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Celebrating Ten Years in the Jackson Community

*By Stefanie Riggs,
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Ten years ago, I had no intention of starting a newspaper. What I did have was a deep love for my community and a growing frustration: the stories and events I cared about weren't being shared.

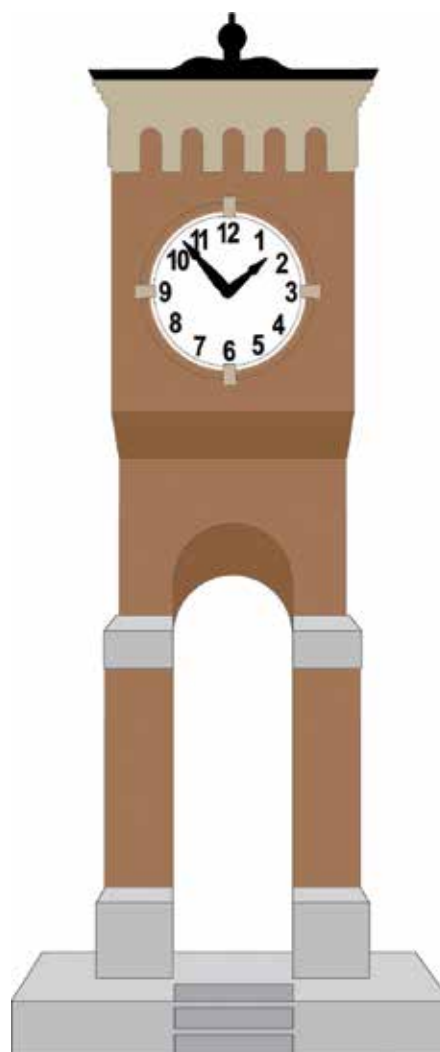
For years, I submitted press releases to promote causes and organizations I was involved with — the Walk to End Alzheimer's, the Rose Festival, the Jackson Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Business and Professional Women's Organization, the Western Academic Boosters Craft Show, and the Kiwanis Club of Jackson, to name a few. Too often, those stories never made it into the local paper. And I thought if we're having trouble getting our news out, other organizations must be, too.

After spending 18 years as a designer and then a writer for the Jackson Citizen Patriot, I decided it was time to try something different. With the help of my then-14-year-old daughter — who wanted a job that could work around her classes and busy extracurricular schedule — we launched a paper of our own. That was the beginning of the Jackson Area Collaborative Knowledge Source, better known today as J.A.C.K.S.

From the start, our mission was simple: shine a light on all the great things happening in our community by creating a platform where local organizations, businesses, and individuals could share their stories. We don't write the content — we rely on our

collaborators from Jackson and the surrounding areas to submit their articles. We publish it as it's sent to us (edited for spelling and grammar), free of charge. It's truly community-driven.

To keep it all going, we introduced affordable advertising — just \$10 per column inch — and we haven't raised that rate since day one. The goal was never to make a ton of money.



It was to provide a meaningful job for a determined teen and to help ensure the good news in Jackson had a home.

Fast forward to today, that determined teen is now 24 and is a two-time graduate of the University of Michigan. I'm incredibly proud of the woman she's become. And now, my youngest daughter has tak-

en up the mantle — she's heading into her senior year at Western High School and has been delivering the paper for over a year. She also runs our social media, making sure our advertisers are featured not just in print but on Facebook and our website, too.

Over the past decade, J.A.C.K.S. has featured submissions from countless community members, nonprofits, schools, churches, clubs, and small businesses. We've partnered with more than 100 advertisers, won the Nike Award from the Jackson Business and Professional Women's Organization just one year in, and evolved through three versions of our logo — but the heart of our mission has stayed the same.

We distribute to area businesses across Jackson and Spring Arbor, and every month, I'm still amazed by the stories we get to share and the people we connect with.

I started J.A.C.K.S. because I believed Jackson deserved a platform that focused on the positive, and I'm humbled that 10 years later, we're still going strong. I can't wait to see what the next 10 years will bring — and

I look forward to continuing to share the knowledge, expertise, and events that make this community such a special place.

