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THE 411

Roe v. Wade ruling disproportionately hurts Black women, experts say

JULY 16, 2022

**“Cedric the Entertainer and Friends in Concert”**  
8:00PM Dort Federal Event Center 3501 Lapeer Rd, Flint, MI 48503 For more information call 810-744-0580

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The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn a constitutional right to an abortion is expected to have a disproportionate impact on Black women and other women of color, who have traditionally faced overwhelming costs and logistical obstacles in obtaining reproductive healthcare, experts said. The reversal of Roe v Wade allows state governments to decide whether an abortion is legal. While some states have recently reaffirmed the right to an abortion, 26 states are likely or certain to ban abortion in most or all circumstances. More Black women live in states that will likely ban abortion, and those living in southern states — with the most restrictive laws — will bear the brunt. For example, Black people make up about 38% of Mississippi’s population, according



to recent Census data, compared to about 13% of the U.S. population overall.

Black women in the United States are nearly four times more likely to have abortions

than white women, while Latina women are twice as likely, according to 2019 data

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Health experts trace the relatively high rates of abortion among Black women to disparities in healthcare access, including lack of health insurance and contraceptives in underserved communities. In Mississippi, Black women accounted for 74% of abortions in 2019, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. “There is no denying the fact that this is a direct attack on all women, and Black women stand to be disproportionately impacted by the court’s egregious assault on basic human rights,” said Janette McCarthy Wallace, general counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

#FreeDannyTrevino #FreeBritneyGriner & All Prisoners of Pot

By the Weed Warrior.



Cannabis Injustice! Britany Griner (above) and Danny Trevino (below) are being held



as political pot prisoners by governmental policy. On Wednesday January 29th, 2020, US District Court Judge Paul Maloney sentenced

Mr. Trevino to 15 years and 8 months of incarceration in the Federal Bureau of Prisons system. In detail his sentence is 188 months for conspiring to manufacture and distribute 100 kilograms of marijuana, maintaining a drug involved premises (5 counts) and, manufacture of 100 marijuana plants or more. Mr. Trevino received an additional 60 months for two counts of manufacturing marijuana and one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, along with a \$10,000 fine and 4 years of supervised release. Mr. Trevino was the CEO of Hydroworld LLC that had locations in Lansing, Grand Rapids and Jackson Michigan.

US District Court Judge Maloney decision was based on the racist policies of Harry Ainslinger the former Commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in 1939 declaring Marijuana as a dangerous drug. While he oversaw things, many people, especially people of color were arrested, and their property seized for being in possession of a marijuana leaf.

Judge Maloney violated Mr. Trevino’s 4th amendments right regarding unreasonable search and seizure and, his 10th amendment right regarding the reservation of states’ rights. By Judge Maloney declaring that federal law supersedes state law when it comes to Marijuana policy, Mr. Trevino’s rights under the Bill of Rights were trampled

On July 30th, 2021 the US Appeals Court upheld the decision and to this day Mr. Trevino is currently residing at the [Federal Bureau of Prisons facility in Elkton OH, a minimum security prison](#). He cannot have any visitors in person because the entire facility is quarantined from public visits because of Covid-19. He is currently has appealed to the US Supreme Court and, grass roots activists are asking President Joe Biden to grant Mr. Trevino a presidential

pardon to expunge his record.

This is no better example of international injustice than WNBA Basketball Player Brittney Griner, who is currently in prison in Russia for having a Cannabis laced vape pen in her possession at a port of entry. Ms. Griner is a victim of international treaties describing marijuana as a dangerous drug. Lately, the United Nations Office of National Drug Control has softened their policy towards cannabis. On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, the United Nations voted to remove cannabis and cannabis rosin from Schedule IV to Schedule one relaxing restrictions on cannabis. The only countries that objected to the UN’s decision were Russia and China. One of the ways to fix this is to rewrite the treaties at the next meeting of the General Council of the United Nations. This action would force Marijuana policy reform of hardliners like Vladimir Putin and politicians in State of Texas that wants to turn back the hands of time.

Website: [www.jdsupra.com UN Relaxes International Policy on Marijuana](#)

Website: Experts say that Brittney Griner’s hearing will ‘never happen’

The bottom line is that both people need to be released from prison immediately! This agreement must include expungements and pardons for all Federal Bureau of Prison facilities and, revised international policies at ports of entry recognizing Marijuana as a medicine. Therefore, please vote in every election for candidates at the local, state, and federal levels that will support cannabis policy reform starting from now until November.

