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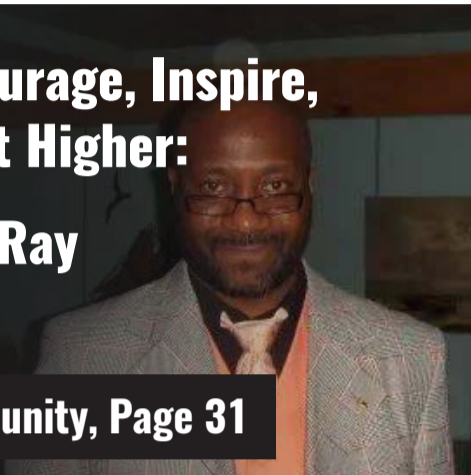
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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We are a city of great diversity and we are a city that celebrates our many forms of diversity. Yet, the fact remains that “generational” diversity is an area, in which, a noticeable divide exists. According to the 2016 U.S. Census, the median age of the City of Saginaw is 35.5 years, making Millennials the largest demographic of our population. However, most Millennials feel that they have no voice or seat at the decision table when it comes to issues that affect both their present and future state of being and living.

As the Millennials move up in the world, one of the principal challenges facing us, as a community, is being intentional and specific in embracing them and providing leadership opportunities that fulfill their desire to give back and be an active part of something greater than themselves. Millennials are profoundly socially-conscious and care, deeply, about the world around them. Thus, community, philanthropy and volunteerism are of the utmost importance to them. 1) Millennials are relational, 2) Millennials want to be heard, 3) Millennials want to be mentored; all three, of which, are qualities that comprise the strong foundation of a leader.

With all this understood, it’s imperative that our community, as a whole, recognize and acknowledge that Millennials aren’t our leaders of tomorrow. On the contrary, they are our leaders of “right now”. And we are duty-bound to create a culture that allows them to flourish. Then, intentionally invest in putting appropriate leadership development practices in place that encourage, and empower, them to lead us into the future. That starts with us recognizing that the world around us is changing, and the sector of yesteryear is quickly disappearing. And if Saginaw is to have any hope of sustainability for our posterity, providing place and space for Millennials to be actively-engaged in the leadership of our city can no longer be considered an option of tomorrow. It must become our obligation and priority of today.

- Rev. I. LaTrell Bailey

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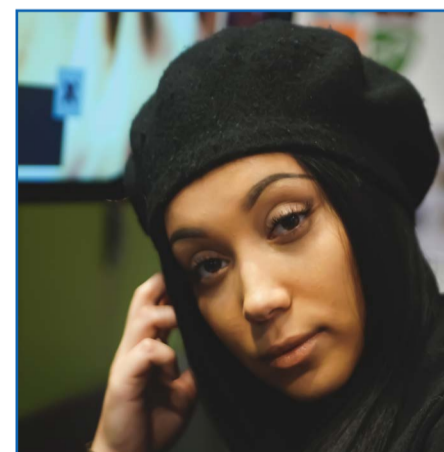


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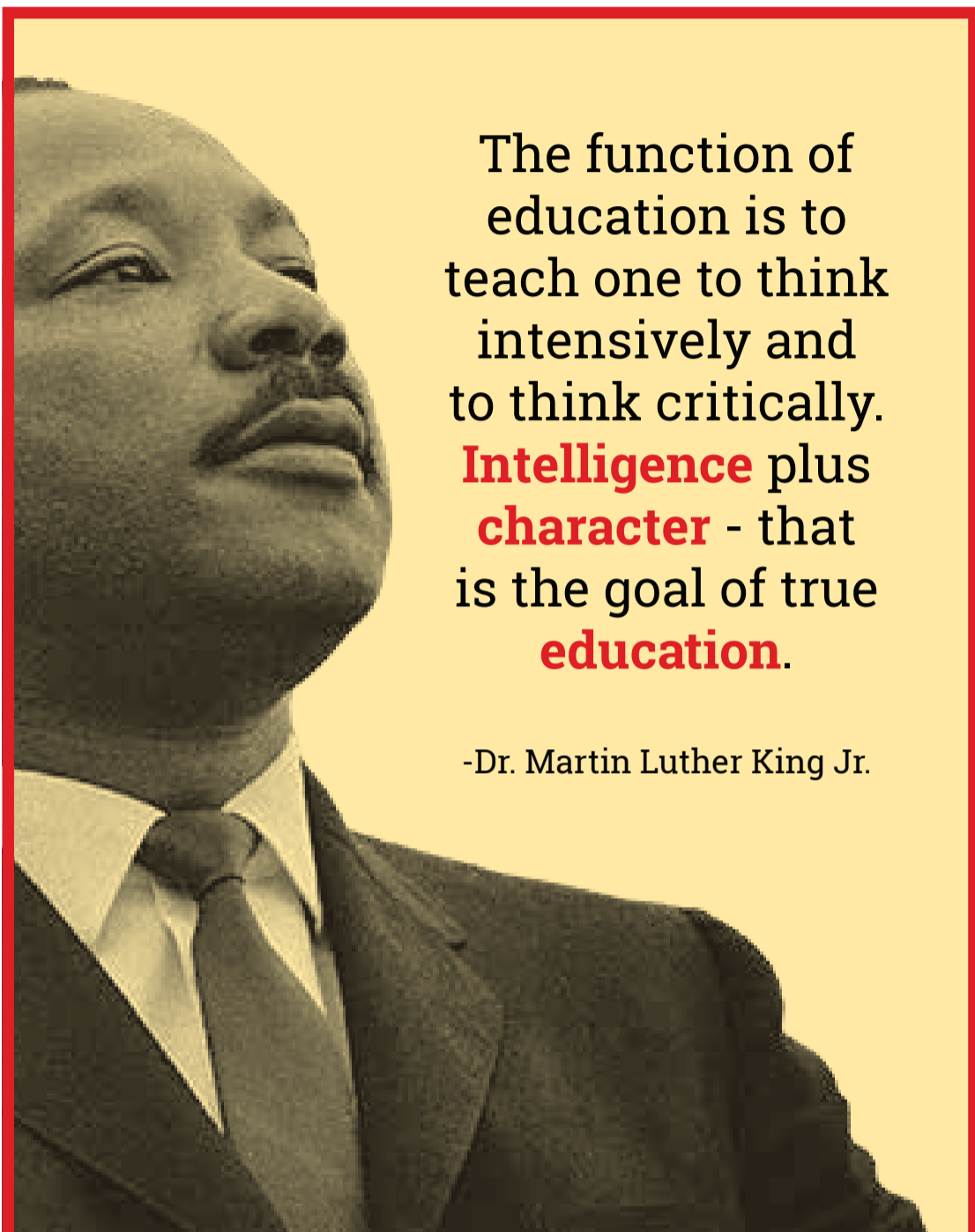
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-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark: “YOUTH: Crazy, Lazy or Maybe....?”

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



Happy New Year and Welcome back to “Navigating the Narrative” w/Mr. Clark, your friendly “Neighborhood Hope Dealer.” This year we will continue to examine variations of life and its “Story” of our “Journey” as it relates to youth development and the many factors thereof, however, we will explore different & new youth-assisted approaches and writing styles. Last year, our objective was to lay a solid foundation that would cause the reader to really think about the information presented, as well as begin a desire to look further into the information, for a clear understanding. We will now transition into more specific life- related matters which are directly/indirectly related to daily life as a “Youth.”

Let us briefly define, “youth” so that we are without a shadow of a doubt, on the same page. Youth- the period of life coming between childhood and adolescence onto the early stage of emerging adulthood. In other words, from childhood to the age of 24 (all things being equal). This is not an “absolute” definition for “youth” neither is the “only” definition we believe that may be presented for an explanation. This is simply the definition WE will use in reference to the term, “youth” as we proceed with our endeavor.

When referring to today’s “youth” many people use a variety of terms. I have heard many terms such as adventurous, rebellious, resilient, crazy, lazy, etc. which all describe youth that many of you reading this article may agree to, yourselves, when referring to the description of youth you may know personally (even if you are a “youth”). Energized and engaged or bored and turned off. Young people have so many labels and stereotypes slapped on them it’s a wonder these are not visible on their endless selfies. I, “Mr. Clark” know firsthand that our youth can be difficult to work with at times, however, let’s be honest and frank, today’s young people get a bad rap. Research evidence shows that a large majority of adults believe the “average” teenager is “wild, rude, and irresponsible”. Though some people may embrace a more positive view, more by far view the young suspiciously. Even though adults may fiercely love and support the young people they know, when asked about the “average” youths—those they might run into on the street corner, or see in schools across the country—they are more likely to use words such as “irresponsible”, “lazy”, and “out of control”. From mobile phones to microwave “I got to have it right now” parents, it might seem like our current

crop of young people is destined to be insecure, inattentive, and unable to cope with challenges, trials, tribulation and stress that life may bring.

What could be the cause for these increasingly negative views of young people at a time when their future contributions to society are considered so essential? Think about it, we are talking about the future “everything’s”.... from architects, farmers, doctors, educators to activists. More importantly, these are our parents of the “further future” (the generations to come).

An article written by Sharon L. Nichols & Thomas L. Good (Education Week Jan. 2020) shared a hypothesis of how adults are not sensitive enough to the evolution in young people’s roles in society. Their economic value to adults has changed. Modern young people generally contribute less to the economic stability and growth of the family and society than did their counterparts in the past. In the early 20th century, a young person’s earning power was directed mainly toward sustaining the family system—a noteworthy contribution. But as the times changed, youths’ economic role did as well. Today’s young people spend billions of earned and family-shared income, which makes them

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valuable to businesses. Big business exploits (manipulate, make use of and benefit from as resource) youthful tastes for profit, while the young people themselves, seduced by media, participate by spending money on the "extras" for fun and entertainment. It is hard for today's youths, who live in a drastically different economic world, to compete with the historical image of hard-working youths helping their families survive. Adults' knowledge of young people also has changed—from a localized context (living in the same location together) to a more diffuse (a wide area), unfamiliar, globalized one.