Thank you for reading, thank you for supporting us, and most of all, thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

With gratitude,
 Stefanie Riggs
 Publisher & Founder

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Tariffs, Trade, and Your Finances: Simple Ways to Stay Ahead

Contributed by **TRUE Community Credit Union** and their partner **GreenPath Financial Wellness**

From groceries to electronics, you've likely noticed prices going up—and staying up. While different factors influence the cost of everyday items, trade tensions and tariffs are part of the picture. But what does that mean for your personal finances, and how can you protect your budget when global markets feel unpredictable?

What's Going on With Tariffs?

Tariffs are essentially taxes on imported goods. When one country imposes tariffs on another's products, the costs of those goods typically rise—first for businesses and eventually for everyday consumers like you. Recently, the U.S. has adjusted and added tariffs on a variety of products, including automobiles, consumer electronics, apparel, and appliances. In response, trading partners may do the same, leading to a cycle of higher prices and less predictability.

The result? A more expensive shopping cart and tighter monthly budgets for many households.

How Tariffs Affect Your Wallet

While you might not be tracking global trade news, you probably do feel its ripple effects. You might notice:

- Higher prices at the store for goods that rely on imported materials or are imported entirely.
- Delayed product availability for items in demand.
- Price fluctuations that make it harder to plan your monthly expenses.

These impacts can feel incredibly frustrating—especially when you're already working

hard to stick to a budget or manage debt. There are steps you can take to cushion the effects of these changes, starting with:

1. Revisit Your Budget Monthly

Inflation and trade shifts can cause price hikes quickly. Review your budget regularly so it reflects real-time expenses. If you need help getting started, a budgeting worksheet can make it easier to track where your money is going—and where you can adjust.



2. Shop Strategically

If imported items are getting more expensive, focus on buying local when you can. Local produce, small business goods, and U.S.-manufactured items may be less affected by tariffs, and you're also supporting your community.

3. Delay Big Purchases (When Possible)

If you've been planning a major purchase that might be impacted by tariffs—like a car, ap-

pliance, or electronics—it could be worth waiting or shopping used. Prices might stabilize, or you may find better deals if you wait.

4. Build a Buffer

Even small savings add up. Try setting aside a little each paycheck in an emergency fund. A cushion gives you breathing room when prices fluctuate and helps reduce the stress of unexpected expenses.

5. Track Tariff-Related News

Tariff changes often impact specific industries and products—knowing what's coming can help you time purchases, explore alternatives, or adjust your spending plan before prices go up.

6. Get Support Sooner Rather Than Later

If rising costs are stretching your budget thin, don't wait until it becomes a crisis. Ask your financial institution to see what tools and resources they provide. You can also connect with GreenPath for free financial counseling whether your goal is to modify your budget, save more, or tackle debt.

Need Help Creating a Budget?

TRUE Community Credit Union partners with GreenPath Financial Wellness, a trusted national nonprofit, to offer free financial counseling and tools to help you manage life's big transitions—including moving. Whether you need help building a budget, managing debt, or planning for your next step, GreenPath is here for you.

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Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Hammy & Turkey Wrap

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Hammy

Meet Hammy, a friendly and affectionate six-year-old, 70-pound Siberian Husky mix. Hammy is house-trained, crate-trained, and gets along well with most other dogs. He loves being outside, especially rolling around in the grass, and enjoys spending time with people. Hammy has striking amber-colored eyes and a gentle demeanor. While he still needs to learn some basic commands, he's eager to please and would thrive with an experienced dog owner who can guide him with patience and consistency. Dog adoptions require an application, which you can find online here. The availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property; however, any necessary medical procedures may cause a

slight delay in the adoption process. A mandatory meet & greet with your dog is essential. A cat room walk-through is available to test reactions. Dogs will be placed with approved applicants, and the adoption fee is \$150 for medium/large dogs and \$250 for puppies/small dogs, which includes vaccinations, microchip, and sterilization.



Turkey Wrap

Turkey Wrap is a four-year-old male domestic shorthair with a sleek black coat and charming white markings. This handsome boy came to the shelter with a serious injury to his front right leg, which ultimately required amputation. Now adjusting as a tripod cat, Turkey is doing well and adapting beautifully. He has an endearing

habit of sitting upright on his back legs, and is friendly, quiet, and mellow, making him a wonderful companion for a calm and loving home. Stop by and meet this guy today at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, 3370 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Cat adoption fees are \$60 for one cat, \$80 for two, which will include applicable tests, vaccines and spay/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. While visiting the shelter is always recommended, you can also submit an online cat application here, fax it to 517-780-4750, or email it to animalshelter@mijackson.org. For more information, visit our website at mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter. Find us on Facebook or view all pets on Petango.com-Shelter Details. Current Shelter Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4:30.



