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Women's History Month

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Yara Shahidi: (Above) Harvard University student, activist and actress, Yara Shahidi is well known for her role as Zoey Johnson on ABC's Black-ish, as well as her own spinoff, Grown-ish, among many other television and film roles.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month.

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month in 2021 captures the spirit of these challenging times. Since many of

the women's suffrage centennial celebrations originally scheduled for 2020 were curtailed, the National Women's History Alliance is extending the annual theme for 2021 to "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced."

To learn more about the history of Women's History Month, please visit the Library of Congress



Tarana Burke: (Above) Time magazine's 2017 Person of the Year, Tarana Burke is an activist and the founder of Me Too. The New York native's group brings awareness and support to sexual violence survivors. In 2017, the group's hashtag #metoo started a revolution and brought women together in solidarity in the fight against sexual assault. Me Too helps bring resources to survivors, as well as those in their lives. Allyson Felix: (photo to left) is a five-time Olympian, starting in her first Olympic games 2004 — earning her latest medal during the Tokyo Olympics for the 400 meter and 400-meter relay. Felix has earned 11 Olympic medals including 7 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze.

Credit: yahoo.com



Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week . . .

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

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BIDEN INTRODUCES KETANJI BROWN JACKSON AS HIS SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

Dylan Stableford and Caitlin Dickson

If confirmed, Jackson would be the Supreme Court's 116th justice and first Black woman ever to sit on its bench.

"For too long, our government, our courts haven't looked like America," Biden said at the White House. "I believe it's time we have a court that reflects the full talents and greatness of our nation, with a nominee with extraordinary qualifications. And we inspire all young people to believe that they one day can serve our country at the highest level."

"Today I'm pleased to introduce to the American people a candidate who continues in this great tradition," the president said.

Biden praised Jackson's background as a public defender and federal judge, noting that she was confirmed by the Senate three times.

He also praised her for another role.

"Like so many women in this country, Judge Jackson is a working mom," Biden said. "You're always a mom — that's never going to change no matter what you're doing. Whether you're on the Supreme Court or not."

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson speaks at the White House on Friday after President Biden introduced her as his nominee for the Supreme Court. (Saul Loeb/AFP via Getty Images) Jackson told Biden she was "truly humbled" by her nomination, and called it "an

extraordinary honor."

She began her remarks by thanking God.

"Among my many blessings, and



indeed the very first, is the fact that I was born in this great country," Jackson said. "The United States of America is the greatest beacon of hope and democracy the world has ever known."

Jackson also thanked her parents, graduates of historically Black colleges and universities who worked as public school teachers.

She spoke of other family members who work or worked in law enforce-

ment, including her brother, a former Baltimore detective, and two uncles who were police officers. She acknowledged that another uncle "got caught up in the drug trade" and received a life sentence.

"I am standing here today by the grace of God as testament to the love and support I have received from my family," she said.

And she thanked Breyer, for whom she worked as a law clerk during the Supreme Court's 1999-2000 term.

Breyer "not only gave me the greatest job that any young lawyer could hope to have," Jackson said, "but he also exemplified every day in every way that a Supreme Court justice can perform at

the highest level of skill and integrity while also being guided by civility, grace, pragmatism and generosity."

President Biden speaks as Jackson, left, and Vice President Kamala Harris look on at the White House on Friday. (Saul Loeb/AFP via Getty Images)

Biden nominated Jackson, 51, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia last summer. She had served as a district judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia since 2013, previously working as a public defender and serving as the vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Jackson was confirmed to her current post by the Senate in a 53-44 vote, with Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina voting in her favor.

But in a tweet early Friday, Graham said the nomination of Jackson "means the radical Left has won President Biden over yet again."

According to a Yahoo News poll earlier this month, 69 percent of Americans said Jackson was qualified to sit on the court, including 57 percent of Republicans.

"I'm pleased to nominate Judge Jackson, who will bring extraordinary qualifications, deep experience and intellect, and a rigorous judicial record to the court," Biden said Friday. "Judge Jackson deserves to be confirmed as the next justice of the Supreme Court."



WHIMI Beyond The Ballot MONTH LUNCHEON THE 36TH ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH VIRTUAL LUNCHEON Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 12 noon. Includes portraits of historical figures and the text 'HONORING OUR PAST... CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE'.



