Genesee County hotel for outstanding service, comfort and attention to hotel guests, providing an excellent overall experience.
- Entertainment Venue of the Year – Awarded to an entertainment or live performing arts venue that continues to raise the bar, offering an array top-notch entertainment to the community and visitors.
- Community Champion Award – Recognizes a local resident who worked with the Flint & Genesee CVB staff to bring a meeting, event or group into Genesee County that had the highest economic impact in terms of attendees and overnight rooms.
- Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) of the Year – Recognizes a Flint & Genesee County CTA for their dedication to the CTA Program and goes above and beyond to turn every encounter into a positive experience by promoting Flint & Genesee as a great place to live, work, play and visit.

Nominations are open to for-profit businesses, nonprofits and individuals in Genesee County, and are due Oct. 16 via online submission at flintandgenesee.org/art-of-achievement-awards. Additional details about the selection criteria for each award is also posted online, and self-nomination is permissible.

Winners will be announced at the Nov. 7 gala at the Flint Institute of Arts.

For more information about the awards and sponsorships, contact Steven Elkins at (810) 600-1419 or selkins@flintandgenesee.org.



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Informational session set for the Moving Flint Forward Small Business Grant Program



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An informational session for business owners interested in applying for the Moving Flint Forward Small Business Grant Program will be held Oct. 8 at Bethlehem Temple Church, 3401 Martin Luther King Ave., in Flint.

Attendees will learn about the application process, including the filing deadlines and the various documents that will be required to proceed. The session – which will run from 1-2:30 p.m. – will also cover details about the requirement that calls for businesses receiving grants to support a nonprofit organization in the community.

“Whether you have already applied for the grants program or are still considering it, you should attend this session to gain a fuller understanding the various requirements,” said Lottie Ferguson, director of grants and development at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, which is administering the program. “Attendance isn’t mandatory, but I highly recommend it for anyone who’s interested in applying.”

Funded by the General Motors, the program will award grants up to \$10,000 to help eligible small businesses in Flint expand, make repairs and leasehold improvements, purchase inventory and equipment, and make façade improvements. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis after completing an application, which includes explaining how the funds will be used and the impact the improvements will have on the surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, businesses will be required to support a nonprofit neighborhood organization and show evidence of assistance delivered, such as volunteering, coordinating a service project or providing pro bono services.

The program is open to anyone who owns and operates a small business within the city of Flint. Small businesses for this program will be defined as 20 or fewer employees and may not be a franchise operation. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of representatives from GM, the Flint & Genesee Chamber, the City of Flint, local grant-making

organizations and community members.

Technical assistance will be provided to assist with the application process, implementation and tracking of grant activities to ensure requirements are met and businesses are using funds appropriately, and connections to resources that will bolster the businesses’ capacity beyond the grant period.

Representatives from the University of Michigan-Flint Innovation Incubator, Michigan Small Business Development Center, Metro Community Development and VetBiz Central will be present at the Oct. 8 session for business owners who need assistance.

More information about the Moving Flint Forward Small Business Grant Program, including the online application, process for completion and submission deadline, is available at FlintandGenesee.org/Moving-Flint-Forward.

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EDUCATION

SVSU enrollment down, but freshman class up nearly 20% over 2017



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Saginaw Valley State University saw an overall enrollment decline for the 2019 fall semester, but it enrolled a much larger freshman class than 2016 or 2017, after increasing the number of first-time students by 28% last year.

SVSU welcomed 1,470 incoming freshmen this fall, a 19.5% increase over the 1,230 new students in fall 2017, though down from last year's freshman class of 1,576.

"Last year's freshman class far exceeded our most optimistic projections, and we knew it would be difficult to match that total, particularly as the number of high school graduates in Michigan continues to decline," said Deborah Huntley, provost and

vice president for Academic Affairs. "Our Admissions staff, along with faculty and staff across the university, worked hard to make connections with students and show them the value of an SVSU degree, so we are pleased with our student recruitment efforts for the incoming class."

Overall, SVSU has 8,265 students taking classes for the 2019 fall semester, down from 8,535 last year.

Institutional efforts to diversify the international student population paid dividends, as SVSU welcomed new students from 32 separate countries this fall. In all, 427 international students are taking classes, representing 43 countries overall.

"A few years ago, the lion's share of our international students came from just two countries, China and Saudi Arabia," Huntley said. "We have expanded outreach in Africa and in parts of Asia, and we're seeing more students from those areas, as a result."

SVSU's housing, ranked No. 4 overall and No. 1 in the nation among public universities, continues to attract students, as 71% of the freshman class is living on campus.

The academic preparedness of the 2018 freshman class mirrors recent years with an average high school GPA of 3.4.

Fall classes at SVSU began Monday, Aug. 26.

Delta Identifies Adults Who Earned, But Never Claimed a Degree

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, people with associate degrees have better prospects for employment and earnings than those who have taken some college courses but haven't received a degree. Therefore, Delta College is contacting more than 700 adults who have met all of the requirements for an Associate in General Studies degree, but never claimed it.

"We are thrilled to be part of a project that helps former students receive the academic credentials they've earned," said Dr. Jean Goodnow, President of Delta College.

Delta College joined the Degrees When Due initiative with 10 other community colleges in Michigan

through a project led by the Michigan Community College Association's Center for Student Success and the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP). Degrees When Due, a national initiative, was designed to help states and postsecondary institutions improve degree-completion, especially among students with some college credits, but no degree. Michigan was invited to join as part of the first group of participating states.

Eligible graduates will receive a certified letter with instructions on accepting the degree. Former students who would like to review their degree standing should contact Academic Advising for an appointment by emailing advise@delta.edu or calling 989-686-9330.

