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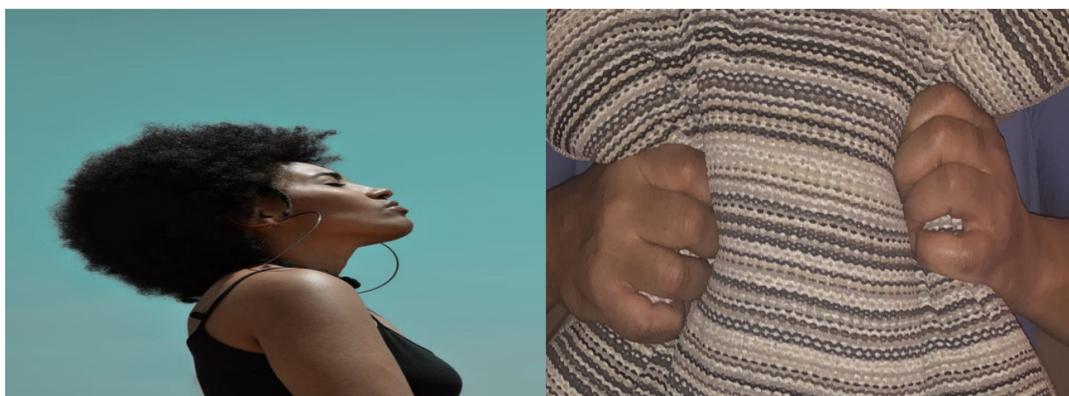
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STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

Stress can be debilitating, and it can cause and/or aggravate health problems. And since stress is a normal part of human existence — nobody is immune to it — it's important to arm ourselves with knowledge so that we recognize when stress rears its ugly head. (Amazingly, we don't always notice it's happening to us.) Stress Awareness Month happens each April. It's important to learn some strategies for coping with this particular silent scourge. You've come to the right place for that. Let's get started!

How to Observe Stress Awareness Month Practice meditation

One of the most effective ways to deal with stress is to learn how to silence the mind. Meditation is one of the most popular methods of achieving this quiet.

Exercise

Another way to battle the debilitating effects of stress is to exercise. Whether you're a jogger, bicyclist or just like to take long walks,

be sure to get some fresh air and exercise into your daily routine.

Visit your doctor

They're really in the best position to get you started on the path to a stress-free lifestyle. Make an appointment today.

4 Stressful Facts You Need To Know

Stress can help — sometimes

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, "stress can motivate people to prepare or perform and might even be life-saving in some situations."

It's sickening — literally

People under stress — especially those prone to chronic stress — are more susceptible to a variety of ailments, from headaches and insomnia to high blood pressure and heart disease.

Stressed? Here's why

A survey by the American Psychological Association found that the five factors most often cited as a source of stress were money, work, family, economic outlook and relationships.

America's highest and lowest stress states

A report on WalletHub found that the most stressed-out states in America are Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia. The least? Minnesota, North Dakota and Utah.

Why Stress Awareness Month is Important

It reminds us to pay attention to our health According to the official website, "Stress Awareness Month is a national, cooperative effort to inform people about the dangers of stress, successful coping strategies, and harmful misconceptions about stress that are prevalent in our society."

It's going strong

Stress Awareness Month has been an ongoing campaign of awareness and education since 1992.

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Johnson Publishing Company, the ex-publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines, files for bankruptcy



John H. Johnson -picture by www.pexels.com

Johnson Publishing Co., which launched Ebony and Jet magazines and was once one of the nation's largest and most successful black-owned businesses, has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Its magazines were defined by its photography and articles about African Americans, from doctors to lawyers to celebrities. They gave visibility to a community and a culture that had generally been overlooked by national magazines and other mainstream media. The company sold the magazines in 2016, meaning they will not be affected by last Tuesday's filing.

"This decision was not easy, nor should it have been," the company said in a statement. "Johnson Publishing Company is an iconic part of American and African American history since our founding in 1942, and the company's impact on society cannot be overstated."

