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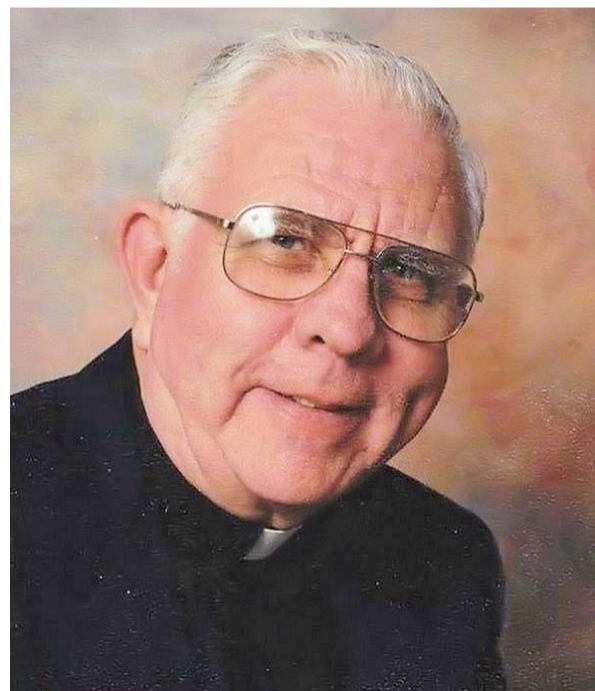
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## Father Joseph Schabel Remembered as an advocate for the poor



*courtesy photo*

Father Joseph Allen Schabel, 89, a senior priest of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, died on Christmas day, December 25, 2019. Father Schabel served as a priest for more than 60 years, during which time he worked tirelessly as an advocate for peace and justice. He will be remembered for his passion to serve the poor, his kind and compassionate heart and his love for all.

Father Schabel was born on February 20, 1930 in Munger, Michigan, to the late Frank and Ann (Lynch) Schabel. He received his elementary education at Powell School and also St. Norbert

Catholic School. He received his secondary education at St. Joseph High School in Grand Rapids. Father Schabel continued priestly formation at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit where he graduated with a degree in philosophy and at St. John's Provincial Seminary where he graduated with a degree in theology. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1956 by Bishop Stephen Woznicki at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw.

Father Schabel served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Saginaw; Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach; and Our Lady of the Visitation, Bay City. He served as co-pastor at Sacred Heart, Saginaw, and St. Rita, Saginaw. He served as pastor at St. Felix, Pinnebog; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Saginaw; St. Michael, Maple Grove; St. Roch, Caseville; St. Philip Neri, Coleman and St. Anne, Edenville; and St. Casimir, Saginaw. He became a senior priest of the Diocese of Saginaw in July 1995.

Father Schabel's civic involvement includes helping to found the Saginaw Child Development Center, the Perfect Place Women's Shelter, the Children's Christmas Store, the Mexican American Council and the Benito Juarez Academy.

His Funeral Liturgy took place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 28 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 910 N. 6th Ave., in Saginaw. Bishop Robert Gruss presided and Father Harry Sikorski was the homilist.



## Seen on the Scene: Stuffed Animal Giveaway at Covenant HealthCare

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**As 2019 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the past year and welcome 2020.**

Over the last year, we've rapidly expanded our company on all fronts, growing our team by more than 25% and forging new and exciting strategic partnerships that will allow us to increase our reach and content.

We elected a new Executive Director and Board Members to the Michigan Banner Outreach and we're looking forward to re-introducing our non-profit organization to the Great Lakes Bay Community.

On Friday, November 8, we celebrated 17 years and hosted the 3rd Annual Heart of the City Awards luncheon where Delta College President Dr. Jean Goodnow spoke about Community and working together to make Saginaw, "Saginawesome".

And in the spirit of Dr Goodnow's message of Community, I would like to personally thank the Great Lakes Bay community (*and surrounding areas*), our loyal readers, advertisers and supporters for your continued support. We not only value our relationship with you, but take the responsibility of being your trusted good news provider very seriously.

The world around us is rapidly changing and the way in which we consume our information is now at the palm of our hands. In 2020, The Michigan Banner looks forward to expanding our Online and Mobile presence to better serve you.

2019 has been an exciting year for The Michigan Banner and we could not have done this without each and every one of you. I can't wait to see what we'll achieve together in 2020.

My very best wishes to you all and have a Happy New Year!

Jerome Buckley,

Founder & Publisher, The Michigan Banner Newspaper  
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# MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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## Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark: “Rearview Review”

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



As we bring this year to a close, gazing in our “Rear-View” let us reflect on our time together during this Navigation w/ Mr. Clark, as well as discuss our new transitional format as we continue into the New Year. Throughout our time together we have examined variations of life and it’s “Story” of our “Journey” as it pertains to youth development and the many factors thereof.

During the duration of this column, we have explored life situations, circumstances and possible conditions that our youth face on a daily basis. In addition to this examining and exploration, we have discussed and reviewed statistics, data, knowledge, intelligence, instruction, advice, guidance, direction, counsel, enlightenment and insight; which has hopefully assisted in steering our youth in the right direction on this journey; as well as assisting them in ascertaining the necessary information needed to properly manage any position in their lives.

We have remained extremely inspired to pursue variations of possible approaches to understanding and eventually eradicating unhealthy & violent behaviors through the process of making/causing/ impacting our community (youth and

families) to become sound and healthy. In other words through the manifestation of healing.

We have created awareness of the impact that risk and protective factors both have on the healthy development of children and adolescents. Also we introduced insight into communities targeting their prevention efforts to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors in the four domains of community, family, school and peer/individual.

In review as well, individuals must, on a consistent basis, become engulfed in an array of behaviors, habits and even external factors (work, positive outings of personal desire, etc) which produce “protective factors” and decrease “high risk” decision making that results in substance use/abuse or other unhealthy experiences/developments i.e. suicide, homicide, mental health issues, etc.

We discussed understanding self-esteem and it being key to developing a positive self concept and reaching personal goals. We determined that an 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. Also how it affects what they think they look like to others. In multiple ways we discussed relevant matters which were inclusive of five social competencies of positive youth development, which assist in the development of positive self-esteem. These social competencies are competence, confidence, connection, character and caring/compassion. Individuals whom lack the aforementioned social competencies, more than likely have low or negative self-esteem issues, which undoubtedly have a negative effect on their lives. Low self-esteem is related to aggression, antisocial behavior and delinquency. It is quite easy to perceive the reality that low self-esteem may have in a toxic relationship, especially during a stage such as adolescence.

We have encouraged individuals to examine their relationship with those whom they are most intimate with, whether it is a significant other of the opposite sex within a dating relationship or a heterosexual bestfriend-type relationship. Remembering to ask themselves is this a toxic relationship, impacting my esteem negatively or positively?

As we begin to conclude our Navigation Review w/Mr. Clark, let us reconsider



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the aspect of our time together discussing Wisdom. Recalling that 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.

Ranging from the words we use, to who we surround ourselves with, even to the behaviors we demonstrate, the extraction of wisdom and phenomenal illustration thereof comes in many forms and fashions with many experiences to enhance in its way.

Remember to... “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.”

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

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addition, remember that the importance of knowing your core values impacts the critical focus of decisions that you will be faced with that can determine how you live your life.

Reflecting on *foundational choices, motivation and aspiration and how they are interchangeable and go hand in hand with "protecting your personal values" towards becoming who you want to be or what you want to achieve. If you want to be successful in life, focus on making solid foundational choices which are rooted in motivated aspirations that are in alignment with your personal values producing your desired outcome for your life.*

In conclusion, Navigating the Narrative is directed towards hopeful and resilient individuals being developed by infusing protective factors with positive attitudes and optimistic outlooks.

As a bonus consequence, positivity and optimism, in turn, are associated with better mood states as well as decreased occurrences of stress, pressure, childhood depression, health disorders, and antisocial behavior.

As we continue to press towards improving our communication approach, the upcoming year ought to be interesting and more multi-media friendly/savvy as well as more “youth/community inclusive” as we utilize podcasts and articles based on transcripts, as our means of doing so. Until next time, keep “Navigating (planning, directing) the Narrative(story)” during your personal Journey(life).

Grace and peace be multiplied to you all, Beloved.

In Service, Mr. Corey Pritchett, MA



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**Kentwood City Commission  
Adopts Resolution in  
Response to Refugee  
Executive Order**

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## Gov. Whitmer makes appointments to Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan



## HISPANIC/LATINO COMMISSION OF MICHIGAN

LANSING, Mich. (WLUC) - Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently announced the following appointments to the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan.

**Consuela F. Barber Lopez**, of Detroit, is the executive director of AMANDLA, a council of Metro Detroit grassroots organizations that are concerned with crimes against children. She is also the co-director and founder of BombaRica Cultural Arts Organization, where she facilitates trainings on Latino identity, culture, and the illustrious history of arts in activism of Southwest Detroit. Ms. Barber Lopez holds a Bachelor Arts in History from Wayne State University. Ms. Barber Lopez is appointed for a term commencing December 18, 2019 and expiring December 10, 2022. She succeeds Jose Lopez whose term expires December 10, 2019.

**Esperanza F. Cantú**, of Detroit, is the director of community engagement and inclusion for the United Way of Southeastern Michigan. She is a member of the Hispanic Data Advisory Committee and the Professional Development of Latina Women (PODER). Ms. Cantu holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Kalamazoo College and an Executive Master of Public Health

from the University of Michigan. Ms. Cantu is reappointed for a term commencing December 18, 2019 and expiring December 10, 2022.

**Jessica Cruz, Ph.D.**, of Marquette, is the chief diversity and inclusion officer for Northern Michigan University. She also serves as graduate faculty for Central Michigan University and Northern Michigan University, and is a member of the U.S. Census 2020 UP Nonprofit Advisory Committee. Dr. Cruz earned her Doctor of Education from the Teacher's College at Columbia University. Dr. Cruz is reappointed for a term commencing December 18, 2019 and expiring December 10, 2022.

**Floresio Hernandez**, of Lansing, is a senior admissions counselor at Michigan State University and the vice president of the Lansing Labor Council for Latin American Advancement. He also works as a liaison with the Office of Admissions College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and the Fostering Academic Mentoring Experience (FAME) program. Mr. Hernandez holds

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a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Arts in Higher Adult and Lifelong Education from Michigan State University. Mr. Hernandez is appointed for a term commencing December 18, 2019 and expiring December 10, 2020. He succeeds Jesse Venegas who has resigned.