Fall Enrollment at Delta Generates Excitement

Fall semester at Delta College began on August 24 with 7,819 students, a number that has administrators excited.

"Given the declining high school population, and the overall declining regional population, we are very pleased to have surpassed our enrollment projections by two percent," said Russell Curley, Dean of Enrollment Management.

The positive numbers can, in part, be attributed to Delta's aggressive outreach strategies, including the new Downtown Saginaw Center which opened in June.

"We were anticipating opening with 500 students," said Curley, "but in

fact, 624 people are taking classes in Saginaw. And, it's not just existing Delta students taking classes closer to home, 264 of that group are new to Delta College. We're thrilled with the community's response to the new center."

"This investment increases access to higher education for students living and working in Saginaw County," said Delta College President Dr. Jean Goodnow. "The new Downtown Saginaw Center creates a pathway for more residents to enter the career pipeline."

For more information about Delta College or to enroll for winter semester, visit delta.edu.

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

- Be a resident of Bay, Midland or Saginaw County
- Graduate from high school in 2020
- Have a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or 4.1 or higher on a weighted scale
- Have a composite SAT score of 1200 or higher
- Plan to earn a transfer degree or an occupational degree in two years

Award Criteria

- Complete the federal aid application FAFSA (financial need not a requirement). Our Financial Aid Office will assist you if needed.
- Attend Delta College fulltime beginning in the 2020 Fall Semester
- Seek and complete an associate degree in two years
- Maintain a minimum 3.25 G.P.A.
- Become a member of the Honors Program and complete the Honors Certificate requirements. The Honors Program has a specially designed curriculum, as well as opportunities for leadership, volunteerism and travel study through the Honors Academic Travel Study (H.A.T.S.) program.
- Complete 10 documented volunteer hours prior to your final semester

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.



Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, 1 of 13 Michigan Schools Awarded 2019 National Blue Ribbon Recognition



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LANSING – Thirteen schools in Michigan are being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) as 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools, the Michigan Department of Education announced today.

“I congratulate these schools for earning this distinguished national honor,” State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice said. “The hard work and focus of the students and educators at our Blue Ribbon schools serve as a model for every Michigan school striving for greater student achievement.”

Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy is the only school in Saginaw named a National Blue Ribbon School.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and non-public elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards. Michigan’s schools are among their state’s highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Student subgroup performance and high school graduation rates are also at the highest levels.

Public schools are nominated by each state’s education department. Non-public schools are nominated by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

This year, USED is honoring 362 National

Blue Ribbon Schools at a recognition ceremony Nov. 14-15 in Washington, D.C. Each school receives a banner and plaque. The award flag gracing a school’s building is a widely-recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. Last year, 342 schools were honored nationwide.

In its 36-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on more than 8,800 of America’s public and private schools.

For more information on the National Blue Ribbon School program, visit:
<http://www.ed.gov/nationalblueribbonschools>.



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

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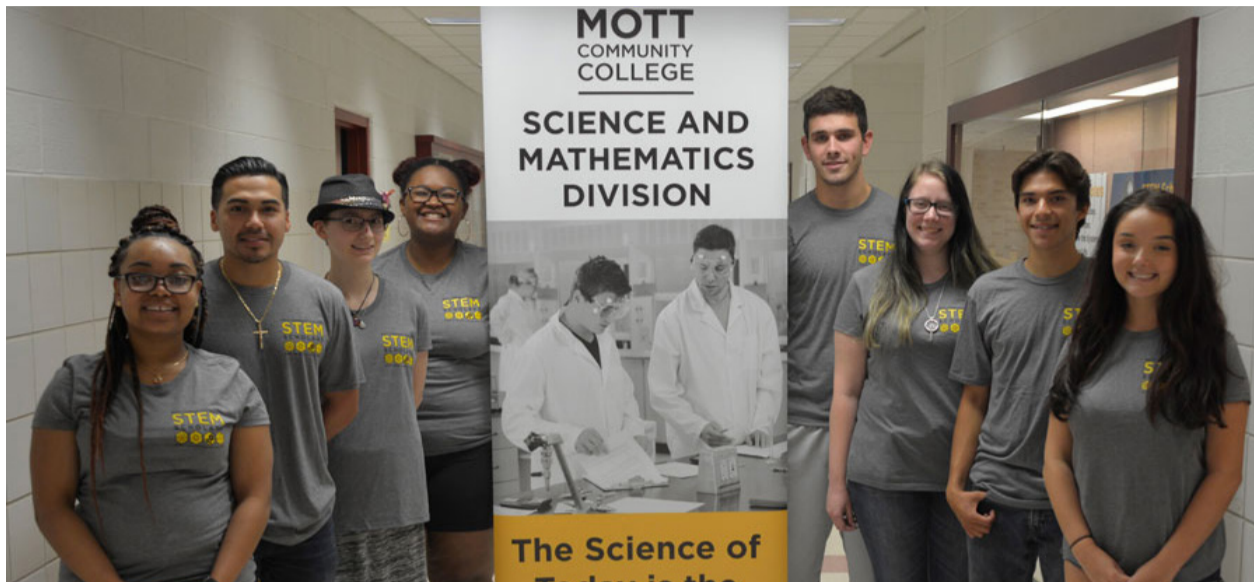
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“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”
-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

MCC awarded Transatlantic Mobility Program grant for Study Abroad



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Mott Community College has been awarded the prestigious Transatlantic Mobility Program grant by the Cultural Services of the Embassy of France in the United States for 2019-2020 for STEM study abroad. This program was supported by the American Association of Community Colleges.

This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) emphasized grant of \$19,800 will be matched by the College in order to send a contingent of students to France for a Study Abroad and Cultural exchange.