The media has a profound impact on how we view young people. Data suggest that both entertainment and news media give the public a negatively skewed perspective of the young. Accounts of teenage violence and sloth are highly exaggerated, for example. But a more insidious factor may also be in play. In an analysis of how children and adolescents were portrayed in prime-time, weekend, and daytime television programs over a 15-year period, researchers found that youths were not only underrepresented in such programs, but that when they did appear, their dispositions and roles were portrayed in largely patronizing and negative terms. Thus, given the rapid growth of media over the last five decades (50 years), it isn't surprising that the number of adults who view youths negatively has increased. Other times, adults tend to describe the typical teenage experience negatively because they forget what it was like to be a teenager. The further people are from high school, the fuzzier high school memories become. Many forget the impact of the daily struggles of adolescence due to all the adult responsibilities which has added up over time (college debt, mortgages, families, jobs and more).

Some adults are insensitive to the range of young people's situations. American teenagers' economic and social circumstances differ in many ways, which means that there



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are multiple possibilities for unique experiences during these teenage years. It makes sense to talk about "teens' experiences" only if we keep in mind these differences. Today, more American youths work and go to school than ever before—and more so by far than youths in any other country. In fact, those who exhort our young people to be "world class" should take pleasure in knowing that America now leads the world in the number of high school students who work while enrolled in school.

In conclusion, we will continue this edition's article by interviewing youths (as well as possibly some youth professionals) for the next few months with the goal of finding out what "youth" are saying about themselves, in regard to the negative aspects, adults have on them. In addition to the reality of some of these negative aspects and

what factors may be or are, involved in the contribution of the life of the "youth." The ultimate goal will be renewing the minds of adults towards "youth" and raising the expectations of "youth" among themselves to be more responsible for themselves and towards their fellow man in addition to being accountable for being the "progenitors" (a person or thing from which a person is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent) for the future of this nation. 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

Young People Can Find Their Path Through R.I.S.E.



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As of 2017, just over 10,000 Genesee County residents between the ages of 16 and 24 were neither working nor attending school. However, there is a resource that can help put these disengaged young adults on the right path.

R.I.S.E.—which stands for reset, inspire, stand up and energize—is a young-adult led group for disengaged youth ages 16-24. Each month, the group holds a “Meet & Eat” session, which connects members to resources, brings in local experts and highlights opportunities to get involved in the community. It helps students stay in school, earn their GED, and connect with employment programs and area employers.

“R.I.S.E. aims to be a resource for young adults who want to get on the

right path—whether that be through education or employment,” says Dennis Williams-Mitchell, Education & Training Youth Ambassador and coordinator of R.I.S.E. “We work directly with our group members to solve individual problems.”

R.I.S.E. is a project of the Flint & Genesee Opportunity Youth Coalition, a group of more than 60 local partners committed to breaking down barriers that young adults in Flint and Genesee County may face. The coalition members meet regularly to discuss the resources they can offer these young people.

“It is great to be able to partner with local organizations to find holistic solutions to the problems our young adults face,” says Williams-Mitchell, a 20-year-old attending Mott Community

College. “Being a peer with the group members, I can relate to the struggles they are facing and help inspire them to find their right path with the group’s help.”

Aside from providing assistance, R.I.S.E. also works to give back through community projects. The group is currently working on hosting a voter registration event to provide young people in the community a convenient way to register to vote.

R.I.S.E. holds monthly meetings the third Thursday of each month at the Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village (4119 N. Saginaw St., Flint). Young adults ages 16-24 who are interested in attending can find more information at opportunityflintandgenesee.org/events.

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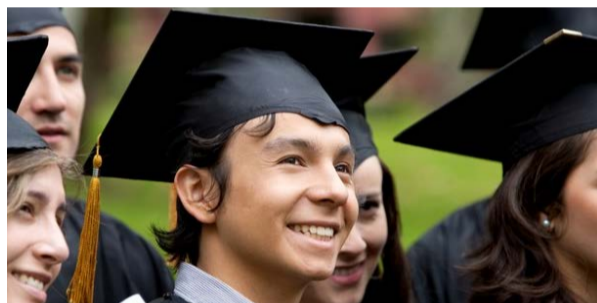
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More Latinos Earned Degrees This Past Decade Than Any Time In History



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Last month, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) released a comprehensive data analysis on the state of education across all educational levels, and it appears enrollment of Latino students at college campuses has increased.

But while Latino enrollment has increased overall, the Latino student population as a whole still lags behind the enrollment rate of other groups. The same pattern exists with the number of college degrees awarded to Latino students.

During the 2017-2018 cycle, there was around 26 million students enrolled in postsecondary institutions in the U.S., including degree and technical/non-degree programs.

While 18-24 year olds enrolled in degree-granting postsecondary institutions only made up 40 percent of the student population in 2017, the majority of the students were non-traditional (above 25 years of age).

Also, according to the NCES data, the year 2010 experienced the largest number of enrolled students, a number which is estimated to be surpassed later in 2028.

Another fact to consider is that from 2007

to 2017, there was only a slight increase of enrolled students in such educational institutions. Many factors affected the slow growth of enrollment numbers but the financial crisis from 2007-2008 was mainly to blame.

Enrollment numbers for the Latino population between the ages 18-24 increased from 27% in 2007 to 36% in 2017, but was still behind in 2017 compared to the enrollment rate for Caucasians.

This means 36% of Latinos between 18 and 24 were enrolled in college in 2017.

Also according to the NCES data, from 1976 to 2017, the Latino presence in degree-granting postsecondary institutions increased from 4% to 19% overall, whereas during the same period, the percentage of Caucasian students dropped from 84% to 56%.

It was estimated that the number of college degrees awarded (associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate's) increased around 32% over the latest 10-year cycle (from 2005–2006 to 2016–2017).

The largest increase was achieved by Latinos as the number of college degrees awarded to the U.S. Latino population increased by 70% during the same 10-year cycle. This is saying that 70% more Latino students in college managed to earn a college degree from 2005 to 2017. This is in stark comparison with the rise of degrees awarded to other groups (Caucasians increased by 19% during that

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same 10-year cycle, for example).

The rise of college degrees awarded to Latinos is quite an accomplishment, driven mainly by population changes. But Latino students that earned a college degree only comprised 5% of the total degrees awarded during 2005-2006.

That is only a small 2 percentage points of an increase during the latest 10-year cycle considering that the Latino population is currently the second largest ethnic minority in the U.S.

Also, according to the data from NCES, only 15% of the Latino population (over the age

of 25 years) possessed a bachelor's degree or higher in 2017, which is a lower rate when compared to the entire U.S. population (38% for Non-Latino, Caucasian, 23% for African American, 56% for Asian/Pacific Islander, and 18% for Native American).

And even in states with the largest Latino population (such as New Mexico, California, and Texas), Latinos do not do any better. In New Mexico, where 27% of the population over the age of 25 had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2017, only 16% of the Latino population possessed the equivalent degree.

In California, it was estimated that 34% of the population over the age of 25 had a

bachelor's degree or higher in 2017, but only 13% of Latinos population had the same degree.

And in Texas, 30% of the population over the age of 25 had a bachelor's degree or higher in 2017, but only 14% of the Latino population possessed the equivalent degree.

The Latino population should be proud and excited that a greater number of Latinos are earning a college degree and the increase has been climbing rapidly over the last 10 years but there is plenty of room for improvement.

*Written by Claudia Araiza for
dailychela.com*

8th 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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The 8th Annual Premios K?Onda! Awards Ceremony Saturday will take place on February 29, 2020 at Horizons Conference Center (6200 State St, Saginaw MI).

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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Are you a High School Senior, undergraduate or graduate Latina student seeking a scholarship to continue your higher education next year? Then we encourage you to apply for our scholarship! *Applicants should be leaders inside and outside of the classroom.*

Scholarship Timeline:

Application Deadline:

January 17, 2020

Annual Luncheon
and Scholarship
Presentations:

May 15, 2020

Scholarship amounts vary



More information available at
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Complete the application at:

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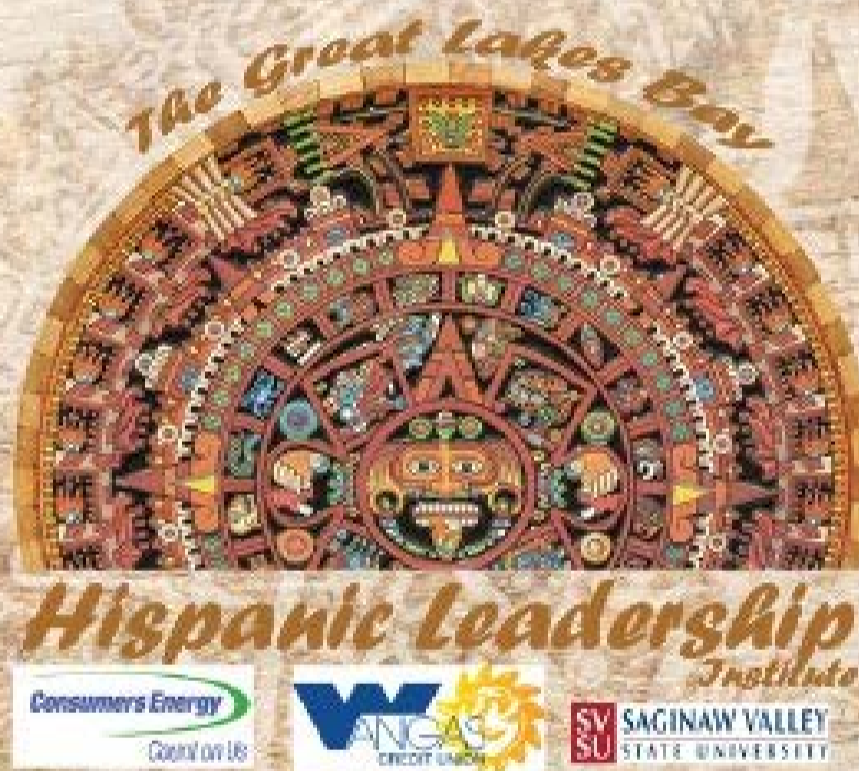
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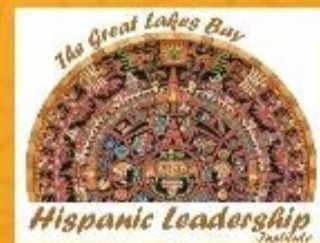
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7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI
5 pm Networking - 6 pm Program

Key Note Speaker: Loida L Tapia
Director Public Relations,
MI Dept of Secretary of State

Tickets- \$30 per person
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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

Five ways to energize your fundraising for 2020!