## 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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**Trustee Angela Mathews**  
Vice-Chair LCC Board of Trustees



**Benita Duncan**  
Executive Assistant and Liaison  
to LCC Board of Trustees



*Dee Freeman*

## POETREE IN MOTION

### WOMEN WHO LOVED ME

A long varied line of admirable and fine  
Women...dignified as fine wine  
Came down my heritage line...  
Passing genes of a many  
Royal, brilliant. and steadfast kind

I don't recognize all the queenly bone struc-  
tures  
I do relate to many verbal instructions  
I will forever remember...  
For these courageous women who loved me  
To the heavens and beyond  
Were never at a loss for words:  
"Listen to your elders, child  
Be obedient and God-fearing, child  
Do it because I said so, child."

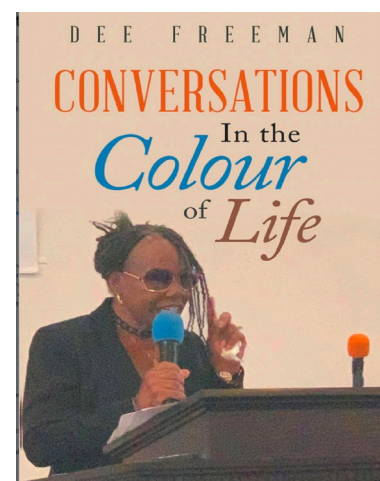
These stern women never gave a command  
twice...  
If not heard, a first quiet verbal sound,  
You felt the message in full speedy force  
The next time around,  
As you'd somehow realize your position  
And slowly get up from the ground

These strong Dahomey women's love

Formed my mind, body and soul  
Into a woman...360 degrees whole  
Who loves her own children, above all...  
With a love unmatched  
Maybe untold, yet deeply bold  
These women are beautiful and bodacious,  
Lionhearted and courageous  
Strong, steadfast and un-movable,  
Graceful, charismatic and lovable  
Humble, faithful, repentant,  
Thankful, persistent, diligent

These loving Women, had our well-being in  
mind...  
Such caring and outstanding women of a  
unique kind  
These Royal Queens continue through us...  
Their heirs divine...are yet incredibly inclined  
To be thus Destined and Designed to BE...  
Proud, LOVING BLACK WOMEN  
WITH A BLESSED DESTINY

Love all y'all... Seeds from  
the STALWART and Beloved Rice tree



#### NEW BOOK RELEASE:

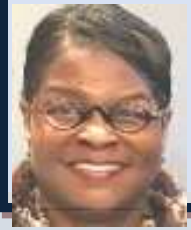
Dee's pure candor and truthful expressions bypasses frivolity and gets right down to the real deal. She lays it out in an undeniable way...hanging it all out on the line, hoping it dries to the nice crisp and clean laundry we all crave, but knowing some of the dirt doesn't readily wash out. That's the stuff still needing more scrubbing and time to air.

Yet some stains just won't let go, so Dee's "Conversations" opens options and inspires creative juices so we understand this simple fact...that we all need to vent, forgive ourselves and others...then move the heck on. Actually you may just toss out much of the grime and dirt in the wash water..so to speak!! Yeah!! You got it! Good talk!

Come join the CONVERSATION with Dee Freeman's new book, hot off the press.. Check out the Kindle pre-view or paperback available now on Amazon.com. For autographed copies, please connect with Dee at 517.214-0200 or [deedkfreeman@yahoo.com](mailto:deedkfreeman@yahoo.com) \$14 + \$3. shpg  
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## SOUL II SOUL CONSCIOUSNESS: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING



Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.  
Soul II Soul Grief and Bereavement Counselor  
Lt. Commander (RET) US Navy Chaplain Corps  
Certified Peer Support Specialist



BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK

<sup>64</sup>My people are ruined because they don't know what's right or true...  
you've turned your back on knowledge. Hosea 4:6 The Message



Dearest of All, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, I believe that most of our children will BE better off when they KNOW who and Whose they are. Likewise, I think that many of my peers will BE better off when we KNOW, accept, and pay forward awareness about the harsh transport during the Middle Passage to the American shores and the severe applications of the "law" mainly imposed on Black and brown people – to this day.

I often think of the cadence of the Jews "Never Again." How do Jews support their determination? They teach their history in their schools, and, in their synagogues, they post the letter to the Jews from the first president, George Washington. Dated August 18, 1790, his letter reads, in part, "As in other letters to Jewish congregations, the president explicitly acknowledges Jewish participation in the new nation. "May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the goodwill of the other Inhabitants." He goes on to oppose the mere "toleration" of religious differences and instead emphasizes religious liberty in "the exercise of inherent natural rights." In other words, the Jews had the president's pledge of protection from the violence and exploitation given to Natives and the enslaved.

