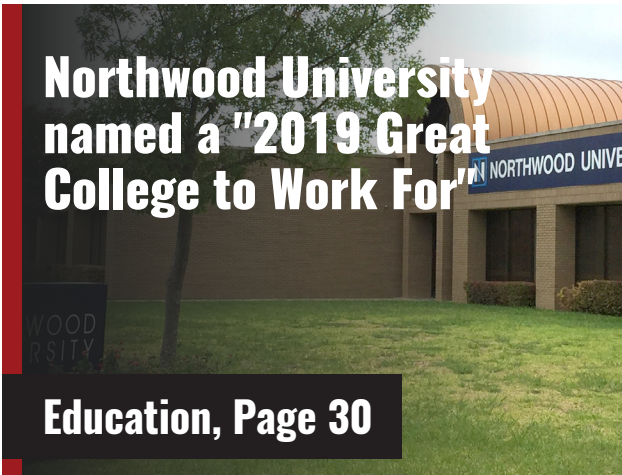


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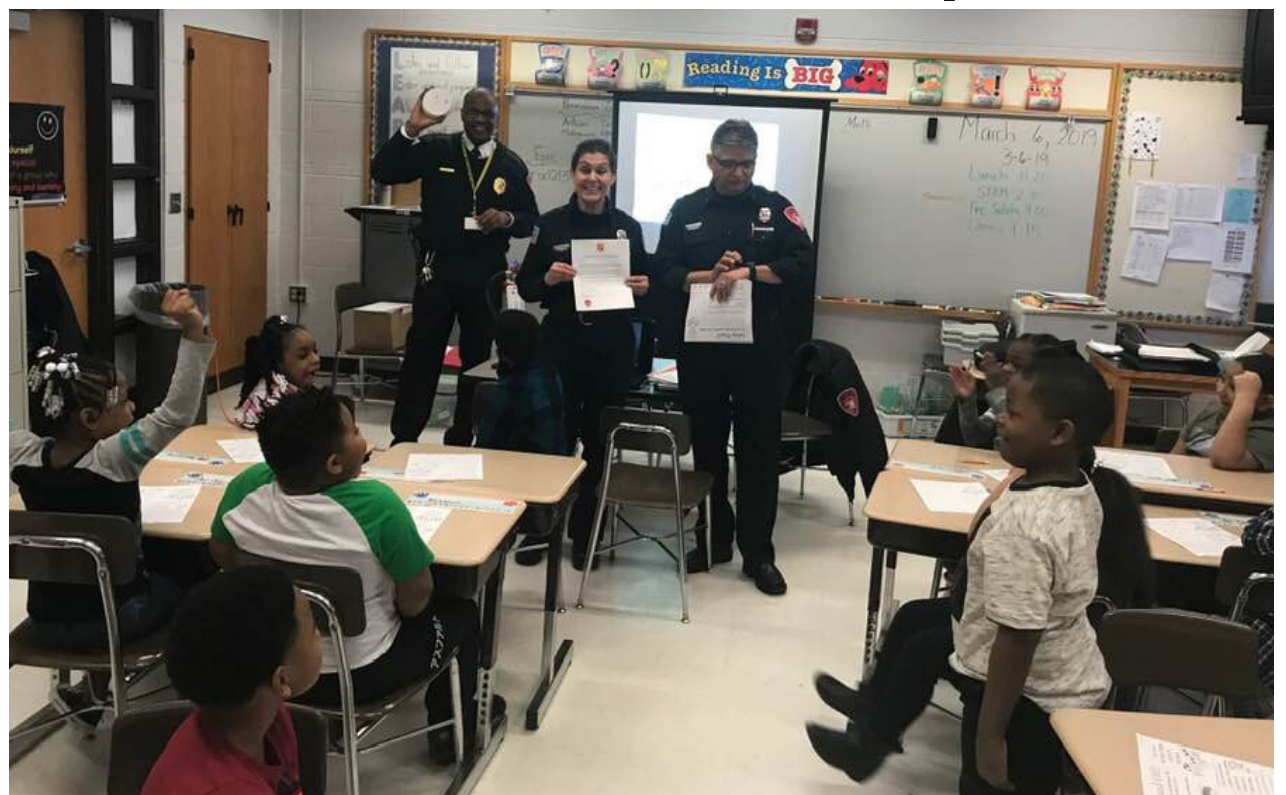
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## Sound Off and the Saginaw Fire Department



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*Ralph Martin, Saginaw Fire Marshal*

I must say I have evolved and changed in my methods as it relates to the topic of youth fire safety presentations. It was brought to my attention around 5 years ago while attending a Youth Fire Starter Seminar in Midland, MI. sitting at a table conversing with Fire Marshals and Fire Inspectors from throughout the state of Michigan. A Fire Marshal informed me that she did not teach the Stop, Drop and Roll message any longer. I almost fell out of my chair was my first reaction then she explained. When kids were asked what do you do if your house is on fire a majority replied Stop Drop

and Roll. Today in this data driven society I am convinced the more effective message is "Get Low And Go". Escape Plan and Practice Home Fire Drills along with Working Smoke Alarms in sleeping areas and on every floor of your home.

The FEMA grant initiative Sound Off Program targets 2nd and 3rd graders and required classroom and home visits as well. If needed we installed smoke alarms in the homes and preformed emergency escape drills during the home visits.

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# Cover Story, Sound Off

Students were given a pre-test on fire safety then homework followed by a post-test. I'm very happy to say our Saginaw test results were higher than the national average. The main focus is knowing and identifying the fire alarm sounds as compared to the chirping low battery sound. Get Low and Go!! Escape to a safe meeting place outside

the home. Practice Sleeping with bedroom doors CLOSED at night.

In my 30 years of service with the Saginaw Fire Dept I must say the impact of this program displayed positive results. The relentless dedication to service displayed by Lt. Aileen Pettinger, Lt. Dan Maldonado and

the administrative insight of Chief Chris Van Loo, made this Program resounding success. Also the Saginaw Public Schools for allowing access and full cooperation of the staffs at Arthur Eddy Academy, Jessie Rouse, Jessie Loomis, Merrill Park elementary.





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Thank you and congratulations to the Michigan Banner and all of the Heart of the City Award recipients. Your commitment and dedication to the Saginaw community is invaluable and unmatched. Strong communities are born out of great individuals, vital organizations and excellence in leadership. Saginaw Strong!

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Congrats to Jerome and the Michigan Banner on such a successful run for our community.

Mark Thomas  
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I am truly honored and so very humbled to congratulate Jerome Buckley of the Michigan Banner for 17 years of outstanding journalism, outstanding community involvement you have shown and still do.

I feel very honored to acknowledge one of our pioneers of leadership in Saginaw Michigan and honor you and your accomplishments of outstanding community involvement as well. Your dedication to the community, mentorship to new business/ individuals, assisting the youth in various programs, and your scholarship to high school recipients for journalism.

Yolanda Irvin



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## Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark "Wisdom for Resilience"

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

based on positive and negative self-esteem. As we reflect, let us briefly review two important aspects of the last article: 1) Importance in understanding self-esteem and 2) Self-esteem's effect on intimate relationships.

We noted that:

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. It affects what they think they look like to others.

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 best friend-type relationship. Upon your conclusion, ask, is this a toxic relationship, impacting my esteem negatively or positively?

As we reflect on these matters, let us include an important aspect of development that is vitally important to successful, graceful and productive lives. Let us consider the key element, which is WISDOM. Many confuse "wisdom" with "knowledge" when these are related terms, not identical in nature nor from an

application perspective.

Wisdom and knowledge, both recurring themes in the Bible, are related but not synonymous. The dictionary defines wisdom as "the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting." Knowledge, on the other hand, is "information gained through experience, reasoning, or acquaintance." Knowledge can exist without wisdom, but not the other way around. One can be knowledgeable without being wise. Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun; wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered.

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

Psychologists tend to agree that wisdom involves an integration of knowledge, experience, and deep understanding that incorporates tolerance for the uncertainties of life as well as its ups and downs.

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## MYB Cover Story, Navigating the Narrative

Wise people generally share an optimism that life's problems can be solved and experience a certain amount of calm in facing difficult decisions. Intelligence—if only anyone could figure out exactly what it is—may be necessary for wisdom, but it definitely isn't sufficient; being open to new ways of thinking, essentially challenging status quo, can be a hallmark of wisdom and help cultivate it.

The remainder of this article will be encompassed with short messages of wisdom that one may incorporate in their daily lives at school, at work, in the home-life with intimate relationships and even in relationships outside the family. These words of "Wisdom" are multi-faceted as such is wisdom in its essence.

(Extractions from the "Workplace Wisdom" groups led by Mr. Pritchett)

- Be consistent in your work so that it may be effective in that what you do. What good is goodness, when its "inconsistent" & "ineffective"?
- Prompting is the action of saying something to persuade, encourage, or remind someone to do or say something. On today, speak truth and encouraging words that will impact and influence others to produce, healthy and productive behaviors which will benefit their lives. Be sure to examine your communication skills today so you may identify what you're "prompting" is "producing"..... Then ask yourself, "will this produce TRUTHS for future growth or falsehoods for future failure?".....
- Let us examine ourselves today by identifying whether or not we are exercising good behavioral management skills, operating in Wisdom and not as a fool. Be sure

to spread truth, love and empathy today. Don't be like the "fool" the Bible mentions.... you know, the individual who behaves like a gossiper, slanderer or liar. Be a "Wise Worker" today and refrain from foolish words that may be malicious and harmful to others.