“We are very excited to be able to offer our

students this opportunity to visit STEM-related colleges overseas, and to present their research to their peers,” said Todd Troutman, Dean of Science and Math at MCC.

“To qualify to apply for the grant, MCC had to collaborate with a French University,” said Troutman. “We were able to partner with two French universities, the Université Clermont Auvergne – IUT de Clermont-Ferrand in Aubière, and Université Le Havre Normandie in Le Havre.”

MCC will send two groups to France in May of 2020, both groups will include up to five

students and a faculty or staff member. One group will visit Clermont Auvergne Université and the other will visit Université Le Havre Normandie.

The students will include MCC STEM Scholars, and students involved in campus groups such as TRiO, Talented Men of Today, and International Studies.

While in France, participating MCC STEM Scholars will present their Undergraduate Research Methods research posters at the two universities.

Undergraduate Research Methods is a required course for MCC STEM Scholars. It is designed to give students more than just theoretical understanding of their degree topic. It was implemented in Winter semester 2019 to give Science majors at MCC a competitive edge when transferring to a four-year college or university.

Undergraduate research opportunities have a broad impact on the individual student. Research experience prepare students for the next level of college and develops skills that they can apply throughout their career. They also offer a safe, short-term way for students to determine if their field of study and chosen career field are a good fit, and can serve as the required “work experience” graduates need to land a job interview.

SVSU is 4 for 4 in being selected as Great College to Work For

Saginaw Valley State University’s welcoming campus atmosphere and empowering environment has resulted in the institution’s designation as a “Great College to Work For” for the fourth consecutive year by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

SVSU was one of 84 higher education institutions named to the list released online and to appear in a special insert in The Chronicle for Higher Education Friday, Sept. 20. The Great Colleges to Work For program was co-founded in 2008 as a partnership between The Chronicle of Higher Education and ModernThink, a strategic human capital consulting firm.

“Here at SVSU, we are dedicated to providing first-rate resources to our dedicated faculty and staff,” said SVSU President Donald J. Bachand. “This results in a culture of professional growth and personal satisfaction that strengthens the

opportunities we provide our students and community partners. I am proud of this campus-wide commitment to excellence and pleased to see our university continues its reputation as a ‘Great College to Work For.’”

SVSU was the only public university in Michigan recognized as a “Great College to Work For” in 2019. The university – which employs about 750 people full time – has made the list each of the four years it applied.

Each institution on the list is recognized in specific categories. SVSU was honored in the same four categories for the third consecutive year: compensation and benefits; facilities, workspace and security; teaching environment; and tenure clarity and process. The university was also recognized for the first time in a new category: collaborative governance.

The list was determined based on a survey of 236 higher education institutions as well as analysis of demographic data and workplace policy. The survey – distributed earlier this year to staff and faculty members online – examines individuals’ evaluations of their respective institution.

“The institutions recognized in this year’s Great Colleges to Work For program don’t wait for problems to occur to pay attention to their people,” said Richard K. Boyer, managing partner at ModernThink. “Conversely, they’re intentional in being good stewards of their institutions’ cultures and shaping the day-to-day experience of their faculty and staff to the ultimate benefit of their students.”

For more information about “Great Colleges to Work For,” visit www.GreatCollegesProgram.com.

COMMUNITY

Kareem Bowen gives it to us straight with new show

Americans have long believed in the power of their 1st Amendment Right, “Freedom Speech and Expression”. We have learned in recent years that what you say has the potential to create a movement, instigate crimes of hate or change lives. We now understand that Speech comes with a hefty price to bear, called responsibility. We must take responsibility for the words we say, how we say them and the impact they create. Words have power! They can either be used as Weapons of Mass Destruction or tools for change! Straight Talk with Kareem Bowen is aimed at the latter. Saginaw native, Kareem Bowen, is shaping a generation by using the platforms of radio and social media to build awareness, build people, build a culture of hope for a better community. He is using his spotlight to bring engagement, activism, and open discussion. He truly believes all change starts with a conversation. That’s why there’s Straight Talk with Kareem Bowen.

Kareem remembered the days when radio personalities, especially Disc Jockey’s (DJ’s) were vital players of the social interaction of the community. Radio was the way we stayed informed. It was where we got our news and stayed in the know. If there was anything occurring in our local communities or society at large, you could turn on your radio and become fully aware of it and how to get engaged.

Growing up as the son of two DJ’s (Odell Walker aka “Mellow Fellow” and Geraldine Bowen- Walker aka “Sparkle”) only fueled his love for music and entertainment. As a kid, Kareem could remember continually being in the company of many of the 107.1 W3Soul greats: Dante Toussaint, Dave Rosas, Don Juan (Don Wiggins), Howard Sharper, Dr. Boogie, Kermit Crockett, Sweat Meat, and Lolita. Music and radio were an integral part of his childhood. These radio personalities weren’t just local celebrities, but a part of our families. They were our musical griots, addressing the issues of our communities through the sounds of change, providing



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a heartbeat that kept our social justice movements alive. They provided a song for every major moment of our lives. When they spoke and shared information, they had the ability to mobilize our community.

Kareem went on to attend Michigan State University receiving both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Physiology from the College of Natural Science. He worked with government agencies and had planned to

become a Pediatrician, before being compelled to change his trajectory by a Spiritual call to ministry. He became a licensed minister and excelled mostly due to his ability to connect with people. He used his medical philosophy of always having “Good bedside manners” in every ministry opportunity, encouraging his listeners to focus on relationship over religion.