**Monica Reyes**, of Saginaw, is the former director of disability services for Saginaw Valley State University and the founder and executive director of the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute. She is a member of the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Vision 20/20 & Leadership for Saginaw County. Ms. Reyes

holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from Saginaw Valley State University. Ms. Reyes is reappointed for a term commencing December 18, 2019 and expiring December 10, 2022.

**Abril Siewert-Valdes**, of Ferndale, is a business immigration practice group attorney for Honigman, LLP in Detroit and a former immigrant rights attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. Ms. Siewert-Valdes earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Ms. Siewert-Valdes is appointed for a term commencing December

18, 2019 and expiring December 10, 2022. She succeeds Keysha Camps whose term expires December 10, 2019.

The Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan was created to develop a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Michigan's Hispanic and Latino people. The law directs the Commission to advise the Governor, the Legislature, and the office concerning the coordination and administration of state programs serving the Hispanic and Latino population.

These appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Premios K?Onda! Awards

**8th Annual Premios K?ONDA Awards Ceremony**

Toyo Rosas, DJ Tony K, Irene Ochoa-Birdsall, Bobbi S Delacruz, Dennis Medel, Choc Garcia

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Tickets are \$40 a person or a table of 8 is \$320. You can purchase tickets at Marias, el Rancho Grande, T n T Authentic Mexican Cuisine or by calling (989) 332-1107.

Join K?Onda! as we honor Hispanic musicians, DJs, artists, promoters of the past, present and future and show appreciation to those that have given back to our community.



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# Kentwood City Commission Adopts Resolution in Response to Refugee Executive Order

In response to an executive order on Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement, the Kentwood City Commission adopted a resolution in support of the continued resettlement of refugees within City limits.

City Commission unanimously approved the resolution, which affirms resources and capacities are available within the City of Kentwood to devote to sustainable resettlement, which maximizes the likelihood refugees placed in the area will become self-sufficient and free from long-term dependence on public assistance. Kentwood is one of the first communities in West Michigan to publicly affirm its support of Executive Order 13888.

“Kentwood has long been able to welcome refugees facing persecution thanks to numerous corporations, faith-based organizations, schools and families with the resources available to support the arrival and integration of refugee families,” said Kentwood Mayor Stephen Kepley. “As the current home of resettled refugees from more than 90 countries, Kentwood City Commission is committed to ensuring refugees not only feel welcome to come to our City, but to truly feel a sense of belonging within our community.

“Kentwood’s quality of life has been enriched by the friendships and contributions of our neighbors from all over the world. We look forward to embracing those who seek to find refuge in our City for many years to come.”

In a heartfelt Commission meeting, numerous community members, many refugees themselves, shared comments in support of the resolution. These included representatives from Kent County Board of Commissioners, At-Tawheed Islamic Center, the Vietnamese-American Community of Grand Rapids, Bethany Christian Services, Samaritas and Gateways for Growth.

“The approval of this resolution demonstrates the City’s character and commitment to all New Americans and says



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loud and clear what type of community Kentwood leaders want to create for all people who want to call this place home,” said Joel Lautenbach, executive director of Development at Samaritas and leadership team member of Greater Grand Rapids/Kent County Gateways for Growth Welcome Plan. “We want new residents from all over the world, including refugees, to be able to find a place to live here – to raise their families, to contribute economically and be successful, contributing members of our community.”

Project Coordinator Elvira Kovachevich of the Greater Grand Rapids/Kent County Gateways for Growth, whose objective is to develop and implement a welcome plan to address different sectors of obstacles for immigrants and refugees in Kent County,

also spoke to the importance of the resolution.

“Seeing the City of Kentwood unanimously approve a resolution to welcome refugees to our community is more than a statement; it is a commitment to welcome everyone with open arms and promote belonging, no matter where you come from,” Kovachevich said. “As a child of refugees who works to welcome other New Americans to our community, the City of Kentwood’s affirmation of the value of refugees is inspiring; the City is truly serving as an example to others.”

Issued on Sept. 26, Executive Order 13888 requires official consent from state and local governments within 90 days in order for the federal government to resettle refugees in a given area, impacting all refugees coming through the U.S. Department of State.



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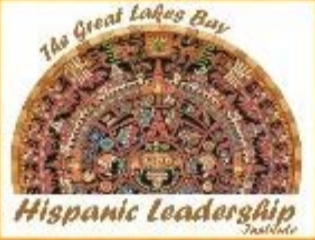
# Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute

**Thursday, January 30, 2020**

**At Saginaw Valley State University  
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5 pm Networking - 6 pm Program**

**Key Note Speaker: Loida L Tapia  
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## Ekundayo Bandele of Hattiloo and The State of Black Theatre

*An interview with Ekundayo Bandele, Founder and CEO of Hattiloo Theatre*  
Part one of a two part series



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We had the opportunity to interview Ekundayo Bandele, the founder and CEO of Hattiloo Theatre in Memphis, Tennessee. Hattiloo, as the theatre is affectionately called, is the only freestanding Black repertory theatre in five surrounding states. Listen in as Mel Shaw of Saad&Shaw interviews Ekundayo Bandele on the state of Black Theatre and what lies ahead.

**Mel Shaw: How would you summarize the state of Black Theatre as we know it today?**

**Ekundayo Bandele:** That is a double sided coin. The infrastructure of Black Theatre right now is very skeletal compared to where it was in the 1980's and 1990's. There aren't a lot of brick-and-mortar institutions, and there aren't a lot of Black Theatre companies or organizations

with sizeable budgets enough to put a number of Black artists to work. That is one side of the coin. The other side is that Black playwrights are doing very well. When you look at the state of Black Theatre you see people like Katori Hall, Dominique Morisseau, Lydia Diamond, and Marcus Gardley. You have all of these Black playwrights who are getting works on Broadway, they are also going into TV and film. So they are doing very well.

Back in the day before predominantly white institutions (PWIs) were significantly producing Black work, August Wilson and other playwrights really depended upon that Black infrastructure. But today that infrastructure is so skeletal that playwrights have to depend on PWIs. So, in one sense, Black Theatre is thriving, and, in another sense, Black Theatre is decaying.

**Mel Shaw: What does Hattiloo mean?**

**Ekundayo Bandele:** What became "Hattiloo" is how my wife Nicole called our daughters: one is nick-named Hatti (short for Hatshepsut) the other is Oluleima whose nickname is Loo. She put those two names together in a way that sounded like one. It was "Hatti Loo do this" or "Hatti Loo stop doing that." We wanted a name that had personality, and this sounded right. We spent time working out how to spell it and settled on Hattiloo. We liked the way it looked with two t's in the middle and two o's at the end. It has symmetry.

**Mel Shaw: How did you build a theatre from the ground up when so many say we don't have the resources for theatre? How did you overcome all that?**

**Ekundayo Bandele:** First, I am a serial

entrepreneur: all of my adult life I've created my own revenue stream. Hattiloo was another entrepreneurial venture. I knew I had the fortitude, vision and energy to make this thing successful.

But another thing I did was I interviewed people involved in the Black Theatre scene in Memphis since the 1970s. I asked them about their challenges, and what went wrong. I talked with some of the funders. I asked, "why did they lose funding?"

I made my roadmap with those lessons. We set it up for success even though in the beginning I wasn't sure it would be successful because of the reasons you mentioned. However, there were staunch supporters. We developed strong bonds with individuals and the City that help propel the theatre forward to this day.

Learn more about Hattiloo Theatre at [www.hattiloo.org](http://www.hattiloo.org).

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## HEALTH

# Covenant HealthCare Earns 2019 Leapfrog Top Hospital Award for Outstanding Quality and Safety



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Highlighting its nationally recognized achievements in patient safety and quality, Covenant HealthCare was named a Top Teaching Hospital nationally by

The Leapfrog Group. Announced today, the Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can receive. The Top Hospital designation is awarded by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers focused on health care safety and quality.

The Top Hospital Award comes following Covenant's third consecutive "A" Hospital Safety Grade, also from The Leapfrog Group.

"To be one of only five hospitals in the State of Michigan to receive this honor is quite an achievement," says Dr. Michael Sullivan, Vice President of Performance Improvement/Chief Medical Officer. "At Covenant, the focus is to put patients at the center of everything we do. As part of our organizational culture, safe, quality care is our top priority."

About 2,100 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, Covenant HealthCare received a Top Teaching distinction. A total of 120 hospitals were selected as Top Hospitals, including:

- 10 Top Children's Hospitals
- 37 Top General Hospitals
- 18 Top Rural Hospitals
- 55 Top Teaching Hospitals

Performance across many areas of hospital care is considered in establishing the qualifications for the award, including infection rates, practices for safer surgery,

maternity care, and the hospital's capacity to prevent medication errors. The rigorous standards are defined in each year's Top Hospital Methodology.

"We are pleased to recognize Covenant HealthCare as a 2019 Leapfrog Top Hospital," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "This demonstrates extraordinary dedication to patients and to the Great Lakes Bay Region. We congratulate the board, staff and clinicians whose efforts made this honor possible and know they share pride in this achievement."

To qualify for the Top Hospitals distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers in the 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest known standards for quality and patient safety, and achieve top performance in its category. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2019 Top Hospitals, visit [www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals](http://www.leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals).



# MDHHS seeking feedback during series of local town halls on opioids



*Courtesy Photo*

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Opioids Task Force and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are hosting a series of town halls throughout 2020. During the events, state officials will seek to learn more about how the opioid epidemic has impacted diverse communities across Michigan and discuss the state’s efforts to address the crisis.

In 2018, Michigan recorded more than 2,000 opioid-related overdose deaths and more than 8,000 Michiganders have lost their lives to this epidemic in the last five years. Earlier this year, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the launch of a multi-year campaign to cut opioid-related overdose deaths by half in five years. The state’s strategy addresses three key areas: preventing opioid misuse, ensuring individuals using opioids can access high-quality recovery treatment and reducing the harm caused by opioids to individuals and their communities.