How should our children behave and misbehave, forced to learn the British's rebellious history and deny the history of our heroines and heroes? We could begin in our homes, churches, and after-school programs learning about our Black Moses and memorizing our Black National Anthem. Let us expand our knowledge with these kernels: "In the 1850s, Harriet Tubman, our Black Moses, through 13 missions, rescued 100s of the enslaved people, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. Fifty years later, NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson pinned a hymn, written as a poem, "The Black National Anthem," Lift Every Voice and Sing. His brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), composed the music for the lyrics.

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Also, on FACEBOOK @ sfgwithoutwalls & Chaplain Pj



## Celebration Announcements by The Ambassador of Celebration

### Birthdays in March

- Mr. LaMonti Dion Brown celebrates his 51th birthday on March 2nd, enjoying new start in new state. Much Love and success from All your Family.
- Mr. Mike Ryan Jr. celebrates his birthday with family and friends on March 4th.
- Mr. Zachary Murry celebrates his birthday on March 7th.
- Rev. Anna Mae Alexander, in her memory, was born on March 8th: "Carry on in the name of The LORD!"
- Mr. Daryl Holman celebrates his birthday on March 8th.
- Ms. JeMonica Thomas celebrates her birth on March 9th
- Ms. Tammy Michelle Tyson celebrates her 54th birthday on March 9.
- Mr. Dwayne Thompson celebrates his 51st birthday on March 9th.
- Mr. Dylan Pofoli celebrates his 31st birthday on March 9th.
- Mr. Paloma Sanchez enjoys his birthday on March 11th. "Happy Birthday!"
- Ms. Nikki Holman celebrates her birthday on March 13th.
- Mr. Travis Hough celebrates his 42nd birthday on March 14th
- Ms. Esther Rodea celebrates her birthday on March 15th.
- Mr. William Banks celebrates his birthday on March 15th.
- Mr. Jordan D. Majors celebrates his birthday on March 15th.
- Ms. Jennifer Black celebrates her birthday on March 15th.
- Mr. Desmond Hall celebrates his birthday on March 15th.
- Mr. William Eugene Rouse II celebrates his birthday on March 15th.
- Mr. James Morrow celebrates his birthday on March 15th.
- Ms. Justice Foster celebrates her birthday on March 16th with her Mother, brothers and sisters.
- Mrs. Emogene Leek celebrates her birthday on March 17th with her husband and family, all of them expressing their Love
- Ms. Ciara Wireman celebrates her 22nd birthday on March 17th.
- Ms. Briana Jefferson celebrates her birthday on March 19th. Dad says, Happy Birthday little Princess!!!
- Ms. Virginia Lewis celebrates her birthday, "35 years young", on March 19th. She says, "Much Love!"
- Mr. Mark Anthony Brown, in memory, was born on March 20th. Family and friends say "We miss You".
- Ms. Annette Johnson, born on March 20, 1959, celebrates her 63rd birthday.
- Ms. Pamela Renzi celebrates her 49th birthday on March 21st, celebrating with friends and family.
- Ms. Theresa Daniels celebrates her birthday on March 22nd.
- Ms. Keesha Home celebrates her 41st birthday on March 22nd, enjoying time spent with her beautiful children.
- Mrs. Nya {Chopper's Wife} celebrates her 39th birthday on March 22nd, along with Mr. Chopper {Nya's Husband} celebrating his 46nd birthday on March 25th and their 14th year anniversary on March 23rd.
- Mr. Robert Brown Jr., in memory, was born on March 23rd. Truly missed: He and his lovely wife, Joy.
- Master Brayden Konen enjoys his 12th birthday on March 23rd. "Happy Birthday! Mommy loves you!"
- Ms. Valerie Floyd celebrates her 45th birthday on March 23rd with family and friends.
- Ms. Quintine Medley celebrates her 35th birthday on March 23rd.
- Mr. John K. Elliott celebrates his birthday on March 23rd. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."
- Ms. Monica Burrell celebrates her birthday on March 23rd. She says, "A special day spent with family and friends; thanks so much!"
- Ms. Nellie M. Garvie born March 24th, celebrates her 71st birthday with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren... We love you so much!!!
- Mr Matt McCoy, Scratch Pilots DJs, celebrates his birthday on March 25th. Love You, Your wife Bree
- Ms. Melinda M. Ball born March 25th celebrates her birthday her Mother, sisters, brother, children and grandchildren... We love you so much!!!
- Ms. Gina Mojica celebrates her birthday on March 26th, with family and friends. "The Puerto Rican Lady"
- Ms. Shelly Ryan celebrates her birthday on March 28th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Bill Ryan, in memory, was born on March 28th, missed by family and friends.
- Ms. Nikki Holman celebrates her birthday on March 13th.
- Ms. Esther Rodea celebrates her birthday on March 15th; partied with my family.
- Ms. Mary A. Clark celebrates her birthday on March 25th.
- Mr. Brandon Henderson celebrates his birthday on March 25th.
- Mr. Ralph Riddle Sr.; we honor his memory, celebrated his birth on March 25th.
- Ms. Allison Chenault celebrates his birthday on March 25th.
- Mr. Michael Bower celebrates his birthday on March 25th.
- Ms. Rita Pizana celebrates her birthday on March 26th with family and friends.
- Mr. Bishop Cousin celebrates his birthday on March 26th.
- Ms. Taurean A. Jackson celebrates her birthday on March 26th.
- Mr. Don Rodriguez celebrates his 63st birthday on March 26th, with his beautiful wife Julia and family.
- Mrs. Gwendolyn Bodiford celebrates her birthday on March 27th, with her husband and family.
- Ms. Brittany Eaton celebrates her birthday on March 27th.
- Mr. Marcus Turner celebrates his birthday on March 27th.
- Ms. Sheila Fuller celebrates her birthday on March 27th.
- Ms. Angela Eaton celebrates her birthday on March 28th.
- Mr. James Edward Garvie Sunrise March 30th, 1954 - Sunset February 18th, 2002. "WE will always LOVE and KEEP you forever in our HEARTS and YOUR memory ALIVE for as long as we live!".... Rest in Paradise Daddy!!!
- Ms. Eunice F. Foster celebrates her birthday on March 31st.
- Ms. Jessie J. Storey-Fry celebrated her birthday on March 31st.

