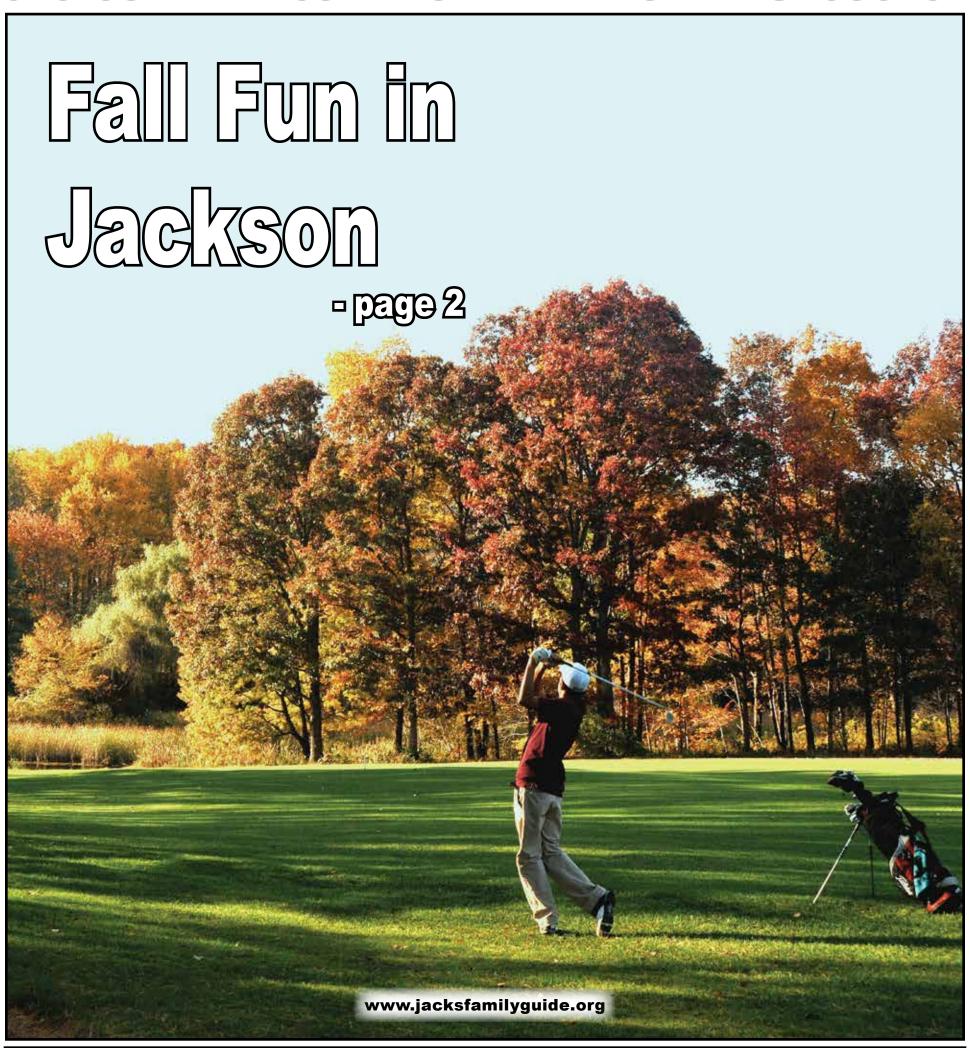


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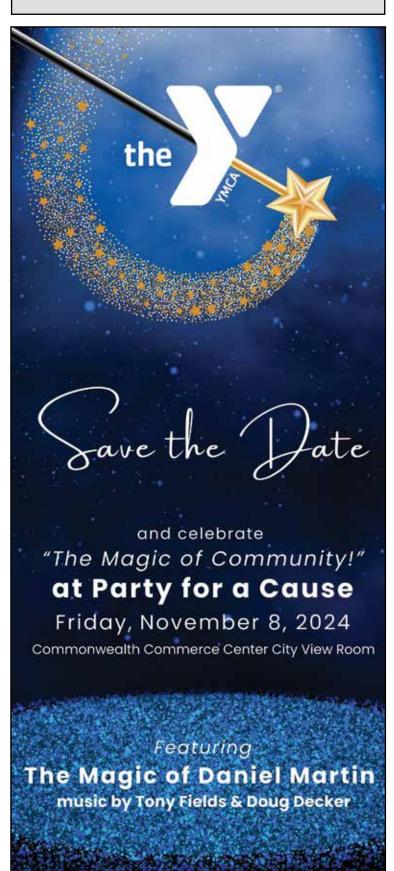
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Fall Fun for Friends and Families in Jackson