Cascades Humane Society's Pet of the Month

Contributed by Cascades Humane Society

This month, we have Guthrie looking for his forever home! Guthrie is a stunning four-year-old male Dutch Shepherd with a gorgeous brindle coat and a heart as big as his frame. This very large, soft, and smooth-coated sweetheart is the definition of a gentle giant. Despite his size, Guthrie is as kind and calm as they come-full of affection and always ready for a quiet mo-

ment with his favorite people. He's neutered, micro-chipped, and up to date on all vaccines. Guthrie did test positive for heartworm, but don't worry-Cascades Hu-



About the Cascades Humane Society

Organized and incorporated in 1952, Cascades Humane Society is dedicated to improving the lives of animals, promoting responsible pet ownership, and creating lasting connections between pets and families. If you are interested in donating, volunteering, or learning about other ways to support CHS, please call 517-787-7387 or email hgolightly@chspets.org to learn more.



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1,187

TOTAL ADOPTIONS

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POUNDS OF PET FOOD GIVEN TO PETS IN NEED

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Hot Girl Summer? Hydration First and Always

By Victoria Beaman



Listen up, sun-kissed goddesses (and kings)—summer is NOT the time to let your skin shrivel like a forgotten raisin. We’re talking glow, radiance, and dewy perfection. If you think your skin can survive triple-digit temps, chlorine-soaked pool parties, and sweaty beach days without serious hydration, honey, think again.

Why Hydration is Your BFF

You wouldn’t ghost your bestie, so don’t ghost your skin. Hydration keeps you looking fresh, plump, and fabulous by:

- Keeping Wrinkles at Bay: Dehydrated skin = fine lines that show up uninvited like your ex in your DMs.
- Balancing Oil Production: Dry skin will pan-

ic and go full grease mode—cue the dreaded breakouts.

- Boosting Glow: Hydrated skin shines like a summer sunset. Dry skin? More like a dusty car windshield.
- Protecting Your Barrier: Think of it like sunscreen’s ride-or-die. Hydration = armor against sun damage, pollution, and humidity.

How to Stay Hydrated Like a Skincare Queen

- Lightweight, Dewy Moisturizers: Heavy creams in the summer? Girl, no. Gel-based formulas, hyaluronic acid serums, and water-based moisturizers are your hydration heroes.
- Hydration Mists on Standby: Keep a spritz handy and refresh your face like it’s an A-list red carpet event.
- Eat Your Water: Cucumbers, watermelon, and citrus fruits? Yes, please. Hydration starts from the inside, babe!

- SPF Like Your Life Depends on It (Because It Does): Sun damage drains your skin faster than your phone battery. Lather up with SPF 30+.
- Upgrade to Pro-Level Hydration: Jet Plasma treatments, oxygen facials, and hyaluronic acid infusions? A glow-up waiting to happen.
- Ditch the Skin Saboteurs: Alcohol-based toners, harsh exfoliants, and sulfates? They’re stealing your moisture—don’t let them rob you blind!

Final Glow Thoughts

Summer hydration isn’t *optional*—it’s a survival strategy. Stay hydrated, wear your SPF, and bask in the glory of smooth, radiant skin that says, “I know exactly what I’m doing.” Because, honestly? You do!

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Jackson Public Schools Welcomes New Staff

Jeremy Patterson, Superintendent

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The Jackson Public School Board of Education is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Jeremy Patterson as the district's next Superintendent. The decision was made during a Special Meeting of the Board, with Mr. Patterson set to begin his new role on July 1, 2025.

A proud alumnus of Jackson High School's Class of 1993, Mr. Patterson has dedicated over two decades of service to Jackson Public Schools. He earned a dual degree in Education and Exercise & Sport Science from Spring Arbor University, where he attended on a basketball and baseball scholarship, and later completed a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Michigan State University in 2008. Since joining Jackson Public Schools in 1998, Mr. Patterson has demonstrated leadership and commitment in various roles, most recently serving as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum since 2022. His previous posi-

tions include, Associate Principal, Jackson High School (2007–2012), Head Principal, Frost Elementary (2012–2015), and Principal for Instruction, Middle School at Parkside (2015–2022). Mr. Patterson has also coached Varsity Girls' Basketball, J.V. & Varsity Boys' Basketball, and J.V. Boys' Baseball, reflecting his passion for mentoring youth both in and out of the classroom.

