

# MICHIGAN BULLETIN

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## The 411 KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

MAY 2019

EVERY TUESDAY AND EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

Ballroom Dancing with Sterling Armstrong at Gregory's 2510 N. MLK Jr. BLVD. Lansing, MI for more info call 517-256-8051

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MAY 18, 2019

"20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Against All Odds"

Women of Vision Luncheon-Unveiling the Mask 11:00AM – 2:00PM Kellogg Center Big 10 Room 209 W. Harrison Rd. East Lansing, MI For more information call 517-303-1817

MAY 17, 2019

"2019 ACPA-MI Social Justice and Inclusive Excellence"

8:00AM-4:00PM Office of Diversity and Inclusion Gannon Building, Lansing Community College, Down Town Lansing, MI 48933

MAY 14 TO JUNE 2, 2019

"Hamilton" An American Musical, Wharton Great Cobb Hall for Times Ticket information Call 1-800-WHARTON

June 12, 2019

"Mayor's Ramadan Unity Dinner"

Lansing Center- 333 E. Michigan Ave Lansing MI, 48893 From 5:30-7:30 for more information call 517-483-4129

JUNE 15, 2019

"How the Justice System Impacts Today's Youth"

10:00 PM-2:00PM Lansing Community College West Campus 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917

### R.I.P. Earle Robinson 1948-2019

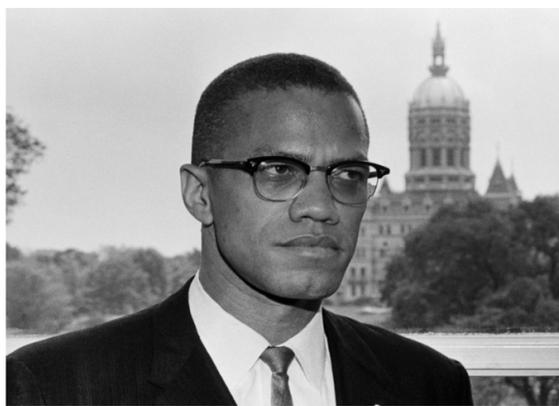


**City Council Chambers Renamed to Honor former Mayor Tony Benavides on May 2, 2019**



Former Mayor Tony Benavides –Pictured Rt.

## REMEMBERING MALCOLM X



Other than a few street signs and a historical marker, this is little evidence of the nearly 15 years Malcolm X spent in Lansing. But a new community art project is hoping to offer a new perspective on the controversial civil rights leader and former Lansing resident. Last week, REACH Studio Art Center and Lansing Community College unveiled a life-size, freestanding mosaic mural of Malcolm X. The project is a collaboration between REACH Studio Art Center's Teen Open Studio and Lansing Community College sociology students. The Teen Open Studio is dedicated to creating community art pieces with a social message. The LCC students visited the teen artists four times over a two-month period to lead discussions on race relations and civil rights.

"Service learning helps students apply what they learn in the classroom to real life," said LCC sociology and anthropology professor Aliza Robison. "In this case, we talked to Lansing area high schoolers about Malcolm X and gave them a better idea of who he was, what the social movement was about and how social inequality relates to them."

"Our goal is to create space for dialogue that is often difficult," added Franchesca Fuentes, coordinator of LCC's Center for Engaged Inclusion, which helped coordinate the project. "I was so proud to see how our students dove into it."

The mural is comprised of small ceramic tiles designed by the 10 teen artists and 15 LCC students. Each tile contains a message or a symbol that ties into Malcolm X's life, including handcuffs to represent his time in prison and a pair of two right feet to represent limited social mobility. Other tiles, like one that reads "black lives matter," connect Malcolm X's message to contemporary social issues. The mural will remain in the atrium of the LCC Library, in the college's Technology and Learning Center Building, through February, which is Black History Month. After that, the