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Congratulations #Phylicia-Rashad Winning Her Second Tony Award for “Skeleton Crew”. This marks Phylicia Rashad’s second Tony Award win; she previously won for her performance in the 2004 revival of A Raisin in the Sun.



# Biden to Crack Down on Polluters in Poor, Minority Areas

The Biden administration has announced a wide-ranging enforcement strategy aimed at holding industrial polluters accountable for damage done to poor and minority communities.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following through on a campaign promise, the Biden administration on Thursday announced a wide-ranging enforcement strategy aimed at holding industrial polluters accountable for damage done to poor and minority communities.

The strategy includes creation of an Office of Environmental Justice within the Justice Department to focus on “fenceline communities” that have been exposed to air and water pollution from chemical plants, refineries and other industrial sites.

The plan also reinstates a dormant program that allowed fines paid by industry as part of a settlement go to river cleanup, health clinics or other programs that benefit the environment or public health. The program was used by presidents from both parties before being eliminated in the Trump administration.

“Although violations of our environmental laws can happen anywhere, communities of color, indigenous communities and low-income communities often bear the brunt of the harm caused by environmental crime, pollution and climate change,” Attorney General Merrick Garland said at a news conference.

“And for far too long, these communities have faced bar-

riers to accessing the justice they deserve,” he said. “No American should have to live, work or send their kids to school in a neighborhood that carries an unfair share of environmental hazards,” added Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta.

President Joe Biden had promised during the 2020 campaign that he would establish an environmental justice division within the Justice Department and elevate environmental justice issues in an all-of-government approach.

In a related development, the White House announced Thursday that advocate Jalonnie White-Newsome will lead environmental justice efforts at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. White-Newsome succeeds Cecilia Martinez, who stepped down in January.

White-Newsome, of Michigan, is founder and CEO of Empowering a Green Environment and Economy, a consulting firm focused on climate change, public health and environmental and racial equity.

CEQ Chair Brenda Mallory called White-Newsome “a strong and effective champion for communities that have been overburdened by pollution and subjected to decades of environmental injustice.”

On enforcement, the strategy unveiled Thursday is intended to guide the work of employees throughout the Justice Department, including U.S. attorneys across the country who will begin a renewed focus on environmental justice issues, Garland and Gupta said.

The new office “will prioritize meaningful and constructive engagement with the communities most affected by environmental crime and injustice,” Garland said. “Whenever possible, these efforts will respond directly to community needs and concerns.”

Environmental Protection Agency head Michael Regan said the “partnership” between his agency and the Justice Department “has never been stronger” and will ensure that the federal government does all it can “to protect

overburdened and underserved communities across America.”

The strategy follows a series of enforcement actions announced by Regan in January to address air pollution, unsafe drinking water and other problems afflicting minority communities in three Gulf Coast states that Regan toured in November.

The plan includes unannounced inspections of chemical plants, refineries and other industrial sites and installation of air monitoring equipment in Louisiana’s “chemical corridor” to enhance enforcement at a series of chemical and plastics plants between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. The region contains several hotspots where cancer risks are far above national levels.

EPA also issued a notice to the city of Jackson, Mississippi, saying its aging and overwhelmed drinking water system violates the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The agency also said it was moving forward to clean up creosote contamination from a site in Houston now owned by Union Pacific Railroad. The site has been linked to high cancer rates in the historically Black neighborhood in the city’s Fifth Ward.

Regan has made environmental justice a priority since taking the helm at EPA in March 2021. The weeklong “Journey to Justice” tour in November was intended to highlight areas in the American South that have long been marginalized and overburdened by pollution. Biden requested \$1.4 million for the environmental justice office in his budget proposal. Cynthia Ferguson, an attorney in the department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division, will serve as acting director. The office will support environmental justice investigations and litigation and work with communities across the country, the Justice Department said.