At the town halls, MDHHS and the Michigan Opioids Task Force will share the

2020 strategy to turn the tide on the crisis, seek feedback from the public and host a Q-and-A about the crisis response. The first event is at Wayne County Community College Larry K. Lewis Education Center Auditorium, 8200 Outer Drive West in Detroit, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17. The event is being co-hosted by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network.

“The state cannot tackle this epidemic alone,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. “Community and stakeholder engagement at every step is critical to us being able to turn the tide on this public health crisis. We look forward to having honest and candid conversations with people across the state so we hear concerns and develop solutions that resonate with Michiganders.”

Information gathered during the town halls will help the state develop a crisis response that is flexible; effective to fit the needs of communities from Detroit to Grand Rapids

to Marquette; and informed by the experiences of Michiganders affected by the crisis.

A few key questions will guide the conversation:

- How has the opioid epidemic affected you, your family or your community?
- What services, programs or policies would you recommend to help address the crisis?
- How can the state help combat stigma and change the narrative around opioid use disorder?

Additional town halls are being hosted in the following areas of the state:

- Sterling Heights on March 10.
- Gaylord on July 24.
- Escanaba on July 29.
- Flint on September 25.
- Grand Rapids in November.

For more information about the state’s opioids response and available resources, visit [Michigan.gov/opioids](http://Michigan.gov/opioids).



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- ☞ **In 2018, Samaritas received the Outstanding Non-Profit Award at the 16th Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon, presented by The Michigan Banner.**
- ☞ **This award kicked off a year-long Samaritas initiative called Lift Up Saginaw ... One child, one family, one neighborhood at a time.**
- ☞ **At the center of this initiative is the Samaritas Community Center, located in a resilient neighborhood from where a lot of Saginaw leadership are from.**
- ☞ **Samaritas will also provide a holistic approach to education by combining wraparound human services with an innovative academic approach.**
- ☞ **Also part of Lift Up Saginaw, a full-scale renovation to Samaritas Senior Living Saginaw completes the community, consisting of 40 private rooms in a new state-of-the art rehabilitation center, private long term care bedrooms, and a secure memory care.**

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# Two Michigan Doctors Join National MDVIP Network To Provide Personalized, Preventive Primary Care



Courtesy Photo | L to R, Lioudmila Kinachtchouk, M.D. and Kathryn Hinderer, D.O.

BOCA RATON, Fla., Dec. 17, 2019 / PRNewswire/ -- MDVIP, the national leader in affordable personalized healthcare, today announced the opening of two new MDVIP-affiliated primary care practices in Michigan. Internal medicine physicians Lioudmila Kinachtchouk, M.D. of Saginaw and Kathryn Hinderer, D.O. of Clarkston, will deliver a better healthcare experience with an emphasis on prevention, not just the treatment of illness. In addition to these two communities, MDVIP continues to expand its network to 27 affiliated physicians across the Great Lakes State, including Detroit, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. Recently, MDVIP surpassed a significant milestone of 1,000 physicians and 325,000 members, nationwide.

"As an internal medicine physician, I have learned that one of the most valuable resources is the time I can spend with my patients to know each of them personally and assist in navigating today's complex healthcare environment," said Dr. Hinderer. "Transitioning to the MDVIP model affords me the opportunity to continue expanding upon my years of experience with preventive medicine, as well as treating chronic diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension, with a more holistic and comprehensive approach."

"For over 25 years of practice, I have had the joy and privilege of providing comprehensive primary care to patients in the Saginaw community," said Dr. Kinachtchouk. "With my partnership with MDVIP, I look forward to continuing to serve as a healthcare partner to my patients and combine cutting-edge preventive screening modalities with personalized care that is built on education, trust and mutual respect."

#### Personalized Preventive Care

MDVIP-affiliated physicians maintain significantly smaller practices, which allows them to spend more time with patients and provide highly individualized primary care compared to traditional practices. For an annual membership fee, each patient receives the MDVIP Wellness Program, a comprehensive yearly health assessment that includes advanced diagnostic tests and screenings to give a more complete view of the patient's overall health. Using the results, physicians provide coaching and tools to help patients make healthier lifestyle choices, prevent disease and achieve their wellness goals.

#### Proven Health Outcomes

Published research supports the MDVIP model. Medicare patients in MDVIP-affiliated practices were admitted to the

hospital 79% less than patients in traditional practices, and commercial patients were in the hospital 72% less, notes an American Journal of Managed Care study. This significant reduction in hospitalizations yielded a \$300 million savings for Medicare in one year. Readmission rates for Medicare patients suffering heart attack, congestive heart failure and pneumonia were dramatically lower than for non-MDVIP Medicare patients.

#### Smaller Practice, More Time

Other benefits of an MDVIP-affiliated practices include same or next-day appointments that start on time and last an average of 30 minutes. Physicians are reachable 24/7 by phone. If patients have an emergent need while traveling, their physician can help arrange care with a local hospital, pharmacy or doctor, which may include another MDVIP-affiliated physician. Demonstrating the value of the MDVIP model, patient satisfaction and annual membership renewals consistently exceed 90 percent.

#### About Lioudmila Kinachtchouk, M.D.

Dr. Kinachtchouk received her medical degree from Ternopil State Medical University in Ternopil, Ukraine. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals Inc. in Saginaw, Michigan. Board certified in Internal Medicine, Dr. Kinachtchouk serves on the board at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital and is also affiliated with Covenant Healthcare. She is fluent in English, Ukrainian, and Russian. For more information about Dr. Kinachtchouk, visit <https://www.mdvip.com/doctors/LioudmilaKinachtchoukMD>.

#### About Kathryn Hinderer, D.O.

Dr. Hinderer received her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Michigan. She completed both her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center in Mount Clemens, Michigan. Dr. Hinderer is affiliated with McLaren Oakland Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital. For more information about Dr. Hinderer, visit <https://www.mdvip.com/doctors/KathrynHindererDO>.



# MDHHS continues Flint food giveaway in January

LANSING, Mich. – Families can get nutritious food to help limit the effects of lead exposure during mobile food pantry hours set for January at locations throughout Flint.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided the Flint mobile food pantries since February 2016 in partnership with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint.

All mobile food pantry sites distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron. Potatoes, carrots and onions are among the produce available in January.

January dates by location are:

**Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road**  
Thursday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 10 a.m.

**Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.**  
Thursday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 23, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m.

**Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.**  
Monday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m.

**Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.**  
Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m.  
Hispanic Tech Center, 2101 Lewis St.  
Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m.

**St. Luke's NEW Life Center, 3115 Lawndale Ave.**  
Friday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m.

Flint residents can also pick up free nutritional food at the three Flint Help Center locations:

Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Highway, open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays; Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road, open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Highway, open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change, and information about additional food distribution dates will be announced as they are scheduled. For more information or to find out about any changes in the schedule, visit the Food Bank website at [www.FBEM.org](http://www.FBEM.org) and find the updated schedule on the Mobile Pantry Distribution page, or call 810-239-4441.



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# Great Lakes Pace: The Rewards of Choosing a PACE Doctor

Great Lakes PACE opened May 1, 2015; it is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Many agree that PACE has great services, yet some are unsure about them because once enrolled you are switched to a PACE doctor. This is great for those searching for a new doctor; but for others this is a big decision. We understand this and would like to highlight some benefits of having a PACE doctor.

**Full Assessments:** The PACE doctor joins with a group of professionals and they assess each person. They share information to develop an effective course of treatment.

**Close Medical Monitoring:** Each morning the PACE doctor meets with the team to resolve any issues of concerns on a day-to-day basis.

**Urgent Medical Care:** When someone calls with a medical need, they may be seen the same day or the next depending on the severity of their symptoms. Transportation is provided if needed. Those at the PACE center for activities are seen by the doctor the same day if a medical need arise.

**On Call Services:** Those calling after hours, weekends or holidays will speak to a PACE medical provider who knows them and can refer to their medical record. This sometimes prevents emergency room visits and hospital admissions. A next day appointment is given if needed.

**New Prescriptions:** Our pharmacy delivers meds to the home. PACE doctor can request afterhours or weekend delivery for new meds.

**Hospital-Nursing Home:** The PACE doctor and team manage our participant's care even during hospital or nursing home stays.

**Timely Services:** No prior approvals or forms required to order medical equipment, medications or other medical services. This prevents delays in receiving needed services.

Great Lakes PACE enrolls those 55 or older and who live in our service area. Our counties include Saginaw, Midland and Bay City and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines.



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Our intake staff will meet with you to assess eligibility. PACE is covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare for many, if not eligible for Medicaid, there is a private pay option. Those enrolled in PACE are responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval-except for emergencies.

Would you like to learn more about Great Lakes PACE? Call today! Our number is 989 272-7610. We are open Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM. Walk-in tours are welcome or plan a group tour of any size for you, your family, church or organization.

## Great Lakes PACE services available in these Zip Codes:

### Saginaw County

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### Bay County

48604, 48611, 48623, 48631, 48634, 48642, 48650, 48706, 48708, 48732, 48747, 48757

### Shiawassee

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### Gratiot

48615, 48637, 48662, 48807, 48831

### Tuscola

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

### Midland County

48640, 48642, 48620

### Arenac

48650



# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce 63rd Annual Awards Banquet



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Join the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce at the Comfort Inn Conference Center Saturday, February 29, 2020 for the 63rd Annual Awards Banquet, which recognizes the most outstanding community leaders in Mt. Pleasant, honoring individuals and businesses who have given selflessly in service to our community.

One truly remarkable citizen will be honored with the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, and other exceptional community service club/organization volunteers who have "soared" above and beyond will be honored with Eagle Awards.

We will also again be honoring two Mt. Pleasant Chamber member businesses (one small, one large) for their support of the Chamber of Commerce, and their dedication to our community with Business Community Service Awards.

In addition, we will again honor one outstanding Mt. Pleasant area young

professional who has demonstrated leadership to improve the quality of life in Isabella County and significant support of Mt. Pleasant Chamber initiatives, with the Young Professional of the Year Award!

Finally, one individual who is a rising star in their overall service to this community will be honored with the Rising Star Community Impact Award! They may be a relative newcomer, or have recently become involved in the community, but have already made a huge impact -- maybe even in several ways!

Enjoy an evening out celebrating Mt. Pleasant's finest!