### \*Anniversaries

- Mr. Cullen Dubose Sr. and Mrs. Helena J. Dubose celebrate their anniversary on March 31st.
- Mr. & Mrs. Myron & Dee Freeman celebrated their 32th wedding anniversary on February 14th
- Mr. & Mrs. Al and Irma Cooper, we honor their memory and celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on February 23rd.

### \*Announcements

Mr Ronnie Brown, celebrated his birthday on January 27th.  
Friendship is Forever; We're in this for Life!!!

### Please let us know if you have anyone to celebrate

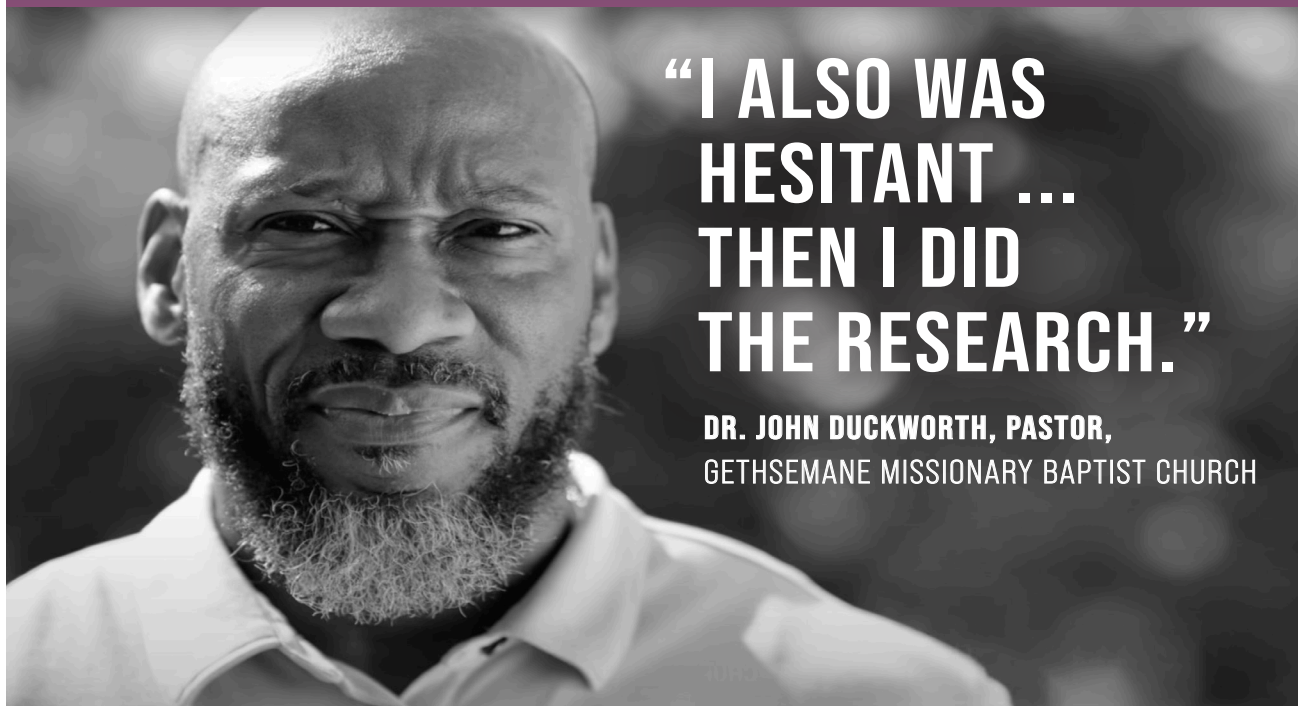
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Please send the information about you, your family or friends celebrating the Events of Life: Celebration Announcements