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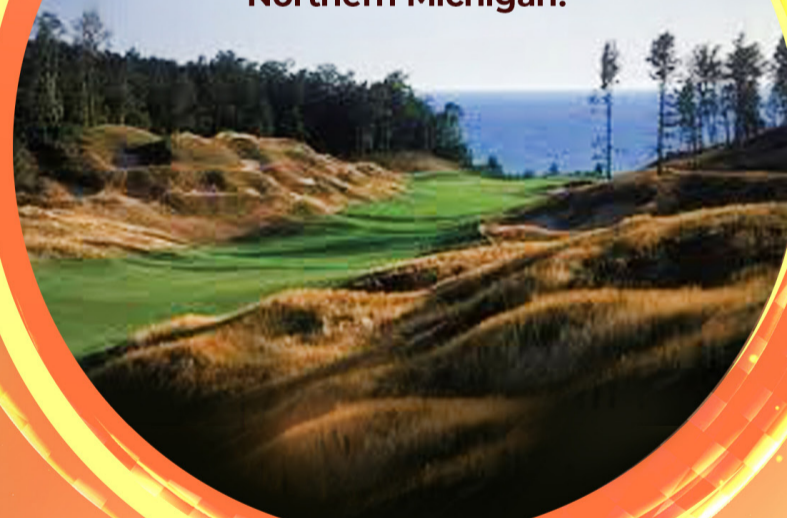
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The Saginaw Art Museum Announces Charles Addams: Friends and Family, October 4 - January 4, 2020



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what made the city so captivating to Addams. An essential aspect of Addams' work is the parody of domestic life, the nonchalant way his characters exist with all proper behavior, but possibly with some very ghoulish results. Charles Addams was a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*, but his fame grew further when the Addams Family series was adapted to television in 1964.

"This is the first Midwest solo exhibition of the artist's work and as such one the most important shows of its type in Michigan this season," according to executive director Michael Kolleth. "This an outstanding opportunity to see the full breadth of the artist's career and accomplishment."

The Saginaw Art Museum is located at 1126 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 and online at www.saginawartmuseum.org. The museum is open noon-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission on Saturdays is free thanks to Garber Automotive Group.

The Saginaw Art Museum announces Charles Addams: Friends and Family October 4 - January 4, 2020. A reception for members and sponsors will take place on October 3, 2019 6-8pm.

Charles Addams was a prolific artist who embraced and chronicled New York for

over fifty years through his impressions of urban life, often referencing concerns and conceits expressed by the citizenry. Of the 2500 illustrations Addams made in his career, only 150 were of the iconic Addams Family. Strolling through the galleries, you will not only meet members of the family, but also an assortment of New Yorkers reflective of



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In 2000 he was asked to assist his cousin, MSU standout shooting guard Jason Richardson, as he prepared to transition from college sports to National Basketball League. He eventually became his Executive Business Manager and managed every aspect of his professional career. This partnership lasted last for 17 years. In which time Kareem forged relationships with many athletes, celebrities, and corporations. He developed a knack for brand management, marketing, and negotiations. He used his newly acquired skill set to build mutually beneficial relationships within the entertainment industry, corporate American, and government. In 2012 he partnered with President Obama's White House and Walmart to present The Man Up Forum in five key cities across the country. The Man Up Forum was an All-male forum Bowen developed with co-founder Sandra Ware in 2005. The purpose of this community forum was to create meaningful dialogue between men and boys to produce stronger relationships and heal hurts of abandonment.

This is when Kareem realized the power of a conversation! It became apparent when sons were able to forgive fathers whom they hadn't seen their whole lives. These broad-shouldered, strong, even hard-hearted young men would melt when they heard the words, I love you, from their fathers or another man whom they respected. Lives were changed, because of a conversation.

THE NEED FOR STRAIGHT TALK

In December of 2012 Kareem founded The Potter's Touch Ministries; a Word-centered, non-denominational ministry focused at healing those who were hurting, and lives shattered. As he engaged with those who were hurting, he noticed he possessed a unique ability to speak to people where they were. He became amazed at the impact words made when presented with care at the right moment. This prompted him to begin a video blog, "Morning Manna with Pastor K". In these video blogs he would use the power of words to communicate comfort, enlightenment, and to inspire. The blog was a hit and spread like wildfire, growing to over 12 thousand followers in 8 countries around the globe.

Kareem soon realized, in a world of digital technology that he was able to have a conversation from his home and engage the world. He began to receive messages from people he had never met, asking for prayer, instruction, direction. His words were making an impact!

THE IMPACT OF STRAIGHT TALK

The question that loomed was, "How would a talk show fair on a station that is largely music based?" Yvonne Daniels (Kiss 107.1 Content Director and Branding Manager) was convinced it could work and place her full-throated support behind the effort. She convinced Station Director Mark Thomas that the community was ready for real engagement.

The risk paid off! Straight Talk with Kareem Bowen debuted on the air 3/3/19 at 6:00 PM on a Sunday evening on 107.1 Kiss Wtlz. It was received with a warm welcome. Kareem brought an informed, yet engaging perspective that mattered to the community. He was bold and said things that were honest and insightful. Suddenly, listeners were turning their dials to the station anticipating the conversation that they would be able to not only hear but engage through a Live social media platform on Facebook. The conversation wasn't just on the radio, but it was now in our homes and we were now at the table able to engage through our Smartphones and computers. Straight talk ranked #2 of all shows in the Michigan Bay Region after it's first quarter on the Urban radio station. Kareem's experiences and belief of having meaningful conversation were proving true. Since it's inception he has had conversation with government officials, civic leaders, and entertainment celebrities such as S. Epatha Merkerson (Chicago Med and Law and Order), and Jeff Gardere (America's Psychologist CNN, ATL Housewives, Maury). He has been able to forge his relationships to bring information and insight to the Michigan Bay Region and to mobilize a generation.