piece will move to a permanent home at Lansing's El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Public School Academy, located at 1028 Barnes Avenue, just off of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The school, named after Malcolm X, uses the Arabic name that he adopted later in life. Malcolm X's time in Lansing was marked by racial violence and tragedy. Born in Omaha as Malcolm Little in 1925, Malcolm X came to Lansing with his family in 1928. In 1929, the family's northwest Lansing home burned in a suspected arson, likely by the Ku Klux Klan or a similar group. In 1931, Malcolm X's father, Earl Little, was killed by a streetcar. His death was ruled an accident, but rumors suggested he was killed by the Black Legion, another white supremacist group. In 1939, Malcolm X's mother had a nervous breakdown and was committed to the Kalamazoo State Hospital. Malcolm X and his siblings were split up, and he was placed in a foster home in Mason, where he attended high school. From there, he bounced between Boston, New York and Lansing, including stints in Lansing working at Shaw Jewelers and working as a busboy at either the Mayfair Bar or Coral Gables. Malcolm X's turbulent time in Lansing set him up for a life in crime and drugs, which is where most history books pick up his story. Malcolm X was arrested in Boston for burglary and sent to prison, where he converted to Islam and eventually emerged as a fiery civil rights activist.

Until his assassination in 1965, Malcolm X returned to the Lansing area several times to visit family and friends. He married his wife, Betty Shabazz, nee Sanders, in Lansing in 1958, and he spoke at Michigan State University in 1963.

Several of the teens involved in the project said that school civil rights lessons mostly focus on Martin Luther King Jr. and his message of peace, barely mentioning Malcolm X. The complex leader's black nationalist views and militant stances make Malcolm X a deli-

cate subject for teachers.

One of the teen artists, 16-year-old Everett High School student Jasper Baldwin, said Malcolm X's flaws made him relatable, as opposed to King, who is often treated with saint-like reverence.

"He was just like any of us," Baldwin said.

"But he managed to change the world."

The project looked at the entire life of Malcolm X, including his childhood in Lansing, attempting to give context to the leader's controversial views.

"He was always portrayed as a violent activist, but he really wasn't," said LCC student Muhamed Musa. "He encouraged people to defend themselves, not to be the aggressor." The project includes one element that represents the change in Malcolm X's life. His glasses, the students explained, feature one regular lens and one mirrored lens, representing two periods of his life. The mirrored lens also allows viewers to symbolically see themselves in Malcolm X.

The mosaic also features a smiling Malcolm X, a purposeful contrast to the militant image often seen in news clippings and history books. This was not lost on Deborah Jones, a niece of Malcolm X who traveled from Grand Rapids for the unveiling.

"When I saw this piece, it was truly emotional," she said. "I always remember uncle Malcolm smiling. It's heartwarming that these students learned so much about him and about each other. This is truly amazing." Teen Open Studio participant Kinzer Kofoed, a 16-year old student at Okemos' Nexus Academy, was inspired by the way Malcolm X turned his life around.

"It started as a sad story of an oppressed young man," said Kinzer Kofoed. "It was a great learning experience, seeing how he changed throughout his life." Article, Mural and picture courtesy of Lansing City Pulse and the Associated Press.

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## May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

If you're in a rut and would like to find a way to experience the great outdoors, here are some suggested activities that you might find helpful:

**Try Pickle-ball at Delta Mills Park** where you can receive free beginners lessons Saturday at 9am and Sunday from 3-6pm. Contact Ken Johnson at 420-3887 for more information.

**Take golf lessons.** Contact one of the local golf courses to inquire about dates and fees.

**Tuesday Treks** - Join Michigan Audubon for a series of guided bird walks at locations in the Greater Lansing Area

**Gather your family and friends and head outdoors for a bike ride.**

**Get to know your neighbors by walking around your community.**

**Plant a garden.** The Garden Project will help you grow healthy food and cultivate connections. For more information contact them by calling (517) 853-7809 or gardenproject@greaterlansingfoodbank.org.