- "Apply" the knowledge you have gained so that you may "demonstrate" Wisdom in your decision making with each interaction in today's Workplace and life. Allow your demonstration to manifest by way of positive conversations vs negative ones. Allow your demonstration to manifest by way of making the best decisions that will produce the desired outcome of the TEAM you work with. THROUGHOUT the day! Serve with humility and intentionality in today's Workplace! Allow your service to speak for itself today, rather boasting of your good works!
- Love more. Forgive fully. Hate less. Walk in Wisdom according to the knowledge that is in you.
- Healthy, happy people think about what they want, and how to get it, most of the time. In this way developing a positive attitude can truly change your entire life. When you think and talk about what you want and how to get it, you feel happier and in greater control of your life. When you think about something that makes you happy, your brain actually releases endorphins, which give you a generalized feeling of well-being. As a result, you develop a positive attitude (Brian Tracy International). The idea that your mind can change your world almost seems too good to be true. I can assure you, however, that I have experienced AND witnessed the good that focusing on the positive can bring. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things

are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8).

- Success is a result of decisions. You become, what you decide to be. You have what you decide to have. DISCIPLINE is a byproduct of "good, insightful" decision making. Due to obtaining discipline, you are in position to pursue your vision for your life, career and overall purpose as you are empowered to do so. Many of us will fail due to the lack thereof, and because OTHERS are WATCHING us, they are in danger of failing as well. Let your disciplined life, BE THE LIGHT today in a dark world and DISCIPLINE yourselves to grow as individual productive citizens of your families, community and nation!

In conclusion, all of these brief messages of wisdom range from the words we use, to who we surround ourselves with, even to the behaviors we demonstrate. Hence, the extraction of wisdom and phenomenal illustration thereof. Wisdom comes in many forms and fashions with many experiences to enhance in its way. Be wise, and embrace HER (wisdom); she is life to those whom find her. Seek after wisdom and do good, and you shall receive good in return throughout your life span. You will experience hardships, trials and tribulations. However, with wisdom on your side and in your heart, mind and being demonstrated by your actions, you will have nothing to fear. Wisdom is the Principle Protective Factor of them all!

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



MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

## Being My Best Self: Youth & Adult Symposium

On Saturday November 9, 2019 from 11:00am-4:30pm, at Bethel AME Church (535 Cathay St. Saginaw, MI 48601), Great Lakes Bay Health Centers along with Bethel AME Church, and Sodexo Magic, will be presenting the “Being My Best Self” youth and parent symposium.

During the symposium, there will be workshops designed to teach young people how to make healthy and safe choices. The workshop topics include: Vision Boards, Dangers of Vaping, Substance use prevention, media safety, bully prevention, and STI/ HIV prevention.

In addition to the workshops, TJ Tyus, of Strength II Be, will be giving the keynote address to the youth. TJ is a passionate motivator, educator, personal trainer and author, who delivers high energy messages that encourage people to tap into the power within them to fulfill their purpose in life.

Parents are also asked to be part of prevention. The “Being My Best Self” event will empower parents with



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information and skills to help their students make healthy life choices. Featured in the workshop will be the “Talk Early, Talk Often” parent training. This will equip parents with tools and resources needed to talk to their kids about sex.

Youth MUST have parental consent to attend this event! To pre-register for both the youth and parent event, please call or email: Amanda Forsmark at 989-399-6125 or [aforsmark@glbhealth.org](mailto:aforsmark@glbhealth.org)



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**SVSU student's leadership earns her state Hispanic Latino Commission scholarship**

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## Adam Gonzalez, Daniel Soza and Dennis Medel II of Saginaw named top 25 LatinX of Michigan



facebook | Dennis Medel, Daniel Soza, Adam Gonzalez

Lansing, Michigan - On October 10, 2019, the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan recognized 25 Michigan LatinXs at the Statewide Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations held at the Goei Center in Grand Rapids, MI. Three of the recipients for the top 25 LatinXs are from Saginaw - Adam Gonzalez, Daniel Soza and Dennis Medel II.

HLCOM honored the Top 25 LatinXs of Michigan. The purpose of the "2019 Top LatinXs in Michigan" award is to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves in their organization, his/her profession, and their community. The recipient of the Top LatinXs in Michigan for 2019 award epitomizes the values for which HLCOM stands and represents the best of who we are as Latinos and as leaders.

For their significant level of involvement in the activities, business, community and professional growth with outstanding progress in their chosen career. These individuals have a demonstrated commitment to their community by sharing of their time and talent in ways that benefit the community. These individuals have also had a commitment to life-long learning and expansion of their own personal and professional resources. Nominations for this recognition came from individuals across the state.

Miguel Mike Gomez and Paula Espinoza of Saginaw were also recognized during the event. Gomez received the Community Champion Award and Espinoza received the Military Award.



# Seen on the Scene: STATEWIDE HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION, Oct. 10





# Latinx Homeownership Rate is Fastest Growing in the Nation, But Still Decades Away From Catching Up



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SEATTLE, Oct. 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Latinxs are buying homes at a higher rate than the overall U.S. population, beginning to close a gap between the Hispanic and white homeownership rate that has tripled since the start of last century.

Affordability and racial inequity combined to compound a disparity throughout the past 12 decades. The typical Latinx household in the U.S. earns 75.7% of the typical white household income, and the typical Latinx household wealth is only 12.2% of the typical white household wealth. That means Latinx households carry a far greater share (64.7% vs. 38.1%) of their wealth in their home, which made those families harder hit when home values nosedived during the Great Recession.

The homeownership rate gap sat at 25.8 percentage points just four years ago. Despite recent gains, the gap -- sitting at 24.7 percentage points in 2018 -- will take decades to close if the current pace holds.

At the start of the 20th century, the gap was roughly eight percentage points. It widened

significantly during and after each World War, and again during the Great Recession. Of all the homes foreclosed upon between January 2007 and December 2015, 19.4% were in Latinx communities -- a particularly high number when you consider that only 9.6% of all homes in the country are in Latinx neighborhoods, according to a Zillow® analysis. By contrast, 81.2% of homes are in white communities, and they accounted for 66.4% of foreclosures during that time.

In 2007, near the height of the housing bubble, a home accounted for 73.1% of the typical Latinx homeowner's total wealth, compared with just 46.5% for the typical white homeowner. Because their homes accounted for a much larger share of Latinxs' household wealth, they had fewer outside assets to draw on when home values plummeted and they owed more than their homes were worth. Most people who went through foreclosure were not allowed back in the market for seven years, which meant many Latinxs missed out on the post-recession rebound in home values.

Even today, discrimination concerns persist.

About 16% of Latinxs say they've been treated differently in their search for housing because of their race. And Latinx home buyers are especially likely to mention discrimination as a concern when trying to qualify for a mortgage: 54% expressed concern, compared to 30% of white buyers.

Mortgage denial rates among Latinxs are falling, however. They dipped to 15.5% in 2016 for conventional loans, down from 31.3% in 2008. Still, the current rate is nearly double the 8.1% denial rate for white mortgage applicants, which is likely due in part to differences in income, debt levels, credit scores and savings.

"In the face of a seemingly insurmountable disparity, the good news is that the Latinx homeownership rate is climbing and, as a group, they want to own homes," said Skylar Olsen, Zillow's director of economic research. "If that trend is supported, it will help build up the Latinx middle class and create a strong driver for the whole economy. Regardless of race or ethnicity, a growing diversity of housing options is essential for the wealth building and health of all communities."

## SVSU student's leadership earns her state Hispanic Latino Commission scholarship



*courtesy photo*

With the support of her family — and now a statewide organization that recognizes her strong leadership qualities — a Saginaw Valley State University senior soon will follow in her older sister's footsteps as a first-generation college graduate.

Paloma Barba, a business management major from Detroit, recently earned the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan's Future Leaders Scholarship. She was one of nine Michigan college students to earn the \$1,000 scholarship.

"I was surprised because I honestly did not expect to receive the scholarship since it was very competitive," she said.

To apply for the scholarship, Barba wrote an essay explaining why she believed she deserved the scholarship as well as why it was important for Hispanic students to earn higher education degrees. Barba said she wanted to apply so she could help finance her education.

"I come from a large family, and therefore my

parents cannot support me financially," she said. "I saw an opportunity, and I seized it."

The scholarship will help her pursue an ambition her family supports.

"My parents have always encouraged my

siblings and I to go to college and learn because knowledge is power," Barba said.

She said her older sister, Berenice Barba, inspired her to attend college. Berenice is a graduate student at SVSU and works as a graduate assistant in SVSU's President's Office. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration earlier this year.

"My older sister was the first one in the family to graduate with a bachelor's," Paloma Barba said. "I feel like she deserves most of the credit for my success because she basically paved the way for everyone in our family and, most importantly, for my siblings and me. I just hope that, after I graduate, I can offer the same support that has been offered to me."

The younger Barba graduates in May 2020. She said next she may pursue a master's degree or a career in sports management.

"I would like to go back to my hometown — Detroit — and hopefully work for the Pistons basketball team," she said of the NBA franchise.

The Future Leaders Scholarship awards will be presented to the recipients during a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration organized by the Hispanic Latino Commission in Grand Rapids on Thursday, Oct 10.



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# FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

## Power, wealth, and influence – what does it really mean?

*In the fundraising world there are things we are comfortable talking about, and things we tend to shy away from. One of these is the impact that people of power, wealth, and influence can make on the life of an organization or institution.*

There can be a tendency to believe all people bring equal assets to the board of an organization. That belief can obscure the specific value that people of power, wealth, and/or influence can bring. It's not that these people are more important than other board members, but rather that their absence can have a negative impact.