Photo by Thomas Steele

Contributed by Experience Jackson, Jackson County's Official Tourism Bureau

Crisp, fall air means a lot of things in Jackson County: apple picking, sight-seeing, and enjoying the changing of the leaves. Here are a few ways to kick off your fall season.

Hit The Road, Jack!

Grab your family and start your engines! There are plenty of backroads

highways can explore in pursuit of beautiful fall colors. Soak in the warm hues during the afternoon when you have some time to spare. adventuring with your best friend, your loved ones, or just spend some

time with yourself and turn on a warm, cozy fall playl-

Can't drive? No worries! A car's not the only way to roll! Explore new routes on your bike and breathe in the crisp, fall air. There's also nothing like the sound of a leaf crunching beneath your boot if you decide to hit the trails by foot. Local trails are waiting for you to wander them, providing the perfect setting for your next adventure.

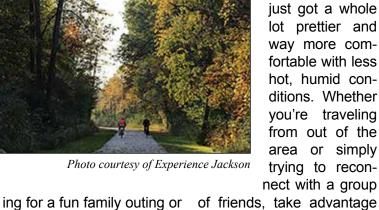
Visit Local Cider Mills

Fall isn't complete without a trip to one of Jackson County's charming cider mills. Spend the day savoring the flavors of the season with freshly pressed apple cider, warm donuts, and maybe even a caramel apple or two. The scent of spiced cider and baked goods will surround you as you explore the orchards and pick out the perfect pumpkins to take home. Whether you're lookyour hands dirty. Pack up the car with some pails, this activity is fun and interactive for all ages! Explore the farms in and around Jackson County where you can pick your own produce and flowers.

Hit the Greens Before They're Gone

It's no secret that Jackson County is a golf hot spot. Just when you think the season's over, there's no better time to book your tee

> time than when the leaves are changing. Those scenic courses



of the fall season and chip in some fun. Don't wait until next year to hit your best

How are you spending your fall season? Whatever you choose, make sure it's in Jackson County! Follow us on Instagram @experiencejxn and share your local adventures. Make sure to tag us to let us know where you're visiting this fall!

You can find lists of trails, cider mills, and trip ideas at experiencejackson.com.



a relaxed day with friends, the cider mills in Jackson offer a delightful escape into autumn. Enjoy the crisp air, vibrant colors, and the taste of fall all in one place.

U-Pick Produce & Flowers

Spend a fall day under the sun picking blueberries, strawberries, or whatever local fruit your kitchen is missing. There are plenty of U-Pick farms to enjoy some screen-free time and get

Bike Repair Station Donated to City of Jackson by People for the Parks & Experience Jackson

By Aaron Dimick, City of Jackson **Public Information Officer**

Cyclists needing a quick fix while enjoying lo-

cal trails now have a new feature to help them in times of need. Experience Jackson has

> joined forces with People for the Parks and Trails (PPT) to donate a new bike repair station to the City of Jackson for use on the MLK Equality Trail.

The bike repair station has been installed at New Leaf Park, a small trailhead park located off Fourth Street along the MLK Equality Trail. The Dero Fixit Plus station includes all the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and gears. Hanging arms give cyclists an easy place to adjust bikes. An air pump attached to the stand helps cyclists fix flats while on the go. The stand's installation was completed

on Monday, Aug. 19. A video that shows how the station works is available on this page.