**Allow yourself to venture out and enjoy something new.** Last year I learned to play Pickle-ball and I planted a garden. I found both of these activities to be very rewarding and I'm looking forward to making new memories. Free your mind by granting yourself permission to participate in one new thing this year and while you're at it, invite someone along to share your experience.



Angela Stepter Physical Fitness Trainer

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# News, Views & Commentary

## POEM "WE ARE HERE!" By Dee Freeman

You can believe that! Cause it's a fact...Jack!

We put blood sweat and tears into this country... Go ahead, say what you will... Like, why can't you get over that slavery crap? Because, most likely that same person's family is still Benefiting from our family's labor of yesteryear That's the very reason why We ain't going no damn where The hatred of blackness is so Deeply embedded Into our way of life, Yet memories flash of Savagery, Starvation, slavery, hatred, massive strife, These were such dastardly crimes. Thinking of them It makes it hard for me to breathe sometimes It's certainly hard to be the perfect Christian, and walk uprightly... It's hard to pray for these despicable bigots....on our knees nightly since this administration began, the bigots are coming out of crevices and cracks. We've got to repeat daily ... To some ignoramus, the fact that we built this nation...still carrying it on our backs. Our brave ancestors suffered, bled and died on our behalf, so we got an inalienable right to be here, much, much more than most other immigrants who came on their own free will and volition... We were mostly stolen and forced over raging oceans... So now we're here, move over buddy boy,. Do whatever you'd care Cause, I'm just saying! Naw, Naw...We ain't going nowhere! This prejudiced culture has gone on for over 400 years. This systemic racism embedded in this country is terrifyingly strong! We need an exponential change....without fears We need a change in the way we talk about racism's clout, we need a change in the way we work to bleach racism out, we need a change in the way we walk the narrow line, we need a change in the way we live...cause it's time We all need to know that we ARE somebody And when we know that we are somebody... We must let this world know.... That we KNOW who we ARE And what we know, is What we know We're no longer taking this racist bull crap We are not cowering, nor stepping nor going back We've gotta say...talk to the HAND, ignoring ignorant sh\*t. And guess what, The change of which I speak!, WE'RE IT! We are the change. Our slave labor did not bring us riches nor a huge bounty but it certainly did build, prosper and sustain this country. And now, We need all hands on deck; to bring about this change... Come out of your corner with your gloves on Get into your groove and get your fight on Become an heroic moral compass to a certain degree Speak out about the injustices and immoralities you see Spur on a spirited, conscientious, transformative stand Look in the mirror...tell the person you see to man-up..."make a plan" Voice an assault against racist producing poverty Call out to everyone for individual accountability Call out for a comprehensive reparation, that's our due Call out for compensatory restitution...This fact is nothing new! BRING IT! Stir up the motivation... The needed positive action In our home, our daily lives, our society, In our communities, in our culture for notable traction So when those who think they're better than us get in our face... Tell them, we no longer accept being thought of as the lesser race Look her/him in the eye and say, "step back..." You're barking up the wrong tree. I won't have this today. I won't be treated nor hated on this way. I won't be demeaned, I won't tolerate the disrespect And I won't be treated like anything But the royal person that I am... a Queen....you get that? So speak to me if you wish or if you'd even care Cause I'm here baby cakes, Believe this...I ain't going nowhere!!!



Dee Freeman

## Dramatic scuffle ends with police officer fatally shooting pregnant' woman

Shocking footage has shown the moment a police officer opened fire and killed a woman moments after she told him she was pregnant.