The brand pointed to several "factors outside of the company's control" for its financial position. The buyer of the company's media division hadn't made its required payments, it said. Johnson Publishing's cosmetics business, Fashion Fair, struggled to keep up with online competitors, and one of its largest retailers fell into bankruptcy. And it said it had to pay for a recall that stemmed from "quality issues" from one of its manufacturers.

"In short, Johnson Publishing Company was caught in a tidal wave of marketplace chang-

es and business issues which, despite exhaustive efforts, could not be overcome," the company said.

In filing for liquidation, Johnson Publishing listed assets of between \$10 million and \$50 million. It gave the same range for its liabilities and listed more than 200 creditors. Ebony and Jet have been owned by the Texas-based equity firm Clear View Group since 2016. Ebony Media Operations, which includes the Ebony print magazine and website, as well as the online-only Jet publication, said it could not comment on the bankruptcy filing. Since selling the brands, Johnson Publishing has concentrated on its cosmetics division and archives.

Ebony debuted in November 1945, pledging to "mirror the happier side of Negro life — the positive, everyday achievements from Harlem to Hollywood. But when we talk about race as the No. 1 problem of America, we'll talk turkey," the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported. Jet came along six years later. Both publications regularly reported on African American success stories but also confronted pervasive racism in the United States. Ebony's first issue included an editorial that called for equal employment opportunities after World War II, according to the *Sun-Times*.

"The Negro soldier and sailor want to come home to an America that has wiped out the 'white supremacy' practices which meant the downfall of Hitlerism in Germany," the editorial said. "They want to come home to a United States where a job no longer has a color."

In 1955, *Mamie Elizabeth Till-Mobley* — whose 14-year-old son Emmett Till was abducted, tortured and killed that year for reportedly offending a white woman in Mississippi — called on Ebony and Jet to show the world what had been done to her son. Jet printed a photograph of the Chicago boy's body in his coffin. Historians point to that decision as a focal point in the civil rights movement.

The company's founder, John H. Johnson, was the grandson of slaves and became the first African American to make the Forbes List of the 400 Richest Americans, *NPR re-*

ported. Johnson started out with a \$500 loan borrowed against his mother's furniture, according to the *Sun-Times*. His daughter told NPR that in order to buy one of his company's offices, he brought a white man to be "the face of the purchase."

"My father proceeded to act like he was just a janitor so he could just walk through the building and take a look at it," Linda Johnson Rice, the company's current CEO, said at the time.

Johnson initially steered away from political issues, said Kinohi Nishikawa, a professor of English and African American Studies at Princeton University. While mainstream media covered black communities during times of protest or violence, Johnson wanted to offer the stories that "no one else covered," such as black beauty pageants, entertainers who were kept out of white-only venues and other aspects of black social life. "My father proceeded to act like he was just a janitor so he could just walk through the building and take a look at it," Linda Johnson Rice, the company's current CEO, said at the time.

Johnson, who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996, died in 2005 at age 87. His *obituary* in the *Sun-Times* described him as "the man who turned Ebony into gold." Former president Bill Clinton was among 2,000 mourners at his funeral. President Barack Obama, as a senator from Illinois, said the pages of Ebony and Jet filled a void. They showed young black men that their fates did not hinge on "some menial job or getting involved in crime," and that "strong, capable black men were out there."

"When I was growing up, basically the only black men on television were criminals or Flip Wilson dressed in drag as a character called Geraldine," Obama said. After Johnson's death, the Rev. Jesse Jackson told the *Chicago Tribune* that Johnson's lasting contribution was that he "put a human face on black people." He "gave us our first mirror to see ourselves as a people of dignity, a people with intelligence and beauty," he said. Article courtesy of Rachel Siegel of the Washington Post