Deeply rooted in the Jackson community, Mr. Patterson and his wife, Jill, are proud parents of four children and grandparents to two. He is actively involved in several civic and professional organizations, including St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, the Knights of Columbus (Council #9301), and the Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association, where he served as President (2017–2018). His service extends to local nonprofits such as United Way of Jackson County and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Nationally, he has contributed to the National Diversity

Task Force of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

In recognition of his service and leadership, Mr. Patterson was recently honored with the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Medal of Service Award by Jackson College and the 2024 "Quiet Storm" Award at the 4th Annual Jackson Community Awards.

"I look forward to serving Jackson Public Schools as the next Superintendent. My experience with the district, and in K-12 education as a coach, teacher, administrator, and assistant superintendent, will be helpful in moving our programs forward for our staff, our students and our community. Great things are happening in Jackson, and I look forward to continuing to serve in this new role with JPS. The future is bright, and I'm all in!" said Mr. Patterson.

Shalanda Hunt, JPS Board President said, "We had two highly qualified candidates, making this



a very difficult decision. Both performed exceptionally well in their interviews and responded thoroughly to each question. They are truly stellar candidates. We are confident in our decision tonight. Mr. Patterson has what it takes to bring his vision to life in partnership with the Board. He brings a deep compassion for this community, and we believe his leadership will drive academic success for our students."

Robert Bertke, Principal of Middle School at Parkside

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Jackson Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Bertke as the new Principal for Instruction at Middle School at Parkside.

Mr. Bertke began his educational journey at Eastern Michigan University, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Education. In 2019, he completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, also from Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. Bertke has been a dedicated member of the Viking Family since 2015. He first joined the district as a student teacher at McCulloch Academy and later began teaching science for grades

6 through 8 at Parkside. Over the years, he has served in multiple roles, including Teacher, Coach, Assistant Principal, and most recently, Associate Principal at Middle School at Parkside. Reflecting on his new role, Mr. Bertke shared: "Over the past ten years, I have had many opportunities to build my sense of belonging in the Jackson Public School District. I strive every day to help students and staff improve, as we work toward our school improvement goals of student achievement, student attendance, and community involvement. As the Principal for Instruction at Middle School at Parkside, I will always strive to positively impact more students, staff, and families each day. I believe that having

the ability to influence a school's climate and culture more directly will help support students in becoming their greatest selves. I'm excited to continue building strong relationships with students, staff, and the community as we work together to create opportunities for student growth and success. I am excited, grateful, and honored to continue my journey as a Viking — a place that truly feels like home. GO VIKINGS!" Jeremy Patterson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, stated, "Mr. Bertke has been an outstanding member of the Parkside community for over a decade. He brings proven leadership, deep experience, and a heartfelt commitment to student success. His transition



into this role ensures continuity and a continued focus on academic excellence. He is highly respected for his integrity, collaborative spirit, and dedication to the Parkside community. We are confident he will thrive in this new role."

Charles (Chris) Hoover, Athletic Director

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Jackson Public Schools is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Charles (Chris) Hoover as the district's new Athletic Director.

A 1991 graduate of Jackson High School, Mr. Hoover returns to his alma mater with more than 30 years of experience in education and coaching. After earning his undergraduate degree from Olivet College and completing graduate studies at Eastern Michigan University, Mr. Hoover began his career with Jackson Public Schools, where he has coached football,

wrestling, and baseball. Throughout his tenure, he has been a dedicated mentor and role model, helping students grow both athletically and personally.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Hoover is deeply connected to the Jackson community. He and his wife of 20 years, Kelli Hoover, have raised two sons, Colin and Gabe—both Jackson High School graduates. Colin currently works for the City of Jackson, while Gabe is a student at Michigan State University.