Shooting Victim Pamela Turner

The confrontation unfolded in Baytown, Texas, on Monday evening (local time) when an officer tried to arrest Pamela Turner, 44, over outstanding warrants. Graphic video showed the officer struggling with the woman who could be heard yelling, "I'm pregnant". In the video, which is circulating on social media, Turner could be heard saying "You're actually harassing me" and "I'm actually walking to my house" before falling to the ground. While on her back, she appeared to struggle with the officer, saying, "Why? Why?", and then "I'm pregnant". Turner then appeared to reach up towards the officer and, moments later, he fired five shots, killing her. Police claimed the woman snatched the officer's Taser, which he had earlier used on her, and shot it towards his groin during the scuffle. Following the incident, the police department learned Turner was not pregnant, but declined to elaborate on how it had found out. Autopsy results have not been released. The lieutenant said the officer was patrolling the complex about 40 kilometers east of Houston and tried to arrest the African-American woman because he knew she had outstanding warrants. The officer, who is Hispanic and an 11-year veteran of the department, had previous dealings with Turner. The officer, who was not seriously injured, has been placed on paid administrative leave. Investigators are trying to contact whoever recorded the video as they were a witness to the shooting. "It's a tragic event for everybody involved. Of course, our hearts go out to the family of the deceased as well as our officer," Lieutenant Steve Dorris said. Article and picture courtesy of Yahoo News UK.

## Are all politicians treated the same?

"All Men created Equal" that is what is stated in our 14<sup>th</sup> amendment, but many Americans and especially politicians are forgetting or probably choose to ignore that when a situation involves someone they see is "different". In late March, Congresswomen Ilhan Omar stated that "Many people expect, expect our community to feel like it needs to hide every time something happens,". She was delivering a speech at the American-Islamic relations Event in California and she went on a topic that involved the tragic events on September 11, 2001, and that after those events that many Americans started to discrimination against Muslim Americans. Blaming them for the attacks and for the murders of many innocent lives that day and because of those comments she was met by many controversies from her peers and even President Donald Trump going on Twitter to comment "WE WILL NEVER FORGET!" assuming that Congresswomen Omar was trying to disrespect the events of September 11,2001. The outcome of the President's comments Congresswomen Omar said "I have experienced an increase in direct threats on my life...many directly referencing or replying to the president's video". How can a President not understand that the congresswomen were not trying to disrespect the events of September 11,2001 but to motivate the that people put her in to office and others to not let those events define them and their religion? The President because if his comments has opened up and allowed other Americans to think it is okay to discriminate and have hatred towards people who are "different", and to continue to be the greatest country on planet Earth, we as a people have to accept and treat everyone equal. Article courtesy of Ali Aliziyadi MB Inter

## MoneyWalk 392:

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Many children are taught to believe pursuits other than faith in and intimacy with Jesus Christ are more important for their lives because their parent's daily activities deceive them into thinking it is acceptable to spend little or no time in fellowship with Jesus Christ, the Church, and other believers. Also, emphasis on being successful in life is usually couched in the need for higher education in universities or finding a highly-paid niche via the professional music, acting, entertaining, or sports industries.

Most of the present-day boards and CEO's facilitating these options have absolutely no focus on glorifying the LORD in what they do and how they do it. Even when they will market gospel products and services, the main driver that determines what they will do is how much profit they believe they can make with it. Often, even when profit has been good they will kill a good product or service when human sentiment from customers and naysayers do not like a person they were using who delivered a message of righteousness based on biblical morals during a speaking engagement or media interview that is not related to the product they endorse for the company. This has happened in many instance when the person described what the LORD via the bible shows are sexually immoral practices and lifestyles.

Many parents either agree with this handcuffing of godly voices in society or simply provide no voice to let their kids know they should believe, live, and speak the LORD's standards regardless of what others around them have to say and that they should be willing to suffer (if need be) in living His way because it puts them on the narrow road of salvation leading to eternal life of which Jesus Christ spoke. Tragically, this same parental apathy exists in stewardship of money and resources the LORD entrusts to them. Again, they present a terrible example to the children and to their on looking friends.

For sure, we must live in the world, but we are instructed to not be of the world. In other words, even as we go about getting training, higher education, and mastery in vocational fields we must not do so in ways that lead us and our children away from the LORD's standards and will for our / their lives. We must be ever vigilant to pray and ask His guidance about our children's purpose in this life and show them how to do the same and to live according to His will overall and per His instruction when He

speaks specifically to them.