Granta Nakayama, a former assistant EPA administrator for enforcement, hailed the new office. Article and picture below courtesy of the Associated Press and Getty Images



## Sharonda McDonald-Kelley Named Head Softball Coach at Michigan State

Bringing Women’s College World Series experience to East Lansing, Sharonda McDonald-Kelley has been named head softball coach at Michigan State. Vice Pres-



ident and Director of Athletics [Alan Haller](#) made the announcement on June 10.

“I’m excited to welcome Sharonda McDonald-Kelley to our Spartan family,” Haller said. “She’s experienced great success as both a coach and a student-athlete and has a plan to help Spartan softball achieve similar results. She is a teacher of the game, with a proven track record of skill development, helping student-athletes maximize their potential as she did during her record-breaking college career. She has a wealth of experience at several successful major Division 1 programs. And with her demonstrated success of back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances as head coach at Campbell, she’s proven she can successfully implement her approach in a short period of time.”

McDonald-Kelley guided the Campbell program to a 101-81 record over the last four seasons, winning Big South tournament titles with the Camels in 2021 and 2022. McDonald-Kelley’s teams went 50-19 in Big South play and advanced to NCAA Regionals in each of the last two seasons, marking two of the five times a Campbell team has reached the NCAA Tournament since 1986. In 2021, McDonald-Kelley was named Big South Coach of the Year after her team won both the Big South regular

season and tournament titles.

“I want to thank God for this incredible opportunity,” McDonald-Kelley said. “I would also like to thank Vice President and Director of Athletics [Alan Haller](#) for the opportunity to lead the Michigan State softball program. The vision for the softball program and the investment into that vision was clear to me from the beginning. I could feel the pride ingrained in the culture of Michigan State athletics and know I will have the full support of the administration. Core values and family are very important to me. My family and I are excited to embrace the Spartan culture and become part of the community.” McDonald-Kelley steps into the head coaching role following the retirement of long-time Michigan State head coach [Jacquie Joseph](#), who guided the team for 29 seasons.

“I have a lot of respect for [Jacquie Joseph](#), for the foundation she’s built at Michigan State and for the ambassador she’s been for softball, the Big Ten and the Michigan State program,” McDonald-Kelley said. “I am looking forward to building upon the foundation she laid and will continue to push the program forward. I am truly honored and excited for this opportunity. We can build something really special here and I fully expect this team to be competing for conference championships. I am ready to get to work and put a great product on the field.”

In four seasons at the helm of the Campbell program, McDonald-Kelley coached 15 All-Big South honorees, including seven on the All-Big South First Team, six on the All-Big South Second Team and two honorable mentions. In 2021, outfielder Destini England earned Big South Player of the Year and Third Team All-Southeast Region honors under McDonald-Kelley’s watch.

Campbell placed eight players on the All-Big South Tournament team during McDonald-Kelley’s tenure, including back-to-back tournament MVPs in 2021 and 2022.

Prior to Campbell, McDonald-Kelley spent the first 10 years of her coaching career as an assistant coach at Ohio State, Florida, Texas Tech, LSU, Ohio and Texas Southern. McDonald-Kelley also served as head coach of the Chicago Bandits in the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) League in 2017.

During her lone season at Ohio State in 2018, McDonald-Kelley helped the Top 25-ranked Buckeyes to a 36-16

record along with a trip to NCAA Regionals. Ohio State’s 36 wins were the most for the program since 2010. McDonald-Kelley spent two seasons at Florida as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator in 2016 and 2017, bringing in a pair of Top-10 recruiting classes while the Gators went 114-17 and made an appearance in the 2017 Women’s College World Series.

The Houston, Texas native spent one year as associate head coach at Texas Tech in 2015 following a two-year stint as a volunteer assistant at LSU. At LSU, the Tigers made consecutive NCAA Regional appearances in 2013 and 2014 with McDonald-Kelley coaching the outfield. McDonald-Kelley’s guidance helped develop A.J. Andrews into an All-American in 2013.

From 2010-12, McDonald-Kelley served as assistant coach at Ohio after getting her coaching career started at Texas Southern in 2009.