In 1957, the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce began what would become a time-honored tradition, which has continued to this day, to honor Mt. Pleasant's exceptional citizens. Held each year in early March, this community-focused event honors outstanding volunteers from local service clubs and organizations for excellence in

service and leadership. The event was recently expanded to honor a large and small business, and a local young professional who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and service to the community. The Chamber's highest honor, the Citizen of the Year Award, is the highlight of the evening as it is a surprise to the recipient and all attendees.

Event Features: Cocktail Reception, Cash Bar, Awards Program, Dinner, Dessert, chance to win a half carat diamond, and Entertainment! Business formal/semiformal attire recommended.

Cost to attend is \$65.00 per person. A full table seats 8-10. Registration deadline is Monday, February 24th, and payment must be received no later than Thursday, February 27th.

For more information or to purchase a ticket you may call (989-772-2396) or email [jpierson@mt-pleasant.net](mailto:jpierson@mt-pleasant.net).



# GM and Flint & Genesee Chamber announce Moving Flint Forward Small Business Grants recipients



Courtesy Photo

General Motors and the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce today announced 15 recipients of the Moving Flint Forward Small Business grants, totaling \$150,000. The GM-funded initiative supports revitalization efforts across the city's neighborhoods by strengthening local businesses.

The grantees were drawn from a range of businesses – including auto body repair, childcare, retail, food and entertainment, and professional services – with at least one establishment located in each of Flint's four quadrants.

“General Motors cares about the communities where we live and work and about building a stronger future for us all. We are excited to partner with small businesses throughout Flint to remove barriers to their success and to contribute to the economic growth of their neighborhoods,” said Terry Rhadigan, GM's executive director of corporate giving.

Flint & Genesee Chamber CEO Tim Herman said the grant program provides a shot in the arm for Flint's ongoing recovery.

“As I have stated before, Flint's revitalization must extend beyond downtown and into our neighborhoods for there to be sustained community renewal,” said

Herman. “The broad-based distribution of the grants is an important step toward accomplishing that goal and a solid indication of the breadth of Flint's small business community.”

More than 100 businesses inquired or applied for the grants, which were awarded on a competitive basis by a review panel comprised of representatives from GM, the Flint & Genesee Chamber, the City of Flint, local grant-making organizations and community members. The funds may be used to help eligible businesses expand, make repairs and leasehold improvements, purchase inventory and equipment, and make façade improvements.

The program was open to anyone who owns and operates a small business within the city of Flint. The business must have no more than 20 employees and could not be a franchise operation.

“GM was born in Flint and continues to thrive here, so the community's livelihood is extremely important to us. From the wages we pay our Flint-area employees to our spending with local suppliers, this grant program is another opportunity for us to invest in our community,” said Mike Perez, plant executive director for GM Flint Assembly.

In addition, the businesses receiving grants are required to partner with a local nonprofit organization serving the community to address an ongoing need, such as transportation concerns, blight, infrastructure, housing, youth and senior services, education, public safety, and health and well-being to create stronger connections for residents.

Grantees also are required to meet as a group several times during the grant period to network, provide updates on grant activities, share best practices/lessons learned, discuss service projects and possible connections and receive technical support.

The recipients:

- Honey Bee Palace Childcare Center
- Great Lakes Facility Management
- N'Dapanda Consignment Shop
- Totem Books
- Beck's Barber and Beauty
- Tenacity Brewing
- FlintPrints
- Sherman's Lounge
- Vern's Collision
- GoodBoy Clothing
- Liberty Way Holdings
- Sisco's Catering
- Glam Box Boutique
- In & Out Complete Services
- Holmes Building & Construction

“Flint today is a thriving community of entrepreneurs,” said Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley. “This support for our small businesses – and local nonprofits – will help us build our local economy and our community. Partnership is the pathway to progress. I congratulate all the grant recipients on their continued success.”

More information about the Moving Flint Forward Small Business Grant Program is available at [FlintandGenesee.org/Moving-Flint-Forward](http://FlintandGenesee.org/Moving-Flint-Forward).







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# City of Swartz Creek receives certification as Redevelopment Ready Community



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LANSING, Mich. – For their efforts in establishing a solid foundation to attract private investment and further build on municipality assets, the city of Swartz Creek has been awarded the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) certification, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announced today.

The MEDC will formally present the award on Monday, December 23 at a regular meeting of City Council. As the 36th Certified Redevelopment Ready Community, and first in Genesee County, Swartz Creek joins 35 other Michigan communities that have qualified as “thoroughly prepared” when it comes to planning and zoning to remove traditional barriers and promote opportunities for prospective investors.

Other certified RRC communities include:

- Allegan
- Alpena
- Battle Creek
- Bessemer
- Boyne City
- Dearborn
- Eastpointe
- Escanaba
- Ferndale
- Grand Haven
- Grand Rapids
- Grayling
- Howell

- Hudsonville
- Jackson
- Kalamazoo
- Lansing
- Lathrup Village
- Manistee
- Marshall
- Meridian Charter Township
- Middleville
- Mount Pleasant
- Muskegon
- Oak Park
- Petoskey
- Pinckney
- Roseville
- Southfield
- Traverse City
- Ypsilanti
- Laingsburg
- Saginaw
- Hillsdale
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“Our mission at the MEDC is to continue to support Michigan’s strong economic momentum and empower communities to proactively shape their future,” said MEDC Director of Technical Assistance Programs, Michelle Parkkonen. “Swartz Creek’s desire to strengthen its downtown and provide a high quality of life for its residents fits perfectly with our mission. We are pleased to have Swartz Creek as a partner and look forward to further strengthening our relations with the city and its economic development partners.”

As an RRC participant, the city of Swartz Creek received a comprehensive assessment that measured current community and economic development practices compared to RRC Best Practice standards. The program evaluates and certifies communities that integrate transparency, predictability and efficiency into their economic development practices. Certification status is a compelling indicator that a community has removed development barriers and streamlined processes to be more competitive and attractive to investors.

“Swartz Creek’s certification by the MEDC as a Redevelopment Ready Community is a huge leap forward for development and especially for redevelopment in our city,” said Mayor David Krueger. “Getting closed businesses in our downtown area repurposed and in use once more brings life and hope to our city as nothing else can do. Thank you to the MEDC for their help in making Swartz Creek the first RRC certified city in Genesee County.”

To reach certification, the city of Swartz Creek undertook several notable projects, including creating a dedicated economic development strategy, implementing a new branding initiative, removing unnecessary steps in the development review process, and making updates to its zoning ordinance to better reflect the community’s desired vision. The city also completed several internal improvements such as documenting the internal development review process, making direct connections between the master plan, capital improvements plan and annual budget, and worked with the Downtown Development Authority to prioritize projects.

City Manager Adam Zettel led the city’s efforts in obtaining certification. “The future is very exciting. The community need not change radically to provide for a high quality of life and to thrive economically, but change is inevitable. It is encouraging to have current and new businesses working together to revitalize our public spaces, business areas, and neighborhoods. The RRC program will be crucial in providing the knowledge and financial capacity to ensure success,” Zettel said.



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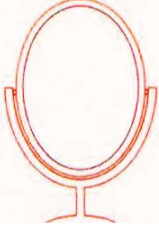
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# EDUCATION

## First-person perspectives from first-generation college students: Talia Pruiett, of SVSU



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*The following is a part of a series of first-person narratives from SVSU students who are part of the first generation of their families to attend college. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find links to additional student stories.*

*The following is a first-person perspective from SVSU student Talia Pruiett:*

For me, college was always the goal. I had no idea where I wanted to go or what I wanted to do— I just knew I needed to go to college. I wasn't exposed to many careers and I wasn't sure what I wanted to study, but my high school really pushed going to college and I always felt that was the right thing for me. My parents were supportive as well, but neither of them had gone to college and they didn't know much about the admissions process. I worked hard and dual-enrolled to earn college credit while still in high school, and my financial situation was the biggest factor when deciding where I wanted to continue my education.

I knew that I was going to be paying for college on my own, so it was deciding what

was best for me and what was financially the best. Saginaw Valley State University had the most opportunities. I completed my FAFSA, and I would highly encourage every single person to do that. I was determined and applied for a lot of scholarships. I was awarded two from SVSU, as well as an opportunity grant, which meant that I didn't have to take out any loans for my first year of school. I also work on campus as an orientation leader, tour guide, and in the counseling center, which helps offset costs as well.

When I arrived at SVSU, it was just really surreal. You go to school for 12 years and college is the light at the end of the tunnel. I was excited to come here. I wanted to get involved and make the best of it. I was a little nervous but very driven and determined. I wanted to learn more about the world around me. I was excited to get a new start and I felt like SVSU was the best place to do that.

Coming from a small high school, I was nervous about making friends, and I think all the events and clubs helped me find my best

friends and break out of my shell. You don't realize how much you learn about yourself until you get involved in things. I joined the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an intramural basketball team, volunteered with the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and Cardinal Volunteers, and will be going on a study abroad trip to Mexico soon as part of my Spanish minor.

I also joined Alternative Breaks, an SVSU program that sends students to volunteer for nonprofits across the country during the university's holiday breaks. I traveled to South Carolina and worked with youth in the juvenile justice system, and I realized I had a passion for helping others. That really solidified it for me. When I got back, I talked to the Career Services Office and my department chair, then switched my major to social work.

As a freshman, I was part of a first-year transition program as SVSU, and my coordinator was very supportive and helpful. She was always approachable when I had questions about my major and class schedule, or if I needed advice. She always reassured me that everything was going to be ok and pointed me in the right direction. She's helped guide me in a lot of ways and I'm so appreciative of that.

Now, to share my experiences, I work in the King Chavez Parks (KCP) grant program to coach and mentor other first-generation students. I absolutely love working with them and learning from them. I build relationships, get insight on what they need with resources, make sure they're doing ok in their classes and getting acclimated, guide them with study habits, and help set the foundation for them to be successful students.

If anyone's having troubling transitioning to college, I would encourage them to reach out because there are resources and people who are there to help. It may be challenging, but if you do what you're supposed to do and do it right, then good things will happen.



# CMU puts new ideas to the test

## *From medicine to the environment to campus culture, 2019 was a year of innovation*

Innovation happens every year at Central Michigan University, but 2019 may have taken it to a new level with a competitive \$3 million fund to innovate student-focused programs.