Failing to example this pattern for children or allowing them to think those around them who appear to have lots of money, power, and/or fame automatically do everything the right way or that it does not matter what one does as long as it results in them being happy will entice them to live out many bad patterns that seem fun for a short time but will in the long run be hurting instead of helping them. In the financial arena, such mindsets lead them to constantly borrow money to try and get all the material comforts they desire, which will make them slaves to debt and creditors and ensure financial struggles throughout their lives even when they are able to achieve high incomes and lives full of material pleasure.

They should be taught as early as possible to (1) work for employers and via entrepreneurial endeavors, (2) tithe & give offerings, (3) budget, (4) save, (5) not borrow money but instead save to get what they want, (6) not cosign for other people, (7) invest in equities, and (8) diversify their savings and investments. This will not happen when you are not focused on pursuing God's will for your life. Your children are more likely to follow what you do rather than what you say, so make sure your lifestyle and examples line up with biblical standards for good stewardship because it is the only lifestyle that glorifies the LORD and leads to true fruitfulness, reward, and prosperity.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

**Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Proverbs 22:6-7, Matthew 5:16-20, Ephesians 6:4, 2Timothy 3:12-17**

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

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## 2019 ACPA-MI Social Justice and Inclusive Excellence Drive-In

Friday, May 17, 2019  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
Gannon Building  
Lansing Community College  
Lansing, Michigan

The ACPA-MI Social Justice and Inclusive Excellence Drive-In is one of the signature equity and inclusion learning opportunities in Michigan. Please join us in having crucial conversations about advancing diversity, equity and inclusion with subject matter experts and peer educators across the state. Learn about best practices in facilitating inclusive programs, hosting diversity and equity workshops, getting a better understanding of current climates and trends of social justice work in higher education, utilizing inclusive language and more!

With Guest Keynote Speakers:  
Dr. Jesse Bernal  
Alex C. Lange  
Dr. Tonya Bailey

Registration: \$30 per person. Breakfast and Lunch included.

Register NOW at: [mi.myacpa.org/ei19/registration/](http://mi.myacpa.org/ei19/registration/)

If you have questions, thoughts or comments, please contact:  
Eduardo Olivo, 2019 ACPA-MI Drive-In Co-Chair,  
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**SOUL FIBER: LIAR, LIAR PANTS ON FIRE**  
 Ministry of Presence With  
 Chaplain Pamela June (PJ) Anderson, DMin.  
 Lt. Commander (RET) USN Chaplain Corps  
 Certified Peer Support Specialist

NOW, TODAY, IS THE DAY OF HOLY SPIRIT GRACE, PRESENCE, AND AWARENESS. BE STILL AND LISTEN TO HEAR HER VOICE




"The thief approaches with malicious intent, looking to steal, slaughter, and destroy; I came to give life with joy and abundance. John 10:10 The Voice (VOICE)



"AND GOD, You get blamed for just about everything that comes out of the mouth of most televangelist, particularly Pat Robertson, supremacist pulpiterers, and fear-mongering politicians. Papa God and Mom-Wisdom, I never thought I would come out and call someone an out and out liar. Mr. Robertson, notwithstanding, seems to have a perspective on the Gospel that is rather skewed as he announces "there will be 'atomic war' if Christians (followers of

Paul who first called people of the Way Christian) can't discriminate against LGBTQ people." He claims God will "vomit" & "get rid of" America if the Equality Act passes, and he thinks it's likely we'll get hit with a "solar strike" or "atomic war."

Folks, he and his cohort's are pissing on your soul and calling it rain.

When we are hit by a solar strike, an iceberg, an atomic war, an earthquake, a tornado, volcanic eruptions, a tsunami, a meteorite, and all of the other ways Mother Nature speaks, it will have everything to do with Her purifying Herself, environmentally speaking, and nothing to do with the LGBTQ community. In the words of my Admiral Bishop, "you are giving the LGBTQ folk too much power." Your message of fear and hate is unholy. We no longer live in fear of your angry, punitive, ill-speaking, misogynistic entity that you call god.