"Returning to Jackson Public Schools as Athletic Director is more

than a professional milestone—it's personal," said Mr. Hoover. "As a proud alumnus, teacher, and coach who has spent the past 30 years helping young people grow both on and off the field, I am honored to give back to the community that helped shape me. I'm committed to building strong programs that reflect the heart, pride, and potential of Jackson." Jeremy Patterson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum, expressed confidence in Mr. Hoover's leadership: "Mr. Hoover's attention to detail and systems-based approach to athletics will undoubtedly foster a culture

of high expectations and continuous improvement. Under his guidance, JPS student-athletes have already benefited from a tradition of excellence—state championships, All-State recognition, academic honors, and the lifelong bonds formed through teamwork. The future of Viking Athletics is bright, and we look forward to Mr. Hoover continuing that legacy as District Director of Athletics." Jackson Public Schools extends its warmest congratulations to Mr. Hoover as he embarks on this new chapter, and looks forward to the positive impact his leadership will bring to Viking Athletics.

Members to the Viking Family this Spring

Heather Swaenepoel, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator

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Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Heather Swaenepoel as the district's new Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator.

Swaenepoel brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to student success. She holds a Bachelor's in Social Work from Spring Arbor University, a teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University with certifications in Reading and Integrated Science, a Master's in Reading from Spring Arbor, and a K-12 School Administrator Certification earned in 2024.

With a teaching career that spans preschool through seventh grade, Mrs. Swaenepoel joined Jackson Public Schools in 2021 as a third-grade teacher during the opening of John R. Lewis Elementary.

She currently serves as Assistant Principal at Northeast Elementary.

Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Swaenepoel has demonstrated a strong commitment to educational leadership and community service. She has served as Vice President of her local school board for eight years and holds the same position with the Jackson County School Board Association. Additionally, she is an active member of the Michigan Reading Association and the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA).

Mrs. Swaenepoel and her husband Paul have six adult children and enjoy camping, cruising, and spending time with family and friends. She is a lifelong learner, passionate about student achievement and equity in education.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to bring my experience,

leadership, and deep commitment to student success to this new role," said Mrs. Swaenepoel. "I am especially passionate about using data-driven practices, collaboration, and the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework to drive school improvement and ensure every student receives the support they need to thrive. There are amazing things happening at Jackson Public Schools, and I am honored to be part of a team that is dedicated to continuous growth and student achievement."

"We are thrilled to welcome Heather into this vital role," said Julie Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum & Federal Programs. "Her leadership at Northeast Elementary has been marked by compassion, collaboration, and a deep understanding of student needs. Heather has a re-



markable ability to bring people together around a shared vision, and her dedication to creating inclusive, supportive environments has made a lasting impact. As MTSS Coordinator, her expertise in both instruction and intervention will be instrumental in helping us build a more responsive and equitable system for all students across the district."

Phillip Thompson, Head Basketball Coach

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Jackson Public Schools is proud to announce Phillip Thompson as the new Head Basketball Coach at Jackson High School (JHS). With a deep background in elite coaching, education, and leadership, Thompson brings a dynamic mix of experience, discipline, and passion to the basketball program.

Thompson leads a competitive 17U NY2LA circuit AAU team and a 14U AAU squad with O3 Sports in Saline, MI. He previously served as assistant boys varsity coach at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and has trained elite athletes at multiple levels. His coaching résumé includes participation in the 2024 Jay Bilas Coach Development Program, USA Basketball Coach's

Academy, and roles at camps hosted by Tom Izzo (Michigan State) and Jon Scheyer (Duke).

Coach Thompson holds a B.S. in Business Management from Pepperdine University and is pursuing his M.S. in Sport Management at Eastern Michigan University. Thompson is a certified USA Basketball Gold Coach, with training in CPR, First Aid, and Concussion in Sports. Before entering education and athletics, he held leadership roles at NASA, Homeland Security, and the White House.

"Jackson basketball is on the cusp of a breakthrough," said Thompson. "With several young players who started on varsity as sophomores and strong senior leadership, this team is ready to make a statement. What impresses me most is their passion and

the effort they bring to every drill. As the son of two former basketball players, I know the power of court confidence—it's something that translates far beyond the game. Whether our students go pro or go corporate, I want their experience here to prepare them to lead." Greg Marsh, Athletic Director for Jackson Public Schools, shared his enthusiasm, "Coach Thompson has hit the ground running with an energy that is already resonating throughout our program. His professionalism, vision, and commitment to student development are clear. He's already creating summer opportunities for our athletes, and it's exciting to see their enthusiasm grow under his leadership. We believe he's the right person to guide Jackson basketball into a new era of success." Coach



Thompson, his wife Emily, and their daughter Eleanor are excited to join the Jackson community. Jackson High School looks forward to a future of renewed energy and excellence under his leadership. Join us in welcoming Coach Thompson!