The President's and Provost's Fund for Program Innovation and Excellence launched in October with a goal to encourage and support new initiatives and approaches. President Bob Davies and Provost Mary C. Schutten will announce fund recipients and amounts in February.

As part of CMU's 10-year strategic envisioning process, the fund is dedicated to projects aimed at rigor, relevance and excellence. It's one of many innovation-minded developments in a year that saw creative new ideas in scientific research, campus culture and more. Here are some examples:

### Guarding the Great Lakes

All around the Great Lakes, CMU researchers collaborate to find new ways to protect and manage ecosystems. Take a closer look at eight sites where faculty and students spent the summer focused on algal blooms, invasive species, fisheries and more.

### The might of microbes

In another example of innovative research on the lakes, a team of seven faculty from CMU's Institute for Great Lakes Research studied whether microbes in the Straits of Mackinac could decompose oil in case of a spill. The researchers used oil supplied by Enbridge Inc., whose Line 5 pipeline crosses the straits.

### A new home for talking things out

Innovation also happens in areas outside of science. CMU's new Institute for Transformative Dialogue expands intergroup dialogue across the university. Discussions provide a safe way for students to explore new perspectives, increase understanding of others and develop skills to thrive in a multicultural society.

### Blazing a CMU Gold Path

There's also a new career-focused way for CMU students to explore their interests, track their cocurricular involvement and document their in-demand skills. Jennifer Drevon, CMU Gold Path program specialist, said participating in campus activities offers students a wealth of benefits.

### Restoring speech through song

Medicine and health care were rich areas of innovation in 2019. Faculty member Katie Strong helps stroke patients regain the use of words by using words tied to their lives before stroke and after. With the help of a CMU research grant, she's expanding on her method to include music.

Here are examples of other innovative medical and health-related research:

- **Fighting tumors with spice** — Countries where people ingest lots of curcumin — a component of the spice turmeric — have lower rates of some cancers. Now, CMU faculty and students are working on ways to deliver curcumin to target tumors.
- **Delivering DNA to brain disorders** — A team of scientists at CMU has received National Institutes of Health funding for novel DNA research with potential to treat brain disorders, including neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.
- **Keeping breast cancer at bay** — Faculty member Steve Kohtz was doing research in the College of Medicine when he learned about biology faculty member Xantha Karp's work with tiny worms called *C. elegans* that go dormant when exposed to stress. Kohtz wondered if breast cancer cells go through a similar process after the stress of chemotherapy. The researchers are teaming up to identify genes a specific protein turns off in dormant cancer cells.
- **Fighting disease with an altered sugar** — Chemistry and biochemistry faculty member Ben Swarts is part of a team that researched a potentially deadly intestinal bacteria that feeds on trehalose, a widely used artificial sugar additive. A molecule the team created may have potential for treating Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases and possibly tuberculosis.

### New ways to check the weather

CMU advances environmental research on land as well as on water. Meteorology students and earth and atmospheric sciences faculty member Jason Keeler spent part of the summer in the department's first mobile weather observation vehicle, a Ford Explorer tricked out with weather tech. Keeler said Central is the only Michigan university with such a vehicle.

"It allows us to continue to be a leader in the field," said Larry Lemke, department chair. Learn more.

Here are a few other places where CMU is applying new ideas and technology to "old" challenges:

- **A safer flame retardant** — Research in CMU's science of advanced materials doctoral program aims to make fires less deadly. Newly retired faculty member Bob Howell led a team developing flame retardants that are biodegradable and less toxic when subjected to flame.
- **Hot on alternative fuel** — Engineering and technology faculty member Yousef Haseli and a team of student assistants built a gasifier to explore clean, efficient and renewable energy. Haseli is working to turn wood into low-cost and environmentally friendly syngas that can power engines and fuel cells.
- **Old-world art meets latest tech** — Art history faculty member Scott de Brestian and his students travel each summer to the Church of the Assumption in San Vicente del Valle, Spain. The students help de Brestian photograph historical artifacts to create digital 3D models that can be used to create physical replicas.

### New ways of learning on Beaver Island

A weeklong experience at CMU's Biological Station on Beaver Island equips K-12 teachers for the school year and beyond. The Beaver Island Institute, led by faculty members Troy Hicks and Wiline Pangle, focuses on experiences for teachers that will spark children's natural curiosity, build scientific literacy, and expose them to technology and data in the classroom.

### Support for student startups

Starting a business means innovating almost by definition. CMU students Casey Croad and Chris Eakin did so to create their company, Ignite Donuts. They paid their success forward with an October 2019 networking event for future student entrepreneurs. The pair offered six pointers on finding help at CMU and in the local community, plus a final tip: "Be brave."



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**Federal judge and civil rights icon Damon Keith dies at age 96**

**Damon J. Keith, the federal judge whose rulings in several high-profile cases catapulted him to the status of national civil rights icon, died on Sunday, April 28 at the age of 96.**

**Keith was born and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where he graduated from Northwestern High School in 1939. Keith then moved on to West Virginia State College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He then attended Howard University School of Law where he received a Bachelor of Laws in 1949, and Wayne State University Law School where he received a Master of Laws in 1956. He was in the private practice of law in Detroit from 1950 to 1967. He was an attorney in the Office of the Friend of the Court in Detroit from 1951 to 1955. In 1964 Keith was elected co-chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission with John Feikens and was a key player in the tumultuous times following the Detroit race riots.**

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**What advice would you give your younger self?**

If you said yes to any of these, consider the Boys and Girls Club's SMART Girls program. It is a small-group prevention, education and self-esteem enhancement program to meet the developmental needs of girls spanning ages 8 to 18.

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**JAZZSPIRATION will feature jazz artists from the Great Lakes region performing at various venues in the city of Saginaw. JAZZSPIRATION Pop Up Music Lounge will offer cultural enthusiasts a communal space to enjoy the rich artistic heritage of live jazz music ranging from avant-garde to vocal jazz. Be sure to check out local and social media outlets for upcoming dates and locations.**

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**5th Annual Idlewild Education, Empowerment and Music Festival Weekend**

**July 12-13-14, 2019**

**5th Annual Idlewild Festival Weekend Education, Empowerment & Music**

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**Aretha Franklin and Langston Hughes tribute, Speakers, Music Performance, Historic Tours**

**The 5th Annual Idlewild Education, Empowerment and Music Festival Weekend will be held Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 14, 2019. The event has grown beyond the capacity of the Idlewild Cultural Center, Idlewild, Michigan. Therefore, for the first time, will be held at the University Center on the campus of Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan. Friday night will host an engaging evening of special entertainment,**

**with Saturday and Sunday hosting two full days of live entertainment and educational sessions. Idlewild historian, Ms. Carlean Gill, former Idlewild Fiesta Doll and Michigan business entrepreneur; and, Michelle S. Johnson, PhD, Professor of African American and African Studies, Western Michigan University will be the event Keynote Speakers.**

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

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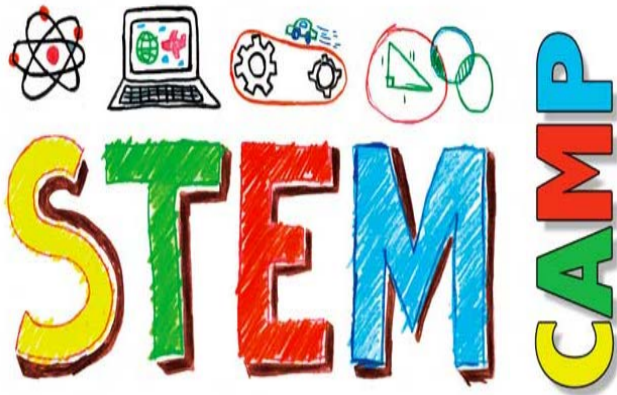
**“Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence.”**

**Joe Baca, former Dem. Calif. Congrmn., Dist. 43.**

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



## Kettering University receives grant for STEM Camps



FLINT, MI – A recent \$2,500 grant from the Child Welfare Society of Flint will help Kettering University provide STEM-themed experiences and opportunities to Genesee County elementary, middle and high school students through its Pre-College Programs.

The funds will be used to help cover the cost of attending summer camps focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and business.

Currently, there are approximately 550 students that attend one of the Pre-College Programs, and the University hosts another 400 working with community organizations such as the Girl Scouts. As a nationally-ranked university specializing in hands-on education, Kettering is uniquely positioned to deliver formative student-centered experiences that build skills by exposing students early on to innovative applied learning opportunities with more than 27,000 square feet of lab and research space, Kettering's FIRST Robotics Community Center and Mobility Research Center.

The Pre-College Programs offer residential and non-residential courses and camps for first through 12th graders that cover STEM-themed topics such as cybersecurity, rockets, Java and autonomous programming, 3D printing, robotics and more. The programs also include "Doctor for a Day" and "Math Olympiad" among the day-long and residential camps.

"Kettering has a special opportunity and commitment to help change lives and set students on a path to achieve their dreams," said Cherie Taylor, Assistant Director of Pre-College Programs at Kettering University. "With this generous gift, families that have financial challenges will still have an opportunity to participate."

For more information on Kettering University's Pre-College Programs, go to [kettering.edu/precollege](http://kettering.edu/precollege).

## Northwood University Honors Aftermarket Industry Leaders



*Courtesy Photo*

Northwood University recognized eight prominent supporters of educational initiatives and learning within the automotive aftermarket industry during its annual Automotive Aftermarket Management Education Awards last month in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Northwood University Automotive Aftermarket Management Education Award is given annually to industry leaders throughout the country who have made noteworthy contributions to education, on any level, inside or outside of the industry.

The awards were developed in partnership with the Auto Care Association, AWDA, MEMA and Northwood University. Recipients received their honors at a luncheon program held during AAPEX 2019. Also recognized at the luncheon were graduates of the Automotive Aftermarket Professional (AAP) and Master Automotive Aftermarket Professional (MAAP) programs.