Most of us are learning to love ourselves as God loves us so we can love our neighbor.

I strongly suggest that we learn and be willing to recognize that a thief intends to steal our joy, kill our body, and destroy our faith. That what thieves do emotionally and spiritually. If the message is about anything other than **Good News**, consider it is bad, inaccurate, Untrue, and UnChrist-like news.

Please, please pray (not prey) for wisdom, discernment, and Godly Presence so as not to find your soul on fire from the dominion of lies and liars in seen and unseen places.



Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

*Celebration*

*Announcements*

**Birthdays in May 2019 II**

- Ms. Samatra Denson celebrates her 42nd birthday on May 16th . She says, "I'm loving life!"
- Ms. Sha Taraywe McKinley celebrates her 27th birthday on May 18th .
- Mr. Kurt Brumbaugh celebrates his 45th birthday on May 18th .
- Ms. Jina Cashey celebrates her 42nd birthday on May 18th. "Happy Birthday" from Joyce.
- Mr. Kris Pratt celebrates his birthday on May 19th. He says "I thank GOD and myself for being so awesome!"
- Ms. Aaliyah Miller celebrates her 13th birthday on May 19th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Nigel Moore enjoys his birthday on May 19th .
- Ms. Gwendolyn Gail Rouse celebrates her birthday on May 19th!
- Ms. Nancy Berry-Beck celebrates her birthday on May 19th.
- Mr. Ray Lopez celebrates his 67th birthday May 19th . "Happy Birthday Ray!"
- Mr. Drevaughn Croskey celebrates his 24th birthday May 19th . "My beloved son" Love momma
- Mr. Isaac Verser celebrates his birthday on May 20th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Carl R. Herring celebrates his birthday on May 21st, with his loving family.
- Mr. Jay A. Townsley Sr. celebrates his birthday on May 21st.
- Mr. AJ Brown celebrates his birthday May 21st, "Happy birthday" from your brother and your favorite sister in law.
- Ms. Brianna and Ms. Brooklyn Aguilar celebrate their 22nd birthday on May 22nd with family and friends.
- Ms. Angela Redemsky celebrates her birthday on May 22nd, with family and friends.
- Ms. Celia Henderson celebrates her birthday on May 23rd.
- Ms. Tara Moore will celebrate her birthday on May 23rd.
- Mr. James "Jet" Davis celebrates his birthday on May 23rd.
- Ms. Rose Henderson celebrates her birthday on May 23rd.
- Ms. Laraine Walton celebrated her birthday on May 23rd.
- Mr. John Lewis Jr. celebrates his birthday on May 24th.
- Mr. Melvin S. McWilliams celebrates his birthday on May 24th.
- Mr. Cullen Dubose II will celebrate his birthday on May 25th.
- Mr. Barry Williams celebrates his birth on May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs. Yvonne Young McConnell celebrates her birthday on May 26th.
- Mr. Blake Buckingham celebrates his birthday on May 26th.
- Mr. Claude Browne celebrates his 96th birthday on May 27th, with his beautiful, loving wife Woodie. Master Rolando R. Ruiz III celebrates his 10th birthday on May 28th, with family and friends. "Mom Cece, Dad Rolando Jr. and Nana love you very much!"
- Greer Dodd celebrates a birthday on May 28th. Mr. André Collins-Riddle celebrates his birthday on May 29th.
- Mr. John Wallick II celebrates his birthday on May 31st. Master Jacob Thomas Brown celebrates his 9th birthday in May with family and friends. "Happy Birthday Little Man!!!" Love, Mommy and Daddy!!!
- \*Anniversaries Mr. Johnathon Short and Mrs. Megan Adrienne Short were married on May 2nd, 2011. "We celebrated 8 beautiful years together!" Mr. David and Mrs. Deana Newman will celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on May 27th.

Announcements Mr. Party Website: [mrpartycelebration-service.com](http://mrpartycelebration-service.com) •

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Please send the information about you, your family or friends celebrating the Events of Life: Celebration Announcements!