Let us be clear, leadership and vision need to be provided by people who have deep relationships with the people a nonprofit serves or advocates for. You have to have authentic leadership. However, that alone is not enough. You also need access to resources. Sometimes board members with deep community ties and authentic leadership also have power, wealth, and influence, but other times they do not. If you don't have people with these attributes on your board it can become very difficult to survive, let alone thrive.

### Things to consider

Take a moment to look at your board's composition from a fact basis: who has

access to people who can open doors for government grants or changes in policies that would positively affect your organization? Who can personally give a \$1,000 gift? What about \$10,000 or \$100,000? Who can influence foundation or corporate funding? Who can bring resources to the table? Be specific: who can secure talented staff, technology, donated office space, subsidized salaries, and/or thought leaders? All these people don't have to become board members, but you need some of their peers serving on the board to invite people to be involved in other ways.

When you look at organizations that are thriving, look at their board list. Look at their funding sources. Look at their advisory council members. Now look at yours. You can say, "it's not fair" and you would be right. But the question is this: what are you going to do about it?

Are you willing to recruit and engage individuals of power, influence and wealth? Don't point the finger at the president or executive director of your organization and ask if they can take on this task. The responsibility lies with the board: they are responsible for the financial health of the organization. One way to meet that responsibility is to recruit, engage, and retain new

board members with the skill sets, resources, and connections you need.

Begin recruiting one person at a time. Be clear and specific about why you want the person to serve on the board and what you want them to do. You don't want to waste their time: you want their engagement. Hopefully as your organization matures you will find that your board has a sustainable base of people with power, wealth, and influence.

When it is all said and done, it is extremely challenging to raise meaningful amounts of money without these qualities.



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# HEALTH

## Covenant HealthCare and Mary Free Bed Expand Joint Venture



*courtesy photo*

Leaders from Covenant HealthCare and Mary Free Bed are expanding the scope of their existing 50-50 joint venture. In addition to the current 41-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit, four more areas will be included in the partnership.

The expanded Mary Free Bed at Covenant Joint Venture will now include:

- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Rehabilitation Physician Services
- Covenant Center for Autism

Mary Free Bed at Covenant will also provide rehabilitation services for:

- Therapy for patients hospitalized for general acute care treatment
- Transitional Care Therapy (the Covenant

HealthCare skilled nursing program)

- “After beginning the inpatient rehabilitation joint venture almost two years ago, it made sense to join together all rehabilitation services,” says Ed Bruff, Covenant HealthCare president and CEO. “The sole focus of Mary Free Bed is to restore hope and freedom through rehabilitation, and our partnership will continue having an extraordinary impact on patients.”

Mary Free Bed is nationally recognized for achieving excellent patient satisfaction as well as rehabilitation outcomes. The Mary Free Bed team will also continue sharing educational programs and research opportunities.

“We’ve developed a great relationship with Covenant HealthCare clinicians and leaders,” said Kent Riddle, Mary Free Bed president and CEO. “It’s exciting to move

forward together and advance rehabilitation care for residents of the Great Lakes Bay Region.”

Covenant HealthCare and Mary Free Bed Expand Joint Venture

### Fact Sheet

Covenant HealthCare offers outpatient rehabilitation services at seven locations across Saginaw, Bay City, Frankenmuth and Hemlock. These include physical and occupational therapy as well as speech-language pathology services. In the last year, the Covenant HealthCare Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation team provided more than 83,265 outpatient therapy sessions, supported 452 patients in the Transitional Care program, and completed 5,258 autism program visits.

Mary Free Bed at Covenant HealthCare, a joint venture of Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital and Covenant HealthCare, provides customized inpatient rehabilitation for people with a wide range of conditions, including amputations, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and strokes. Since the partnership began in 2018, nearly 900 inpatients have received rehabilitation. For more details, visit [covenanthealthcare.com/maryfreebed](http://covenanthealthcare.com/maryfreebed).

Mary Free Bed is a not-for-profit, nationally accredited, rehabilitation hospital based in Grand Rapids, Mich. Since 1891, Mary Free Bed has made futures brighter for children and adults who have experienced brain injuries, strokes, spinal cord injuries, multiple traumas, amputations, cancer and other diagnoses. The combination of 110-plus specialized medical and sports rehabilitation programs and an exclusive focus on rehabilitation enables our specialty physicians and staff to help patients achieve outstanding clinical results. For additional information, visit [maryfreebed.com](http://maryfreebed.com)



# Ascension St. Mary's Hospital to Build New Emergency Care Center



*courtesy photo*

Ascension St. Mary's Hospital proudly announces plans to expand its emergency department at its downtown location, at 800 S. Washington Avenue in Saginaw. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, Oct. 8 to mark the beginning of construction on the new Ascension St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Care Center. Projected to open in Spring 2021, the \$17.6 million expansion will include adding 12,600-square feet, renovating existing space and improving access for ambulances and the public. These enhancements will transform the facility into a modern-day emergency and level II trauma care center with 24 exam/treatment rooms and two state-of-the-art trauma rooms. Ascension St. Mary's has been a designated level II trauma center since 2008.

"We are so excited for this new, leading-edge emergency care center," said Stephanie Duggan, MD, Regional President, Ascension St. Mary's. "We have been in the planning process for over a year since Ascension announced its reinvestment in our Saginaw hospital as well as Ascension Standish

Hospital and Ascension St. Joseph. The current emergency department was built and opened in 1983. As part of a recent master facility planning study, the emergency entry for ambulances and the public was identified as a top priority. The investment into an expanded care facility will have improvements in patient flow, therefore increasing capacity and efficiency, as well as providing easier access for ambulances, patients and families," Dr. Duggan explained.

The new design of the expanded emergency care center will provide an airport style drop-off/pick up and continuous drop-off canopy for inclement weather. These features will be welcomed enhancements for both ambulances and the public.

The project will be completed in six phases. Work is already underway for phase one which includes renovation of existing space to enhance dialysis services. Phase two involves infrastructure work on the air handling system. Phase three includes excavation work, laying the foundation

and building the new addition. Phases four through six will be staged to renovate existing space as part of the current emergency department.

Emergency and trauma care will continue to be provided through our existing emergency center. In addition, Ascension St. Mary's has a freestanding emergency care center located in Saginaw Township, at the 4599 Towne Centre Blvd., at the corner of Towne Centre and Schust. It is open 24/7.

"We are looking forward to the future to continue to provide high quality, compassionate, person-centered emergency care to all those we serve across the region," expressed Dr. Duggan. "This new emergency care center will offer exceptional lifesaving care, ease of access, and delivery of the highest level of treatment."

The new Ascension St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Care Center is designed by architect Harvey Ellis Design and the general contractor is Saginaw-based RC Hendrick.





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## MDHHS issues updated clinical guidance and health advisory on vaping-related lung injury outbreak

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sharing additional clinical guidance with healthcare partners and providing a health advisory following updated recommendations issued today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the national multistate outbreak of e-cigarette and/or vaping product use associated lung injury.

The CDC released an updated summary of the outbreak and provided updated interim guidance to healthcare providers caring for patients, including updated clinical and public health recommendations.

MDHHS is reaching out to providers and health departments across the state to share this information and is providing the following health advisory:

- CDC and MDHHS recommend that persons should not use e-cigarette or vaping products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
- At present, CDC and MDHHS recommend individuals consider refraining from using e-cigarette or vaping products that contain nicotine.

- E-cigarette and/or vaping products should never be used by youths, young adults or women who are pregnant.
- Individuals who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette or vaping products.
- Individuals should not buy any type of e-cigarette or vaping products, particularly those containing THC, off the street.
- Individuals should not modify or add any substances to e-cigarette or vaping products that are not intended by the manufacturer, including products purchased through retail establishments.
- Adults who are vaping should not smoke combustible cigarettes as a replacement for nicotine. E-cigarettes are not FDA approved as a smoking cessation device. Free help is available for individuals who are interested in quitting tobacco at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).

Information about the vaping-related lung injury for the public is posted at [Michigan.gov/vapelung](http://Michigan.gov/vapelung) and for providers at [Michigan.gov/cdinfo](http://Michigan.gov/cdinfo).

As of Oct. 8, CDC has reported 1,299 cases in 49 states, the district of Columbia and

one territory. This includes 26 deaths from 21 states. CDC reports that the latest findings from the investigation into lung injuries associated with e-cigarette use or vaping suggest products containing THC play a role in the outbreak.

Since August 2019, 35 confirmed or probable vaping-related lung injury cases have been reported in Michigan, including one death. Unfortunately, MDHHS is not seeing a decrease in the number of cases being reported.

Eighty percent of the 26 individuals who were interviewed reported vaping with THC-containing products. All cases have been reported in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and most of the individuals have been hospitalized for severe respiratory illness. The age range of the cases is 16 to 67 years old.

MDHHS is working closely with the CDC and the federal Food and Drug Administration to get additional information that can help identify the ingredients in the vape materials that are making people sick. This outbreak may have more than one cause, many different substances and product sources are still under investigation. So far, no specific brand of device or e-liquid has been identified.



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Holly McBride is our Activities Director and has worked with seniors for 18 years. She plans live entertainment, social outings, spiritual and group activities to meet diverse social needs of participants. Great Lakes PACE services are often mistaken. PACE has homecare but it is not just a homecare program. It has socialization; but it is not just a socialization program. We have therapy; but it is not just a therapy program. PACE is a managed care program and has all 3378 Fashion Square Blvd. Saginaw MI 48603 the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. An exam is completed by our PACE doctor with close medical follow-up. Assessments are done by our PACE team to address changing needs. Those enrolled in PACE will be responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE serves those who are 55 or older and who live in our service area. This includes the Great Lakes Bay Region and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac counties (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines. A brief assessment by our PACE staff assess eligibility. For most people PACE services are covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare. If not eligible for Medicaid, PACE does offer a private pay option.