The 2019 recipients include:

- Corey Bartlett, President, Automotive Parts Headquarters, Inc.
- Mike Betts, CEO, Betts Company
- Ron Dahlhaus, General Manager, Samuels Inc./ Buy Wise Auto Parts
- Collin Francis, Vice President - Sales and Marketing, Spectra Premium Industries
- Ted Hughes, Director of Marketing, Mahle Aftermarket Inc.
- Ryan Kooiman, Director of Training, Standard Motor Products
- Chris Pruitt, CEO, East Penn Manufacturing Company
- Molly MacKay Zacker, Vice President - Operations, MacKay and Company

In addition to our annual recipients, two individuals were presented with a special Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions for many, many years to the automotive aftermarket industry:

- Richard Hirsch, Chairman, Gold Eagle Company
- Robert Hirsch, Chairman Emeritus, Gold Eagle Company

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## SVSU's Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy Continues Legacy of Leadership



Members of the 2019 graduating cohort of the SVSU Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy | From left to right: Steve Gerhardt, Angela Cole, Karen Gerhardt, Madison Clements, Stephanie Davis, Bill Wickes, Brad Blanchard, Brandon Harris, Stephen Prince, Alan Malesky, Moira Branigan

*\*Not pictured - Channing McKay - graduate of the Institute who was unable to attend\* — with Steve Gerhardt, Angela Cole, Karen Gerhardt, Madison Clements, Stephanie Burzyck Davis, Bill Wickes, Channing McKay, Brandon Harris, Stephen Prince and Alan Malesky at Saginaw Valley State University.*

Inspired by one of the region's trailblazers, a Saginaw Valley State University-based political leadership program continues to create a legacy of its own nearly a decade after its founding, organizers say.

SVSU's Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy on Friday, Dec. 13 graduated 12 members of its 2019 cohort while inducting 15 members into its 2020 class. Participants include local politicians, CEOs, first responders and SVSU students, among others.

"I am consistently inspired by all the individuals who take part in this program," said Riley Hupfer, program coordinator and the director of SVSU's Center for Community

Engagement. "They each bring unique perspectives and teach us valuable lessons. I look forward to what our 2019 cohort will continue to accomplish in the community, and what our 2020 cohort will achieve together, now, and in the future."

Civic and business leaders founded the organization in 2011, naming it after the late Henry Marsh, who was one of the first black mayors elected in the United States when he led Saginaw beginning in 1967. Graduates include elected representatives in communities across the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The Henry Marsh Institute of Public Policy's mission involves educating citizens to be

effective advocates and change agents in the Great Lakes Bay Region. The 10-month program incorporates the understandings of local political institutions, public policy analysis, campaigning, and effective governance.

Jamie Forbes, an advisory board member with the institute, was excited for the leadership members offer their communities.

"I am confident that the graduating class of the Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy will go forward to use their incredible skills, leadership and relationships across the

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The 2020 cohort of the SVSU Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy | From left to right: Scott McFarland, Maria Sandow, Tom Meyer, Diane Middleton, Jenny Geno, Andrea Foster, Paul White, Denise Berry, Lucy Cornwell, Jocelynn Fair, Mitzi Zanotti Brown, Susan Moody, Martin Blank, Thom Pepe, Chloe Updegraff — at Saginaw Valley State University.

political spectrum to positively move our region forward,” Forbes said. “They are truly the legacy of Henry Marsh in action.”

The 2019 graduating class includes the following 12 individuals:

- Brad Blanchard, of Auburn; an environmental, health, and safety specialist at SK Innovation
- Moira Branigan, of Bay City; director of YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region
- Madison Clements, of Auburn; director of governmental affairs at Bay Area and Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
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- Alan Malesky, of Saginaw; fire chief at

- Kochville Township Fire Department
- Channing McKay, of Saginaw; program assistant at Saginaw Community Foundation
- Stephen Prince, of Bay City; an SVSU student studying management
- Bill Wickes, of Saginaw; constituent services representative for U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee

Those who have been inducted into the class of 2020 include the following individuals:

- Denise Berry, of Saginaw; chief executive officer at Family & Children's Services of Mid-Michigan
- Martin Blank, of Bay City; physician at Martin Blank, MD, PLC
- Lucy Cornwell, of Haven; an SVSU student studying political science
- Jocelynn Fair, of Essexville; residential advocate at Underground Railroad and an SVSU student studying public administration
- Andrea Foster, of Saginaw; director of programs and partnerships at Little Forks Conservancy
- Jennifer Geno, of Saginaw; executive

- director of Career and Technical Education at Saginaw Intermediate School District
- Scott McFarland, of Midland; owner of Scott McFarland, LLC
- Tom Meyer, of Saginaw; manager of patient logistics at Covenant HealthCare
- Diane Middleton, of Auburn; vice president of advocacy at Midland Business Alliance
- Susan Moody, of Saginaw; director of memberships and sponsorships at Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
- Thom Pepe, of Midland; senior director for community impact and engagement for the Great Lakes Loons
- Maria Sandow, of Midland; co-owner at Grandma's Pumpkin Patch, Earthmovers of Midland, and Larkin Food Center
- Chloe Updegraff, of Midland; coordinator at Great Lakes Bay Regional Census Hub
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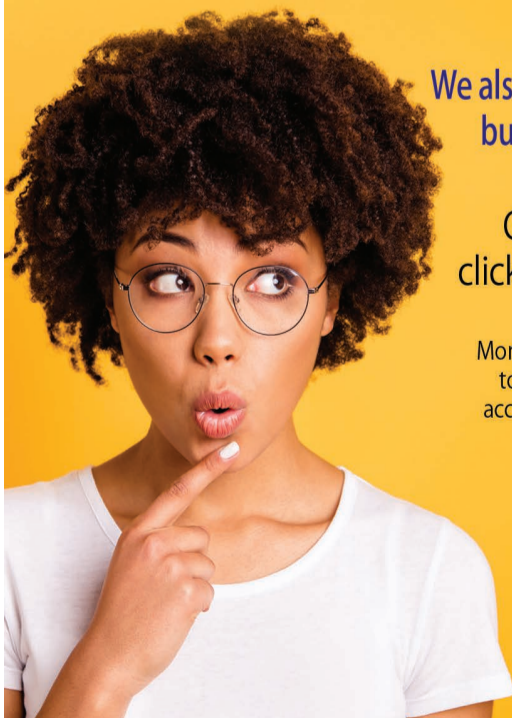
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## MDHHS acting to increase support for estimated 2,700 families; Families that receive child support and cash assistance soon to get up to \$200 a month



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LANSING, Mich. – Michigan residents who receive child support in addition to cash assistance through the Family Independence Program (FIP) will soon see more money they can use to buy food, clothing and other items for their children under a change in Michigan’s fiscal year 2020 budget.

The budget signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer includes \$946,000 to support child support pass-through payments of up to \$200 a month for qualifying households that receive assistance through FIP. This relatively modest investment will have a substantial return for Michigan, with an estimated 2,700 families receiving an additional \$2.5 million in child support.

Currently, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) keeps child support payments that would be paid to parents who receive FIP. This collected money is paid to the federal and state government to offset FIP expenses. However, federal law permits states to “pass through” up to \$200 a month of child support to families with two or more children and up to \$100 to families with one child.

“Providing greater opportunities for families to succeed is one of MDHHS’s top priorities,” said Erin Frisch, MDHHS chief deputy director for opportunity. “This change accomplishes that and is a win for families that receive child support and their communities. In addition to helping families, providing this additional financial support stimulates the economies of communities where parents live, as they will soon have more to spend on groceries, clothes, and other essentials of living.”

Sending child support to the families rather than keeping it increases participation and cooperation with Michigan’s Child Support program because the paying parents know that a portion of what they pay will go to the family, versus going to the government. The parent or guardian who receives the child support is also more likely to help the program establish and enforce child support orders.

Before 2012, Michigan provided a pass-through payment of \$50 to parents receiving FIP. This was eliminated due to budget constraints.

“Michigan should be commended for helping more families get the support they need and deserve for their children,” said Vicki Turetsky, head of the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 2009 to 2017 and now a consultant. “In states across the country, we have seen that when these dollars are made available to families, the families have more income and noncustodial parents pay more child support and agree more readily to establish paternity and support orders. Child protection complaints even go down. The child support paid by parents matters to their children. Research finds over and over again that children who receive child support do better in school, for example.”

Families receiving FIP will receive the pass-through only if the parent who owes child support pays it. Additionally, if the paying parent pays less than \$100, the family will only receive the amount he or she pays.

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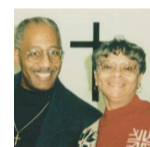
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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Attorney General Nessel Announces Department Restructuring



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LANSING – As her first year in office comes to a close, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has realigned the department to strengthen important functions, emphasizing consumer protection, education and safety along with ensuring that key investigations and initiatives are appropriately staffed to succeed.

“This first year in office has given me an opportunity to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Department in terms of staff assignments and priorities,” said Nessel. “I continue to be deeply impressed by the quality and commitment of the attorneys in this department and hope to always be in a position to give them the resources they need to continue to be outstanding attorneys for the people of Michigan.”

Nessel has taken the following actions to realign the department as outlined below:

- Re-assigned four criminal attorneys to focus solely on elder abuse investigations and prosecutions.
- Established a Public Administrator Division, led by a full-time Public Administrator (the previous PA was a part-time position), Kathryn Barron.
- Strengthened and expanded the Civil Rights Division by adding two additional attorneys to assist with civil rights cases and moving three key units – Hate Crimes, Wrongful Imprisonment (WICA) and Conviction Integrity – into the division.
- Expanded the department’s communications division – now called the Office of Public Information & Education – to include and strengthen consumer education, outreach and publication, along with OK2SAY, Michigan’s student safety initiative.
- Bolstered the enforcement components in Corporate Oversight Division by including consumer protection intake and charitable trust.
- Expanded the Corporate Oversight Division with additional positions to focus on Identity Theft and Michigan’s Robocall Initiative.
- Strengthened Child & Youth Services by including additional staff attorneys.
- Expanded the work of the Criminal Division to include four key initiatives: 1) Public Integrity cases; 2) In-custody Deaths; (3) Officer-involved Shootings; and 4) Cold Case Murders.
- Hired a full-time victim advocate for the Clergy Abuse Investigation Team.
- Expanded and strengthened the Flint Criminal Prosecution team, which now includes several career prosecutors, investigators, and two victim advocates.
- Strengthened environmental protections in the Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division by adding two new staff attorneys, including one specifically designated for environmental prosecution.
- Hiring a full-time attorney in the Marquette Office to better serve the needs of the residents in the UP and to help reduce costs associated with travel to the northern parts of the state.
- Opened the Flint Office.