The new year is here, and hard as it is to believe, it will soon be June 30th and we will be halfway through the year. To help keep time from creeping up on you, we offer five suggestions for how to energize your fundraising efforts for 2020.

1. Review your data.

Take time to run reports that illustrate what is working and what's not. The following are examples of the types of reports you want to run and review, and why.

Renewals. Who gave in both 2018 and 2019? Who gave in 2018, but not 2019? Get to work immediately reaching out to those who are "lapsed" donors and ask for their support in the first quarter of 2020.

Donor expansion. Did the number of donors and funders who gave in 2019 expand from 2018? Contract? How about the amount of funds raised from those donors: did you experience financial growth, or did you raise less than projected?

Major gifts. How many of your donors and funders gave at a level you consider a major

gift? That could be \$1,000 for a grass roots organization or \$5,000 or \$250,000 or more depending on the size of your organization. Look at those names. Which are new? Which could renew in 2020? Who is the right person within your organization to help keep each donor or funder engaged with your organization throughout the year? Could those who make major gifts be encouraged to give a larger gift, or a multi-year pledge?

Unsolicited gifts. Who gave to your organization without anyone making an ask? Do you know who these people are, how they found you, and why they gave? How many are in this group? What was the largest gift? The average gift size?

Growth and Decline. What categories of giving saw the greatest growth and which the greatest decline? What do you attribute these to? How will you leverage growth and mitigate decline as you fundraise in 2020?

If you don't have data that is accurate and meaningful, make a commitment to recording your data throughout 2020 so you will be in a different place come 2021.

2. Talk with stakeholders.

Take time to meet with internal and external stakeholders and partners to learn their observations and suggestions for how you can improve the quality of your services, advocacy, and engagement.

3. Secure more in-kind resources.

Put in place a program to secure more in-kind services and resources to offset costs, and help put more people on the ground to sustain and grow the organization's priorities.

4. Focus on what you do well.

Eliminate or downsize those activities that are time consuming, costly, and no longer in-line with your mission, vision and community needs.

5. Grow your talent.

Put in place projects that can easily provide a win for your leadership and staff; ones that have potential for growth, and that build confidence and experience within your team.

2020 is here – now is the time to plan for your success.



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HEALTH

National Thought Leaders to Speak During Regional Health Conference at SVSU

Two thought leaders and change agents will headline a regional health conference at Saginaw Valley State University Friday, Jan. 24. This eleventh annual conference, titled “The Region’s Health and Health Care Systems: Communities Achieving Excellence and Moving Upstream,” will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This conference will bring two world-renowned speakers to the Great Lakes Bay Region, Dr. Rishi Manchanda and Dr. Brian C. Castrucci, who will highlight their innovative discoveries and implementation strategies within public health and upstream health care.

Dr. Manchanda is a physician, author, and health care leader who currently serves as the President and CEO of HealthBegins. With this mission-driven consulting and technology firm, Dr. Manchanda has dedicated his career to helping health care and community partners improve the care and social factors of health for vulnerable populations.

On an international stage, Dr. Manchanda’s 2013 TEDbook, “The Upstream Doctors,” has become recommended reading in medical schools and universities worldwide. In this book he introduced the “Upstreamists,” a new model of health care workers who improve care and equity by addressing the entire scope of patients’ health-related social needs. In addition, his TED talk on the subject has reached over 1.8 million views.

Dr. Manchanda currently serves on the board of the Beyond Flexner Alliance, on the California Future Health Workforce Commission, and was a member of the HHS Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network’s Primary Care Payment Model Work Group. As a pillar in his community, he also served as the director of social medicine for a network of community health centers in south central Los Angeles, was the lead physician for homeless veterans at the Greater Los



Pictured: Dr. Rishi Manchanda, Dr. Brian C. Castrucci

Angeles VA hospital, and was the first chief medical officer for a self-insured employer with a large rural immigrant workforce.

Dr. Castrucci, is the President and CEO of the deBeaumont Foundation, as well as an award-winning epidemiologist with 10 years of experience working in state and local health departments. The deBeaumont Foundation brings together research and practice by advancing policy, building partnerships, and strengthening the public health system. These objectives are accomplished under Dr. Castrucci’s leadership through projects that include CityHealth, the BUILD Health Challenge, and the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey.

As a scholar, Dr. Castrucci has published more than 70 health care articles, with his most current work focusing on the public health needs of large cities, the need for better data systems, and public health system improvements. One of his recent articles, Meeting Individual Social Needs Falls Short

of Addressing Social Determinants of Health, was featured by Health Affairs as the second-most read health affairs blog post of 2019. Dr. Castrucci also serves as an editor and contributing author to “The Practical Playbook. Public Health. Primary Care. Together,” published by Oxford University Press in 2015.

This regional health care conference is sponsored by the Mid Central Michigan Area Health Education Center, Dow, the Hospital Council of East Central Michigan, the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, and SVSU.

The event will be held in the Ott Auditorium of Gilbertson Hall at SVSU. Registration is now open with a cost of \$75 per person or \$25 for students. The conference will also be simulcast at Central Michigan University and Kirtland Health Sciences Center in Grayling. Registration information is available online at <https://www.hcecm.org/HCECM/SVSU-Event-Registration/>.

Nominations Sought for Hometown Health Hero Awards



LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserve and improve their community's health for its annual Hometown Health Hero awards.

Hometown Health Hero awards are presented every April as part of Michigan Public Health Week. This year's awards focus on the following five areas of public health:

- Mental Health
- Maternal/Child Health
- Violence
- Environmental Health
- Education
- Healthy Housing

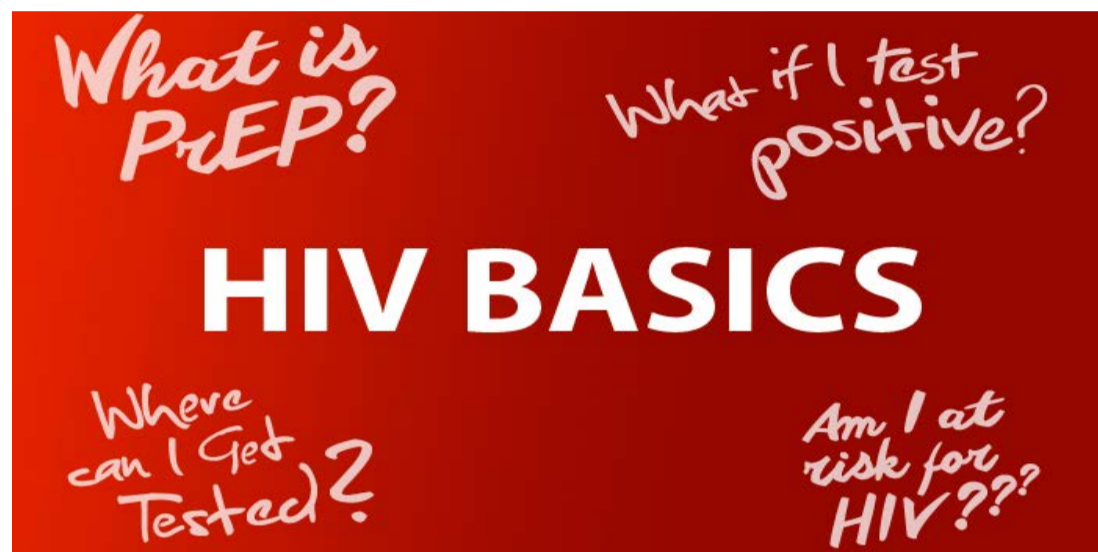
"Everyone deserves to live a long and healthy life in a safe environment," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "Hometown Health Hero awards are an opportunity to honor those tackling the causes of poor health and disease risk within their communities."

Nomination forms can be downloaded from Michigan.gov/mphw. Completed nominations should be sent to Jim Koval via email at kovalj@michigan.gov or faxed to 517-335-8392 by Friday, Feb. 14.

Awards will be presented at the State Capitol on Wednesday, April 15.

The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership consists of the following organizations: Grand Valley State University, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association for Local Public Health, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc., Michigan Public Health Association, Michigan Public Health Institute, Michigan State University, University of Michigan School of Public Health and Wayne State University.

Ready, Set, PrEP Program Launches; Provides Free HIV-Preventing Medication to Qualified Patients



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LANSING, Mich. – A newly launched U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) program will provide free pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication to qualified patients across the country, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today.

PrEP is a medication that can prevent HIV from establishing an infection in the body if there is an exposure. When used properly, PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99 percent. Among people who inject drugs, PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV by at least 75 percent.

The Ready, Set, PrEP program will increase access to PrEP by removing the cost barrier that many patients face.

"Expanded access to PrEP medication is a key component in bringing us one step closer to ending the HIV epidemic in our state and across the United States," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "People in Michigan who are at risk of contracting HIV will greatly benefit from this program."

In Michigan, more than 16,000 people are living with HIV, and it is estimated 30 percent of new infections come from individuals who do not know they have HIV. According to HHS, more than one million people in the U.S. could benefit from taking PrEP medication, but only a small fraction of those actually get a prescription for the medication due to cost and lack of information about the drug.