**Read The Michigan Bulletin**

Please join us for this very informative discussion featuring two honorable Ingham County Judges.

## How the Justice System Impacts Today's Youth

... their families, and society!




presented by:



**Judge Shauna Dunnings**  
Ingham County Probate Court

**Judge Wanda Stokes**  
30th Circuit Court Ingham County

Moderator: Kristan Simmons, Esq., Litigation Manager, Michigan Department of Corrections

This is a free event. Space is limited, you must register to attend. Please register online at:  
[www.upliftouryouthfoundation.org/](http://www.upliftouryouthfoundation.org/)

The Uplift Our Youth Foundation is an educational and philanthropic foundation whose purpose is to support projects, programs and activities which enhance opportunities for young people.  
[www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com)

**DATE AND TIME**  
 Sat, June 15, 2019  
 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM EDT  
[Add to Calendar](#)

Lansing Community College West Campus  
 5708 Cornerstone Drive  
 Lansing, MI 48917

**Description**

Please join us for this very informative discussion featuring two honorable Ingham County Judges to highlight the impact the justice system has on youth, their families, and society. Open and honest dialog to try and develop solutions within the community.

Light refreshments provided!

# 20th ANNIVERSARY

## Against All Odds Foundation



*Women of Vision Luncheon*  
*"Unveiling the Mask"*

Saturday, May 18, 2019  
 11:00A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

*MSU Kellogg Center - Big 10 Rm*  
 219 S. Harrison Rd. East Lansing, MI  
 (517) 303-1817  
[www.againstalloddsfoundation.com](http://www.againstalloddsfoundation.com)  
 Tickets: \$45 [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)



02.25.2012

# THE REALS OF JUSTICE

## Wills, Thrusts and Power of Attorney

By Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

A will is a legal document that allows you to designate individuals or charities to receive your property and possessions when you pass away. A trust is an equitable or beneficial right or title to land or other property, held for the beneficiary by another person, in who resides the legal title or ownership. A Power of Attorney is a legal instrument authorizing another person to act as an agent or attorney of the person granting it.

Writing a will is probably not high on many people's list of priorities. And for the most part people don't like to discuss things about death. But a will is a very important part of life and essential for everyone. Some people say a will is one of the best ways to protect your spouse and children. If you don't have a will your estate will be disbursed according to the state laws without consideration of your desires for how you want your estate disbursed. A will can prevent your family from having to be in probate court. A will can be the best way to make sure that to whom you want to get your money and assets will get it. Generally, if a person doesn't have a will, the person's immediate family – spouse, children and parents are awarded their assets. But a will takes away any uncertainty. If you have children, you can determine who will be the guardian of your children in your will if you or your spouse pass away. With life come changes. You can amend your will at any time to accommodate those life changes. Changes such as adding a beneficiary or if your marital status changes those amendments can be made to your will.

A trust is a legal entity created by a party, the trustor, through which a second party, the trustee, holds the right to manage the trustor's assets or property for the benefit of a third party, the beneficiary. There are many kinds of trust and it is best to consult an estate planning attorney when creating a trust. The five main types of trusts are living, testamentary, revocable, irrevocable, and funded or unfunded. Every trust has its own purpose, but all trust uses the same structure.

A power of attorney is a way to have another person handle your legal, medical or financial affairs while you are away or unable to do so yourself because of incapacitation. If you don't have a power of attorney and you become incapacitated, a conservatorship or guardianship may need to be established. The court would appoint someone to manage the legal, medical or financial needs of the incapacitated person. The incapacitated person obviously won't have any say as to who the court appoints to serve in such a capacity.

Estate planning minimizes having to deal with the probate court, provides one and one's family with privacy, and allows one's property and assets to be disbursed according to ones wishes. Estate planning is future present for yourself and your family. You won't regret estate planning.

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# Malcolm X

## Parade & Harambee Celebration

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