BIRTHDAY WISHES AT GREGORY'S



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NEW LANSING CITY TREASURER

Mayor Andy Schor Welcomes New City Treasurer Judy Kehler returns to the City of Lansing as Treasurer beginning April 22, 2019 (LANSING) — Mayor Andy Schor today announced his appointment of Judy Kehler to serve as Lansing's next Treasurer and Income Tax Administrator. Kehler will begin her role as Treasurer on April 22, 2019. "Judy Kehler is an exceptional talent and it is an honor to welcome her back to the City of Lansing," said Mayor Andy Schor. "Her previous work experience, including as City of Lansing Treasurer, will be a great asset to the city and she will be a tremendous addition to my executive team." Kehler joins the City of Lansing Finance Department with over 20 years of budgeting/finance, taxation, policy, and executive management experience in the private and public sectors. Kehler is no stranger to local government as she served as the first woman and African American City Treasurer and Income Tax Administrator under Mayor David Hollister from 1993-1996. Kehler currently serves as the Director of Corporate Partnerships for WKAR where she has helped to strengthen public media throughout the Mid-Michigan region. "I am very happy to be returning to the City of Lansing," said Kehler. "I believe that Mayor Schor has a great plan and vision for the Capital City and I am thrilled to be a part of his team." Judy earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and is currently completing her Business Process Management certificate through Michigan State University's Executive Program at the ELI Board College of Business.



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Slotkin to Devos-It's to Meet with Nassar Victims

Washington — Freshman U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin is urging Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to meet with sexual assault victims of Larry Nassar to help DeVos' decision-making as she revises federal guidelines for campus sexual misconduct policies. Slotkin's district includes East Lansing and Michigan State University, where the now disgraced Nassar was a sports doctor. The Holly Democrat said she's met with at least a dozen of his victims and was headed to Lansing on Thursday evening speak to more of them. "She is attempting to make changes to Title IX that really take us in the opposite direction and reject all the lessons we should be learning from the experience at Michigan State with Larry Nassar," Slotkin told The Detroit News. "If she's going to go ahead and make these fundamental changes to Title IX that are going to impact hundreds of thousands of folks, then she should have a conversation with the very people that Title IX impacts." Slotkin was referring to DeVos' department revising federal guidelines for how institutions investigate sexual assault allegations under Title IX of federal civil rights law. DeVos, who is from the Grand Rapids area, has previously met with students falsely accused of sexual misconduct, as well as advocates for sexual assault victims. DeVos has criticized rules established by the Obama administration and said her proposal is meant in part to be more fair to students who are accused of misconduct, saying one person denied due process is one too many. "Given how impactful these meetings have been for me, I urge you to meet with survivors of sexual assault on college campuses, including MSU," Slotkin wrote in a Thursday letter to DeVos. "I believe that your understanding of important issues will be incomplete if you do not spend time with the women who have survived this systemic abuse and can best inform you how to prevent it in the future." In addition to the letter, Slotkin also submitted a public-records request to the Education Department to confirm whether DeVos has actually ever met with any campus sexual assault victims, she said. "None of the folks in the survivor-advocate community that I've met with have met with her. They've never had a request from her," Slokin said. "These are folks who are now in leadership and advocacy positions for organizations and for the state of Michigan that put them in a really great position to speak on behalf of the larger survivor community." "Particularly since we're all Michiganders, it struck me as strange that I hadn't heard of one survivor who had actually spent any time with her," Slotkin added. "I'd be happy to be wrong." A spokeswoman for DeVos did not respond Thursday to a message seeking comment. The department previously said it's reviewing comments on the proposed Title IX changes. "The tragic situation at MSU involving Larry Nassar is further proof that the current Title IX framework has failed far too many students and shows that the prior administration's policies have not worked," DeVos spokeswoman Liz Hill said in February. Nassar, who also was a sports doctor for USA Gymnastics, is serving what amounts to life in prison after admitting to sexually abusing girls and women under the guise of medical treatment for decades. Slotkin said she met this week with Title IX experts and plans to introduce legislation to put in place protections that would "override" the Title IX revisions should they go through. Her guest for President Donald Trump's State of the Union address in February was Amanda Thomashow, who filed the first Title IX complaint against Nassar in 2014. Slotkin noted that MSU wouldn't have had to investigate Thomashow's complaint under the Education Department's proposed guidelines. That's because colleges would have to investigate only if the alleged incident occurred on campus or in other areas overseen by the school. Thomashow saw Nassar in an office across the street from campus. The proposal also says accused students must be able to cross-examine their accusers, albeit through a representative. Slotkin worries this would "retraumatize" victims, she said. "The proposed changes would mean the young women at universities would have less access to protections than someone in a traditional workplace like their parents," Slotkin said. "That is just backwards." "I want to have a person to person conversation in the hopes that she re-thinks and revises some of her proposed changes." Slotkin is set to meet with DeVos in early May. "I want to have person-to-person meeting with her and appeal to her Michigander to Michigander, and make sure she knows what these proposed changes mean to people at Michigan State and the surrounding community," Slotkin said.