McDonald-Kelley was a four-time All-Big 12 selection as a player at Texas A&M from 2004-07, capping off her intercollegiate career with Texas A&M’s first trip to the Women’s College World Series in 20 years. A terror on the basepaths, McDonald-Kelley is the Aggie career record holder with 153 stolen bases, while ranking second all-time in hits (249) and runs scored (195). McDonald-Kelley is the Texas A&M single-season record holder for runs (60) and her 73 consecutive stolen bases during her time in College Station tied an NCAA record. With 48 steals in 2005, McDonald-Kelley led the NCAA and earned the Golden Shoe Award. She compiled a .338 batting average throughout her four-year collegiate career. Following her career at Texas A&M, McDonald-Kelley played professionally for seven years, spending time with the Philadelphia Force, the Akron Racers and the USSA Pride of the NPF League. McDonald-Kelley played for Fiorini Softball Club of the Italian Professional League in 2009. A three-time All-NPF selection during her professional career, McDonald garnered the prestigious Diamond Spikes Award in 2012 after hitting .303 with 13 stolen bases for the Racers.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in kinesiology from Texas A&M in 2008.

McDonald-Kelley is married to Mike Kelley and the couple has one daughter, Kyler.



## TIMING IS OF THE ESSENCE



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It is time to dislodge these Institutionally designed Systemic racist and unjust policies Embedded as yet the law of the land

It is time to have a seat at the table Where only old white men gather to Decide our fate and future... Let's be in the room, speaking Truth for them to hear

It is time to have a change of narrative... A change in how we see the truth

A change in how we hear the truth  
A change in how we feel the truth  
A change in how we tell the truth  
A change in how we walk the TRUE path

It is time to plant and cultivate  
The idea of Equity for all  
The idea of acknowledgment  
The idea of reconciliation  
The idea of strength in diversity  
The idea of equality

It is time the WHOLE of history gets an Intentional re-write...for our history is America's History...we want precise delineation  
Our history is indelibly intertwined  
Our contributions...coerced or not  
Browbeaten or not...Bludgeoned or not  
Bulldozed or not...Are integral parts of this nation's success

It is time to use CRT to dismantle the southern whitewashed "Glorious time" of that vicious and horrendous time of Slavery  
It is time to debunk the myths and distorted facts

Developed by sinister forces...religious Bigots and racists  
These were to reinforce repression, dehumanize and suppress

It is time to set the record straight...  
It is time to place markers, monuments and Flags to commemorate and memorialize my people  
It is time to provide historical data of the extensive Contributions made by my people  
It is time to tell...  
The good, The bad, and The ugly!  
The blood drenched horrors  
The deep dark hatred  
The hard truths of yesteryear...Time is of the essence

It is time for us to stand up, speak up and open up!  
Open our minds, Open our hearts, Open our mouths!  
Open up to pay tribute to the ancestors  
Acknowledging their sacrifices of yesterday  
So that we might move forward today  
We extend gratitude to those...  
Who dreamed before us  
Who died before and for us...  
Making it possible for us to aspire life, liberty  
And the pursuit of happiness

Yet, In spite of it ALL...  
I am proud to say...we have made progress  
In spite of the TRAUMA  
In spite of the demeaning  
The FEAR tactics of...

Beatings	Burnings
Bombings	Castrations
Chains	Draggings
Mobs	Lynchings
Separations	Shootings
Slashings	

We struggled through those racist injustices  
Which tried to relegate us to the lowest station of life  
Yet, our ancestors held fast and purged through the past  
So we might survive to position ourselves in the present  
To pursue possibilities of the future

Time is of the essence!!  
It is time! For transformation  
Of this Nation  
Time to Rise higher  
Time to reach further  
Time to live up to its creed  
Time to build on the glimmer of hope  
Time to straighten the arc of justice  
Time to heal this brotherly divide  
Time for restoration

It is time:  
To eliminate the gridlocks  
To amend the constitution  
To be a full human being... Not just 3/5.  
To foster brotherly love...  
In our mind... In our heart...in our actions

It is time:  
To get the True God... the Creator back:  
Into our lives, our purpose for living,  
Into our schools and education  
Into our marriages...at the dinner table  
Into our finances  
Into our living room!  
Into the board room  
On the congressional board  
On the Supreme Court Bench  
In the Oval Office...into the world  
Time to swell that thin sliver  
Of justice into a broadband network of love  
For "Timing is truly of the essence"

# Tuskegee Airman, lifelong Detroit Alexander Jefferson Dies at 100

Retired Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, World War II prisoner of war and lifelong Detroit, died June 23, 2022. He was 100 years old. The Tuskegee Airmen were the nation's first African American military pilots, and Jefferson was among the first to escort bombers in WWII.