A key desire that station Director Mark Thomas expressed with Bowen was to restore a sense of community engagement to the station's reputation. He challenged Kareem to assist in the process of outreach

to the community. One day on the air during a segment of Straight titled, "What I'm Feeling" when Kareem candidly shares the hot topics on his mind with listeners, Kareem raised the idea of bringing back the old school "Family Affair" to his show's producer, The Robfather. The two reminisced about how great those times were seeing the community come out and being one Saginaw. Nostalgia set in and Kareem pitched the idea to Daniels and Thomas. He wanted to position the station to be the voice of unity in the community and to create an opportunity for the Michigan Bay Region to understand that the stations most heartfelt desire is to work with the community. After a few key meetings with station personnel, the course was set and the 1st Annual Kiss 107.1 Family Affair was slated for August 31, at Morley Plaza.

Community leaders Brenda Moore and Sheldon (Snap) Matthews heard about the affair and began engaging the community in record speed. Before long Saginaw Community Foundation (Renee Johnston), Garber Management Group (Dick Garber), Walmart, Saginaw School Board (Dr. Ramont Roberts), Saginaw City Council, Saginaw Fire Department & First Responders, From the Heart Ministries (Elwin Owens), The Potter's Touch Ministries and (IMPACT Campus Ministries-SVSU) were all on board and made it all a reality. The community program provided backpacks, school supplies, socks and undergarments, food, and entertainment free of charge to the entire Saginaw community.

Straight talk with Kareem Bowen has only been on air 6 months and it's impact is already being noted. You can Tune in to Straight Talk with Kareem Bowen Sunday nights at 6:00 PM weekly on Kiss 107.1 FM or via Facebook like @StraightTalkWithKareemBowen. Bowen is bringing change to our Village and engaging a generation, one conversation a time.



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www.kidsrulenow.org Kids \$15 / Adults \$25

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It's a STEM takeover at Saginaw Valley State University and kids 2nd – 6th Grade are in the driver's seat. Kids Rule Now! Inc. makes this day of exploration and imagination available to kids during our 4th Annual KIDposium. STEM, widely known as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, is integrated in every part of our

lives, and exposure to it satisfies the natural curiosity of young minds. The KIDposium STEM Sessions, led by the SVSU Mathematics & Science Center, SVSU Chemistry Club, SVSU Mobile Research Laboratory, and the Midland Professional Chapter of NOBCCHE will keep the kids engaged during each interactive Breakout

Session. The KIDposium is a family-oriented event and Parents/Adults have their own side of the KIDposium, separate from the kids with two impactful speakers. The Adult Break Out Session Speakers are Mark Sauter, author and founder of GTP Associates, Inc. (Growth Through People), who also works closely with the Great Lakes Bay Conscious Capitalism movement and Alexandria Jones, a member of the Michigan Army National Guard, and marketing & events coordinator at the Castle Museum. The event is Saturday, October 19, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road in Saginaw, MI. Tickets include lunch and are \$15.00 for Kids and \$25.00 for Adults.

The 2019 Keynote Speaker is 14-year-old Entrepreneur, Kamryn Chasnis, a teen Chef, Baker, Class Instructor and Demonstrator in the Great Lakes Bay Region. She established her own business, Kamryn's Creations, in 2016 and donates 50% of her proceeds back to local charities. Kamryn has appeared on MasterChef Jr. with Gordon Ramsey and Bake it Like Buddy (The Cake Boss) on Discovery Family. And in July 2019, she was recognized and crowned as Miss Bay County Outstanding Teen. Kamryn will share her journey of Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy and also explain the presence of STREAM principles in her business.

"Kids are naturally curious and innovative and we want to give them outlets of creativity in a STEM immersed environment," says Rhonda Webb, the founder and director of Kids Rule Now! Inc. "Kids are separated by their Grade level, and will enjoy active, interactive, hands-on, Break Outsessions lead by STEM instructors and professionals. We want these young dreamers to come away with a greater appreciation and desire for even more STEM exploration."

https://Purchase Tickets Online at: www.kidsrulenow.org Registration deadline is Friday, October 12th. For more information or questions, contact Rhonda Webb 989.482.7345 or Email: rhondaalexia@gmail.com.

Introducing LaDora Elliott, Director of Kingdom of Care Daycare



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LaDora is a Director of Kingdom of Care Daycare. She works with children and families to create a nurturing and caring environment where can become a better version of themselves.

LaDora has worked with children for the last five years. She knows that her job requires caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

LaDora knows that the work she does will not only impact the children, but the families as well. For this reason hard work and commitment is put into everything she does to help the families she works with and will work with.

LaDora currently has an Associates of Arts in Early Childhood Development from Delta College. She is currently studying Social Work at Saginaw Valley State University and will have a BSW in May of 2020.

Saginaw Art Museum and Saginaw Club Agree to Terms, Keeping Local Masterpiece In The Region



courtesy photos

In a demonstration of civic pride and cooperation, the Saginaw Art Museum and Saginaw Club have entered into an agreement to ensure that one of the most important pieces of artwork to ever come from the Great Lakes Bay Region - the Eanger Irving Couse painting, Portrait of Chief David Shoppenagon - remains in the area in perpetuity.

The large oil painting that has hung above the fireplace in the Saginaw Club since 1911, will be sold to the museum and take pride of place among the institution's collection of Couse's work.

The painting was originally commissioned by Saginaw Club member Charles Willis Ward and given to Club by Mr. Ward and the Saginaw-native, Couse. Proceeds from the sale of the artwork will be used for the Saginaw Club's endowment.