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worship titled Social Action for Christ, Yahweh, or Allah (as appropriate for your faith) to bring awareness of the continuing police brutality, (4) take action by signing the petition below (in this case), and (5) call your local police department, mayor, and legislatures every time a police officer guns down one of our own."

Do Not Wait until it happens in your family to get enraged. Take action NOW.

Police officers must be held accountable. We must demand transparency in the police departments investigations. The public must see police officers faces and hear their lame excuses when they gun down yet another black man. And, police officers must be put on administrative leave without pay until the public is satisfied that there has been justice.

Please join me and sign the petition:

https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/demand_justice_for_osaze_osagiel/?sp_ref=483484520.176.195236.e.0.2&referring_akid=26040.85642.wHZXd-&source=em_sp

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Birthdays in April 2019

- Mrs. Joy Brown celebrates her 94th birthday on April 1st, with husband, Bob, who loves her very much: living and looking good; outstanding character.
- Mr. Corey Williford celebrates his birthday on April 1st.
- Mr. Joshua Ide celebrates his 19th birthday on April 1st, with family and friends. "You will always be my "Joshua Bear" 1-4-31" Love, Mom!
- Ms. Rosetta Adams celebrates her 38th birthday on April 1st, with family and friends.
- Mr. Eric Jones celebrates his "Happy 32nd birthday" on April 1st, from your Sweetheart, Emerlisa.
- Mr. Robert Dyer celebrates 41st birthday on April 2nd, with his wife, Dawn, their son, and friends.
- Ms. Shannon Miller celebrates her birthday on April 3rd.
- Mr. Robert A. McConnell celebrates his birthday on April 3rd.
- Ms. Stacy Lynch celebrates her birthday on April 3rd.
- Ms. Tara May celebrates her birthday on April 3rd.
- Mrs. Dorothy Maxwell will celebrate her birthday on April 4th, with loving husband, Bob.
- Mr. Henry A. Moore celebrates his birthday on April 4th.
- Ms. Diane Hicks celebrates her birthday on April 4th.
- Ms. Maria M. Rouse-Brewer celebrates her birthday on April 5th.
- Mr. Alan Canady celebrates his birthday on April 5th, with his loving family. Ms. Doretha Akins will celebrate her birthday on April 6th.
- Ms. Stephanie T. Mondy celebrates her birthday on April 6th.
- Ms. Nona Brown celebrates her birthday on April 6th.
- Ms. Addie Morrow celebrates her birthday on April 8th.
- Ms. Lois McNeeley celebrates her birthday April 9th.
- Ms. Latoya Clark celebrates her birthday on April 9th.
- Mr. Everett Mitchell celebrated his birthday on April 9th.
- Ms. Yolanda Campbell celebrates her 50th birthday on April 9th, with friends.
- Mr. Sam Mallot celebrated his birthday on April 10th with family and friends.
- Mr. Kevin E. Eaton celebrates his birthday on April 10th.
- Ms. Sharon Civils celebrates her birthday on April 11th, with family and friends. She said, "I'm glad to see another year on earth; I'm truly blessed!
- Mrs. Jo Ann Mondy celebrates her birthday on April 11th.
- Mr. Dustin Phifer celebrates his birthday on April 11th.
- Mr. Kapuki Outlaw celebrates his birthday on April 11th.
- Ms. Kristi Correa celebrates her 32nd birthday on April 12th.
- Ms. Karen Allen celebrates her 61st birthday on April 12th.