Major pharmacies including CVS Health, Walgreens and Rite Aid have recognized the importance of expanded access to PrEP and have donated their dispensing services for the Ready, Set, PrEP program. Qualified patients can obtain PrEP medication at thousands of pharmacies nationwide at no cost. In addition to providing the medication, these pharmacies are also providing patient counseling and promoting patient adherence to the medication regimen.

To find out if you qualify for the program, visit GetYourPrEP.com or call 855-447-8410. For more information about HIV and PrEP, visit HIV.gov or Michigan.gov/HIVSTD.

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Ascension Michigan Hospitals Implement Visitor Restrictions



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Ascension Michigan hospitals across the state implement visitor restrictions to protect against spread of influenza

With the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) classification of "widespread activity" of influenza across the state, and in an effort to protect our patients, families and associates, visitor restrictions at all Ascension Michigan hospitals across the state are now in effect.

- Ascension Michigan hospitals are limiting visitors to those who are 14 years of age or older. Children are at the greatest risk of getting and spreading the flu.
- Visitors should be healthy – free from fever, cough, colds or stomach virus symptoms. If you are not well, please do not visit.
- No more than two visitors will be

allowed to visit with a patient at any one time.

- We are also asking visitors to remember to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before, during and after visiting.

Visitor restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. Ascension Michigan infection preventionists will continue to monitor influenza activity with MDHHS and will assess when restrictions can be lifted.



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One of our services includes restored socialization for those with physical decline. Isolation resulting from aging or health issues can result in hopelessness, despair, increased pain and even depression. PACE enrollees are emerging from their invisible shells with brighter moods, improved energy and decreased depression.

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

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

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Overlap with Saginaw and Another County

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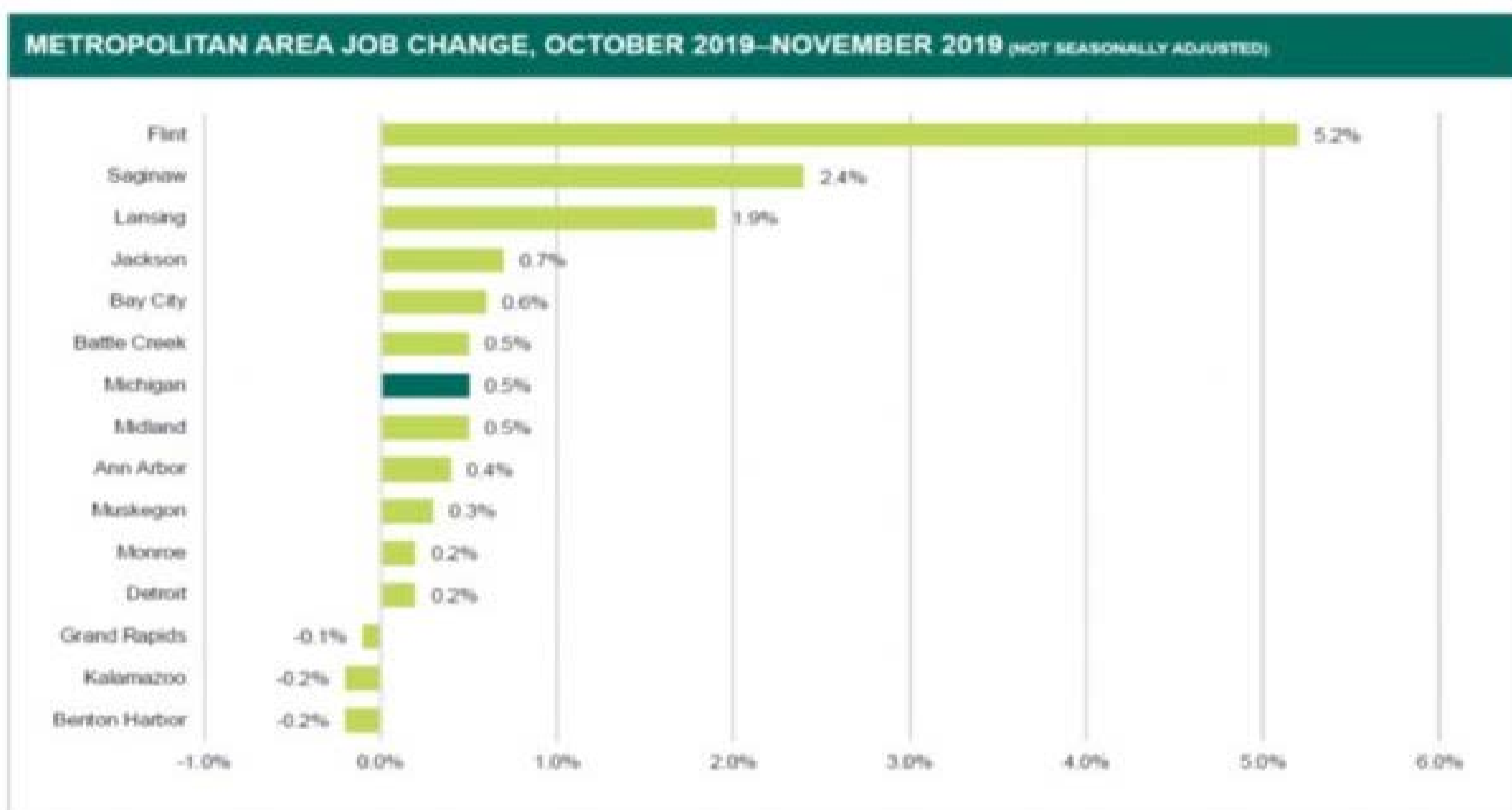
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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Jobs rebound in Genesee County; unemployment rate falls in November



Source: Dept. of Technology, Management, and Budget | Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives

The recall of workers on layoff due a strike in the automotive sector contributed to a reduction in the number of unemployed in Michigan in November 2019.

The impact was particularly strong locally where Genesee County’s unemployment rate declined by a full percentage point to 3.8 percent from October to November, according to Michigan’s Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. The city of Flint’s unemployment rate also decreased from 8.7 percent to 6.9 percent over the same period, the most recent data available.

Total nonfarm jobs in the county rebounded

by 7,200 between October and November. The increase was driven in large part by the region’s manufacturing sector, where payroll employment rose by 5,200. The November jump in manufacturing employment reflected the end of the UAW strike against General Motors and the recall of workers to jobs.

In fact, Genesee County, also identified the Flint metropolitan statistical area, led the state with the largest gain in nonfarm jobs with 5.2 percent for the month, followed by Saginaw (2.4 percent) and Lansing (1.9 percent) – all metro areas in Michigan were negatively impacted by the October labor dispute in the automotive industry.

The Flint metropolitan area also recorded modest increases in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (1,900); professional and business services (400); and educational and health services (100). Meanwhile, several sectors registered month-to-month decreases, including: information (-100); leisure and hospitality (-200); and government (-100).

From 2018 to 2019, the Flint & Genesee has seen a labor force increase of roughly 2,700 or 1.5 percent. The number of employed has gone up nearly 2,700 over the same period. Since November 2018, total nonfarm jobs in the region is up 2,000 jobs, equivalent to a 1.4 percent increase.

Allegiant offering new flight from Flint to Nashville this summer starting at \$55



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Allegiant announced a new nonstop route to Nashville International Airport from Bishop International Airport, beginning June 5. To celebrate, the company is offering one-way fares on the new route as low as \$55.

“We are thrilled to continue our growth in Flint,” said Drew Wells, Allegiant vice president of planning and revenue. “Nashville is a major hotspot for live music and delectable dining, and we know that

area travelers will take advantage of our convenient, ultra-low-cost service to get away to this beautiful city.”

The new seasonal route will operate twice weekly. Flight days, times and the lowest fares can be found only at Allegiant.com.

“Nashville is one of America’s hottest cities right now,” said Airport Director Nino Sapone. “It’s not just an amazing and

incredibly diverse live music scene, with shows of every genre being performed every night of the week, it has morphed into a great food scene with three professional sports teams, an extensive park system, world renowned attractions, shows, tours and nightlife for every age and type of visitor. This is a fantastic addition to the five nonstop routes Allegiant already has in the market.”

Dort Federal Credit Union converts to state-wide charter, changes name



GRAND BLANC, MI — Effective January 1, 2020 Dort Federal Credit Union has changed its name to Dort Financial Credit Union. The name change is a result of the credit union being granted a conversion from a federally chartered credit union to a state chartered credit union.

Membership for Dort Financial Credit Union is now open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in the State of Michigan.

“We are very excited to have the opportunity to grow the credit union and expand our financial products and service offerings to the entire state,” Vicki Hawkins, President/ CEO said.

Members will notice few changes other than the name and signage at Dort Financial locations. Dort Financial member’s account numbers, checks, and credit cards will not change.



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Independent Bank Named Best Bank in Michigan by Forbes Magazine



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Independent Bank was named Best Bank in Michigan by Forbes Magazine. This is the second year in a row Independent Bank was named a BEST-IN-STATE bank by Forbes magazine.

Forbes partnered with market research firm, Statista, to survey more than 25,000 customers throughout the United States. Customers were surveyed for their opinions on their current and previous banking relationships. Banks were rated on overall recommendations and satisfactions, as well as five subcategories, including trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services, and financial advice. Nationwide financial institutions were excluded from the final rankings.

“I know how hard each and every person within our company works each day to care for and serve our customer base, and I am proud of our employees for their dedication and the roles they played in helping us achieve this award,” said Brad Kessel, President and CEO of Independent Bank.

In total, 149 banks received the recognition, representing 2.8% of U.S. financial institutions. To learn more about Independent Bank, visit IndependentBank.com.

The State Bank Launches New Logo and Brand Campaign



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The State Bank has launched a new logo and brand campaign to reflect their commitment to betterment. The business of community banking has remained fairly unchanged for decades - maybe even longer. But at The State Bank, we are ready to do things differently and want to help families, businesses, and communities see things differently.

