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**DETROIT/ WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**

## **Port Authority to Host Detroit River Youth Career Expo to Feature Jobs, Internships and Colleges**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 – 1:30**

(Detroit) – The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) and the University of Michigan’s Detroit River Story Lab have partnered to inspire Detroit area young people (15 – 25 years) to consider college, vocational and career pathways in maritime, environmental science, water resource management, health & education, and communications & culture, among others at the Detroit River Youth Career Expo. Among the employers who will be looking to hire and provide internships are Interlake Steamship Company, American Steamship Company, Riverside Marina, the United States Coast Guard and Bridge Detroit Magazine. Colleges at the event will include the Great Lakes Maritime Academy (“GLMA”), University of Michigan and Henry Ford College. The Seafarers International Union will also be recruiting mariners to train and work on ships in the Great Lakes and around the world.

The event will take place at the Port Authority’s riverfront dock facility located at 130 E. Atwater on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 – 1:30. Participants will meet representatives from 21 firms and educational institutions and will be able to tour the GLMA’s training vessel, The State of Michigan, and see what it’s like to stand on the bridge of a commercial ship. Lunch will be provided to participants. Pre-registration is encouraged at: [www.tinyurl.com/RiverExpo](http://www.tinyurl.com/RiverExpo). For more information and a complete list of employers, educational institutions and other organizations attending the event, visit: [www.portdetroit.com/career-expo](http://www.portdetroit.com/career-expo).

Serving as honorary Co-Chairs for the event will be **Wayne County Commissioner Monique Baker-McCormick** and **Detroit City Councilmember Scott Benson**. Each of them is deeply committed to the future careers of young people of Detroit and Wayne County. Baker-McCormick, who also serves as a Member of the Port Authority Board, is an 8-year US Army veteran, and sponsors the Wayne County Commission Youth Council. She said, “The Port Authority and University of Michigan are leading with way in connecting our young people to a broad range of careers that serve our community, protect the environment and will challenge their minds. Come and learn about all of the exciting opportunities to make an impact and live your dreams.” Benson, a 28-year veteran and Commander with the US Coast Guard, said, “I really encourage young people to consider a career in maritime. The Great Lakes supports over 81,000 maritime jobs and is responsible for over \$36 billion in economic activity. A career on the water is rewarding and a great way to see the world.”



Wayne County  
Commissioner and  
DWCPA Board  
Member Monique  
Baker-McCormick



City Council Member  
Scott Benson

The Detroit River Story Lab is an interdisciplinary, grant-funded University of Michigan initiative that partners with regional organizations to reconnect communities with the river and its stories. Through collaborative research, education, and engagement projects, its partnerships amplify marginalized voices and foreground the role of the river and its shores as sites of connection, stewardship, and healing. For more information, visit <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/detroit-river-story-lab/>

The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority is a government agency advancing southeast Michigan's maritime and related industries with the purpose of delivering prosperity and economic benefit to our citizens and businesses. For more than 40 years the Port Authority has worked to bolster the community by being the connection between the maritime industry and the Great Lakes region, raising awareness of the importance of the Port of Detroit and how the cargo and vessel activity generates economic impact for the region and the State of Michigan. Visit <https://portdetroit.com/about-the-port>

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