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**The 2022 Lansing JUNETEENTH Celebration**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
Interfaith/Ecumenical Virtual Prayer/Praise & Day of Giving Program  
**FEBRUARY 27 TO APRIL 23**  
The Dr. Eva L. Evans Juneteenth Essay & Scholarship Competition  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**  
The Commemorative Ballgame/Tribute to the Negro Leagues  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 16**  
The Capital City Kick-Off Ceremony/Essay Contest & Scholarship Awards  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 18**  
African American Parade & Juneteenth Freedom Festival  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 19**  
Juneteenth Day Recognition



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**"I ALSO WAS  
HESITANT ...  
THEN I DID  
THE RESEARCH."**

**DR. JOHN DUCKWORTH, PASTOR,  
GETHESEMANE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Research shows COVID vaccines are safe. Get the facts, then get vaccinated.**

Like many in his community and congregation, Dr. Duckworth questioned the COVID vaccines at first. Would they be safe? Could they be trusted? But he didn't rely on rumors or social media for answers. He spoke to people who had received the vaccine. He looked to medical experts. And then he got vaccinated to protect himself and others.

The vaccines have been tested for safety and are trusted by doctors. But it's okay to have questions. Do your homework and get answers, like Dr. Duckworth.

To find your vaccine: Visit [Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine), call 211, or text your zip code to 438829.





# MCLAREN ANNOUNCES REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL WILL OPEN MARCH 6

LANSING, Mich. – McLaren Greater Lansing will be opening its replacement hospital to patients on March 6, 2022. More than a century ago, in 1913, McLaren built a 10-bed county facility to care for those afflicted with tuberculosis. Now, 109 years later, McLaren Greater Lansing will be opening its doors to a brand-new replacement hospital that will redesign health care for generations to come.

“All of us are looking forward to moving to this state-of-the-art hospital and delivering extraordinary health care to our community,” said Kirk Ray, President and CEO of McLaren Greater Lansing. “When we broke ground in 2018, it seemed like we had a long way to go. Now that the hospital is complete it’s amazing to think of what we have accomplished in the last three years, especially during a pandemic.”

Ray attributes the success of the new hospital and the upcoming move to the project partners who worked hard to keep the project on time and the amazing, hardworking, and dedicated medical and non-medical staff working at McLaren.

When the new hospital opens on March 6, it will be home to an expanded emergency department, ICU, and patient care areas. It will also include the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Institute, Heart and Vascular Institute, and Karmanos Cancer Institute, which will provide expanded health care services to our region. “This new hospital provides hope to our community. It was designed for the patients we have today and generations to come,” said Ray. “We have added many new features to accommodate future pandemics or any health needs our community may have. We are positioned to not only be the best health care provider in mid-Michigan, but well beyond.”

About McLaren Greater Lansing

McLaren Greater Lansing and McLaren Orthopedic Hospital operate the region’s most distinguished cardiovascular and orthopedic surgery programs, which— together with McLaren Greater Lansing’s oncology; women’s care; and wide-ranging diagnostic, therapeutic, and surgical services—consistently lead in clinical quality and efficiency. The hospitals are part of McLaren Health Care, mid-Michigan’s largest health care system. Visit [mclaren.org/lansing](http://mclaren.org/lansing).