The State Bank has been a part of the Fenton community for decades. In 1988, Fentura Financial was created and changed the name of Commercial Savings Bank of Fenton to The State Bank. While the name changed, their dedication to establishing strong customer relationships did not. On December 31, 2016, Fentura Financial also finalized their acquisition of St. Charles-based Community State Bank.

Today, The State Bank also serves the communities of Holly, Linden, Grand Blanc, Brighton, Birch Run, Burt, St. Charles, New Lothrop, Chesaning,

Montrose, Thomas Township and Saginaw. The State Bank prides itself on providing the members of these communities with convenient banking services and the highest level of customer service. To keep up with the community's dynamic growth, Fentura Financial Partners changed its name to The State Wealth Advisors on June 30, 2016.

Moving into the future, The State Bank continues to focus on their heritage while incorporating new technologies. The State Bank plans to focus on strengthening relationships with customers, friends and neighbors.

To learn more about their new branding and continued commitment, visit www.yourbetterstate.com.

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Superintendent Dr. Kathy Stewart Announces Retirement from Saginaw Intermediate School District



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SAGINAW, MICHIGAN – To serve, innovate, and empower while shifting toward an equitable, inclusive educational organization is exactly the legacy that Superintendent Dr. Kathy Stewart plans to leave behind for the 738 Saginaw Intermediate School District employees and the many community members and children served. At the January 8th Saginaw ISD Board of Education meeting, the board accepted Dr. Stewart's retirement resignation letter, effective June 30, 2020.

“The legacy that Dr. Stewart will leave behind is one that positively impacts many generations to come. Her vision for building new departments, growing current programs, securing new opportunities, strengthening relationships with community stakeholders, and creating a culture of equity and belonging is exemplary. The board looks forward to

the next chapter, but will dearly miss the enthusiasm, drive, and charisma that Dr. Stewart brings to the organization,” said Richard Burmeister, Board of Education President for the Saginaw ISD.

Dr. Stewart's educational roots run deep in the region, having started as a teacher at St. Charles Community Schools and later Superintendent at Chesaning Union Schools. She then served as the Associate Superintendent of Instruction at Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District. In 2014, Dr. Stewart accepted the position as superintendent of the Saginaw ISD.

Dr. Stewart is an active member of the Saginaw Community Foundation, SVSU Board of Fellows, Saginaw County Business Education Partnership, Crime Prevention

Council, Saginaw Valley Rotary Club, SVSU Board of Fellows, and other organizational boards and councils. She is also a current board member of the United Way Saginaw County. In 2016, she was elected to serve as a member of the statewide Michigan Association of School Administrator's Executive Board. Dr. Kathy Stewart also received awards from Junior Achievement and the Michigan Banner Heart of the City Awards.

During Dr. Stewart's time at Saginaw ISD, administration moved to an existing facility resulting in the sale of the former location at the corner of Gratiot and Midland Road; the Instructional Services Department was re-established; a Career and Technical Education department was built, a countywide CTE millage passed at the same time the largest Marshall Plan for Talent grant was allocated to the M-46 partners; the Great Start Readiness Program oversight transitioned to the leadership of SISK's Early Childhood Department; Brunkow Elementary was acquired to house Head Start/Early Head Start programs; transportation restructured under new management services; the Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors initiative launched; SISK partnered with MDE to begin the Transformation Zone work; Hartley renovated and expanded their dormitory and made several other facility improvements; the behavior support network journey began, and much more. Dr. Kathy Stewart also committed the district to the Orange Frog Happiness Advantage by Shawn Achor to bring more positivity to the workplace and an equity campaign to create a culture of diversity and inclusion.

The Saginaw ISD is looking for a new superintendent that can continue the journey of moving Saginaw County forward. To find the most qualified applicants for the position, the Saginaw ISD Board of Education will be contracting with the Michigan Association of School Board's Executive Search Services.

Michigan Students Experiencing Significant Growth in Advanced Coursework



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LANSING – Michigan’s numbers of students enrolling and succeeding in advanced coursework have grown significantly over the past four years, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) released today.

There has been a 78 percent increase in the number of Michigan students enrolled in International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, from 7,185 in the 2014-2015 school year to 12,822 in 2018-2019. Historically underrepresented groups grew substantially: special needs students by 201%; economically disadvantaged by 111%; Hispanic/Latino by 99%; and African American/Two or More Races by 83%.

In addition, there has been an 18 percent increase in the number of Michigan students enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP) courses, from 67,285 in 2014-2015 to 79,546 in 2018-2019. Historically underrepresented groups grew significantly: Hispanic/Latino by 63%; economically disadvantaged by 39%; and African American/Two or More Races by 14%.

“This is very good news that more of our students are taking advantage of the opportunity to tackle challenging coursework and qualify for college credit,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. “When students are provided with opportunity and encouragement, along with great instruction from their teachers, they succeed.”

Students scoring well on end-of-course AP and IB exams are eligible to earn college

credit. Students need to receive a score of “3 or higher” on an AP exam, or a score of “4 or higher” on an IB exam, to qualify for college credit.

Over the past four years, Michigan had an 11 percent increase in students receiving college credit-bearing scores of 3 or higher on their AP assessments. During the same time, there has been a 21 percent increase in Michigan students scoring a 4 or higher on the IB assessment.

“Jobs today and in the future will require advanced learning, training, and skills,” Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Director Jeff Donofrio said. “Programs like AP and IB help expand opportunities for students to advance and get a jump start on a future career pathway.”

In 2018-2019, the state provided funds for nearly 17,000 low-income students to take AP assessments – a 22 percent increase from the previous year.

In 2018, 670 Michigan schools participated in AP exams and 97 colleges accepted AP exam credits.

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP is a program created by the College Board that offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

The AP curriculum for each of the various subjects is created for the College Board by a panel of experts and college-level educators in that field of study. For a high school course to have the designation, the course must be audited by the College Board to ascertain that it satisfies the AP curriculum. If the course is approved, the school may use the AP designation and the course will be publicly listed on the AP Course Ledger.

Some colleges use AP test scores to exempt students from introductory coursework, others use them to place students in higher designated courses, and some do both. Each college's policy is different, but most require a minimum score of 3 or 4 to receive college credit.

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

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

“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.”

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

Delta, Ferris sign transfer agreement in respiratory care



A new articulation agreement between Delta College and Ferris State University will allow Delta students and graduates to continue their education in the field of respiratory care.

The agreement permits students to transfer associate's degree credits from Delta toward a bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy from Ferris. The program at Ferris can be completed fully online or in a mixed format, if preferred.

Tim Heinz, respiratory care program coordinator for Delta, said the profession is growing and there is a high demand for respiratory therapists.

"Most of our students begin to receive job offers three to four months before graduation," he said. "Our graduates get job offers from all over the state, but most choose to work in the Great Lakes Bay Region."

Heinz said respiratory therapists need at least an associate's degree, but it's common for students to go on to a bachelor's degree program in order to pursue advanced positions. Under the agreement, up to 93 credits can be taken at Delta, including general education courses; only 30 credits will need to be completed at Ferris.

"This will be a huge savings of both time and money for our graduates," said Heinz.

Delta also has an articulation agreement with U-M Flint in respiratory care and with Northwood University in health administration. For more information, visit www.delta.edu/respiratorycare.

In total, Delta has more than 200 articulation agreements, giving students a smooth transition from one institution to another.

Saginaw Promise: Now Accepting Scholarship Applications!



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The Saginaw Promise believes in investing in the future of Saginaw and its students with a scholarship for postsecondary education. Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$830,000 in scholarships to 492 students to help them earn a program certificate or degree from a technical school, community college or university. "The Saginaw Promise is an organization working to affect positive change in Saginaw's economy and quality of life through a "residence based" scholarship---a benefit for families who live in Saginaw", stated Joyce Seals, Saginaw Promise Chairperson.

The Saginaw Promise is an economic initiative formed in 2009 to affect change in Saginaw by promoting and supporting postsecondary education for Saginaw's graduating students through information, programming and a "last dollar" scholarship. Students eligible to apply must reside in and graduate from a high school in the Saginaw Promise Zone (consisting of Saginaw, Zilwaukee, Kochville and that area of Buena Vista designated to the Saginaw Public School District—the geographic boundaries of the Saginaw Public School District). Saginaw is one of 13 communities in Michigan designated a "Promise Zone" through the Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, enacted in 2009. The Saginaw Promise scholarship must be applied for annually, used for tuition and mandatory fees only and is renewable up to two years. Application deadline is February 15, 2020.

How to apply: Students must complete the online Saginaw Community Foundation scholarship application at saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/ and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

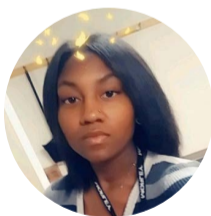
For information about the Saginaw Promise and its scholarship visit www.saginawpromise.org or call (989)755-0545. Program and operational funding are raised annually from corporate, individual and foundation donors and special events.

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Encourage, Inspire, & Lift Higher



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Written by LaShawn Johnson

At a young age, Otis Ray had limitations on being a basketball player. Funding was impossible and role models were hard to come by. Although things didn't go as he hoped they would, that didn't stop him from being a shining light unto others in the darkness. Instead of dwelling on his past, he chose to pave the way for others to have a bright future. He devotes his time into making a difference in the lives of young boys and girls. Otis is a leader beyond measurement. He's also the coach of a basketball team well known in

Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland Michigan. They are known as the Saginaw Gators.

In April of 2006, Otis started teaching boys how to play basketball ages 6-18. He first began coaching at Arthur Eddy Academy located on the North Side of Saginaw. There are two teams. The blue team is primary (AAU) and the red team is backup. In order to be on at least one of the teams, you must have good grades in school as well as an acceptable GPA. What will eliminate you off of the team is being disrespectful to your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and not being enrolled in school.