"We are delighted ensure that this cultural treasure remains in the Great Lakes Bay Region for the public to enjoy for generations to come." said Mike Kolleth Executive Director of the Saginaw Art Museum and Temple Theatre Foundation. "The Saginaw Art Museum Board of

Directors understood the importance of an artwork of this historical resonance remaining in the area in which it was executed and intended. Once the painting is cleaned and conserved we will celebrate its arrival with the entire Great Lakes Bay Community."

"This transaction represents the very definition of a win-win," said Renee Johnston, President of the Saginaw Club. "It is important to the members of the Saginaw Club that this masterpiece stays in our region, is available for the public to enjoy and benefits from the Museum's curation. We were able to accomplish this public good while helping to ensure the financial security of the Club."

Eanger Irving Couse is an artist of international renown. He was born September 3, 1886 to a farming family in Saginaw and spent his childhood years drawing members of a Chippewa tribe that lived nearby. He studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, the National Academy of Design in New York, and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris under William-Adolphe Bouguereau. He resided in the summer months for most of his life here in Saginaw and wintered in Taos, New Mexico.

Chief David Shoppenagon was born in Indianfields, a Chippewa Indian Village in the Saginaw River Valley. In 1795 his grandfather, also a Chippewa chief, was among the Indians who met with General Anthony Wayne at Fort Greenville, Ohio, and signed a treaty that ended forty years of warfare in the Ohio Valley. Shoppenagon arrived in the Grayling area from the Saginaw Valley during the early 1870s. He trapped, hunted, and was a guide for sportsmen throughout the northern Lower Peninsula. Less than two weeks after the club accepted the aforementioned painting, Chief Shoppenagon passed away at the age of 104.

The terms of the agreement were not disclosed.



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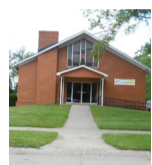
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Saginaw Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda F. Moore Makes History in Being Named MML President



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DETROIT, Michigan – As the Michigan Municipal League’s new board president, Saginaw Mayor Pro Tem Brenda F. Moore is making history.

Moore was selected as the 2019-20 Michigan Municipal League Board president by the 18-member board on Tuesday during the League’s 2019 Convention taking place this week in Detroit. She is the first African American woman selected president in the League’s 120-year history. The board also selected Muskegon Heights Mayor Kimberley Sims as vice president.

“Becoming the MML president is like a dream. The ultimate dream,” Moore said. “I am truly honored that my colleagues voted me in. To be the first African American female League president, I’m excited! I’m excited for the city of Saginaw, I’m excited for the League, and I’m excited for this opportunity.”

Moore served the past year as the League’s vice president and stepped into the president’s role in July when the former president – Ferndale Councilwoman Melanie Piana – resigned to run for Mayor of Ferndale. On Tuesday, the board selected Moore to continue

to serve as president for the next 12 months.

“I love the Municipal League,” said Moore, who has been on the League board since 2016. “I truly believe in what the League is about and particularly how they fight for all Michigan communities, including urban centers like Saginaw as well as smaller, more rural communities.”

Moore’s selection as president further cements the City of Saginaw as being a historic community for the League board in a variety of ways. Particularly noteworthy are these facts:

- The League’s first president was from Saginaw – William B. Baum Sr., Mayor – in 1899
- The League’s second male African American president was from Saginaw – Sylvester Joe Stephens, councilmember
- And now, Moore is the first female African American president (fourth African American overall), and fourth President to hail from Saginaw

“Ms. Brenda,” as she’s affectionately known throughout her community, is a life-long resident of the City of Saginaw and a proud graduate of Saginaw High School and Delta College. When elected to city council in 2013, she quickly became involved with the League by attending conferences and training to understand her role as a new official. Since then she has served in leadership roles with the Michigan Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and the League’s Elected Officials Academy (EOA). In addition, she has attained the highest level – the Ambassador Level 4 – of the EOA. She is formerly a bail bonds person and served as a facilitator for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU Local 517M).

Brenda’s historic road to the top at the League was far from the typical journey. Just six years ago, she had zero political experience and was working as a bail bond agent and bounty hunter. For her, being a bail bond agent was about helping people and she viewed it as missionary work. She wouldn’t just facilitate loaning people bond money, but she helped them navigate the court system and get assistance as needed, such as treatment for drug addiction and/or mental health issues.

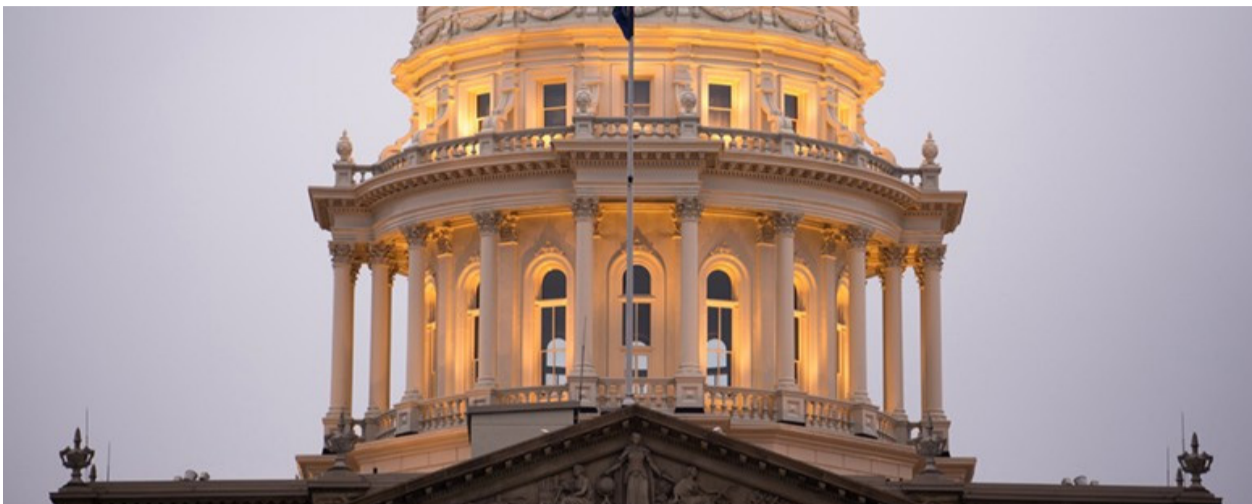
“It was a fun, adventuresome part of my life,” she said. “I enjoyed it. I enjoyed helping those who really needed it. It was like a ministry for me. People today say, ‘Ms. Brenda, I remember you and you saved my life. I remember you got me out of jail, and I haven’t been in trouble since.’ Those are good stories, when I was able to help people. The good stories always outweigh the bad ones.”