McLaren Greater Lansing’s new hospital, opening March 6, 2022, is a tertiary teaching facility with 239 acute care beds, located on the southern edge of the Michigan State University campus. Among its services are a Level III Trauma Center/Emergency Department; Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Institute; comprehensive cardiac programs; medical/surgical units; and state-of-the-art women and children’s health services, including a modern birthing center. Also located at the healthcare campus is



the Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Greater Lansing and Outpatient Care Center. Residency programs are affiliated with Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, and the Statewide Campus System. Residencies include family medicine, internal medicine, orthopedic surgery, general surgery, anesthesiology, and obstetrics/gynecology. Fellowships are offered in cardiology, hematology/oncology, gastroenterology, and pulmonary critical care. McLaren Greater Lansing also participates in citywide residency programs in emergency medicine, neurology, urology, psychiatry, and physical and rehabilitation medicine.

About McLaren Health Care

McLaren Health Care, headquartered in Grand Blanc, Michigan, is a fully integrated health network

committed to quality, evidence-based patient care and cost efficiency. The McLaren system includes 15 hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, imaging centers, a 490-member employed primary and specialty care physician network, commercial and Medicaid HMOs covering more than 620,000 lives in Michigan and Indiana, home health and hospice providers, retail medical equipment showrooms, pharmacy services, and a wholly owned medical malpractice insurance company. McLaren operates Michigan’s largest network of cancer centers and providers, anchored by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, one of only 49 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the U.S. McLaren has 26,000 employees and more than 85,500 network providers. Its operations are housed in more than 350 facilities serving Michigan and Indiana.

## Spartan Women’s Basketball Celebrates Senior Day Against No. 17/17 OSU Sunday



Nia Clouden

EAST LANSING, Mich. - Michigan State women’s basketball celebrates Senior Day, facing No. 17/17 Ohio State on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2:30 p.m. at the Breslin Center. The game will be broadcast on the Big Ten Network with Sloane Martin and Christy Winters Scott on the call.

- After the game, MSU will say goodbye to its four seniors: Tamara Farquhar, Alisia Smith, Laurel Jacqmain and Nia Clouden. The Spartans enter the second meeting with the Buckeyes with a 14-13 record, standing 8-8 in league games. Ohio State comes to town with a 21-5 record and are 13-4 in BIG contests. Big Ten seeding is on the line in the final day of the regular season.

- Senior guard Nia Clouden moved up to No. 2 on MSU’s career scoring list with her seventh point in Thursday’s game against No. 6/5 Michigan, coming on a 3-pointer at the 7:01 mark of the second quarter. Clouden passed Aerial Powers (2013-16) for No. 2 on the Spartans’ career scoring list. Clouden finished with twenty-two points, giving her 1,833 for her career. Tori Jankoska (2013-17) is the program scoring record holder with 2,212 points.
- The Spartans have been battling injuries all season with junior Julia Ayrault and senior Tory Ozment missing the whole season with injuries. Currently, first-year student Isaline Alexander has been out with a knee injury, while DeeDee Hagemann just returning to the lineup after being placed in concussion protocol.
- This is the second meeting of the season between Michigan State and Ohio State. In a high-scoring affair, the Buckeyes captured the 89-83 win on Jan. 12. In that battle, Matilda Ekh recorded a season-high twenty-seven points.

### SCOUTING OHIO STATE

A lot is on the line for Ohio State in the final game of the regular season. OSU secured a top-four seed in the Big Ten Tournament, including the double-bye with a 78-55 win against Penn State on Thursday. The Buckeyes are 21-5 overall and 13-4 in the Big Ten.

Ohio State, Maryland and Iowa are all tied for second with 13-4 records, behind Michigan which holds a 13-3 mark. Depending on the results of Sunday’s game, OSU could still claim the No. 1 seed in the BIG Tournament. As a team, Ohio State is second in scoring offense, scoring 80.7 ppg, while allowing 66.5 ppg. The Buckeyes are second in the league in field goal percentage, shooting .467 for the season.

Jacy Sheldon is sixth in the Big Ten in scoring, averaging 19.7 points per game. Taylor Mikesell stands seventh with 19.2 ppg.

Mikesell. leads the league in 3-pointers per game (3.7), 3-point percentage (.478) and 3-pointers made (97). On the defensive

side of the ball, Riki Harris is eighth in the league in steals with 1.7 spg.