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48615, 48637, 48662, 48807, 48831

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48415, 48435, 48701, 48723, 48733 48734, 48744, 48746, 48757, 48767, 48768

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48640, 48642, 48620

**Arenac**

48650



# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Dow teams up with Restore the Earth Foundation to revitalize North America's Amazon

MIDLAND, Mich. – October 10, 2019 – In support of the Official Carbon Partnership between Dow (NYSE: DOW) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Dow is teaming up with Restore the Earth Foundation, Inc. to replant 200 acres of native bald cypress trees severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina in the Pointe-aux-Chenes Wildlife Management Area of Montegut, Louisiana.

Dow's commitment to this private-public collaboration with Restore the Earth Foundation—a U.S.-based non-profit organization dedicated to restoring the Earth's essential forest and wetland ecosystems—is estimated to generate 40,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions reductions over a 40-year period. In addition to the carbon reduction benefits, the project serves as a line of defense to help protect more than 200,000 residents from future storms, while improving water quality and enhancing wildlife habitat. This project is also anticipated to generate \$11 million in environmental, social and economic value in the region, as estimated by Restore the Earth's EcoMetrics Model and outlined in the Cypress Reforestation Social Return on Investment Report.

"This partnership is unique in providing ecosystem services that demonstrate the value of natural capital to accelerate adoption of green infrastructure solutions," said Mary Draves, corporate vice president and chief sustainability officer, Dow. "Together with Restore the Earth, our collective goal is to inspire actions that can reduce carbon emissions and support restoration of one of our most valuable assets – nature's forests."

The collaboration with Restore the Earth Foundation aligns with Dow's "Valuing Nature" journey. Dow's 2025 Valuing Nature Goal aims to deliver \$1 billion in net present value from projects that are good for business and better for nature.



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The area under restoration, also known as "North America's Amazon," is a critical ecosystem rich in biological diversity and is the third largest watershed on Earth. Over the past 100 years, 80% of the southern portion, which includes the Mississippi River Basin, has been degraded or destroyed by human and industrial development. With the help of supporters such as Dow, Restore the Earth Foundation plans to plant 100 million trees across one million acres in the lower Mississippi River Basin in an effort to rebuild the area by the end of 2030.

"Climate change is a real threat to civilization with consequences already felt by people across the globe," said Dr. Nicoletta Piccolrovazzi, circular economy market director for Dow and global technology & sustainability director for Dow Olympic & Sports Solutions. "North America's Amazon plays an essential role in mitigating climate change worldwide. Backed by the Dow-IOC Official Carbon Partnership, our commitment with Restore the Earth goes beyond business as usual, serving as a uniting force to help bring more stakeholders into collaboration and accelerate adoption of 'green infrastructure' in operations around the globe."

"Restore the Earth's landscape-scale reforestation is a holistic approach that integrates environmental, social and economic concerns within the restoration framework,"

said P.J. Marshall, co-founder and executive director, Restore the Earth Foundation, Inc. "It is a proven, impactful and simple solution to climate change. It also helps ensure healthy ecosystems, biodiversity, habitat and community resiliency are enhanced in a self-sustaining system. It takes the long-term perspective of generations, decades and centuries, providing for overall well-being, livelihood, identity and culture."

This agreement with Restore the Earth Foundation is one of several projects under Dow's Collaborative Blueprint for unlocking carbon reductions. The Blueprint underpins the Dow-IOC Official Carbon Partnership, initiated in 2017, to balance the operational carbon footprint of the IOC, and encourages organizations outside and within the Olympic movement to adopt programs for reducing carbon emissions while catalyzing change across value chains. The impact of the partnership goes beyond balancing the IOC footprint and creates a legacy of low carbon technologies and climate action focused collaborations.

To discover additional information on Dow's sustainability programs and the Dow-IOC Carbon Partnership, visit [corporate.dow.com/en-us/about/partnerships/sports/sustainability](http://corporate.dow.com/en-us/about/partnerships/sports/sustainability). For more information about Restore the Earth Foundation, visit <http://restoretheearth.org/>.





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## Hemlock Semiconductor to cover local fire departments' training costs

*Grant applications being accepted for those attending Firefighter I&II training*



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HEMLOCK, Mich. — Hemlock Semiconductor Operations (HSC) is accepting applications from local fire departments seeking grants to cover the cost of sending students to local academies to receive their Michigan Firefighter I&II training. The grants are available to fire departments in Saginaw, Bay, Midland and Gratiot counties, with applications due by Nov. 9.

Students interested in becoming firefighters must complete Michigan Firefighter I&II training, which can take several months. The HSC scholarship grants will cover the cost each student must pay for tuition.

“At HSC, we value our first responders,” said Ryan Ludwick, HSC Safety and Emergency Services team leader. “This sponsorship is just a small token of our thanks for everything our community’s first responders and local fire departments do to keep our neighbors, employees and their families safe.”

HSC's Contribution Foundation Committee will be reviewing applications and awarding the grants. Details on how to apply for Fire Academy Sponsorships and the application form can be found at <https://www.hscpoly.com/corporate-citizenship.html>. Additional questions can be directed to Ludwick by calling HSC at (989) 301-5000.

The Fire Academy Sponsorship is just one of many ways HSC supports local first responders, Ludwick said. HSC regularly invites local firefighters to its on-site fire training facility for training exercises and offers meeting space for first responders.

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

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](http://FlintandGenesee.org/Moving-Flint-Forward).



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## Local Employers to Meet with Job Seekers at October Job & Resource Fair in Flint



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(FLINT, Mich. – Oct. 9, 2019) Nearly 30 local businesses and organizations will participate in the Flint & Genesee Job & Resource Fair on Thursday, Oct. 17. The event – open to adults 18 and older – will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the JCPenney wing at Genesee Valley Center.

“This is a great opportunity to meet with employers seeking to fill a variety of full- and part-time positions,” said James Avery, director of Education & Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. “Job seekers will be able to learn about and apply for a wide range of openings. In some cases, they may even participate in on-the-spot interviews.”

Examples of job openings include registered nurses, school business drivers, CNC operators and hospitality staff. So far, confirmed employers include:

- AdvisaCare
- Covenant Glen of Frankenmuth
- Dean Transportation
- Express Employment Professionals
- Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce
- Francesca’s
- Genesee Ceramic Tile
- Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD) Head Start
- Helping Hand Nursing Service, Inc.
- Huntington Bank
- Knights Inn

- McFarlan Villages
- Merakey
- Michigan State Police – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
- NorthGate
- Pinnacle Hospitality
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- Signature Truck Systems, LLC
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- U.S. Coast Guard
- Unified Staffing
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Walmart
- Wolverine Human Services

According to Avery, job seekers can also apply for a variety of temporary and seasonal positions at the event. For example, the U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring enumerators and office staff in preparation for the 2020 Census. Additionally, several Genesee Valley Center retailers will be accepting resumes for the upcoming holiday season. A list of these stores will be available at the event.

The event will also be attended by agencies and businesses providing a variety of free resources, including haircuts from Park Place Hair Studio, vaccinations from the Genesee County Health Department and resume help from the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce.

Additional community organizations will be on site to share information about their services, including:

- Genesee County Prevention Coalition
- Greater Flint Health Coalition
- HAP (Health Alliance Plan)
- Judson Center Child and Family Services
- Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village

Attendees should dress professionally and bring several copies of their resumes. Event organizers recommend using the mall entrance through the Outdoor Village/JCPenney wing.

Walk-ins are welcome, although applicants are encouraged to register at [www.flintandgenesee.org/jobfair](http://www.flintandgenesee.org/jobfair).





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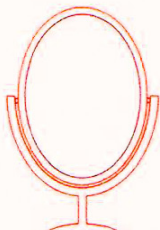
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# Final Demolition Paves Way for Heart and Vascular Center Construction



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MIDLAND, Mich. – Final demolition of the former Sugnet Building, also known as the original Midland Hospital, is now underway, kicking off phase two of a three-year construction project on the campus of MidMichigan Medical Center – Midland. This phase consists of MidMichigan’s new Heart and Vascular Center which is slated to open in fall 2020. The 170,700-square-foot Center will consolidate all of Midland’s heart and vascular physician offices and specialty clinics. It will also house cardiac rehabilitation services and provide streamlined access to cardiovascular testing, as well as interventional and surgical heart and vascular services.

“Time is muscle and when it comes to caring for the heart, every second counts. Having all of our services under one roof will provide an environment of seamless, coordinated care for our patients,” said Cardiovascular Service Line Chief William Felten, M.D., F.A.C.C.

“The proximity of services for our patients will also improve workflow efficiencies, communication and care delivery for our health care providers and staff. But, more importantly, it keeps our patients close to home, close to their loved ones and those that mean the most.”

Phase one of the project wrapped up in June 2019 with the opening of the new Orchard Building, which houses imaging and laboratory services, an anticoagulation clinic, cardiovascular testing, the clinical research office, as well as physician offices.

MidMichigan Medical Center – Midland has been continually advancing its heart and vascular capabilities since the open heart surgery program began in August 2007. In fact, MidMichigan had more than 89,000 outpatient visits and more than 4,000 inpatient discharges during fiscal year 2019.

The \$62.8 million two-part construction project, of which \$30 million is dedicated to the new Heart and Vascular Center, has brought more than 125 jobs to the region with additional to come following the opening of the Center later next year.