- Ms. Betty Wheeler celebrates her 55th birthday on April 12th.
- "Happy Birthday Ms.Capital City!"
- Ms. Andrea Fundunburks celebrates her birthday on April 13th. "Yeah, I'm 22 baby!!!"
- Ms. Arabella Pitts celebrates her 12th birthday on April 13th, with her Mom, Ms. Jesse Pitts and Dad, Mr. Travis Hough, who say, "Mommy and Daddy love you!
- Mr. Quick Calhoun celebrates his 34th birthday on April 13th. He says, "Westside certified"!
- Mr. Jonas Clark celebrates his birthday on April 13th.
- Ms. Myrtle L. Hendricks celebrates her birthday on April 14th.
- Mr. Duane Michael Brown, Sr. celebrates his birthday on April 15th with family and friends, enjoying life: Great Guy!
- Ms. Kristina Eveleth celebrates her birthday on April 15th, with friends.
- Ms. Branda Hawley will celebrate her 41st birthday on April 16th, with friends.
- Mr. Michael Phifer celebrates his birthday on April 16th with family and friends.
- Mr. Jeffery Couthen celebrates his birthday on April 16th.
- Ms. Dayna M. Smith celebrates her birthday on April 16th.
- Ms. Fonda Brewer celebrates her birthday on April 17th We Love You Baby!
- Ms. Mary L. King celebrates her birthday on April 17th.
- Ms. Shanequa Dennie celebrates her birthday on April 17th, spending time with family and friends.
- Ms. Shamira Johnston celebrates her 17th birthday on April 18th. She is Grandma's "Honey Bunny!"
- Mr. Damion Jordan celebrates his 42nd birthday on April 19th.
- Mr. Larry King III celebrates his 14th birthday on April 19th, with his Mom, Dad and baby sister.
- Ms. Gemma Carnegie celebrates her 70th birthday on April 20th with her students.
- Ms. Indiya Jones celebrates her birthday on April 20th.
- Mr. Tyrone Scott Daniels, Jr. celebrates his birthday on April 20th, with his family.
- Ms. Jackie Perkins celebrates her birthday on April 21st, with family and friends.
- Ms. Toni Woods celebrates her birthday on April 21st, with family and friends.
- Mr. Robert A. Maxwell celebrates his birthday on April 21st, with his loving wife, Dorothy.
- Ms. Alexis Ward celebrates her 13th birthday on April 21st with family.
- Ms. Heidi Childress is celebrating her birthday on April 22nd.
- Ms. Tonya Jones' birthday is on April 26th. She celebrates with friends.
- Ms. Cora M. Huguely celebrates her birthday on April 24th with family and friends.
- Ms. Sabrina Jones Lewis celebrates her birthday on April 23rd.
- Ms. Michelle Williams celebrates her 42nd birthday on April 23rd.
- Mr. Hunter Talon celebrates his 11th birthday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Jessica Stowell: Grandmother Barb Marciniak loves you!
- Ms. Khadijan Daniels celebrates her 31st birthday on April 24th.
- Mr. Frankie Lara celebrates his 13th birthday on April 24th. Grandmother Betty Wheeler, says, "I Love you, Baby!"
- Ms. Angelica Saucedo celebrates her 33rd birthday on April 25th.
- Dr. Eugene Cain celebrates his birthday on April 25th, with his loving family.
- Ms. Claudia N. Williams celebrates her birthday on April 26th.
- Ms. Adrianna Foster celebrates her birthday on April 26th.
- Mr. Jesse Rouse Jr. celebrates his birthday on April 29th.
- Mr. Andre L. Anthony celebrates his birthday on April 29th.
- Ms. Vicky Taylor celebrates her birthday on April 30th.
- Ms. Lydia St.Cyr celebrates her 26th birthday. "Hello Lydia! I hope you enjoy your birthday. I Love You!" Mom .
- Ms. Kimberly Cooper celebrates her birthday with her family.