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**Making A Difference In Our Community... One Photograph At A Time**

Local Photographic Artists Kathy Woods Booth and Howard M. Sharper met by chance one day after Kathy noticed on Facebook that they were both photographers and seemed to be like-minded in their photography and content. She contacted Howard to see if he would like to have coffee and of course... he said, "Yes!" The rest is history! That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship and what would also lead to a partnership. Howard and Kathy lost time talking at that first meeting and talked for 5 hours. They shared their love of photography and making a difference in the community. It wasn't all business as they also shared about their families too.

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**Summer Fun at the Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region**

Welcome to the middle of summer programming! This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the nice weather and outdoor activities! Some activities that our Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region's members include: field trips, sports leagues, and gardening!

Getting outside of the building and enjoying the fresh air is always fun for our members! In June, members went to the Bay City State Park and learned about archery, how to set up tents, and the basics of fishing! They capped off their State Park trip with some fun keeping cool, at the spray park and wooden playground! We are excited about future activities at the State Park! Some members of our Essexville Unit set sail on the Applebee where they learned about waterbeds, oil spills, reading charts, and of course how to sail!

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**Bishop Hezekiah Walker and other national acts featured at this year's Gospel Fest**

Gospel Fest is the highest anticipated Gospel event of the year. Gospel Fest will take place on August 3rd on Ojibwa Island at 12 noon to 6, featuring Grammy Award Winner Bishop Hezekiah Walker, Stellar Award Winning Hyatt Popin, Jermaine Dolly and The Chicago Mass Choir. Gospel Fest has been in existence for 18 years featuring not only National Artist but also local Artist, there will also be a showcase of service organizations displaying their services along with food and merchandise vendors.

For more information about Gospel Fest 2019 please visit [vickhillgospel.com](http://vickhillgospel.com).

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**Underground Railroad will Honor Tammy Bernier, CEO of Duperon Corporation at 2019 Empowerment Dinner & Celebration**

The Underground Railroad's Empowerment Dinner & Celebration honors a special community member for his or her leadership and commitment to helping others. The Fall evening event features a cocktail reception, fine dining, and a behind the scenes look at how our work is done. Guests are inspired by the survivors we serve and motivated by the community of support that blesses us each year.

The 2019 Empowerment Dinner & Celebration will honor Tammy Bernier, CEO of Duperon Corporation, for her leadership to empower survivors and speak out against domestic and sexual violence in our community. This year's event will be held on October 2nd at the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center. The cocktail reception begins at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased in person or by mail, or purchased by credit card online.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact the Development Director at 989-399-0007 ext. 100.

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**Castle Museum Commemorates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saginaw NAACP**

On Sunday, August 25, 2019, the Castle Museum held a formal ribbon cutting ceremony and press conference to launch the opening of a special exhibit commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the existence of the NAACP in the Saginaw community.

The Saginaw Branch has a rich legacy of leadership in challenging governmental leaders and organizational decision-makers in seeking equality and equity for everyone.

The exhibit will be on display through December.

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**Jessica Reedy opens The Industry Development Center in SVRC Marketplace**

Have you been imagining what life would be like if you thought differently, if you weren't afraid, if you knew the right people, if you took the next steps, if you left that relationship, if you cared about yourself more, if you ran your own business?

Jessica Reedy, national gospel singer and native of Saginaw, created the Industry Development Center to help you discover how you can use your talents to help you be successful in life.

The school is accredited by Life Academy, which is an affiliate school of Arkansas Baptist College and is located inside the SVRC Marketplace.

The Industry Development Center offers the following 8 week courses: Human Growth and Development, Intro to Business and Business Communication Entrepreneurship. The courses are \$1,500 and will transfer to any accredited college or university.

Classes begin on October 7th. To register or to learn more call 844-207-7088 or email [enroll@industrydevelopmentcenter.com](mailto:enroll@industrydevelopmentcenter.com).

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# SPORTS

## With Legalization Here, Michigan Poised for Sports Betting Boom

*Michigan could attract as much as \$8 billion in sports bets annually, according to PlayMichigan.com analysts*

LAS VEGAS, Dec. 20, 2019 /PRNewswire/  
-- Michigan could rival the largest legal sports betting markets in the country once it matures, attracting billions of dollars in bets each year and generating millions in tax revenue, according to PlayMichigan.com analysts.

When Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed HB 4916 earliest this month, Michigan became the 13th state to legalize online sports betting statewide and just the fifth state to legalize online casino gambling. And Michigan's potential as a market is enormous, capable of generating as much as \$7 billion to \$8 billion in sports bets annually and \$500 million in gross operator revenue, according to PlayMichigan.com projections.

"Michigan is the second-largest state in terms of population to have legalized online sports betting and online casinos and poker, behind only Pennsylvania," said Dustin Gouker, chief analyst for PlayMichigan.com. "Michigan's business-friendly tax rate and competitive licensing fees will attract operators, too. And with a solid tribal and commercial casino infrastructure already in place, Michigan should be poised for quick success."

Michigan will tax sports betting gross revenue at 8.4%, and Detroit casinos will pay an additional 1.25% tax to the city. That makes Michigan among the most competitive compared to other legal jurisdictions. By comparison, Pennsylvania levies a 36% rate, by far the highest in the nation. New Jersey charges a 9.75% tax on revenue from retail sportsbooks and 13% on online sports betting revenue, and neighboring Indiana levies a 9.5% rate on its sportsbooks.

Even with the lower tax rate, sports betting could generate as much as \$40 million annually for the state, according to PlayMichigan.com.

"Some in Michigan obviously wanted a



*Courtesy Photo*

higher tax rate, but the current rate should draw significant interest from sportsbook operators," Gouker said. "That will help the market mature more quickly than markets such as Pennsylvania, where the ramp-up has been much slower despite having the largest population among all states with legal sports betting."

Much of the future of Michigan sports betting depends on how much the state's 23 tribes embrace online betting, which is a significant variable in how successful the industry might be in the state.

The same can be said for online gambling and poker, which could generate millions each year in gross revenue if it's adopted by operators statewide.

Regardless, online gambling should eventually boost the online sports betting industry once it launches. In New Jersey, a symbiotic relationship has formed, spurring growth in both online casinos and online sportsbooks. And that relationship will likely develop in Michigan, too.

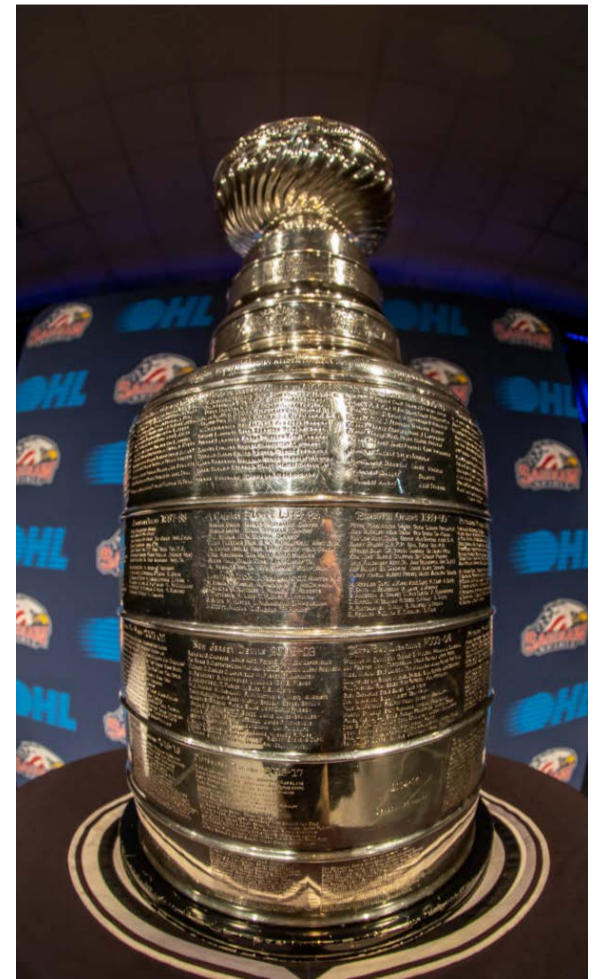
"The Michigan bill has clearly set up the industry to succeed and eventually become one of the largest markets in the country, as long as everyone buys in," Gouker said. "By securing an operator-friendly infrastructure, the state should eventually realize its revenue goals to the benefit of Michigan as a whole."

For more information and analysis on regulated sports betting in Indiana, visit [PlayMichigan.com/news](http://PlayMichigan.com/news).



## Seen on the Scene: Spirit welcome Chris Thorburn & Stanley Cup

The prestigious Stanley Cup and representatives from the Hockey Hall of Fame and the NHL traveled with Spirit President and Managing Partner Craig Goslin and other Spirit staff members throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region on Friday, December 27th and Saturday December 28th in an effort to promote hockey throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region.





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## A LOOK BACK ON ALL OF OUR 2019 COVER STORIES

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**Saginaw Chamber hosting Community Leadership Awards Luncheon**

October 18, 2019  
Horizons Conference Center  
6200 State Street, Saginaw

11:00 a.m. Registration & Networking  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Program  
\$50/person  
\$350/8 person table of 8

Reservations Required  
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 11, 2019  
Call Lisa at 989-767-2115  
Email: [Lisa@SaginawChamber.org](mailto:Lisa@SaginawChamber.org)  
online at [SaginawChamber.org](http://SaginawChamber.org)

Sponsorships Available  
Call Susan at 989-757-2112  
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On October 18, the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce will host the 2019 Community Leadership Awards Luncheon. The annual event recognizes and honors the individuals in our community who have invested themselves in the people, businesses and future of Saginaw County.

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

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional event information and for tickets please email [Susan@SaginawChamber.org](mailto:Susan@SaginawChamber.org) or call 989-757-2112. The luncheon takes place at Horizons Conference Center (6200 State St., Saginaw, MI 48603) from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Event tickets cost \$50 per person/\$350 for a table of 8.

First Hispanic female Air Force pilot to discuss trailblazing career at SVSU talk  
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**Congressman Dan Kildee cosponsors legislation lower costs prescription drugs**  
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**Sound Off and the Saginaw Fire Department**

Adam Gonzalez, Daniel Soza and Dennis Medel II of Saginaw named top 25 LatinX of Michigan  
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**Covenant HealthCare and Mary Free Bed Expand Joint Venture**  
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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 as 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 performed emergency escape drills during the home visits.