“The presence of a regional heart center such as this increases the attractiveness of a community for employers seeking to recruit or to retain highly skilled employees,” said Diane Postler-Slattery, president and CEO, MidMichigan Health. “In addition to this benefit of a healthier workforce, this helps local employers compete in a growing, competitive market.”

Those interested in more information on MidMichigan’s comprehensive cardiovascular program may visit [www.midmichigan.org/heart](http://www.midmichigan.org/heart).



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# EDUCATION

## Ford Motor Company selects SVSU alumna for prestigious philanthropic leadership program



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A Saginaw Valley State University alumna's community-minded values helped her become selected for an innovative corporate leadership course associated with one of the world's largest automotive companies.

Claire Gembrowski, who works in purchasing at Ford Motor Company's Dearborn campus, was named to the latest Ford Thirty Under 30 Fellowship class. She was one of 30 people selected from a national pool of 300 applicants.

The honor means Gembrowski, who received a bachelor's degree in management from SVSU in 2011 and later an M.B.A. from University of Michigan-Flint, will participate in a year-long philanthropic-driven leadership development initiative. The fellowship pairs the company's employees with nonprofits from their local communities.

The Freeland native said the opportunity fits with the values she learned growing up.

"I was raised Catholic and was taught that volunteering is something you should do," she said. "If you have the means to volunteer your time, money or talent, you should."

Rene Palileo, manager of employee engagement for The Ford Fund, said

employees turn in a written application for the fellowship. If their application is chosen to continue in the process, a committee consisting of Ford and Ford Fund executives as well as former Thirty Under 30 fellows rate the applicants. The committee rates them based off how strongly each applicant represents Ford's seven cultural "truths:" "putting people first, doing the right thing, being curious, creating tomorrow, building Ford tough, playing to win and exemplifying the 'one Ford' philosophy."

Palileo said Gembrowski represented each of these "truths," and helped bring them out in her fellow employees.

"Claire's volunteer experience and genuine interest in helping the community was a strong point," Palileo said. "Being an SVSU Cardinal, Claire embraces the innovation and transformational work Ford Motor Company Fund provides and, as a Thirty Under 30 fellow, will help broaden our reach in the future."

Gembrowski and her Thirty Under 30 team will work with The Grandmont-Rosedale Development Corporation (GRDC). The organization focuses on preserving and enriching Grandmont-Rosedale — a Detroit neighborhood — and its economy.

"A problem GRDC continues to come back to is millennial engagement in their group," Gembrowski said. "They have a senior citizen group that is extremely passionate, but the population in that area is very diverse. There are young families, new residents, renters and the like."

Gembrowski said her team hopes to solve this problem by creating a junior society that supports the larger organization.

"I think, generally, millennials want to give,"

she said. "I would say they are even a bit more passionate than other generations about helping and leaving some kind of impact. The tricky part is that millennials have the desire for something immediate and for instant gratification. The long game is not part of the vocabulary."

Millennial lifestyles are a problem for more established organizations, Gembrowski said. These organizations want long weekly meetings and volunteers who are coming in for longer periods of time. She said this structure does not appeal to younger generations.

"You need to find ways that fit into the over-committed lifestyles of many millennials that still make an impact," she said.

Gembrowski's team will canvass for like-minded individuals within and near the neighborhood. She said some younger people have already expressed interest in volunteering for the Grandmont-Rosedale neighborhood group.

She hopes her team can find enough junior society participants for it to continue on its own after the Ford Thirty Under 30 Fellowship cohort leaves.

"The fear I have is that there are certain people who are the doers and people who are not," she said. "So, we need to find the passionate people and give them some sort of power and freedom to help."

Gembrowski's work at Ford has exposed her to communities from across the world. She said she has worked with several departments within Ford and had the opportunity to spend last year in Valencia, Spain working with Ford suppliers in lean manufacturing.

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“Ford has something called an ADP, an accelerated development program,” she said. “You do a job swap, so I was able to work in the same job function, which was a supplier coaching of lean, but I got to do it from another region.”

Gembrowski enjoyed the experience and Spain’s culture.

“It was difficult coming back from Spain because you get used to a certain lifestyle,” she said. “I loved the culture. I feel like I fit right in. I come from a big family, and our culture is quite close. We really value doing things together, and that is what is valued in the Mediterranean culture.”

After returning from Spain, Gembrowski worked to bring some of the Spanish culture back to her American co-workers, such as meeting up for coffee outside of work.

She has also continued her local volunteer work since returning. She said she felt the need to help children who were not fortunate enough to have the warm childhood she experienced. She volunteers as an English tutor regularly with Mercy Education Project, a Detroit-based nonprofit that helps girls and women receive an education.

Gembrowski’s motivation to volunteer was a major reason she applied for Thirty Under 30.

“Having that giving sort of mindset, I was excited about this project,” she said. “It combines business and philanthropic endeavors, which is a perfect fit for me.”

While she hopes to learn more about business from the fellowship, Gembrowski said she does not have definitive career goals. Rather, she simply wants to avoid being stagnate.

“I haven’t loved every assignment

I have had, but I have tried to be self-aware so that, whenever I get to a point where I think I have learned all I can from a job, I say, ‘Give me more or give me something different,’” she said. “I am lucky to have worked at two different companies — Nexteer and Ford — that have allowed me to do that.”

Gembrowski said current SVSU Scott L. Carmona College of Business students can set themselves up for success now by taking advantage of their coursework in real-world settings, such as co-ops or work experiences.

“What served me well was the co-op opportunity,” she said. “While everyone has a different capacity, I would say try to work while you’re in school. It doesn’t matter if it’s at a restaurant or the bookstore on campus — try to get some work experience to connect to your schooling.”

She also said students should take the time to build up their soft skills before graduating.

“It’s the soft skills — like time management, organization, having high expectations for people, expecting people to do their part and keeping people motivated — that lead to success,” she said. “As easy as that is to say, when you’re working in a corporate environment or a non-profit, when people get stressed, that can be hard to actually do.”

Gembrowski said she is thankful for the groundwork for success SVSU provided her.

“SVSU has played a big role in my life,” she said. “I am very thankful financially, and I went to a great university. I walked away with no debt, I received a great education, made great friends and had work experience through my co-op. It was a great foundation for me.”

## DELTA COLLEGE FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

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**The deadline for applying is November 11 at midnight.**

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# Northwood University named a "2019 Great College to Work For"



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MIDLAND, Mich., Oct. 8, 2019 / PRNewswire/ -- Northwood University is a great college to work for, according to a new survey conducted by Modern Think, a research and consulting leader in workplace issues.

The Great Colleges to Work For survey is one of the largest and most respected workplace recognition programs in the country. Now in its twelfth year, it recognizes the colleges that get top ratings from their employees regarding workplace practices and policies.

The results, recently released in The Chronicle of Higher Education, a top trade publication for colleges and universities, are based on a survey of 236 colleges and universities.

Only 85 of the institutions that applied for the program achieved "Great College to Work For" recognition. Results are reported

for small, medium, and large institutions, with Northwood included among the medium universities with 3,000 to 9,999 students.

Northwood University won honors in four categories this year: Facilities, Workspace and Security, Respect and Appreciation, Job Satisfaction, and Work/Life Balance.

Northwood University is a private, non-profit organization founded on the principles of the Northwood Idea where the heart of capitalism beats strong and the development of future leaders is at the forefront of their mission. Northwood embraces the collective passion for free-enterprise, and the distinct, diverse differences of people that make them so valuable in industry today.

Today, America needs more capitalist leaders who strive to Go Make A Difference in their industry and community. Northwood University is unwavering in its mission to

educate the future leaders of a global, free-enterprise society. They do this by providing exceptional leadership and experiential learning opportunities, where students can gain industry knowledge inside and outside of the classroom.

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit which captured demographics and workplace policies, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most comprehensive workplace studies in higher education. For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit [www.greatcollegesprogram.com/list/](http://www.greatcollegesprogram.com/list/)





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For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: [www.saginawheadstart.org](http://www.saginawheadstart.org)

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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***-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS***



## Get ready for College! Attend MCC's Regional College Fair Oct. 24

College shopping is made easy at the Mott Community College 35th Annual Regional College Fair Oct. 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ballenger Field House on the main campus in Flint.

Representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities from Michigan, as well as out-of-state, will be on hand to discuss admission requirements, programs of study, financial options and student life on their campuses. MCC divisions will showcase their programs including the Regional Technology Center, Culinary Arts, Criminal Justice, Fine Arts, and Cosmetology.

"This is a great opportunity for area high school students and their families to explore

college options," said Regina Broomfield, Director of Admissions. "To streamline their evening and give them more time to talk with college and university representatives we are encouraging students to visit our online registration form ([www.mcc.edu/college-fair](http://www.mcc.edu/college-fair)) to pre-register. This will save them time having to fill out interest cards. They can input their information once, and every college they select will receive their contact information," she added.

Students will be able to find the right college for their career goals, learn more about available academic programs, get information on how to finance a college education, and learn about transferring credits from MCC to other colleges and universities.

Special offerings from MCC include:

- A FREE Financial Aid Workshop at 7 p.m. in the Blamer Room in the Ballenger Field House, presented by the MCC Financial Aid Office;
- Information about dual enrollment at MCC for high school students interested in getting a jump-start on their college career;
- Representatives from the Michigan Department of Education.

The colleges and universities scheduled to participate in the Regional College Fair include public and private schools.

## Collaboration is built into new health studies facility CMU's new Interprofessional Education and Practice Center opens wide the door to student success

As workers enter the final construction phases of Central Michigan University's Center for Integrated Health Studies, Amy Malheim is putting the final touches on her plan for the new Interprofessional Education and Practice Center within the building.