Jefferson was honored on his 100th birthday in November as Detroit officials awarded him a key to the city, shared plans to construct Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson Plaza and rededicated Jefferson Field in Rouge Park, where he played as a child and flew model airplanes.

Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson recounts his experiences as part of the first group of African American military pilots in the documentary film "Through the Flak: War Stories of the Tuskegee Airmen." Retired Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, World War II prisoner of war and lifelong Detroit, died Wednesday. He was 100 years old. The Tuskegee Airmen were the nation's first African American military pilots, and Jefferson was among the first to escort bombers in WWII. Jefferson was honored on his 100th birthday in November as Detroit officials awarded him a key to the city, shared plans to construct Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson Plaza and rededicated Jefferson Field in Rouge Park, where he played as a child and flew model airplanes.

A Detroit native, Jefferson attended Craft Elementary School, Condon Intermediate School and Chadsey High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Clark College in Atlanta, did graduate work in chemistry at Howard University and received a master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

He graduated from Tuskegee Army Air Field's pilot training in 1944, followed by combat training at Selfridge airfield in Harrison Township. He served in World War II as a P-51 fighter pilot with the 332nd Fighter Group-301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy, later called the "Red Tails."

Jefferson flew 18 missions before being shot down and held as a prisoner in Poland for eight months in 1944-45.

He was honorably discharged from active duty in



1947 and retired from the reserves in 1969 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Col. Jefferson not only represented the best of Detroit and our nation, he represented the very best of humanity," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "As a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, he helped to win the war, and despite spending eight months as a prisoner of war, he emerged with his same kindness and generosity of spirit. He came back to Detroit to continue his service as an educator and made a lasting impact on countless young lives. He is profoundly deserving of the recognition he will receive when the plaza named in his honor opens next year. Our city and our world are better places because of Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson." Following the war, Jefferson was a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier, then became a Detroit public schools science teacher. He retired as an assistant principal in 1979.

Rochelle Riley, Detroit's director of arts and culture and a former Detroit Free Press columnist who wrote extensively about Jefferson over the years, called him an American hero.

"The lieutenant colonel represented the best of our country, of our state and of our city," she said. "He was one of the smartest people I'd ever met, a great raconteur whose stories made me swell with pride. He helped save the world, and I am so glad that I was in a position to honor him. My heart is broken." In retirement, Jefferson spent time inspiring youth and sharing stories about the Tuskegee Airmen.

"We've lost a great American patriarch, a hero and African American man who withstood racial prejudice, who did a job almost perfectly in fighting the war, World War II and he should be remembered for his service to the freedom of the United States," said Dr. Brian Smith, president and treasurer of the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum and director of youth programs for the Detroit Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

On Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson's 100th birthday, the city of Detroit rededicated Jefferson Field in his honor and unveiled plans to erect a statue and plaza in his name.

He was an active member in various church, educational and alumni organizations and is one of the founders of the Detroit Chapter of the Tus-



kegee Airmen — the original chapter — and a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Speaker Bureau, which involved public appearances and many interviews.

Among his many honors, Jefferson was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Force Achievement Medal, POW medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Reserve Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Bronze Star and in 1995 was inducted into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame.

The Congressional Gold Medal was presented to Jefferson and the Tuskegee Airmen in 2007 by President George W. Bush.

"Colonel Jefferson is a true hero. He was larger than life. He led an exemplary life. Everything he did was giving back to the community," said Kenneth Thomas, president of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, who said the organization started in Jefferson's Detroit basement in 1972. Country that work to introduce youth to the world of aviation.

Jefferson was the last surviving member of the founding group that established the Detroit chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"When he came back, he came back to another war. A war of segregation," Thomas said. "He fought that with all he could and giving back to the youth through his teaching with the Public School System, as well as motivating youth into the world of aviation and aerospace."

Public viewing:  
Time: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. July 8  
Where: James H. Cole Home for Funerals, Inc., 16100 Schaefer in Detroit  
(Personal testimonies will be live streamed 6-8 p.m. on the funeral home website.)  
Family Hour/Funeral:

Time: 10 a.m. July 9 family hour; 11 a.m. July 9 funeral  
Where: Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway in Southfield  
Article and picture courtesy of the Detroit Free Press.