A series of events, including the closure of the Buena Vista School District where she had worked, led her to a successful run for Saginaw City Council in 2013 and she quickly got involved with the League, attending MML trainings and serving on League committees.

As board president, Moore said her focus is on the League’s municipal finance reform campaign and the SaveMICity initiative. She also wants to encourage League members to get more involved with the League and she plans to do that by telling her story.

“My goal as president is to tell my story and to encourage everyone who will listen that there is a way to accomplish their dreams like I have,” Brenda said. “I want to go into communities and inspire others. I’ll say, ‘Look at me. I’m from little, old Saginaw and now I’m the League president. You can do the same thing I did and represent your community in an outstanding way.’ That is my platform – to tell my story.”

Personal Property Tax Clean-Up Legislation Introduced



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A five-bill package of legislation was introduced in the State House last month to tweak how local governments are reimbursed for revenue losses due to the exemption of certain property from personal property taxes.

House Bills 4926-30 were taken up the same week they were introduced for a testimony-only hearing. The Chair of the House Tax Policy Committee hopes to vote the bills out of committee in the next few weeks.

A brief summary of each bill is as follows:

HB 4926 – Alters the way Intermediate School District's enhancement millages are accounted for in the calculation for reimbursement.

HB 4927 – Adjusts how school operating millages contribute to the reimbursement formula.

HB 4928 – Allows the reimbursement authority to use some of the reimbursement dollars for operating expenses.

HB 4929 – Adjusts the reimbursement calculation for tax increment finance authorities.

HB 4930 – Gives local governments another shot at correcting errors that resulted in under-reimbursement.

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SPORTS



Frappier shuts out IceDogs in Saginaw Spirit debut

Saginaw, MI – The Saginaw Spirit captured their first home victory of the season with a 3-0 shutout Sunday evening over the Niagara IceDogs on United Way Night at The Dow Event Center in Saginaw, Michigan.

Goaltender Marshall Frappier earned his second career Ontario Hockey League shutout in his first game as a Saginaw Spirit.

The newly acquired Frappier was tested early after Saginaw's Jacob Goldowski was called for a tripping penalty in the first period. Niagara put four shots that the Ottawa, Ontario native denied on the man-power advantage.

After Niagara's Landon Cato was charged for a two-minute cross-checking penalty, Frappier made a nice save on an IceDogs shorthanded breakaway opportunity.

After the puck bounced over Saginaw defenseman Ilya Solovyov's stick in the offensive zone, overager Oliver Castleman charged down the ice on a breakaway. Castleman attempted a deke to the backhand that was rejected by Frappier's sliding pad save.

Dallas Stars draft pick Nicholas Porco nearly broke the scoreless tie for the Spirit just under 13 minutes into the opening frame. New York Islanders prospect Cole Coskey's wrist shot rebounded off rookie netminder Tucker Tynan's pad to the right of the crease.

The Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario native Porco took a quick backhand shot that beat Tynan but clanked off the post and floated behind the Niagara net.

The two goaltenders were the story in the first period as Frappier and Tynan combined to make 30 saves in the opening period. Saginaw finished the first period with a slight, 16-14 shot edge but the teams went into the intermission, scoreless.

After 2019 Nashville Predators first round pick Philip Tomasino was called for a tripping penalty, the Spirit had two scoring opportunities ricochet off the post.

New York Islanders Blade Jenkins collected a rebound off a blocked shot from the point and sent a turnaround shot attempt off the left post.

Less than a minute later 2020 NHL Draft top-prospect Cole Perfetti hammered a one-timer off the post. Minnesota Wild prospect Damien Giroux sent a nice saucer pass across the slot to set up the one-timer attempt.

Saginaw rookie defenseman Roberto Mancini finally broke the scoreless tie at 9:42 of the second period for his first career OHL goal. Perfetti created space near the point and sent a pass at the goal as Mancini drifted toward the net. The Saginaw rookie reached out a deflected the puck past Tynan to give the Spirit the 1-0 lead.

Saginaw nearly made it a two-goal advantage in the last seconds of the second period. Coskey sent a nice pass to Camaryn Baber at the top of the slot and Baber rifled a wrist shot past Tynan but bounced off the right post into the corner.

The Spirit carried the play in the middle frame and outshot the IceDogs, 15-5 in the second period of play.

Saginaw kept the pressure up early in the third period and Jacob Goldowski nearly added to the Spirit lead. Mancini pinched in at the point to keep the puck in and drop a pass to Goldowski at the left half-wall. The Thornhurst, Pennsylvania native sent a wrist shot from the top of the left circle that Tynan fought off with a glove save.

Frappier continued to shine in the third period, on a Niagara three-on-two rush, Tomasino dropped a pass off to Castleman at the right face-off circle. Castleman's wrist shot from the right face-off dot was deflected away by a Frappier blocker. Then Frappier slid and dove to stop two IceDogs rebound attempts to keep the Spirit up one goal.