Starting in January, this is where CMU health professions students will find new opportunities to learn by doing, training with high-tech clinical mannequins and role-playing medical actors.

Malheim is director of the center, having arrived in July from the University of North Dakota, where she was administrator of a similar program. Her guiding principles for the center are embedded in its name: interprofessional, education, practice.

"The center is to be all about collaboration among the health professions, to get various disciplines talking and learning from each other," she said.

That's the future of health care, studies show, and the IEPC is designed to keep CMU students at the forefront.

"In today's world, health care professionals need to be trained in real-life environments," said Tom Masterson, dean of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions.

"That includes learning and working alongside colleagues with different clinical training and using high-definition mannequins and students role-playing as patients. These experiences help train our students to better respond clinically in real-world situations, which ultimately will improve patient outcomes."

### Exploring the center

The center encompasses 6,000 square feet that includes a two-room simulation suite equipped with a variety of high-tech clinical mannequins in addition to eight patient exam rooms for role-playing medical scenarios. All rooms are set up for observation and feedback.

"This gives students the hands-on experience in a controlled environment that allows them to make a mistake and to correct it right after,"

Malheim said.

Malheim foresees that departments would schedule groups in the center three to four times a semester as well as work with her to set up their own collaborations, such as physical therapy students working with speech-language pathology students.

She also expects to create an interprofessional committee with representatives from each department and discipline, including the College of Medicine, to champion the effort.

Masterson said he is excited that a 10-year goal is coming to fruition.

"The center is key to a lot of our programs moving into the future."

Construction of the \$26 million, 50,000-square-foot CIHS building began in March 2018. The Michigan Legislature allocated \$19.5 million for the building, and the balance came from university reserves.



# COMMUNITY

## CAN Council Expands To Huron County

The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region is expanding its Children's Advocacy Center and Child Abuse Prevention Education programming into Huron County through an affiliation with the Huron County Child Abuse/Neglect Council. With a new office at 219 E. Huron Ave. in Bad Axe, the CAN Council will build upon Huron County's strong history of child abuse prevention programming and serve even more local children through the addition of the CAN Council's nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center.

"The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region takes great pride in expanding our services to protect Huron County's children," said Emily Yeager, President/CEO of CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region. "Huron County Child Abuse/Neglect Council Board members care deeply for their community and have entrusted our CAN Council with enhancing their efforts. Just as we do for the children of Arenac, Bay and Saginaw counties, we'll work tirelessly to secure an end to child abuse and neglect for the children of Huron County."

Sexually or physically abused children, or those who've witnessed violence, recount their experience to a specially trained forensic interviewer at the CAN Council's Children's Advocacy Centers. Observing the interview are all parties who need to hear the child's disclosure: the prosecutor, law enforcement and children's protective service workers. The child tells of his abuse to one person, at one place, just one time – minimizing the trauma of reliving the details. Meanwhile, non-offending caregivers are supported through the process and receive referrals for counseling during the investigation and beyond.

"This affiliation will help us further protect the children of Huron County and offer more services to families as we continue to make a difference in the lives of these at-risk children," said Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Rutkowski. "We expect the Children's Advocacy Center will provide



*courtesy photo*

another effective resource for all of law enforcement in the successful prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases."

Erinn Mausolf, President of the Huron County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, said she is pleased to partner with an organization with well-established policies and procedures, programs and opportunities for growth. "The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region offers all that, not to mention the solid, positive presence that they currently have throughout the region," she said. "We are excited to bring all of those opportunities to Huron County – especially to our littlest residents."

Join the CAN Council for an Open House to celebrate the expansion from 2 – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 beginning at Raymond James Financial Services at 1 E. Huron Ave. in Bad Axe, located down the street from the new CAN Council office. Light refreshments will be served, and an overview of CAN Council programming will be provided. Guests will then travel by golf cart or on foot to the new CAN Council office at 219 E. Huron Ave. in Bad Axe for a guided tour. The event will conclude with a 6 p.m. program at the new CAN Council office.



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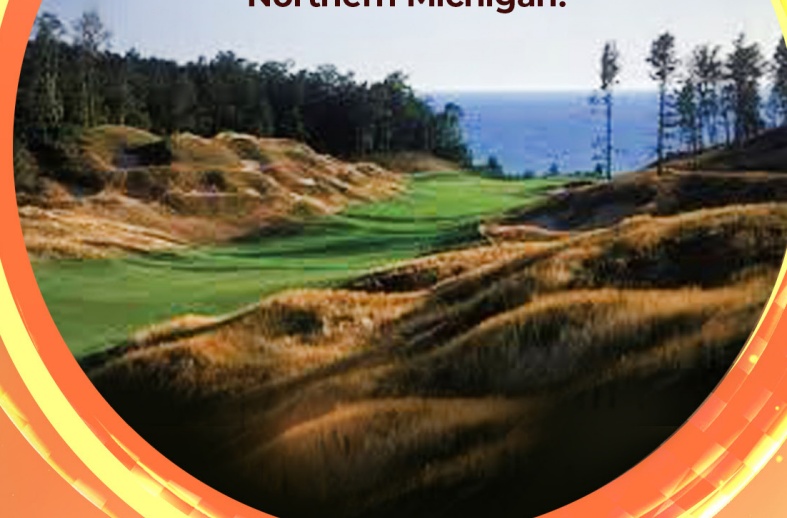
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# Saginaw Promise to showcase Mai Lee and other Saginaw Students and Alumni at "Saginaw's Got Talent"



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On Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Saginaw Promise will host "Saginaw's Got Talent" at Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy (SASA).

The evening will showcase the talents of Saginaw's students and alumni through displays, onstage talents interspersed with brief presentations of life and careers after high school graduation.

A preview of displays will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by onstage talent and presentations.

Among the onstage performers and presenters, is Mai Lee, a Saginaw native and proud product of the Saginaw Public School District.

Mai Lee has deep roots to Saginaw. She is the second eldest of five children and of Hmong descent. Both her parents emigrated from Laos in the late 1970s, settling in the Saginaw and Bay City area. As a child, she attended Stone Elementary School, North Middle School and graduated salutatorian from Arthur Hill High School. In 2015, she earned her Bachelors' degree in Business Administration from Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU). During her senior year at SVSU, she interned for the Saginaw Community Foundation, a non-profit organization assisting individuals, community groups and other non-profits with scholarships and grants. In her current role, she serves as Program Officer, specifically overseeing the scholarship program and assisting students with finding scholarship funds to continue their post-secondary education. Mai

is also a Positive Results Downtown Saginaw (PRIDE) board member and a member of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Network (YPN).

Mai Lee first learned about the Saginaw Promise in 2015 as a college senior while interning with the Saginaw Community Foundation. While it was too late for Mai to take advantage of the scholarship, she has this to say about her own academic experiences and how current students can benefit from organizations like the Saginaw Promise:

*"As a young girl, growing up as a minority in the City of Saginaw was very challenging. I grew up with parents who spoke and understood very little English, on top of that I was one of the eldest children in the family, and I grew up in a household of seven with a one person income. Often times, I felt that I was raising not only my siblings, but also my parents. Although having a difficult childhood did not stop me! In fact, it helped shape me into the person I am today. I remember at a young age working hard in school and excelling academically, because my home life was so difficult. During my senior year in high school, my mother suffered a brain aneurysm and spent several weeks in the ICU and in physical therapy. She was not even able to attend my graduation. At the time, my dream college was the University of Michigan and although I was accepted – I did not attend. Instead, I chose to stay home and help my family. Being one of the eldest in my family, a lot of responsibilities fell on my shoulders. I remember receiving pressure to enter the workforce immediately after high school. Through my scholarship offers, I was able to attend Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) and continue my post-secondary education. Although, SVSU was not my first choice, I quickly fell in love with the campus and small class sizes. Today, I could not imagine attending a larger university or living in a larger city.*

*While pursuing my post-secondary education,*

*many opportunities opened up for me. I gained work experience for the first time, working for the Dean's office at the College of Business and Management and from there I received a great opportunity to intern for the Saginaw Community Foundation. After graduation, I was hired full time and it really opened my eyes to another world and taught me the meaning of "Community" – what it means to serve a community and be a part of a community. When I think of the Saginaw Promise and how students can benefit, I think of my own life and what scholarships and post-secondary education has done for me. Today, I serve as Program officer for the Saginaw Community Foundation, specifically overseeing the scholarship program and assisting students with finding scholarships to pursue their post-secondary education. As a community member and graduate of the promise zone, I am proud that a scholarship, such as the Saginaw Promise Zone scholarship was created for students who may be in my situation or one similar. Being able to earn a scholarship and pursue post-secondary education is truly life changing!"*

Mai Lee is just one of the many students and alumni the Saginaw community can be proud of. From performing arts to Robotics, Saginaw's talent will be on full display at "Saginaw's Got Talent".

Performances for the evening will be coordinated by Michael Brush, a jazz/blues pianist, vocalist, and composer. Displays (science, art, etc.) are being coordinated by Ruth Ann Knapp, a longtime teacher (retired) from Saginaw Public Schools and current SPSD Board Member.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$40 for preferred seating and are available online at [saginawfoundation.thankyou4caring.org/talent](http://saginawfoundation.thankyou4caring.org/talent).

For additional information, please contact Deborah Sanchez at (989)755-0545 or [dsanchez@saginawpromise.org](mailto:dsanchez@saginawpromise.org)





# Chippewa Nature Center Receives \$125,000 Grant for Chippewa Trail Bridge



*courtesy photo*

non-motorized pathway annually, and its ADA accessibility makes it an ideal way to connect individuals with limited mobility to nature. Over the years, the Chippewa Trail bridges have sustained weather-related damage, which has been addressed with hinged ramps, repaired decking and railings and asphalt to level out the approaches. One of the two bridges will be reconstructed in 2020 with improved building techniques including helical pilings in unstable soils and improved decking and railing materials with longer life expectancy.