*Anniversaries

- Mr. Cullen Dubose Sr. and Mrs. Helena J. Dubose celebrate their anniversary on March 31st.
- Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wm. and Amy Brown Jr. will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on April 3rd, with their children Jordan Luther Wm., Taylor Ashley Denise, Idyana Francis Taylor and Isabella Megan Marie Brown; vacationing in Florida. True Love!!!
- Mr. Brewster and Mrs. Linnea's 25th wedding anniversary is April 17th.
- Mr. Earnest and Mrs. Janice Cabule celebrate their 41st anniversary on April 28th.
- Ms. Kimberly Hetchler, Sergeant first class, celebrated her 34th anniversary in the Michigan National Guard. She works as the State Security Clearance Manager for the state of Michigan.

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Tiger Woods, in a Stirring Return to the Top, Captures the Masters at 43

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods completed a comeback from personal and professional adversity on Sunday, capturing his fifth Masters title and his 15th major tournament with a victory that snapped a decade-long championship drought and instantly returned him to the top of the sports world. It was a monumental triumph for Woods, a come-from-behind victory for a player who had had so much go wrong on the course and off after his personal life began to come apart on Thanksgiving night in 2009.



Tiger Woods getting congratulations for winning his 5th Masters Jacket Doug Mills

As such, it was only fitting that after he walked off the 18th hole on Sunday, his one-stroke victory secure, his path to the official scoring office was gridlocked with well-wishers, including many of the golfers he vanquished over four grueling days at Augusta National Golf Club.

Woods triumphed in almost stoic fashion, playing with shrewdness and determination over the final stretch of holes while the other players who were grouped with him on the leaderboard took turns succumbing to the pressure of trying to win the Masters.

And although Woods did bogey the final hole, he did so with a two-stroke lead, victory in sight and the knowledge that he could give one of those strokes back and still win the tournament.

Only when he tapped in his final putt did Woods let loose with a joyous shout that revealed how much the victory meant to him.

At 43, Woods became the second-oldest winner of the Masters, behind Jack Nicklaus, who won here in 1986 at age 46 and who holds the record for victories in major tournaments, 18. And Woods's victory immediately reverberated beyond golf and, for that matter, sports.

The win even led to a rare moment of agreement between President Trump and former President Barack Obama. "What a fantastic life comeback for a really great guy!" the President said on Twitter. "To come back and win the Masters after all the highs and lows is a testament to excellence, grit and determination," Obama posted.

Woods Navigates Through a Traffic Jam

Francesco Molinari entered the final round of the Masters alone in the lead by two strokes at 13 under. He stayed atop the leaderboard by himself until the last group — Molinari, Tiger Woods and Tony Finau — got to the 12th tee. At which point, Molinari proceeded to double bogey the hole and set up a wild finish in which six golfers at one point or another held at least a share of the lead. (Woods, Molinari, Xander Schauffele, Patrick Cantlay, Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson). There was briefly a five-way tie for first until Woods took sole possession of the lead for good at the 15th hole, where he birdied and Molinari made another double bogey. Article excerpts courtesy of Karen Crouse of the New York Times.

THE REALS OF JUSTICE

Immigration – I'm an immigrant. What does that mean for me?

By Ayanna D. Neal



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There's talk almost every day in newspapers, on the news and on the radio about immigrants and birthright citizenship. What does that even mean? Birthright citizenship originated in English common law and the U.S. followed that law, guaranteeing birthright citizenship to people born in the U.S. That's means if you were born in the U.S. you are a citizen of the U.S. But that was challenged by people who wanted the descendants of slaves excluded from U.S. citizenship. The infamous *Dred Scott* U.S. Supreme Court decision which denied birthright citizenship to black people regardless of whether or not they were free or enslaved caused Congress to create section 1 of the 14th Amendment, "All persons born or naturalized in the U.S. and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the U.S. and of the State wherein they reside."