The Gators have won 6 championships

worldwide. To acknowledge their accomplishments and achievements, a banquet is thrown every year to show them how amazing they are individually and as a team. Awards and certificates are also given. They're the only team in the state of Michigan that travelled to Hawaii and the Virgin Islands and won the national championship. Coach Otis and the boys are looking forward to going to Alaska and/or Denver soon. These boys not only work hard on the court, but they also keep their focus consistent in school. 98.9% of the young men involved in the Gators complete all of their school requirements and graduate from high school. Some, if not all, have a variety of colleges interested in providing them scholarships to come play for their team and also pursue an education at their campus.

These teams are motivated to travel far distances to bring home a major win! They've played in a region of different states and need twelve more states, then they would have played basketball in the whole United States. A few reasons they can't go to certain places



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or fulfill specific goals is because of lack of support and limited funding. Anything worth getting involved in in this world requires money. When you invest in what you believe in, it prospers. Any amount of money given will be used for significant reasons. Covering admissions, hotel rooms for traveling, plane tickets, food, and traveling expenses. We can

invest in other things that have little to no meaning, why not help our youth take steps in life that we were unable to. One of the pros for funding is being able to claim whatever money you give to the team on your taxes (501C). For more information on how you can support Coach Otis and the Saginaw Gators, you can contact him personally at 989-501-5771 or visit the team's Facebook page (Saginaw Gators).

Coach Otis is an inspiration to many people. Although he's a busy man, he always set time aside for family. Mr. Ray formed the basketball teams because he wanted to help youth that felt left out. He definitely believe in the saying "No child left behind." His favorite quote is "Always put God first. Take every step necessary to make your dreams become reality." He has worked with youth for multiple years and he's in the process of purchasing Edith Bailey to create a community center that can help our youth

grow. The name of it will be Saginaw Gators Community Center. This will be a place where children, teenagers, and adolescents can be themselves, have fun, and enjoy their childhood in various ways. We thank him for everything he do and will do in the future with and for our children. Always keep in mind that children are the future and whichever way you pour into them will reflect in their adult lives.



Zehnder's Snowfest Celebrates its 29th Snow and Ice Extravaganza



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FRANKENMUTH, MI – Six days of winter fun is on the menu for the 2020 Zehnder's Snowfest, January 22-27. Larger than life snow sculptures and dazzling ice creations will fill the Bavarian-themed village of Frankenmuth, just 90 miles north of Detroit. Both amateur and professional snow and ice sculpting teams will compete for championship titles. If Michigan weather is too mild, snow machines will pile up giant blocks of snow for the carving competitions.

Visitors can take the chill off at the festival warming tent that will feature live music from rock to the U.S. 338 th Army Band and a Karaoke contest. On January 24, the Detroit Tiger Winter Caravan returns to Snowfest. Visitors can meet staff, coaches and players during a question/answer period. Free admission, but sorry, no autographs for this event. Outside there will be pony rides, a petting zoo, carousel rides and more for youngsters.

"Every year we work to create a special week to celebrate the winter season," said Zehnder's Chairman/CEO Al Zehnder. "Our staff, volunteers, sponsors, Frankenmuth businesses and our Chamber of Commerce comes together to welcome visitors and area residents to the best of Frankenmuth." More than 100,000 winter enthusiasts are expected

to attend Zehnder's Snowfest.

The fun begins on Wednesday, January 22 when World Class professional snow sculptors begin to carve out giant works of art. Local teams from Michigan will also compete in the State of Michigan category. High School snow teams will join in at Frankenmuth Riverplace later in the week.

The "All Things Chocolate Baking Contest" returns on Wednesday, January 22 in the Warming Tent. There will be door prizes, food samples and demonstrations plus complimentary recipe books and live musical entertainment.

Doors open for the Snowfest Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on January 23. The show stars Gary Todd who is a one-man show. His program features his mastery of 10 instruments, music, song, comedy and more. Tickets are \$45 per person; includes meal, tax, tip and entertainment. Call (989) 652-0450 for reservations or for more information.

The Collegiate Alumni Ice Carving Challenge and Collegiate Ice Carving Competitions begin on Friday, January 24 embracing the theme, "Under the Stars." The event takes place on Main Street at the Edwin L. Zehnder Park. The annual fireworks display

is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 at 6:45 p.m.

On Monday, January 27, Snowfest concludes with the 29th annual Chef's Hot Food Competition and Tasting at Zehnder's restaurant beginning at 6:00 p.m. This year the theme is a Culinary Salute to Caribbean Cuisine. Food will be prepared by local chefs and area culinary students. Sponsored by the American Culinary Federation/Saginaw Valley Chapter, tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds support the Saginaw East Side Soup Kitchen "After School Meal Program". Reservations: 989-652- 0450.

For a complete Snowfest schedule filled with activities, concerts, food, fireworks, entertainment and directions, go to www.zehnderssnowfest.com or Zehnder's Snowfest on Facebook.

All scheduled outdoor activities and events may be changed due to weather conditions.

For reservations for ticketed events or information on Zehnder's Restaurant, retail marketplace, Zehnder's Splash Village and Waterpark, and The Fortress golf course, call.800-863-7999.



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Delta's Diversity Director to Receive Spirit of MLK Award



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Carlos McMath, director of diversity and inclusion for Delta College, has been named the 2020 recipient of the Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Award.

McMath will receive the award at the 24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Luncheon on January 20 at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw. The unity march will take place at 10am at Franklin and Hayden streets, a luncheon will follow at 11am.

"I know how much this award means to the

community," McMath said. "Just saying I have Dr. King's spirit, or do anything like him, is very humbling and pays tribute to the way I was raised."

McMath, a native of Saginaw, graduated from Arthur Hill High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Wayne State University and a law degree from Michigan State University. Before becoming director of diversity and inclusion, he was the college's student diversity and leadership coordinator.

McMath is also head coach of the men's basketball team; he joined Delta College in 2014 as assistant coach. He led the team to its first District 10 Championship, and in 2017, the team made it to the Final Four appearance at the NJCAA DIII National Tournament. He has also been named Coach of the Year.

He is founder and owner of NextPlay Consulting LLC, a leadership development consultancy, and co-hosts a podcast of the same name. He lives in Saginaw with his wife, Asheley McMath, and enjoys mentoring Delta students.

The award is presented by Delta's Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) and the Saginaw chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, of which Dr. King was a member. Each year, BFSA members select an employee whose service to the institution and community exemplifies the spirit of Dr. King's work and values.

"Carlos has been instrumental and a tremendous asset to the creation and success of the diversity and inclusion program at Delta College," said Veronica Bond, business services specialist for Delta and BFSA member. "He is a loyal, honest, considerate and supportive individual who has the ability to see and understand things from different perspectives. Carlos is well deserving of this honor and truly embodies the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Past Award Recipients

- 2019 – John Neal
- 2018 – Veronica Bond
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- 2013 – Carl Ruth
- 2012 – Beverly Westbrook
- 2011 – Mary Beth Looby
- 2010 – Dr. Jean Goodnow
- 2009 – William E. Ketchum, Jr.
- 2008 – Teresa Stitt
- 2007 – Katrina Nichols
- 2006 – Joan Sabourin
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Dr. Jones is also the keynote speaker at the annual
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Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts, SVSU.

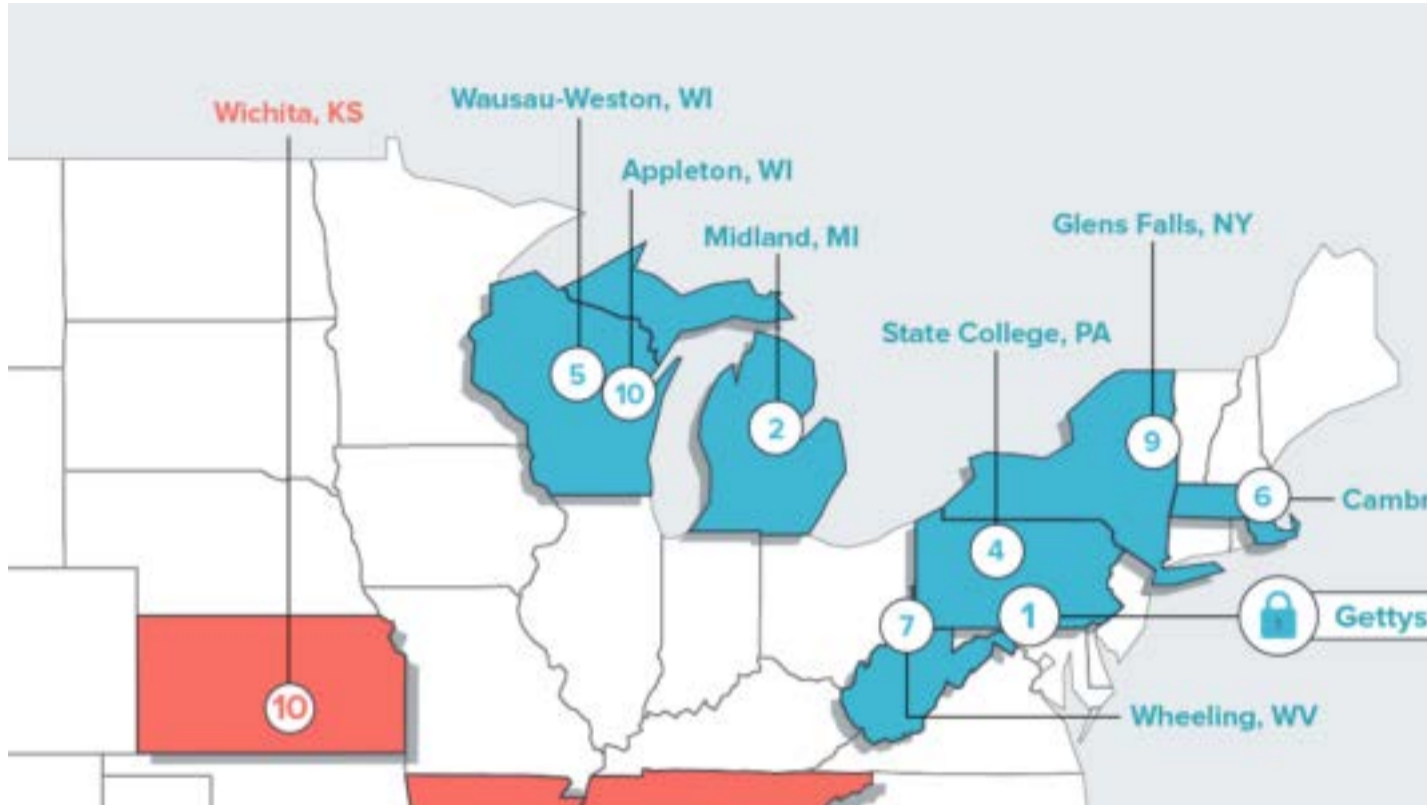


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Midland Ranked Number Two for Least Property Crimes



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The ranking from Reviews.org is based off an analysis of the FBI's most recent crime report.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was recognized as having the least property crime in the nation.