People for the Parks and Trails is a residentled non-profit organization dedicated to improv-

ing park facilities in the City of Jackson through volunteer projects, advocacy, and donations. Each year, the volunteer group donates a new park feature to the City parks system. Previous donations include trash cans and bike racks. Experience Jackson, the area's official tourism bureau, sponsored PPT's 2024 donation to help



Photo courtesy of the City of Jackson

boost bicycle tourism in the Jackson area.

"When visiting any destination, both leisure and business travelers seek out activities to either drive their visit or enhance their experience

while in town," said Rachel Buchanan, Experience Jackson's Marketing & Development Manager. "Our outdoor trails county-wide offer both a relaxing and quality activity during their stay. Having the tools to keep their riding equipment in the best shape is a way for them to remember local hospitality."

> PPT President and Co-Founder Aaron Dimick thanks Experience Jackson for this donation. "MLK Equality Trail is a big community asset when it comes to keeping the community active, but also assisting residents in getting to school and work," Dimick said. "This new station will enhance the experience of using the trail for both residents and visitors to the area."

> The MLK Equality Trail is Jackson's main pedestrian trail. The primary section of this four-mile paved trail network starts in Downtown Jackson, going through several south and west side residential neighborhoods before transitioning at Weatherwax Drive in Summit Township. This is where the trail turns into Jackson County's Falling Waters Trail, which can be used

to reach Lime Lake County Park and the Village of Concord.

Article comes from People for the Parks & Trails news release on Aug. 20, 2024



Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Shark Tank and Mansion

Contributed by the Jackson County **Animal Shelter**

Shark Tank

Shark Tank is a fouryear-old American Staffordshire mix who came in as a stray. The first thing

you'll notice about him is his vibrant brindle striping. He is housetrained and enjoys gofor walks. Shark Tank is curious, friendly,

and not much of a barker. After some exercise, he loves to come inside and just plop down. 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.

bumps, purring, and circling around your legs. Stop by and meet this beautiful girl 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 in-

clude applicable tests, vaccines and spay/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. While vis-

iting 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.





Mansion

Jackson County

Animal Shelter

Meet Mansion, a twoyear-old brown tiger who came in as a pregnant stray. She has been in a foster home where she gave birth to kittens, and now all of her kittens have grown up and been adopted. Mansion is now hoping for a forever home of her own. She is definitely a social girl-when you open her door, she is right there to greet you with head

Cascades Humane Society's Pet of the Month

Contributed by Cascades Humane Society Meet Scooby,

charming four-year-old male dog ready to find his forever home. Weighing just over 60 lbs, Scooby

has a beautiful short brindle and brown coat that complements vibrant personality. This big, happy lover boy enjoys treats and outdoor activities, making him an companion ideal

for someone with an active lifestyle. Fully prepared for his new family, Scooby is neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and Heartworm

negative. His adoption fee is normally \$310, but for the month of September, Lammers Heating and Air Conditioning are generously sponsoring her adoption fees. Scooby is available



Cascades Humane Society

at Cascades Humane Society, where we welcome you to visit from Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 PM. Our adoptions are firstcome, first-served, with the last adoption processed at 5:30 PM, and walk-ins are always prioritized. Come meet Scooby and see if he's the perfect fit for your

> Cascades Humane Society also offers immunization clinics and our monthly Pet Food Pantry for those with financial barriers. Our next immunization clinic is Sept. 9 from 9 to

12 at 1515 Carmen Drive, and the Pet Food Pantry is held the first Saturday of the month. Contact the CHS at 787-7387 to learn more.

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Learn to Love Your Hometown

Art & Culture: Part of What Makes a Community

By Val Herr

What makes a community? Is it the people? Is it local businesses? Is it the

opportunities available to people and businesses?

A community is defined as "a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society."

I think a community is

art classes? Look no further than Kate's Art School, Jackson School of the Arts. Ella Sharp Museum, and Essa Arts. Love art but cannot draw a stick figure? Check out the galleries at Ella Sharp and Art634. There is truly something for everyone of every age and every skill level.