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Certified Peer Support Specialist



**BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK**

“For everything that happens in life—there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1 The VOICE



Dear God, Creator of Heaven and Earth. The other night, I felt compelled to speak live on Facebook to my fellow Veterans and the families of my fellow thirteen fellow service members killed by the Islamic State-Khorasan terrorist.

I suggested that the Psalmist would have us invite the Lord's rod of comfort and staff of guidance as you navigate through, and the operative word is through, your grief and pain.

I further suggested that “you may feel as though your world is rashing in and crushing on your heart of flesh. You may feel abandon by

God, or you may no longer believe in God. However, I want to assure you that war and casualties of war are not God's plan or will for humanity. God's will and intent are for you to BE at peace in the middle of the world's craziness and amid life's storms.

My fellow Veterans and I are familiar with death and acquainted with sorrows that only time and faith can heal. During my 15 years in the US Navy Chaplain Corps, my duty was to inform families about their loved ones killed in action. Hearing the news of the thirteen killed is no less traumatic today than when I began. Yet, we volunteer to serve, knowing that we put our lives on the line.

I will be praying for you and invite you to pray for yourself. You are angry, sad, in denial, and, perhaps, asking ‘why my husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, friend?’ God will not avenge anger for anger, disappointment for disappointment, denial for denial. God intimately knows about grief and sorrow. God feels what you feel. God is within you and has dispatched the Angels of Mercy and Wisdom to comfort and support you, especially now. You may feel too numb to speak. God hears your silent prayers.

I am also lighting a candle to honor you and your loved ones who've made the ultimate sacrifice. I pray you are blessed by these words of Healing and Hope.”

**Fundraising Success!**



A Supporter and State Representative Sarah Anthony, Lt. to Rt. Discuss Politics at Harry's Place on Tuesday June 21, 2022; Anthony was a guest Bartender at an Ingram County Democratic Party