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 Why can't we solve our problems, by sitting down and talk
 Learn to start stepping, add a little speed to our walk
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 Let's learn to relax, let's have some safe fun

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 Whether the answer be yes, whether it be no, Respect and Abide
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 Let's give them a sense of direction, Let them choose their own Friends
 And when we lay down at night, let's be quiet and still
 And know that peace, Can someday be real!

B. Johnson
1995

Free Webinar: Change Your Inner Circle and Change Your Life



Happy New Year everyone! It's already the middle of January and my question for you is have you taken action on necessary change for this year? Part of any change whether its your family life, professional life, business life or ministry life is tied to a vital organyour people resources. A mentor of mine once told me, "Barbara you can do something good by yourself, but you will never do anything great by yourself." I have found this to be so true but I've also found that a lot depends on the quality of people you do it with.

I'm challenging everyone this year to consider your greatest asset.....people and determine "Who's On Your Bus?" Many times we are stagnant and can't figure out despite our effort and time and expended resources why our lives, projects, businesses, professional lives why we haven't made movement. My bold statement today is it's because of the people who are in your inner circle; your leaders, your boards, etc. Yes, that circle may have served you well yesterday; but what about today? I'm not suggesting you throw people away....but as your vision changes..... as it grows.....you may need to upgrade. People who started with you are usually not

the people to finish with you. Our failure to make these bold changes keep us wanting something different but in the same place. We just play chess with the same people. It makes our situation temporarily feel different but there really is no change. When you upgrade your circle the questions you're asked become different; the way you are challenged is different and initially it makes us uncomfortable, but it is necessary if we want to grow.


I promised you at the end of 2019 that I would be exhaustively addressing this issue in 2020 and also sharing my experiences; failures and successes. Yes, success is on the other side of failure. Embrace it! I have scheduled a FREE webinar to introduce you to the concepts and ways to upgrade your inner circle and make the necessary changes. Don't be fooled....I'm sure you have great people in your lives and on your bus but are they your destiny people for your future? How can you tell? Join us on February 1, 2020 at 10:00 am, and find out.

You can register with the link below.
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I realize this Free webinar is NOT for everyone. Changing, tweeking, re-establishing inner circles, staff, boards, leaders is scary and it takes a certain courage and boldness. But this is for those of you whose why and purpose is greater than any one person or attachment. Having practiced law for many years most people don't make changes while leaving a persons' dignity in tact. Let me show you how. Bring your questions to the webinar. It will be powered by zoom. You will receive the link upon registering.

Here's to a great New Year!

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Leaders in Education Honored as Part of SVSU's 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, NASA Leader to Keynote Event

Three community leaders will be recognized for their advocacy for diversity and education during the 11th annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Saginaw Valley State University later this month.

Dave Stickles and Carolyn Wierda as well as the late Charles L. McNair were selected as the 2020 recipients of the Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Awards, given annually to leaders in the Great Lakes Bay Region who best embody the cultural ideals of Dr. King.

Stickles and Wierda will accept their awards while a family friend will accept McNair's award on his behalf during the Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in SVSU's Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts.

The event is free and open to the public. Ruth D. Jones, who is a leader with NASA and a trailblazer in her industry, will deliver the keynote address at the event.

The three Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Award recipients will receive a \$1,000 award for a charitable organization of their choice. Each recipient is honored for work performed in Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties, respectively.



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McNair will be recognized as the Saginaw County recipient of the award. McNair, who died in December 2019 at the age of 85, is remembered by members of the community as a beloved educator, mentor, and friend. He worked over 50 years in education as a teacher, counselor, principal and father figure



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to students and educators alike. He served in a number of roles for the Saginaw Public School District. He also contributed to communities outside of the classroom. For over 30 years, he helped organize the Saginaw African Cultural Festival, which is one of the longest-running festivals celebrating African culture in the United States.

Stickles will be recognized as the Midland County recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Award. After retiring from Dow Corning Corp. in 2005 after 32 years, Stickles continued channeling his passion for STEM in part by helping to organize the annual Midland-based Sci-Fest event, which offers hands-on science activities and demonstrations for the community. He has served on the board of the Huntington's Disease Society of America Michigan Chapter since 2000 in several roles including vice president. Stickles also has volunteered with Midland Special Olympics as an assistant basketball and softball coach. He has volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region in Midland for 34 years.

Wierda will be recognized as the Bay County recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Award. She serves as SVSU's special assistant to the president for STEM Initiatives. Before

joining SVSU, she led a distinguished career in K-12 education as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. She worked as superintendent for the Bay City Public Schools district from 2003-09. Her contributions to education included her work creating the Great Lakes Bay College and Career Resource Center in 2008. Since then, more than 1,000 first-generation college students have received financial support for their education in part because of the center's support.

The Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration event also will include the presentation of regional scholarship awards by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw community foundations to high school seniors who embody Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideals.

The event is sponsored in part by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw community foundations; Delta College; Dow; the King-Chavez-Parks Initiative; local NAACP chapters; and Nexteer Automotive.

For more information about the event, contact the SVSU Office of Diversity Programs at (989) 964-4068 or visit svsu.edu/mlk.

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Health Advantage Credit Union Now Accepting for Annual Scholarship

Health Advantage Credit Union is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for their annual scholarship program. HACU plans to award four scholarships in 2020, each for \$1,000. To date, HACU has awarded over \$35,000 to area high school and college students.

“Each year we are amazed by our student member’s dedication to their academics and their achievements in our community,” said Laura Crase, HACU CEO. “It’s exciting to award these members a scholarship to help them achieve their academic goals and take advantage of life!”

Health Advantage Credit Union awards scholarships annually in April. The scholarship program is open to any high school senior or full-time college student (12 credit hours), who is a member of HAFCU. Visit www.healthadvantagecu.com/HACUScholarship to download an application and to view eligibility requirements.

Fearless Networking Announces Board of Advisors

Fearless Networking, Owner & Founder, Neena Hogle has announced the LLC has formed a Board of Advisors designed to offer diverse business solutions intended to help the business flourish as they continue to help individuals and organizations with professional networking solutions for small to large enterprises.

Neena said, “It’s important to be surrounded by the right people and I’ve assembled a very experienced and talented group that will help drive the vision of Fearless Networking and help form a path for success.”

When asked about why she would form an advisory board for a company that currently has one full-time and one part-time assistant, Neena explained, “That’s exactly why I put together a Board of Advisors, I’m one person – who questions my decisions? As C.S. Lewis said, “Two heads are better than one, not because either is infallible, but because they are unlikely to go wrong in the same direction.”

The advisory board is comprised of a multidisciplinary team with diverse

backgrounds and experience in business, nonprofit, sales, and start-ups, and members come from different regions throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Advisors include Jimmy E. Greene, Jimmy E. Greene is the CEO/President of The Association of Builders and Contractors (ABC)—Greater Michigan Chapter, and the Greater Michigan Construction Company, Sam Jones, President & CEO of the Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum, Mark Hitchcock, CEO of Pulse 3 Foundation, Dawn Luptowski, Independent Insurance Agent, CISR for MCI Insurance, Amy Pitts, Marketing Manager, Gohm Restoration, and Trish Burns, Director of the Bay County Library System.

Fearless Networking’s intentional networking platform is built on setting intention, making connections and building relationships that are critical to success, because successful networking is built on long-term relationships; not transactional ones. More information of Fearless Networking can be found at Fearless-Networking.com.

Brick Promoted to Vice President of Marketing of Isabella Bank



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Jerome Schwind, President of Isabella Bank announced the promotion of Jenn Brick to Vice President of Marketing effective January 1, 2020. As vice president of marketing, Jenn will continue to oversee the daily operations of the marketing and community relations functions of the Bank.

“Jenn’s contributions continue to have a positive influence on our culture. She is an effective communicator for our brand, shareholders, and our board,” stated Schwind.

Ms. Brick earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Northwood University. She is also a graduate from

the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Midland, Rollie Denison Leadership Institute, and the Dale Carnegie Team Development Program.

Ms. Brick has over 18 years in the banking industry with 14 years focused in marketing. She serves her community as Board President for Bullock Creek Sports Boosters, Board Secretary for Isabella County Habitat for Humanity, and is actively involved in Midland County 4-H and the Midland Community Foundation’s scholarship selection. She and her husband, Todd, live in Midland with their son Haden.

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Power in Numbers



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Written by David Humphries

I know when it's almost that time to vote again. Why? Because the politicians are knocking at my door. Yes, many people are gearing up for the 2020 elections. The politicians are getting their campaign strategies together and the voters will be sorting through the candidates. I've been operating Hair Wars in Detroit for over 30 years, and while I may endorse a few candidates, my main focus is to encourage folks to exercise their right to vote. Hair Wars communicates with several thousand of our followers through our email data base, and we spend time reaching out to them to share valuable information about the candidates and proposals on the ballot.

I can only speak from my experience in the black community when it relates to politics. Currently, the politicians are coming out of the woodwork seeking support. Besides the urban churches, a very powerful influence is in the hair salons and barbershops. Yes, you can reach a lot of people at one time at the mega churches, but overall, you can probably reach more people through the hair industry. Most people who attend church get their hair done, but everyone who gets their hair done doesn't necessarily go to church. You do the numbers.