If you're an immigrant, keep your immigration paperwork in your residence and commit you're A# (alien registration number) to memory. It's always advantageous to meet with an immigration attorney to determine if you're eligible for immigration status. A U.S. citizen can't be deported. So, if you're a permanent resident, naturalizing would be an excellent choice. If you've children obtaining dual citizenship for them is a good option. Regardless of status, your children may be eligible for food assistance or Medicaid benefits (generally there's a 5 year waiting period for Medicaid benefits but not for food assistance). All children regardless of immigration status can attend a free public school. In Michigan a non-citizen without legal presence can't obtain a driver's license. Always consult an attorney before giving information about your immigration status to a government agent. If there is a need to give your name always provide your full name. If you give a false or partial name and get detained family or loved ones may not be able to find you. Law enforcement can't come into your residence without your permission unless they've a warrant signed by a judge. If you're pulled over on a traffic stop after showing proof of insurance and registration, if you have documents that show you can lawfully be in the U.S., keep them with you and show them to the officer. Failure to do so could lead to an arrest.

Never sign any paperwork you don't understand. You should only sign documentation after consulting with an attorney. If you're detained you've the right to remain silent and should contact an immigration attorney. You should also contact your embassy and/or consulate.

If you are and immigrant and charged with a crime consult with an immigration attorney before entering any plea. A criminal conviction can have huge consequences including deportation.

If you've a loved one who's been detained and need to locate them check <http://locator.ice.gov>.

There are numerous immigrant resources that provide assistance. If you're an immigrant and not sure what to do regarding any given situation, contact an immigration attorney.

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2019 LANSING JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ESSAY CONTEST & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Contest Dates: February 25, 2019 to April 13, 2019

Contest open to students in 6th – 12th grades in the greater Lansing area school districts & surrounding area.

Juneteenth "Preparing the Essay" Workshops:

- LSJ - Downtown Knapp's bldg. — Wednesday, March 6 – 6pm to 7:30pm
- LSJ - Downtown Knapp's bldg. — Thursday, March 21 – 6pm to 7:30pm
- Letts Community Center, Lansing — Tuesday, April 9 – 6pm to 7:30pm

CATEGORY I Grades 6th, 7th & 8th Essay Contest		CATEGORY II Grades 9th & 10th Essay Contest		CATEGORY III Grades 11th & 12th OLIVET COLLEGE Academic Talent Scholarship	
Award Values: 1st Place - \$100 (value) 2nd Place - \$50 (value)	Topic: Write your essay (250 – 350 words) on the following: 1. What is Juneteenth? 2. What family member or person did you ask about Juneteenth and how was the holiday explained?	Award Values: 1st Place - \$200 (value) 2nd Place - \$150 (value)	Topic: Write your essay (400 – 500 words) on the following: 1. What is Juneteenth? 2. Why do we celebrate this event? 3. Reflect on why it is important that people in America and other countries continue to cultivate knowledge and appreciation of their freedoms not only on Juneteenth Day but every day.	Olivet College Award Values: 1st Place - \$15,000 (scholarship*) 2nd Place - \$12,000 (scholarship*)	Topic: Write your essay (400 – 500 words) on the following: 1. What is Juneteenth? 2. Why do we celebrate this event? 3. Reflect on why it is important that people in America and other countries continue to cultivate knowledge and appreciation of their freedoms not only on Juneteenth Day but every day.

A certificate of participation will be given to all students who enter and meet the contest criteria. Winners will be notified in writing and via phone. *Awarding of the Academic Scholarships is based on the student's admittance to and subsequent attendance at Olivet College. Review the contest application for further details.

DEADLINE: Application and Essay submissions can be done at any CADL branch location or on the Juneteenth website from February 25 to April 13, 2019. Entries received after April 13, 2019 will not be eligible and will not be returned. The Juneteenth essay award program will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the CADL-Downtown Lansing Branch.

For more information please visit lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org. To verify receipt of application, email education@lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org. Receipt verification must be done within 10 days of submission if no e-mail verification from Juneteenth is received.

Visit lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org for applications and other details!