Reconstruction of the bridge will restore universal accessibility to the Chippewa Trail, while also providing a safer experience for the thousands of annual Chippewa Trail users, a recreational asset that promotes fitness, non-motorized travel to downtown Midland and access to nature and green spaces.

Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) has received a \$125,000 grant from the Midland Area Community Foundation's Healthy Community Fund for its Chippewa Trail Bridge

Maintenance and Repair Project. In 2005, CNC built the 3.5 mile Chippewa Trail connecting CNC to downtown Midland at the Tridge. Thousands of visitors use this

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# The hair stars turning wigs and weaves into fantastical works of art

Founder David ‘Hump The Grinder’ Humphries looks back on over 30 years of incredible hair creations

IT STARTED AS A THEMED PARTY IN DETROIT

“The Detroit scene in the 80s was pretty hot because there was no internet, there were just clubs – that was the way to meet and interact with people. I was playing the trendsetting clubs for style, fashion, and hair, all over Detroit: Eastside, Westside, and downtown. I was a mobile DJ too, so I did private parties all over the place.

I used to do all kinds of parties with different themes. We had the ‘Tight Dress Competition,’ ‘Hat Night,’ and ‘The Perfect Bootie Contest.’ Then we decided to do an ‘Exotic Hair Night’ for four weeks. That’s how it really got going. A lot of my friends were hairstylists and they wanted that stage to show what they could do and it just took off. We had no idea it would last as long as it has – it’s been 33 years and it’s still going strong.

We used to do it every week back then: a mini show in the clubs with about three or four hairstylists and three or four salon teams. It started with big French rolls and waves but the degree of difficulty was very high. When you looked at those styles, you couldn’t duplicate them easily. The stylists were making good money putting them together – and people would pay for it. Their hair was a priority.”

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IT TIED IN TO THE CITY’S FAILING AUTO INDUSTRY

“Detroit was known for having the most straight men doing hair because they came from the auto factories – they were laid off auto-workers who wanted to make the money that they were making in the plants. The hair business was the one thing you



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could do without a degree. A lot of men got into it and broke the stereotype. The women loved it because the men were dressed up and smelling good.”

THINGS GOT PRETTY CRAZY

“People were going all out to top each other and it started getting pretty outrageous – to the point where you would see a lot of styles you couldn’t wear every day. Detroit was a city where you would have a lot of wild hairstyles anyway, and you had to top all that when you did a show, so they started coming up with these crazy different ideas.

People were coming to me, wanting that stage and a segment in the party. At that point I realised I had something and said, ‘let me rethink this.’ I had to sit down and think about rules and regulations, create a format, hire staff to work the show, and move it to a larger venue. We went on the radio, we did direct mail, and I had a cable TV show. We were creating Hair Stars. They were the celebrities.”

IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK TO PARTICIPATE

“We’ve been having different themes for the past 10 years. At each show, every stylist gets five minutes and can have up to ten people on a stage including models and dancers. Teams get ten minutes and up to 20 people on stage. They usually hire a DJ or sound person to make a soundtrack

that’s going to fit their show. The show is just for fun. But at the same time, everyone is an entertainer. They work with choreographers and acting teachers; they do a lot to put a show together. They are going out there with their personality and their style. I don’t tell them what to do or how to do it. Our rules and regulations are simple: keep your clothes on and keep the profanity to a minimum. But if you are late, you don’t go on.”

COMPETITION IS FIERCE

“You can’t rehearse in the open. We tried that a long time ago and it was a mess. No one wanted anyone to see their skit and steal their ideas. Now, contestants have the layout and dimensions of the stage to practice on their own. They do a lot of work. Sometimes they practice for two or three months. They want to get out there and show people what they can do. Once they get their name out there, other opportunities come: hair companies come to the show, grab them up, and hire them as platform artists at hair conventions. When Lady Gaga was first starting out, her and her people came to Hair Wars and wanted seven hair pieces; Weaven Steven got that hair gig because he could do them fast and give them what they wanted.”

...BUT EVERYONE’S A WINNER, REALLY

“We do not give out prize money at Hair Wars. They all receive an award. It’s not a competition. When you get people who are all the way up there and they’re all on the same level, it’s hard to distinguish who is better than who. It’s like judging art. Who is to say that picture is better? It’s just someone’s opinion.

Every hair competition I have seen, they start out with a lot of big people and then they crash – because people get tired of losing. If a person is really good and has a reputation for being the best, how are you going to go to these shows and keep losing? It’s embarrassing to come back to your clientele and they say, ‘You lost again?’ and they say, ‘It’s fixed. It isn’t fair.’ So I stay away from that because I have seen it go terribly wrong. I’ve seen fights break out before the show was over because the winner is taunting the other people. It’s all love at Hair Wars.”





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## Security Credit Union Upgrades Bicycle for Detroit Police Officer



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Security Credit Union (SCU) recently worked with CycleFit Sports of Fenton to upgrade cycling enthusiast Officer Liz Mellas of the Detroit Police Department with a new bicycle for her charity rides. Officer Mellas' previous bike underwent much wear and tear and would have needed extensive rehab.

Each year, Officer Mellas participates in the Law Enforcement United - New Jersey Division bike ride which starts in New Jersey and ends in Washington, D.C. The ride helps raise awareness of law

enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and to remember those left behind.

"Security Credit Union has a passion and commitment for the law enforcement community and we are honored to support Officer Mellas and her goals by raising awareness and funds through Law Enforcement United," said Christopher Estes, SCU President and CEO. "Security Credit Union is dedicated to the law enforcement community and raising this awareness aligns with SCU's core values."

Law Enforcement United is 100% volunteer driven organization and all donations support programs like The Road to Hope, Concerns of Police Survivors, the Officer Down Memorial Page, and the Spirit of Blue Foundation. These organizations assist by ensuring every officer killed in the line of duty is not forgotten and surviving families have the support and resources they need after the loss of their loved one.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.leunited-nj.org/>



## Barber Joins Isabella Bank as Branch Manager in Midland



*courtesy photos*

Michael Colby, President of Isabella Bank East Region announced the appointment of Jessica Barber to Midland East Branch Manager. Jessica will manage the daily operations of the Midland East branch, while servicing the retail lending needs of the area including automobiles, campers, boats, and credit/debit reward cards.

“We are excited to have Jessica join our Isabella Bank team. She has a passion for building relationships within the community and making an impact where it matters most,” stated Colby.

Ms. Barber is a summa cum laude graduate of Northwood University – Business Management and the Rollie Dennison Leadership Institute (2017 and 2019). She has eleven years of banking management experience. Ms. Barber earned the 2018 Young Professional of the Year award from the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce. She serves as the vice chair of the Young Professional Network — Mt. Pleasant, ambassador of the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, and is a former volunteer with Red Cross of Isabella County and Junior Achievement JA in a Day. Jessica and her husband, Eric, live in Midland. They have two daughters, Laila and Lilly.

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# The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Opens Two Dynamic Exhibitions



*courtesy photos | Susanne Stephenson, Transfigurement II, exhibition and Lee Sung-Kuen: Interconnected exhibition*

The Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University presents two new exhibitions, “Susanne Stephenson: Transfigurement II” and “Lee Sung-Kuen: Interconnected,” opening October 4, 2019.

“Transfigurement II” is a retrospective exhibition of Stephenson’s work and a new version of the original presented at Pewabic Pottery in Detroit and curated by Tom Phardel. Susanne Stephenson has been an important contributor to the field of ceramics for six decades. She received her BFA from Carnegie Mellon University and her MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. The recipient of many awards, she has exhibited around the globe and her work may be found in numerous museum collections worldwide. As a Professor of Ceramics and Art Appreciation for nearly thirty years in Michigan she mentored and influenced the careers of countless artists. “While color and gesture are paramount to the visual experience of her work,” writes Paul Kotula, Associate Professor of Ceramics at MSU, “Stephenson delivers human-scale vessels with thickly textured strokes of painted color, sensual and rough edges and unique empty volumes that curious hands delight in exploring.”

Susanne has spent the past several years focusing her ceramic work in abstracting landscapes in low fire terra cotta clay. The images she deals with in the plate forms are fragmented and abstract. “I am committed to expressing the visual energy that I see in nature at a particular time of day or season.” says Stephenson, “Currently some of my images come from my photos of reconstructed/reconfigured landscapes, such as residue from the ceramic process, layers of Chinese graffiti and old signs.” Visitors can learn more about Susanne and her ceramic work at an Artist Talk and Reception with Susanne Stephenson on October 26 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

In Lee Sung-Kuen’s “Interconnected” exhibition, he focuses on building a bridge between man and nature. Sung-Kuen’s work is a perfect illustration of the concept of vital energy (Qi), which is omnipresent in the artistic culture of Eastern Asia. He creates sculptures of primordial shapes that, at first sight, evoke human cells or the notion of fertility. Made out of entangled piano wires, which the artist sometimes brightens up with vivid colors; they establish a dialogue between fullness and emptiness while sustaining the resonance of their initial role. Once suspended in air, the vibrating play of

light on the sculptures, and the apparent fusion with their surroundings into one symbiotic unity, bring the ovoid shapes to life. “Lee Sung Keun: Interconnected” was organized by the Waterfall Mansion and Gallery, NYC and curated by Kate Shin.