'Gossip' is the key word when it comes to hair salons and barbershops. That's why many politicians are putting forth more effort to penetrate these establishments in hopes of accumulating votes. The politicians want their names and messages out there, and

who else can get a conversation going better than a hair stylist or barber? And while the candidates are spreading their ideas, beliefs, and promises, the hair stylists and barbers should be convincing their clients to research the candidates and hit the polls. It's also amazing how the customers engage with each other when it comes to politics. It's always a hot topic.

While we see long lines for gym shoes and chicken sandwiches, people should feel honored to stand in line to vote – because every vote counts and these elections can make a big difference in the lives of many people. We salute everyone in the hair industry who supports the 'Get Out And Vote Movement.' Let's work together people, because there is power in numbers.

SPORTS

Three Flint City Bucks Players Drafted by Major League Soccer

The Flint City Bucks kept their streak alive. FCB is the only club in history to have at least one player signed or drafted in every Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft to date. The MLS SuperDraft is a four round exercise where the very best NCAA players are selected.

On Thursday, MLS held the first two rounds of the SuperDraft, where three Bucks defensive specialists heard their names called.

Defender Nyal Higgins (Ajax, Ontario / Syracuse) spent parts of two seasons with the Bucks in 2017 and 2018 while playing at Oakland University. The Canadian U20 defender transferred to Syracuse for his senior season and was drafted in the first round with the 19th overall pick by his native Toronto FC.

Defender Patrick Nielsen (Denmark / MSU) spent parts of two seasons with the Bucks as well in 2018 and 2019 before being sidelined for most of this past season with a leg injury. Nielsen was a huge part of Michigan State's run to the College Cup in 2018 and he was selected with the 23rd pick in the first round by Atlanta United FC.

Center back Michael Wetungu (Rochester Hills, MI / MSU) played two seasons for the Bucks in 2017 and 2019 after also being coached as an academy player by Bucks former head coach, Demir Muftari. Wetungu teamed up with Nielsen both in Flint and East Lansing as a dynamic defensive duo. Wetungu was drafted with the 20th pick of the second round (46th overall) by Real Salt Lake.

Including these three drafted players, the Bucks have sent a total of 87 former players to MLS since 1999. Additional FCB players will be accepting invites to a variety of MLS preseason training camps in the coming weeks.

More than 200 Bucks players have signed



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professional contracts in over a dozen countries around the world after they completed their USL2 seasons in Michigan.

The Bucks are recognized as the most successful amateur team in US Soccer history, winning an unmatched twelve national titles in the team's first 24 seasons, including their record third USASA Hank Steinbrecher Cup and fourth USL League Two title this past summer.

The Bucks are gearing up for their second season at Kettering University's historic Atwood Stadium beginning in May.

BUCKS TO HOST 12TH ANNUAL COLLEGE CHALLENGE ON APRIL 4

Mark your calendars as the Flint City Bucks will host their 12th consecutive College

Challenge at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac on Saturday, April 4 from 12-6 PM. The triple header action of men's college soccer will feature some of the top NCAA programs in the country, beginning with Michigan State vs Oakland, followed by Notre Dame vs Butler and Michigan vs. Xavier. Ticket information will be available later this month on the Bucks website.

All three of the Bucks 2020 MLS SuperDraft picks (Higgins, Nielsen, Wetungu) participated in this prestigious event over the past several years and the Bucks will look to add recruits from each of the competing teams to fill out their roster this upcoming season. There are over a dozen MLS top prospects represented by these high-quality NCAA Division 1 soccer programs that are scheduled to participate.

Claressa Shields beats Ivana Habazin for junior middleweight title



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Claressa Shields, who has already unified two women's world titles at super middleweight and then collected all four major belts to become the undisputed middleweight champion, made history Friday night at the Ocean Casino Resort.

Shields, moving down in weight yet again, thoroughly dominated Ivana Habazin en route to a near-shutout decision to win a pair of vacant junior middleweight world title belts in the main event of a Showtime tripleheader.

Shields, who scored a knockdown in the sixth round, won 100-89, 100-90 and 99-89 and then placed a purple crown on her head. ESPN also scored it 100-89 for Shields.

Shields, who still holds the undisputed middleweight title, won a world title in a third weight class in just her 10th bout, setting the

record for fewest number of fights needed to win belts in three divisions for a female or male boxer. Pound-for-pound king and unified lightweight world champion Vasiliy Lomachenko won a title in his third division in his 12th fight in May 2018, and flyweight titlist Kosei Tanaka matched the mark in September 2018.

"This feels great -- I did it in 10 fights," Shields said. "Now I'm No. 1, the fastest boxer in history to become a three-division world champion."

Besides the satisfaction of making history -- what Shields calls "herstory" -- she also ended her feud with Habazin that goes back to August, when the fight was supposed to take place in Shields' hometown of Flint, Michigan, but was postponed when she dislocated her right knee during training in

late June. Habazin expressed doubts about the injury, saying she thought the real reason the fight was postponed was because Shields was having trouble making weight.

The fight was rescheduled for Oct. 5, also in Flint, but at the weigh-in the day before the bout, Habazin's trainer, 68-year-old James Ali Bashir, was attacked and seriously injured. He was hospitalized with head and facial injuries and the fight was called off.

Shields did as she pleased against Habazin, who did not throw many punches and when she did could barely land anything solid. Her five-fight winning streak came to an end in her American debut.

According to CompuBox, Shields landed 141 of 516 punches (27%) and Habazin connected with just 49 of 285 (17%).

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PICS OF THE WEEK

BETHEL AME CHURCH HOST NEW YEAR SING

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Joyce Redfearn,
Pastor of St. Luke CME Church



Glenn Reed, Percussionist,
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Leflore Reed (piano) leading worship with the
New Year Sing praise team.



Dr. Mamie and Odail Thorns



Rev. Dennis Laffoon leading a song with the
New Year Sing Choir



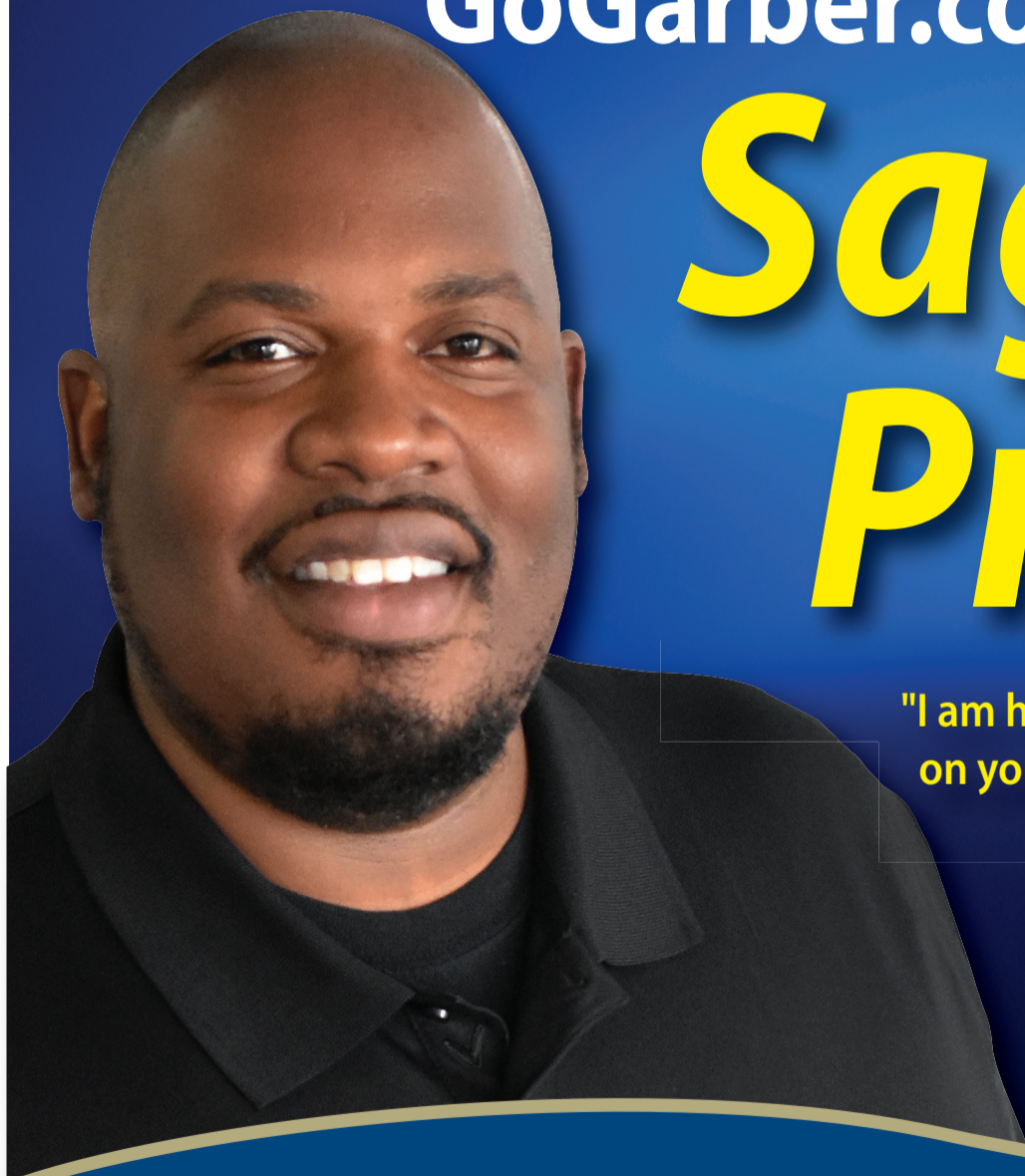
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Since age 11, India Pernell has had a passion for expressing herself through writing. Yet, when she first enrolled in college, choosing a major proved to be elusive for the Oak Park native. "I was 'major hopping' until it finally occurred to me that 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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