Destiney Davis, Principal of Cascades Elementary

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Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Ms. Destiney Davis as the new Principal of Cascades Elementary School. Ms. Davis brings a wealth of experience, a deep passion for education, and a strong commitment to the success of every student she serves.

Ms. Davis began her educational journey at the University of Michigan, earning her undergraduate degree in History and Francophone Studies in 2012, followed by a Master's Degree in Secondary Education in 2014. Most recently, she completed her Educational

Leadership Certification at Eastern Michigan University in 2022.

Over the years, Ms. Davis has taken on a variety of leadership and instructional roles within Jackson Public Schools. Her experience includes serving as a French Language Teacher at the Middle School at Parkside, World Language Department Chair, and Director of the Back-to-Back French Exchange Program. She has also served as Assistant Principal at Parkside, and most recently, Assistant Principal at Cascades Elementary.

In reflecting on her new role, Ms. Davis shared: "I have so enjoyed getting to know our youngest of Vi-

kings at Cascades—and at times, being a silly kid again myself. I look forward to continuing my work with staff, students, and families to improve student outcomes and create a community where families know they have someone they can rely on and turn to when needed."

Julie Baker, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum & Federal Programs, praised Davis's appointment, "We're excited to officially welcome Destiney Davis as the new Principal of Cascades Elementary. Ms. Davis has shown exceptional leadership, compassion for students, and a deep commitment to educational excellence.

Her collaborative approach, dedication to the Cascades community, and focus on providing high-quality learning opportunities make her an ideal fit for this role.

As Assistant Principal, she played a key role in building a positive school culture, supporting strong instruction, and fostering strong family partnerships. We look forward to the continued impact she will make as Principal."

Jackson Public Schools extends its heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Destiney Davis and looks forward to the continued growth and success of Cascades Elementary under her leadership.

College & Career Access Center, June Scholarships

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Description: The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post-secondary institution.

Eligibility: To apply for this scholarship, you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at scholarships@abbottand-fenner.com

Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your post-secondary goals.

Award: \$1,000
Deadline: June 10, 2025

**MOGA Energy Education
for Michigan**

Description: The Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) represents all facets of Michigan's Oil and Natural Gas Industry. As an industry we are committed to education. We wish to ensure the bright young minds of today have to knowledge, experience, and tools they need to succeed and power our state.

Eligibility:

- Graduating high school seniors accepted at Michigan colleges or universities.
- Students pursuing a course of study related to the oil and gas industry.
- Verify eligibility criteria for the scholarship.
- Complete the scholarship application form, providing all required information and documents.
- Submit the application by the specified deadline, ensuring adherence to guidelines provided by MOGA/EEM.

Award: \$500
Deadline: June 16, 2025

**Delete Cyberbullying
Mental Health Awareness
Scholarship**

Description: In an effort to get students committed to the cause of deleting cyberbullying, we are offering the Delete Cyberbullying Mental Health Awareness Scholarship Award for high school and college students to help cover educational expenses. Cyberbullying is often tied to mental health issues, anxiety, and depression. We want to encourage students to be aware of the impact that cyberbullying can have and to watch for the signs of it.

Eligibility: To apply, you must be a high school student (9th-12th grader), college student or graduate student attending or planning to enter an accredited U.S. college or university. Selection is based on the written statement and focused on creativity, content and commitment to the cause of deleting cyberbullying.

Award: \$1,000
Deadline: June 30, 2025

**Automotive Hall of Fame
Scholarships**

Description: The program has specific scholarships for incoming freshmen and upper-level undergraduate students. All scholarships are based on financial needs and with the usual minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

Eligibility:

- Submit a completed application form indicating a sincere interest in an automotive career.
- Provide an official transcript of all academic work.
- Submit two letters of recommendation supporting your automotive interests.
- Submit a letter of acceptance for an associate, bachelor, or master's program.

- Be accepted at an accredited college, university or trade school within the United States at the time of application.
- Students attending a technical training school may also apply (trade school

should equal a two-year associate program).

- Students must be a United States citizen or in the United States on a Student Visa.
- Must be enrolled full-time and have a 3.0 GPA or

higher.

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