“Susanne Stephenson: Transfigurement II” is the result of a collaboration between the Denno Museum Center and the Marshall Frederick’s Sculpture Museum in cooperation with Pewabic Pottery in Detroit.

“Lee Sung-Kuen: Interconnected” exhibition is organized with the Waterfall Gallery, NYC in collaboration with the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

These exhibits are made possible with grant support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum’s website at [www.marshallfredericks.org](http://www.marshallfredericks.org).



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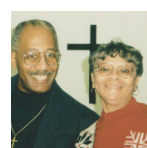
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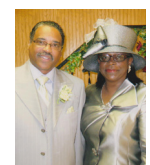
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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Congressman Dan Kildee cosponsors legislation lower costs prescription drugs



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Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, has cosponsored new legislation in Congress to help lower prescription drug costs for every American.

H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, would end the ban on Medicare negotiating directly with drug companies, forcing drug companies to reduce the price of prescription drugs that are up to ten times higher than what they charge in other countries. By allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies, lower drug prices would be available to all Americans, including those with private insurance, not just Medicare beneficiaries.

“I am proud to cosponsor this legislation which represents bold action to lower prescription drug costs for working families and seniors,” Congressman Kildee said. “The rising costs of prescription drugs have impacted every family in Michigan and across the country. Right now, the United States pays by far the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. My legislation would force drug companies to come to the table to negotiate drug prices to help drive down costs for families and seniors.”

### The Lower Drug Costs Now Act:

- Gives the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary powerful tools to negotiate lower drug prices, and makes those lower prices available to every American, including Medicare beneficiaries;
- Stops drug companies from charging Americans higher prices for the same drugs while charging lower prices in other

countries by establishing a maximum price for any negotiated drug;

- Creates a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit on drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries; and,
- Creates a rebate for Medicare, requiring drug companies that have raised the cost of a drug above the rate of inflation to either lower the price or refund the full increase.

Congressman Kildee continues to work to lower the cost of health care for Michigan families. In Michigan, Congressman Kildee has met with local health care leaders and community members to discuss ways to lower health care costs, expand coverage for families and protect coverage for those with pre-existing conditions. He has championed both H.R. 987 and H.R. 986, which would help to rein in the soaring costs of prescription drugs and protect those with pre-existing conditions.





# MSHDA announces \$2 million in funding through neighborhood enhancement grants

Lansing, MICH. – Local units of government and nonprofits in Michigan, especially those in rural communities, have a new opportunity to help their neighbors by applying for a Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. NEP grants support high-impact activities directly tied to stabilization and single-family housing improvements.

“We’ve been awarding NEP grants since 2017, and for the first time we are setting aside up to \$1 million, or half of the available funding, specifically for rural communities,” said Gary Heidel, acting executive director at MSHDA. “The proposals should be for housing-oriented activities that improve the quality of life for people living in the area.”

Applicants must show a neighborhood need with a focus on improvements to owner-occupied single-family homes (minimum of 50 percent of request) and neighborhood/public amenity enhancements (maximum of 50 percent of request). All proposed activities should be designed to improve the quality of life for residents of low- and moderate-income housing and/or be targeted in an area undergoing neighborhood conservation and renewal.

Grant allocations range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and multiple projects of smaller amounts may be combined to reach the minimum threshold or above. The maximum grant award is based on population; a community with 0-49,999 people is eligible for up to \$30,000; MSHDA Mod neighborhoods can receive up to \$40,000;

and a population of 50,000 or more can receive up to \$50,000.

“The goal of this funding is to help – and showcase – model Michigan neighborhoods where residents are engaged and facilitating change,” said Heidel. “We are looking to support creative ideas that are community focused and have local buy-in with demonstrated support from people in the community.”

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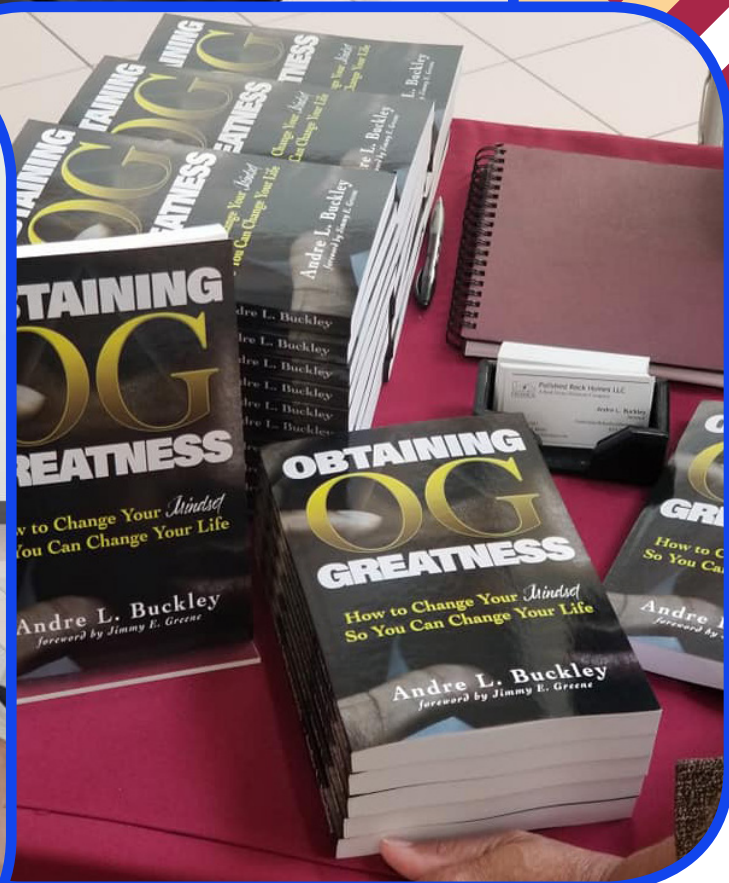
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Andre Buckley is seen promoting his book "Obtaining Greatness" on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at a book signing at Barnes and Noble at the Midland Mall





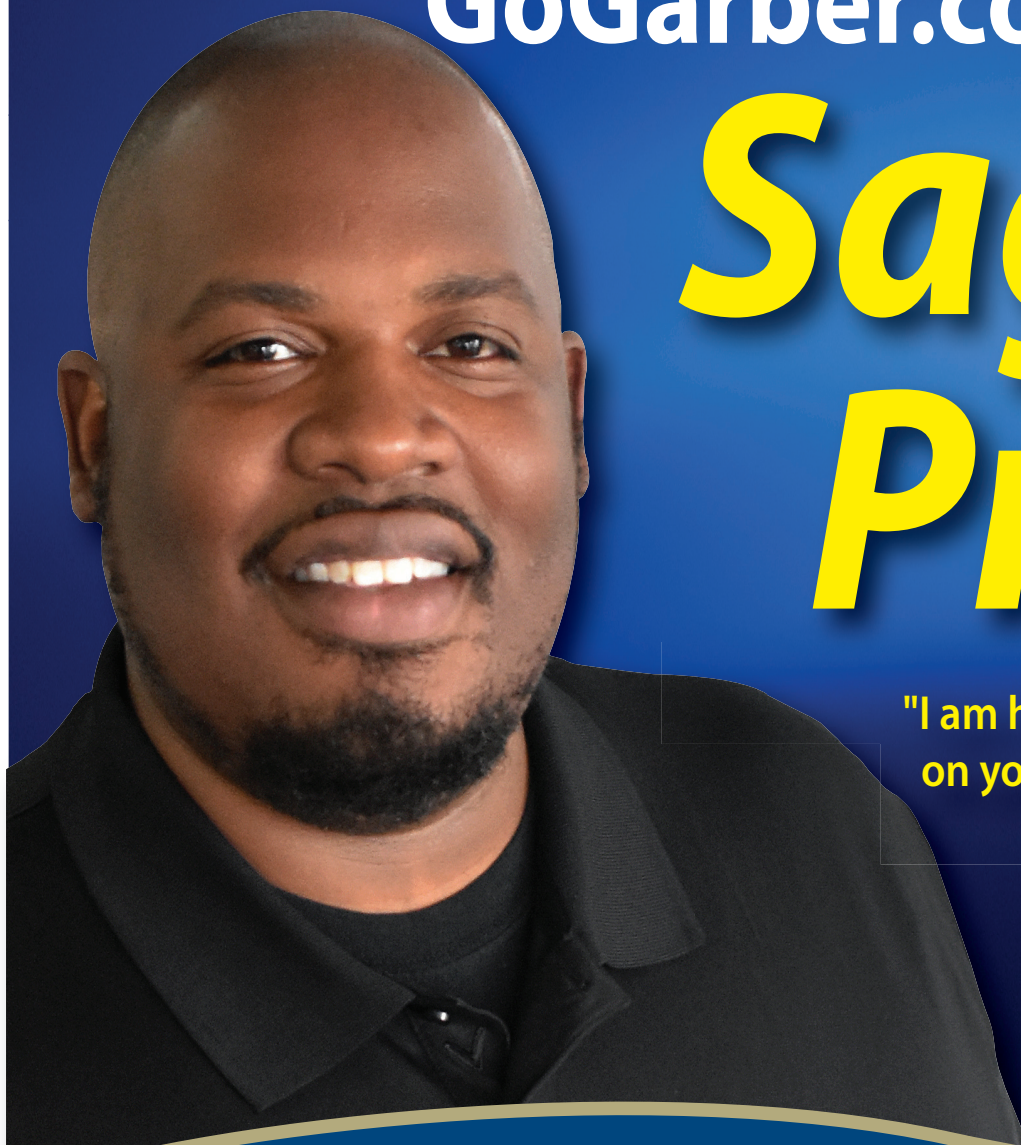
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