Art and culture do not just happen. It takes people who are dedicated to ensuring art remains vibrant, relevant, and accessible. None of this can occur without your support. While we are still months

> away from Christmas start planning now on how you can support these wonderful artists, museums, galleries, and schools. Buying someone a gift certificate

so they can take a class is a great way to support them. Shop locally

and buy handmade one-of-a-kind items for those on your lists. Take a chance, indulge in self-care, and take a class yourself. Buy a membership for yourself or your loved ones. If we want arts and culture to remain an important part of Jackson, we all need



Photo by Deeana Arts

ing people, businesses, and opportunities. As a person who has worked in communities outside of Jackson, I can tell you that the arts and culture Jackson offers are some of the most vibrant, diverse, and accessible that I have ever seen.

is filled with amaz-

Jackson has 12 museums. Interested in

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Middle School at Parkside Welcomes Steve Chapman as New Assistant Principal

Contributed by Jackson Public Schools

Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Mr. Steve Chapman as the new assistant principal at Middle School at Parkside. Mr. Chapman began his educational journey at the University of Olivet, earning a bachelor's degree in Science, Health, and Physical Education in 2001. After beginning his career in education, he continued

his education, earning a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at Eastern Michigan University in 2021.

Mr. Chapman has spent the last 16 years working in Jackson Public Schools. He began teaching at Jackson High School, teaching physical education and health while coaching three sports. He then worked in multiple elementary buildings, including Northeast,

before moving to Parkside, where he has spent the last ten years teaching.

At Parkside, he served as the Physical Education Department Chair, was a member of the School Improvement Team, and taught 7th and 8th grades primarily over the last several years.

"I am excited to continue working with the students, families, and community this school year and look forward to developing strong relationships. Parkside has been my home for many years, and I am thrilled to give back to the building and community that has given so much to me," said Mr. Chapman.

"We are so happy to have Mr. Chapman here. He has worked at Parkside the entire time that I have worked here," said Krista Jarvey, Middle School at Parkside Principal for In-



struction. "He knows what our expectations are, he knows the staff and already has a great relationship with them, as well as our students. It will be a seamless transition. We are excited and looking forward to a fabulous school year!"

Cascades Elementary School Welcomes Willie Lewis as New Principal

Contributed by Jackson Public Schools

Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Mr. Willie Lewis as the new Principal at Cascades Elementary School. Mr. Lewis began his journey in education at Albion College where he earned his undergraduate degree in History. He went on to get his degree in

Education from Spring Arbor University. In 2013, he completed his Masters in Educational Leadership at Marygrove University.

Mr. Lewis is a proud JHS alumni from the class of 1989. He has served the district as the Principal for Instruction at Jackson Pathways High School as well as a grade level Principal at Jackson High School.

"I am honored to be asked to lead Cascades Elementary. I believe that education is the key to growing our community, and there is no greater resource than our students. I am looking forward to continuing the proud traditions of Cascades. I am able to return to my fourthgrade home and give back

to this community, and because of that, I am blessed."

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Willie Lewis as Cascades Elementary principal," said Julie Baker, Superintendent Assistant of Elementary Curriculum. "Mr. Lewis most recently served as principal at Jackson Pathways and brings a wealth of experience in



educational leadership. Mr. Lewis is skilled at fostering a positive school culture and academic excellence, and I believe that Cascades will thrive under his leadership."

Cascades Elementary Welcomes Destiney Davis as New Assistant Principal

Contributed by Jackson Public Schools

Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Ms. Destiney Davis as the new Assistant Principal at Cascades Elementary School.

Ms. Davis began her journey in education at the University of Michigan where she earned her

undergraduate degree in History and Francophone Studies in 2012. She went on to get her Master's Degree in Secondary Education from University of Michigan in 2014. In 2022, she completed her Educational Leadership Certification at Eastern Michigan University.

ously served as the French Language teacher at Parkside, World Language Department Chair, Director of the Back-to-Back French Exchange Program and most recently as the Assistant Principal at Middle School at Parkside.

"I am excited to be educational experience."

Ms. Davis has previ- with our younger Vikings at Cascades Elementary," said Ms. Davis. " I truly enjoy getting to know our students and families, and I look forward to creating positive relationships with our Cascades community so that we can set them up for success throughout their

"Cascades families will immediately feel the impact of Ms. Destiney Davis" said Willie Lewis, Cascades Elementary Principal. "She is consistent and constant in her passion for students. Ms. Davis will be an asset to our teachers and will play an instrumental role in the success.