Greater Lansing Area Club 37th Annual Founders' Day Awards Brunch

"STEADFAST AND COURAGEOUS WOMEN DETERMINED TO SERVE"

Saturday, April 27, 2019 — 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Crown Plaza Lansing West

"Women in Suits" Campaign:

Please feel free to drop off a suit or professional apparel at our Founders' Day Awards Brunch to be donated to a facility that serves disadvantaged women and made available for the purpose of a job interview, returning to and/or entering the workforce. Clothing items must be laundered, ironed, dry-cleaned or pressed, on hangers and in excellent condition for ready to wear.

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The Greater Lansing Area NBPW Club, Inc.

The Greater Lansing Area Club Celebrates "Steadfast and Courageous Women Determined to Serve" at its 37th Annual Founders' Day Awards Brunch

Lansing, MI April 27, 2019: The Greater Lansing Area (Club) of The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (GLAC-NANBPWC) will celebrate its 37th Annual Founders' Day Awards Brunch at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel located at 925 South Creyts Road in Lansing, Michigan.

"Steadfast and Courageous Women Determined to Serve" is this year's theme. As a women's organization, their membership consists of business and professional women who are dedicated and determined to help change and revitalize our community. To this end they establish programs that empower youth and fellow business and professional women. GLAC-NANBPWC provides opportunities for women to excel and serve by increasing their leadership skills, experiencing governance, parliamentary procedures and enhancing their educational awareness of issues impacting the African American community through volunteerism. GLAC's program focus is L.E.T.S. (Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Service). The Service component includes H.E.E.D. (Health, Education, Employment, and Economic Development).

Traditionally, the Club pays tribute to its founders and honors several Lansing area persons who exhibit a true commitment to the community and their profession. GLAC President, Gloria Davis, extends her sincere congratulations to the 2019 award recipients who, in the words of Isael-more Ayivor "The Steadfast Love of the Lord is not Seasonal; His Mercies do not have winter or summer days... They are new every now and then." This year recognition will be given to individuals in the following principal award categories:

Sojourner Truth, the organization's highest award bestowed to an African American woman:

Pastor Iris Cotton

Frederick Douglass, which recognizes a man of distinction: Steven L. Lonzo

Community Service: Fred Porter

Business Excellence: Lisa J. Young - Express Employment Professionals

Youth on the Move: Aatiyana Davis Echols, Jaylen Sanders, and Kentaja Johnson

Lela M. Eaton Scholarship Recipient: Naylen Saunders

The Founders' Day keynote speaker is Sherelle Hogan of Detroit, Michigan, author of Prisoner's Kid as well as Founder and President of Pure Heart Foundation. GLAC's souvenir program will be dedicated to various local and national individuals who have impacted communities through their steadfast and courageous determination to serve.

The 37th Annual Founders' Day Awards Brunch, chaired and co-chaired by Renee Morgan Freeman and Minister Katreva N. Bisbee will feature, "Women in Suits." Women in Suits is designed to assist disadvantaged women returning to and/or entering the workforce by donating suits, dresses and other business apparel for job interviews and on-the-job attire. It is requested that all clothing is laundered, ironed, dry cleaned or pressed, placed on hangers, in excellent condition and ready to wear. Women in Suits has been greatly supported with donations from the community and has helped hundreds of women.

Tickets cost \$40 and can be purchased via Eventbrite, Paypal (glansingnanbpwcinc@gmail.com), Cash App (\$glaclansing), contacting GLAC treasurer Doristene Haynes at (517) 323-7823, by emailing requests to events4glac@gmail.com or from or any GLAC member.

GLAC is appreciative of area businesses and individuals who support its Founders' Day Awards Brunch through sponsorships: Paul & Betty Barry, Bernero Hannan Strategic Communications & Advocacy, James W. Butler, III, Cinnaire, Comcast, Community Mental Health Authority-CEI, Jack and Susan Davis of Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, P.C., Dean Transportation, DRM International Learning Center, Emergent BioSolutions, Express Employment Professionals, Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau.