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**Attend the Annual Chocolate Affair, help provide opportunities to area at-risk students**  
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**Great Lakes Bay Health Centers are expanding their services in Bay County**  
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**Michigan Banner to Celebrate 17th Anniversary at 3rd Annual Heart of the City Awards Luncheon**

College: Worth it or not?  
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**Elijah Cummings and John Conyers leave behind powerful legacy**  
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On Friday, November 8, 2019, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate its 17 year anniversary by hosting The Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon at Horizons Conference Center from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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**A Mural of Henry Marsh, Saginaw's First Black Mayor, Coming to 675 Bridge**  
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**Saginaw Water Bills to Increase for Lead Water Line Replacement**  
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**Charles Rogers will be remembered as one of the greatest athletes to ever come out of Saginaw**  
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**Bay City Branch of the NAACP will host the 63rd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet**

DTE Energy names JoAnn Chavez senior vice president and chief legal officer  
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SVSU receives 'Best for Vets' ranking for sixth year  
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She currently holds several board positions including positions on the Saginaw County Housing Commission, the Saginaw County Public Defender's Office, the Saginaw African Cultural Festival Committee and is a member of the Tri-City (MI) Links. She has been responsible for the implementation of community needs assessments for three organizations within the Saginaw County community.

As a resident of Saginaw, she has sought opportunities to serve her community. This commitment to service has led her to design programming that increase access to the university on behalf of those who lack those connections.

Her love for culture and her desire for greater understanding has taken her abroad: London, Paris, Rome, Cairo, Ghana and Rio de Janeiro are a few of the destinations that have broadened her horizons. It is all of these experiences that have created in Dr. Hinton the compassion to empathize with marginalized populations, the desire to be sensitive to the needs of her community and the will to serve Gods people.

The event starts at 5:00 pm at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center located at 614 Center Avenue in Bay City, MI. For Ticket Information contact the NAACP at (989) 993-4764/(989) 866-4644 or (989) 892-8658/(989) 484-7849.

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**MCC Director of Multicultural Student Initiatives recognized at SVSU for community service**  
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**Earlin Gilchrist becomes first African American Lieutenant Governor to sign a bill into law**  
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**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe distributes around \$2.3 million in Isabella County**

La Union Civica Mexicana hosts 10th Annual Adelante Awards  
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**Food giveaway in Flint continue through December**  
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*Centus preparations, after school programs and more were funded from casino gaming revenues on Thursday.*

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe released its second 2% distribution of the year on Nov. 21. These biannual distributions come from slot-machine revenues at Soaring Eagle Casino to be distributed to local government entities in Isabella and Arenas counties, and Interim Public Relations Director for the tribe Erik Rodriguez.

This is part of a settlement reached between the state of Michigan and the tribes in Michigan back in 1993. The tribe distributes 2% of gaming revenues in lieu of paying taxes, Rodriguez said.

In total, around \$2.3 million was distributed in Isabella County, with around \$1.2 million going to government and around \$1.05 million going to education and schools.

The City of Mount Pleasant received \$257,965 for programs and equipment like:

- Partners Empowering All Kids (PEAK), an after school program
- Preparation for the 2020 U.S. Census
- Mid-Michigan Investigative Narcotics Team
- Cold water rescue suits
- Technical rescue team equipment
- Sepic receiving station
- Jeticam sewer camera

Isabella County itself received \$325,000 for PFAS sampling at the Isabella County Landfill, the Isabella Recycling Program and the Isabella County Commission on Aging.

Mount Pleasant Public Schools received \$430,546 in funds for many different services, items and programs, including:

- Therapy dogs
- Library books
- Musical instruments
- Study trips
- Reading programs

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**SVRC to begin Culinary Training Program in Downtown Saginaw**  
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**Pistons Owner Helps Toys for Tots Deliver More Than 10,000 Toys to Michigan Families**  
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**SVSU to Host 11th Annual MLK Celebration**

Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute to host 11th Annual Graduation Celebration  
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**Gov. Whitmer, Michigan Opioids task forces announces plans to cut opioid deaths in half**  
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Joining us and presenting a keynote address is Dr. Ruth Jones. Dr. Ruth D. Jones is the Branch Chief for Industrial Safety Branch at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Jones directs and manages Safety and Mission Assurance functions and activities in support of Marshall Space Flight Center's institutional operations.

Jones is a trailblazer. She became the first woman to receive a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1994. Six years later, she was the second African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in physics in the state of Alabama when she graduated from Alabama A&M University.

Lauded as one of NASA's Modern Figures, Jones travels the nation as a motivational speaker in hopes of inspiring youths to seek careers in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. She also wants to serve as a role model for other women and minorities.

At the heart of Dr. King's philosophy was the concept of service. Accordingly, three individuals - one from Bay, Midland and Saginaw - will be honored with the 2020 MLK Drum Major for Service Award. This award recognizes using heroes who perform extraordinary and ordinary, every-day acts of service with reliability and commitment, but who seldom receive recognition.

The event will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Malcolm Field Theater for Performing Arts Curtis Hall at SVSU.

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## PICS OF THE WEEK

On December 20th, members of the Michigan Minority Press Association gathered for an appreciation dinner hosted by Michigan Publishers Auxiliary. "I have been working with these dedicated publishers for a number of years", said MPA Executive Director Alan Wade. "I appreciate their commitment to their craft and their community."

The dinner was held at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing. Those in attendance included: Michigan Banner (Jerome Buckley), Lansing Chronicle (Jay Price) Michigan Bulletin (Marcus Jefferson) Midwest Business (Charles Fair) Highland Park Journal (Chris Woodard) Telegram News(Gina Wilson -Steward) New Opinion( Jesus Grillo) The Jackson Blazer(Alan Wade) and New Citizens Press (Rina Risper)

The group was treated to words of encouragement by Pastor of Lily Missionary Baptist Church Rev. James L. Hines, also Robin Lott, Director of Michigan Education Trust.

During the event, Alan Wade presents to Jerome Buckley, Michigan Banner Publisher, for his Commitment to excellence in serving his community.







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Since age 11, India Pernell has had a passion for expressing herself through writing. Yet, when she first enrolled in college, choosing a major proved to be elusive for the Oak Park native. "I was 'major hopping' until it finally occurred to me that I always enjoyed writing and that I was good at it." Now a published author, Pernell has her sights on a career in grant writing, publishing or the film industry. In fact, she has nearly completed writing a movie script. **Her confidence is nurtured by her positive attitude and accomplishments at SVSU.**



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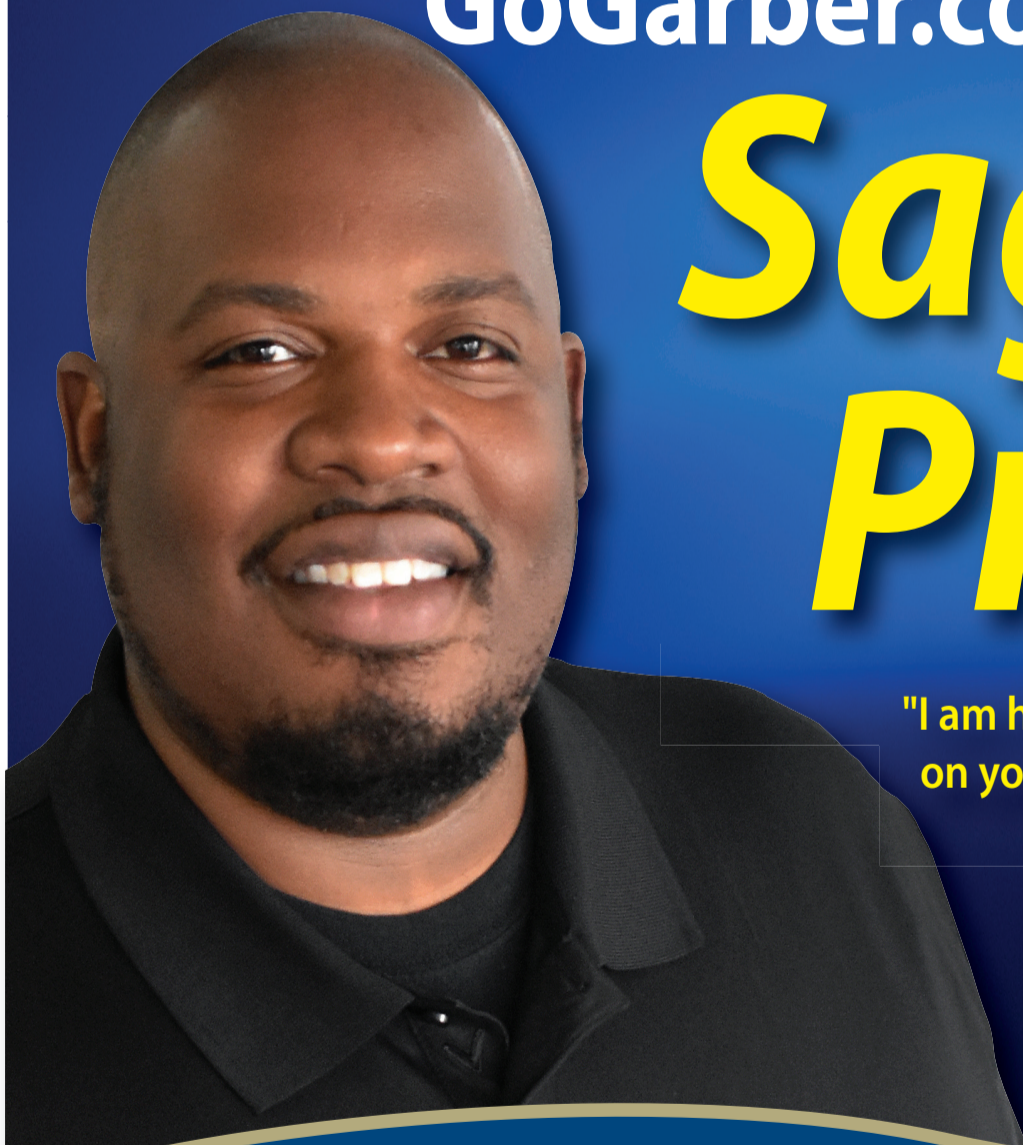
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