Reintroducing Sweet Baby: Imagine Planet's Most Outgoing Animal Ambassador

By Jean McKim, Imagine Planet

I last wrote about Sweet Baby in April of 2017, and I think it is time to revisit our most outgoing animal ambassador. She was new to us in April of 2017, and we have certainly gotten to know her since then. Sweet Baby is a lesser sulfur crested cockatoo, and at the time, we were told she was between 9 and 16 years old. That would make her between 16 and 23 years old now. Sulfurcrested cockatoos can live up to 70 years in captivity and are demanding pets. Everyone who meets Sweet Baby wants to take her home, but that would probably be a big mistake.

Cockatoos need to chew wood and make a very loud squawking noise. They can be very needy and frankly are like having a toddler. They can attach to one person and be aggressive to everyone else, especially during mating season. They leave behind them a fine powder of white dust, which can worsen allergy symptoms or breathing difficulty. This is not a bird that will be happy sitting alone at home; they

figure out locks and latch-

Sweet Baby is an exception to the one-person rule. She loves many people and is so fond of human

are very intelligent and can led to her plucking her feathers out, and she still does. This is a result of an addiction to a brain chemical given off during plucking, and when we pet her, she gets a similar buzz. So

In their native land, they are sometimes considered pests and have adapted to living in suburban areas. I can't imagine how loud a

flock of these birds would be. Sweet Baby makes

Photo by Junel Mujar on Unsplash

attention that just about anyone can pet her, even small children (with supervision, of course). We believe this is a result of her past trauma of being left alone in a garage two owners ago. This experience

when she gets lots of petting, she plucks less.

The scientific name of this cockatoo is Cacatua galerita. They originally come from Australia, New Guinea, and some of the islands of Indonesia.

enough noise for me!

Many of these large birds end up outliving their owners. As with many of our animals at Imagine Planet, they end up needing a home. Zoos cannot keep up with the supply of birds whose owners' circumstances have changed or who did not realize how noisy, destructive, and demanding these cockatoos can be. Before getting any animal, be sure to do your research and know how long the commitment can be. Many of these large parrots are written into their owner's will.

Sweet Baby loves unsalted peanuts in the shell, almonds in the shell, and anything that she can tear apart. Come visit her at Imagine Planet, open 12 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. As always, admission is free.

We are shaping up our fall calendar, and in September, we will be having a special Rocks and Minerals Day on September 21 from 12 to 5 p.m. This will feature activities about the rock cycle, identifying minerals, and an opportunity to bring in that rock you have for identification.

Keep an eye out for updates about our Snake Day on October 5 with a special visit from Bobo the boa constrictor and our National Fossil Day celebration on October 19.



College & Career Access Center, September Scholarships

2024 National Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship **Program**

Description:

Since 2004, the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) has granted scholarships to outstanding students pursuing medical, nursing, dental, pharmacy, physician associate, and public health degrees. Initially established in New York City, the program expanded its reach with support from various organizations. In 2007, NHHF partnered with the United Health Foundation (UHF), allowing for an increase in scholarship awards and the introduction of a mentoring program. As of January 2024, NHHF has awarded over \$2 million to 412 scholarship recipients.

Should you have any questions, please get in touch with our team at nhhf@nhfx.org

Requirements:

- · Personal statement, including career goals (double-spaced, two-page maximum)
- Current curriculum vitae (education, employment, extracurricular activities, awards)
- · Letter of recommendation (one letter only)
- Proof of U.S. citizenship, residency, or DACA status
 - Proof of enrollment*
 - Unofficial transcript
- Signed Media Release
- Photo of applicant "in action" in their respective

*Proof of enrollment is only required if you are entering your first year of your academic program at the time of completing your application.

Deadline: September 13, 2024 11:59 PM EDT

The Gates **Scholarship Award**

Award:

Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance* that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAF-SA), or the methodology used by a Scholar's college or university.

*Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, and transportation, and may include other personal costs.

Eligibility:

To apply, students must ficial). be:

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American
 - Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

*Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

*For American Indian/ Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.

Ideal Candidate

- · An ideal candidate will
- · An outstanding academic record in high school (in the top 10% of his/her graduating class)
- · Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities)
- Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)

Deadline: September 15,

Creative Biolabs Scholarship

Eligibility:

- · Enrolled as a freshman, undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D. student at an accredited college or university.
- · Major in a science-related field such as Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, and Molecular Biology.
- Earn a cumulative average grade of a B (3.0 GPA). Description:

As a leading custom service provider specialized in the field of antibody production and engineering, Creative Biolabs is always happy to support young and ambitious talents in our field.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants are required to download and fill out the scholarship application form and the recommendation letter. Then applicants should email the following documents to marketing@ creative-biolabs.com with the subject "2024 Creative Biolabs Scholarship Application-Full Name".

 Completed application form and copy of current transcript (official or unof-

- Recommendation letter either from a teacher, school counselor, or community leader.
- · A written essay of 800-1,000 words or a Power-Point of 10-12 pages with detailed lecture notes, which should be totally original and grammatically right. You must select one topic from below:
- Topics for your essay or PowerPoint:
- Overview on Clinical Applications of Oncolytic Viruses
- Novel Gene Delivery Systems for Gene Therapy
- · Research Progress of mRNA Vaccine Delivery System
- · Overview on Clinical Applications of Stem Cell Therapy

Award: \$1,000 Deadline: September 30,

2024

Don't Text and **Drive Scholarship**

Do you know how far you will drive on the freeway if you take your eyes off the

road for five seconds, the average time it takes to send a text? An entire football field. According to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, texting while driving makes drivers 23 times more likely to get into a "safety-critical event." The purpose of this scholarship is to help you understand the risks of texting while driving. For more information on texting while driving

Who may apply: You must be a high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or a current or entering college or graduate school student of any level. Home schooled students are also eligible. There is no age limit. You must also be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. Deadline: September 30, 2024 to coincide with September's No Texting while Driving Day.

Award: \$1,000.00 Deadline: September 30, 2024

> **Key Thinkers Scholarship**

Eligibility:

 U.S. citizen or permanent resident and be 18 years or older.

· Enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited U.S. college, university, or trade school.

· Possessing a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

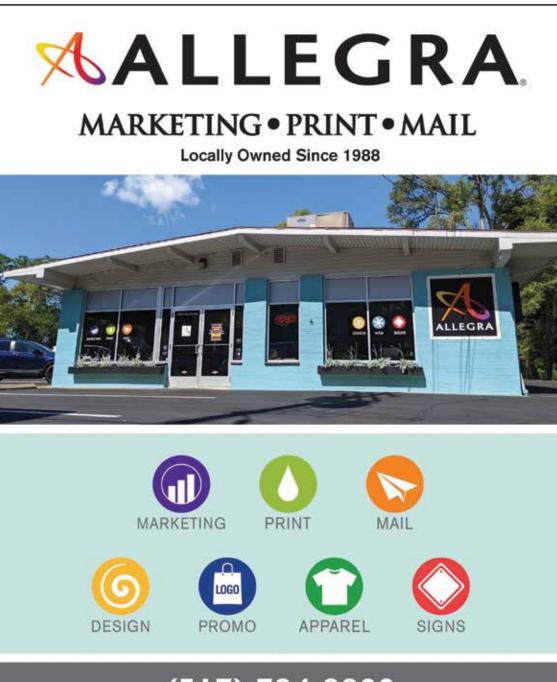
Description:

The Key Thinkers Scholarship awards a \$1,000 Scholarship to one academically qualified recipient, twice each year. There will be a total of two recipients of the Scholarship per academic year. MoneyKey offers this scholarship to post-secondary students who demonstrate outstanding achievement. This is an opportunity for students to be a voice in the growing conversation about financial responsibility.

Award: \$1,000 Deadline: September 30,

2024

For the full list of monthly scholarships, please visit the College and Career Access Center's website atjacksoncac.org/



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