### SERIES HISTORY VS. THE OHIO STATE

Ohio State leads the overall series with Michigan State, 57-29, including four of the last five meetings. OSU leads in games at the Breslin Center, 21-14. In Columbus, the Buckeyes are on top, 25-11, while leading on neutral ground, 11-4. MSU’s last win in East Lansing was a 68-65 win on Jan. 16, 2020.

Last time out despite a career-high twenty-seven points from first-year guard/forward Matilda Ekh, Michigan State was edged by Ohio State, 89-83, Wednesday on Jan. 12 at OSU’s Schottenstein Center.

With 27 points, Ekh was one of four Spartans in double figures Wednesday night. She went 4-for-9 from long range and a perfect 5-for-5 from the charity stripe. Senior guard Nia Clouden scored twenty-one points, while adding five rebounds and two assists. Ohio State was led by thirty-three points from Jacy Sheldon and twenty-five points from Taylor Mikesell.

### DOING MORE WITH LESS

Losing senior Tory Ozment and junior Julia Ayrault to season-ending injuries at the beginning, MSU was already playing with a short bench. Against Nebraska on Dec. 30, the bench got even shorter. The Spartans played without first-year student DeeDee Hagemann and senior Laurel Jacqmain because of COVID-19 protocols and junior Moira Joiner was out with concussion symptoms. Against the Huskers, MSU had nine players available and played eight. On Jan. 17, the Spartans announced that they would be without junior guard Moira Joiner for the rest of the season. Currently, the Spartans have been without first-year student forward Isaline Alexander has missed the last two games with a left knee injury.

### NEVER NOT NIA

Few things are guaranteed in life, but you can usually count on senior guard Nia Clouden being in the MSU starting lineup. She has started all 114 games in which she has played at Michigan State. She has not missed a start since becoming a Spartan. Clouden is now No. 9 in the MSU career standings in games started with 114. She has now tied Spartan All-American Tori Jankoska (2013-17) with 114 career starts. Lindsey Bowen (2002-06) and Liz Shimek (2002-06) hold the record for games started with 131. With the 40 minutes Monday, Clouden has now played 3,681 minutes in her career, holding at No. 7 on MSU’s career minutes played list, as well as No. 9 on the minutes per game list with 32.3 mpg.

### MAMMA MIA

first-year guard/forward Matilda Ekh’s two points against Michigan gives her 321 this season. She has passed not only Sidney Cooks (2017-18) for No. 10 on the first-year student scoring list with 305 points, but also current MSU Director of Operations and Technology Julie Pagel Dombroski (2000-01) for No. 9 with 313 points. Next up is Kris Emerson (1983-84) with 363 points at No. 8. Former Spartan graduate assistant coach Kalisha Keane (2007-08) holds the record with 460 freshman points.

Ekh also has 62 3-pointers for the season, becoming just the third Spartan freshman to make 60 or more 3-pointers, joining the freshman record holder Lindsay Bowen (2002-03) with 77 and Tori Jankoska (2013-14) with 64, as Ekh needs just two more to tie Jankoska.

### SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

This season, Nia Clouden has already scored 552 points, which is fourth all-time in the MSU single-season record books. Her 149 free throws are tied for third with Tori Jankoska in 2016-17. Averaging 35.9 minutes per game, Clouden is seventh. Matilda Ekh has a .416 3-point field goal percentage, which currently puts her second, while Clouden’s .413 places her third.

### MERCHANT MANIACS

Suzy Merchant has coached three of the most prolific scorers in MSU history. Three of the top leaders in career scoring have come during Merchant’s tenure. Tori Jankoska (2013-17) is the Spartans’ all-time leading scorer with 2,212 points. Nia Clouden is currently second in career scoring with 1,833 points, passing Aerial Powers (2013-16) scored 1,817 points in three seasons at MSU.

### WATCHING THE WATCH LISTS

Nia Clouden was added to the Dawn Staley Late Season Watch List. The Dawn Staley Award is given annually to a player who exemplifies the skills that she possessed throughout her career; ball handling, scoring, her ability to distribute the basketball and her will to win. Clouden is one of three Big Ten players named to the watch list along with Penn State’s Makenna Marisa and Iowa’s Caitlin Clark. The Owings Mills, Maryland native is ninth in the NCAA in scoring, averaging 21.0 points per game, which is also third in the Big Ten.