**Celebration Announcements**  
by  
**The Ambassador of Celebration**

**Birthdays in JULY**

- Mr. Willie Horrice is celebrating his 8th birthday on July 3rd. He is a loveable child who like to play, loving Life and people. “Willie, You have brought me so much Joy ; Mommy loves You : keep on being You!!!
- Mrs. Deborah D. Chetester celebrates her birth on July 5.
- Ms. Jackie Wilkerson enjoyed her birthday on July 5th.
- Ms. Allique DeMyers celebrated her birthday on July 7th.
- Mr. Chad Foster enjoys his 53nd birthday on July 7th.
- Ms. Latesha Clemons,celebrating her 47th birthday on July 8th.
- Ms. Nicole Borrego celebrated her 43nd birthday on July 8th.
- Mr. Anhrion Frazier enjoyed his 73rd birthday on July 9th.
- Mr. Marcus Jefferson celebrated his birthday on July 10th.
- Miss. Savannah Flowers, born July 11th, celebrates her 10th birthday with her Mom, Dad, family and friends.
- Ms. Renee Freeman enjoyed her birthday on July 11th.
- Mr. Charles Moore enjoyed his birthday on July 12th.
- Ms. Danie Jackson celebrated her birthday July 12th.
- Ms. Alexis Evans celebrated her 35th birthday on July 12th, with Tori, Chris, Momma D, Stacey and our loving DJ Becky. Live life to the fullest and sing your heart out; love you all!!!
- Ms. Sharika J. Smith celebrates her 38th birthday July 13th. She says “Happy Birthday to Me!”
- Mr. Alixandru Garza celebrates his 17th birthday on July 13th.“Happy Birthday, to my baby from your Mommy; I love forever!
- Mr. Fred Ortiz celebrated his 65th birthday on July 13th.
- Ms. Bethany (Big Dinner) Davis will celebrate her birthday on July 13th, with family and friends.
- Miss Alexianna – Jaesse Murray celebrates her 11th birthday on the 14th of July.
- Mr. Alexander Murray will celebrate his birthday July 14th.
- Ms. Marie Moody: enjoying her 41st birthday on July 14th.
- Mr. Keith DeMyers celebrates his birth on July 15th.
- Mr. Steven Dickens celebrates his birthday on July 16th.
- Ms. Elena C. Barren celebrates her birthday on July 16th.
- Ms. Regina E. Riddle enjoys her birthday on July 16th.
- Ms. Teleah Payne celebrates her birthday on July 17th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Linda Ortiz celebrates her 61st birthday on July 17th.
- Ms. Annie Mae celebrates her 49th birthday on July 17th. She says, “Live, laugh, love; for living is life, laughing makes life longer and love makes life stronger!!!”
- Ms. Beckie Knapp enjoys her 31st birthday on July 18th.
- Mr. Jacob Payne celebrates his birthday on July 18th.
- Mrs. April Branson celebrates her birthday on July 19th, with her husband Kirk and family.
- Ms. Miranda Ebright celebrates her birthday on July 19th.
- Ms. Nita Byrd enjoys her 47th birthday on July 20th.
- Ms. Marinell Y. White celebrates her birthday on July 20th.
- Mr. Raynard O. Jones celebrates his birthday on July 20th.
- Mr. Nathaniel Porter celebrates his 18th birthday on July 20th, with family and friends. Boys grow up so fast. “Mommy (Kelly) loves you so much! Hugs & kisses to Nate.
- Judge Clinton Canady III (Joe), born on July 20th, enjoys his 73nd birthday with family and friends.
- Ms. Jennifer Cogswell celebrates her 36th birthday on July 21st, with Jeremy (Smiley) Hill who's love and friendship will always be treasured. “I LOVE YOU!!!”
- Ms. Kris Phillips enjoys her 25 plus birthday on July 21st, with all her friends.
- Ms. Olivia Sheppard enjoys her birthday on July 21st. “Happy Birthday to Me!!!”
- Ms. Jodi Davis celebrates her 35th birthday on July 21st.
- Miss. Natalia Milan McWright, born to Erica and Ellsworth Carter McWright, celebrates her 10th birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Charlissee Hicks celebrates her 40th birthday on July 22nd, with family and friends.
- Dr. M. Joan Cousin celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Natalie Riddle-Bashford celebrates her birth on July 22nd.
- Ms. Monta Nichols celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Cynthia Yarrell celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Saundra Dixon celebrates her day of birth on July 22nd.
- Ms. Andrea Quintero, born July 24th, celebrates her 37th birthday, with family and friends.
- Mrs. Emma J. Jackson celebrates her birthday on July 24th.
- Mr. Jerrell Richards celebrates his 35th birthday on July 25th .
- Ms. Dede Annis celebrates her birthday on July 25th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Robert Lopez celebrates his birthday on July 25th with family and friends.
- Ms. Krystal Dixon celebrates her birthday on July 25th.
- Mr. Alfred E. Huguely celebrates his birthday on July 26th. GOD BE PRAISED!!!
- Ms. Pamela Martin celebrates her 42nd birthday on July 27th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Stephanie J. Parker, E-5, Petty Officer 2nd Class; U.S. Navy celebrates her 57th birthday on July 26th. “We're proud of you!”
- Ms. Grace Majors celebrates her birthday on July 27th.
- Ms. Rhonda Couthen celebrates her birthday on July 27th.
- Ms. Helen Love enjoys her birthday on July 27th.
- Mr. Kol Cee Biggs celebrates his 53rd birthday on July 27th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Mattie Bradley celebrates her birthday on July 28th.
- Ms. Storm and Ms. Stormy Armstrong celebrate their birthday on July 28th.
- Ms. Yvonne Ragland celebrates her birthday on July 30th.
- Mr. Elijah Bermudez celebrates his 15th birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.
- Ms. Roszene DeMyers celebrates her birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.

**\*Anniversaries**

Rev. Nathan and Lady Rolanda Dixon celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on June Mr. & Mrs. Randy and Stacy Ebright celebrated their wedding anniversary on July 11th. “Sixteen wonderful years together”! Mr. Party matchmaking.  
Mr. Kris Graham and Mrs. Gerri Graham celebrated 23 beautiful years together...

**\*Announcements**

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**Lansing Community College congratulates Trustee Angela Mathews and Benita Duncan on their recent elections at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress**

Trustee Mathews was elected Vice-Chair of the African American Community College Trustees Association (AACCTA). The AACCTA is a constituency group of the ACCT and serves as an organization committed to assessing the cumulative effects of higher education policy on African American students, faculty and staff.