Tynan kept Niagara in the game late with a nice save on Saginaw rookie Josh Bloom. Danny Katic sent a pass from the left corner to the 2019 Saginaw Spirit second round pick for a one-timer that Tynan stopped with a sliding pad save.

Cole Coskey finally put a second goal past the rookie Tynan with just 4:34 remaining in regulation. Nicholas Porco skated wide-left around two Niagara defenders and sent a pass for a Coskey one-timer from the slot for the right-winger's fourth goal of the season.

With the goal, Coskey extended his point-streak to five games to start the season.

Cole Perfetti added an empty-net goal with 11 seconds remaining in the third period for his first tally of the season to give the Spirit the 3-0 victory.

Applebee's Three Stars of the Game:

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Tucker Tynan (NIAG) 42 saves

The Saginaw Spirit will attempt to continue the momentum when they start a three-game road trip in St. Catharines, Ontario to take on the Niagara IceDogs Thursday, October 3. It's a 7:00 p.m. puck drop from the Meridian Centre for the teams final meeting of the season.

Fans can catch all the action on the flagship WSGW Newsradio 100.5 FM and www.fmtalk1005.com with the voice of Saginaw Spirit hockey Joey Battaino on the call. "Countdown to Face-off" begins 15 minutes prior to puck drop.

Fans can visit the Buffalo Wild Wings location at 2690 Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw and join the official "Watch Party" for all Spirit away games. Admission is free of charge.

Saginaw returns home Wednesday, October 9 to take on the Peterborough Petes for the first of two meetings this season. Puck drop is at 7:05 p.m. from the Wendler Arena inside The Dow Event Center.

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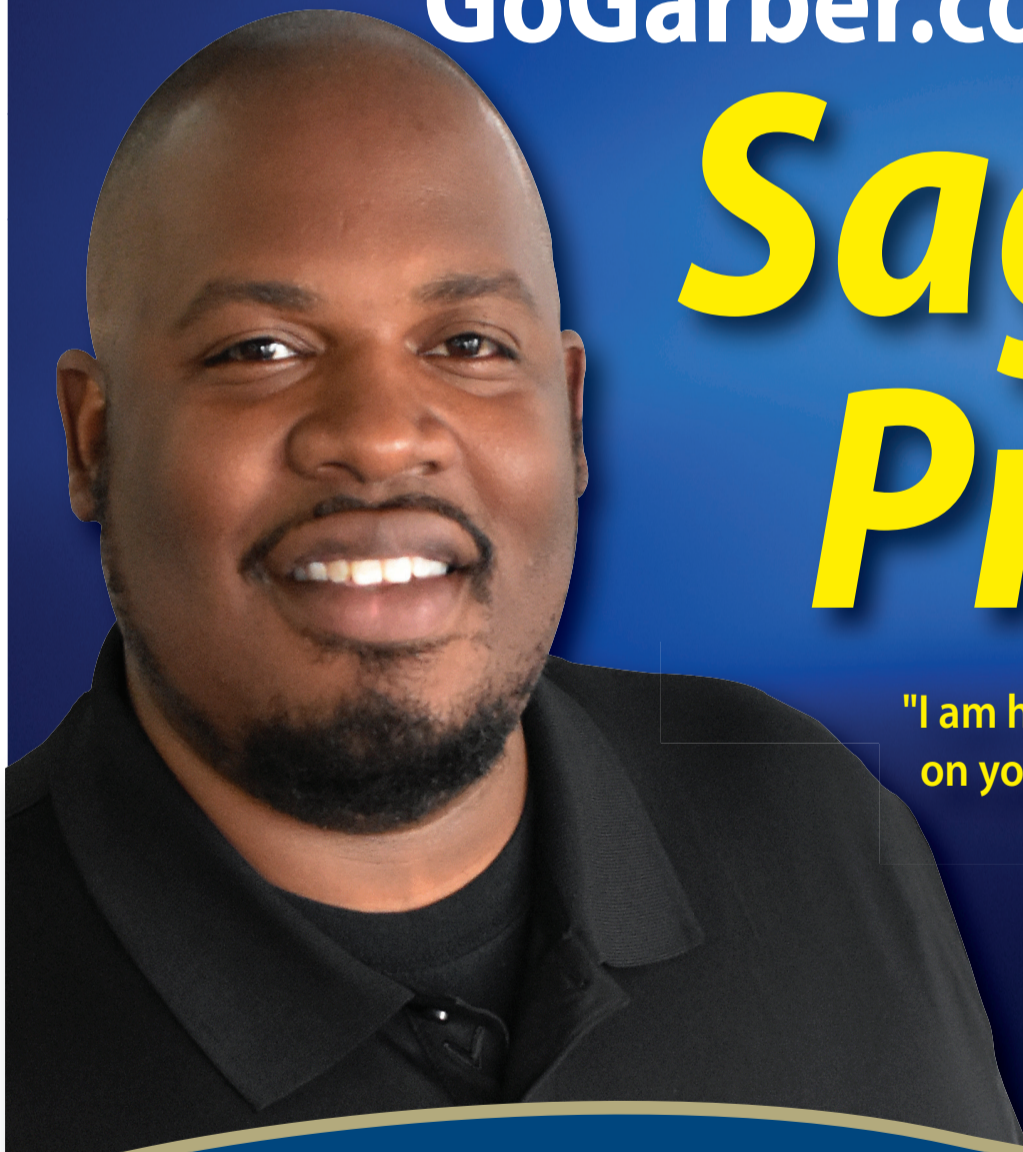
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