### SPARTAN FUN FACTS

- Five Spartans have played all twenty-seven games this season in Nia Clouden, Matilda Ekh, Taiyier Parks, Alisia Smith and Tamara Farquhar. With Clouden, Ekh and Smith starting all twenty-seven games.
- Graduate forward Tamara Farquhar is now 12th in the Big Ten in rebounds in league contests, averaging 6.9 rpg.
- Senior forward Alisia Smith registered her 15th total game with five or more rebounds this season.

### ANATOMY OF RECORD BREAKER

- Several records fell against FGCU for Nia Clouden. She set the record for made field goals with seventeen. She also tied Aerial Powers school record with fifteen made free throws.
- With fifty points against Florida Gulf Coast on Dec. 20, Nia Clouden broke Tori Jankoska’s record of forty-two points, which was set against Ohio State on 1/19/17.
- The fifty points is third-most scored by a DI women’s basketball player this season, just behind Kansas State’s Ayoka Lee who set the Division I scoring record with 61 points on Jan. 23 and Delaware’s Jasmine Dickey who scored 52 on Feb. 4.

### BIG TIME BIG HONOR

Senior guard Nia Clouden was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 27. The Owings Mills, Maryland native had a record setting-week at the West Palm Beach Invitational. Clouden scored fifty points in the Spartans’ double overtime loss to Florida Gulf Coast on Dec. 20. The fifty points is also the most points scored in the NCAA this season. She became just third Big Ten player ever to score fifty points, joining Minnesota’s Rachel Banham (2015-16) and Michigan’s Naz Hillmon (2020-21).

### LOOKING ACROSS THE LEAGUE

Senior guard Nia Clouden is fifth in the BIG in scoring with 20.4 points per game behind Iowa’s Caitlin Clark (27.1 ppg), Penn State’s Makenna Marisa (22.3 ppg), Michigan’s Naz Hillmon (21.2 ppg) and Iowa’s Monika Czinano (20.8 ppg). Clouden also holds the eighth spot in the league in assists with 4.2 helpers per contest, while first-year guard DeeDee Hagemann is third with 5.6 apg. Hagemann is also eighth in the league in assist/turnover ration (1.9). Clouden is also first in the league in free-throw percentage (.882). First-year guard/forward Matilda Ekh (.416) and Clouden (.413) stand fifth and eighth, respectively in 3-point field goal percentage. In league contests, Hagemann is fourth in assists, averaging 6.2 apg, while Clouden is seventh in scoring with 19.0 ppg.

As a team, the Spartans are sixth in the Big Ten in field goal percentage (.442) and fourth in 3-point field goal percentages (.363). Michigan State is third in assists, averaging 17.2 apg.

### AROUND THE NATION

Despite having a season-low six assists against Michigan on Feb. 24, the Spartans are still Michigan State is 17th in the nation and third in the Big Ten with 465 total assists and are 15th in assists per game, averaging 17.2 apg. MSU is also 16th in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage (.363). Senior guard Nia Clouden is fifth in the nation in free throws made (149) and 18th in the NCAA in free throw percentage (.882). Clouden still stands 15th in the country in scoring with 20.4 ppg.

### MERCHANT MILESTONES

Spartan head coach Suzy Merchant reached the 300-win mark as head coach of the Spartans against Bryant on Nov. 19. She now holds a 310-170 record at Michigan State. Karen Langeland is the all-time leader with a 376-290 record at MSU. Merchant is also three wins away from tying Langeland for the most Big Ten wins by a MSU coach with 156. Merchant is currently 153-99 in Big Ten games. She also reached five hundred career wins against Valparaiso on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Overall, she holds a 511-290 record overall.

### 20 DIMES FOR WINS

The Spartans stand 9-2 this season when dishing out twenty or more assists after recording twenty-one helpers against Penn State on Feb. 21. Earlier this season, MSU had a three-game streak with 20+ assists after 22 vs. Penn State (1/27), 20 vs. Northwestern (1/16/22) and 22 vs. Minnesota (1/23/22). The three-game streak was the Spartans’ longest since opening the season with four-consecutive 20-helper outings. MSU’s only loss with twenty assists came against No. 17/14 Maryland (2/3/22).

### LAST TIME OUT

With 22 points, senior guard Nia Clouden moved up to No. 2 in Michigan State career scoring in the Spartans 62-51 loss to No. 6/5 Michigan on Thursday night at the Crisler Center. With the loss, Michigan State falls to 14-13 overall and 8-8 in Big Ten action. Michigan improves to 22-4 overall and 13-3 in league contests. Thursday’s loss splits the season series between the Spartans and Wolverines, after MSU’s 63-57 win over UM on Feb. 10 in East Lansing.