Ms. Duncan was elected as President of The Professional Board Staff Network (PBSN). She becomes the first African American to ascend to the position of President for the Executive Committee of the ACCT PBSN. The PBSN is a national level resource for those who support governing boards or presidents of community colleges.



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# Gov Whitmer Delivers \$1,000 Bonuses to Nearly 38,000 Childcare Professionals

5,500+ childcare providers receiving \$368 million in grants to provide \$1,000 staff bonuses and keep childcare facilities open for Michigan families

LANSING, Mich. -- Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer continued her commitment to expand access to quality, affordable childcare for Michigan families by awarding \$368 million in grants to childcare programs across the state. Over 5,500 childcare programs received funding through the second round of the Child Care Stabilization Grant. These funds will keep programs open for business and provide \$1,000 bonuses for full-time staff.

“Michigan thrives when every family has access to quality, affordable childcare that meets their needs,” said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. “I worked across the aisle to secure a historic investment in childcare—including grants to stabilize and strengthen the childcare industry and bonuses for childcare professionals. Thanks to the Child Care Stabilization Grant, over 5,500 childcare programs can keep their doors open, hire more qualified professionals, and continue to improve supports for kids and families. All our kids deserve a strong start. These grants are another investment in their future and our state’s prosperity.”

“As a father, I know the importance of having skilled, childcare professionals to care for our children. That’s why Governor Whitmer and I continue to fight to pay childcare professionals a living wage,” said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. “These bonuses are a small step toward our bigger goals to improve compensation for childcare professionals and support childcare entrepreneurs—all while keeping care affordable for working families.”

These grants were part of a bipartisan budget Gov-



ernor Whitmer signed that included game-changing investments in childcare and delivered on the kitchen-table issues that matter most to families, communities, and small businesses.

Grants were awarded to licensed centers, group homes, family homes, and tribal childcare providers. Funds may be used to lower tuition costs for families, increase compensation for early educators, recruit and train new staff members, improve learning environments, and more.

“The Child Care Stabilization Grants have uplifted the morale of the center. Staff and families are feeling heard and seen,” said Nawal Alsaeed, associate director of Kreative Kids Learning Center in Inkster. “Our staff is feeling recognized and validated and they are motivated to continue in the field of early childhood. Two staff members have gone back to school and are earning degrees in education. I have another two staff members who have registered for CDA credentials. These funds will be the catalyst to continued growth of childcare businesses.”

“Thanks to this grant we were able to give our staff bonuses and upgrade our facility with an emphasis on safety and accessibility,” said Jeff and Yvette Fredricks, owners and operators of a group home in Saginaw. “We were also able to provide our families with peace of mind by providing relief in case of unexpected times and unforeseen circumstances by way of our ‘Parent Forgiveness Grant Fund’ — which helped families pay their tuition balance when times were tough.”

“I have been running a quality, caring, and loving in-home daycare for 26 years. I have been through many life challenges and changes through the years with some very hard moments. I have always kept my program going without taking sick days and rarely time off,” said Shari Marceau owner

and operator of Shari’s Early Learning Center, a home-based childcare in Marquette. “I am extremely thankful for this money! I feel this is my first bonus in this career.”

“These grants have been a critical lifeline to providers who are fighting to stay in business and serve families and children throughout Michigan,” said Lisa Brewer Walraven, director of Child Development and Care in the Office of Great Start at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). “It has been our privilege to provide this ongoing support to the operational costs of childcare providers and ensure those who are working in the programs are supported and recognized for the important value of the work they do.”

The Child Care Stabilization Grant is a non-competitive grant for childcare programs to help stabilize operations and support the health and safety of children and staff. Eligible licensed childcare programs applied for funding in spring 2022.

Total grant awards: 5,544  
Average awards:  
Family home program: \$11,394  
Group home program: \$21,775  
Childcare center: \$120,664  
Total bonuses awarded:  
\$1,000 to 25,756 full time staff members  
\$500 to 12,207 part time staff members

Staff in the Michigan Department of Education’s Office of Child Development and Care worked diligently with the support of partners across the state to manage and process the grants to ensure that all eligible childcare providers were able to apply for and receive the funds as quickly as possible. Additional information about the program is available at [Michigan.gov/childcare](http://Michigan.gov/childcare).

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