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THIS NONPROFIT IS HELPING COMPANIES REBUILD THEIR WORKPLACES TO MEANINGFULLY SUPPORT BLACK WOMEN

For many workers, especially from marginalized communities, the option to work from home during the pandemic has been more than a matter of preference. One 2021 poll found 97% of Black employees are concerned about returning to work environments where microaggressions are commonplace. These everyday experiences of racism have lasting health impacts, especially for Black women who experience discrimination across racial and gender lines. Black women, researchers say, face increased health risks due to chronic stress from discrimination, and also because biased health professionals don't take their concerns seriously.

"Where Black women experience racism more than anywhere else is at work," says Angelica Geter, chief strategy officer of the Black Women's Health Imperative, a nonprofit that uses the scientific health impacts of racism to guide organizational change. Today's battle between employees and bosses over returning to offices comes after the racial justice protests of 2020 and corporate America's \$50 billion in commitments to improve their workplace diversity, equity and inclusion. BWHI wants to make sure those dollars go toward real change by rebuilding workplaces that meaningfully support Black women. 'Executive Leaders Don't Understand' When executives came to BWHI for guidance amid racial justice protests, "many said they had no idea racism was impacting Black and Brown people in this country, that the injustices were still happening in 2020, or the mental health effect of it all," Geter says.

Their lack of awareness showed "executive leaders don't understand the connection" between microaggressions, health and productivity. But getting executive leaders, who are disproportionately white and male, to commit to investing in DEI changes is a crucial piece to shifting workplace culture.

"Unless a Black woman chooses to do so and does it with full autonomy and full support of executive leadership, it's not our responsibility to fix racism," Geter says. "It's the responsibility of executive leaders who can change policies and practices of work culture to really shift the narrative."

A Workplace equity initiative Leader response to 2020 protests also indicated that conventional DEI efforts had been highly ineffective.

"For us, it meant we needed to create something that was rooted in science and focused on systemic change," Geter says.

BWHI brought together health professionals, business executives and community leaders to create a three-part workplace equity initiative, which launched to a pilot group in September 2021.

The first piece is placing employers within a corporate equity index, which scores them based on current policies and practices and how they impact the health of employees, Geter explains.

Next is developing corporate fairness training specific to each employer, aimed at "shifting workplace culture" to acknowledge and address how bias is built into the work environment and processes, Geter says.

Finally, the equity initiative provides an anti-racism wellness toolkit for Black women with guidance on how to set boundaries at work, tap health resources and find other ways they can take care of themselves while navigating microaggressions in the workplace. 'A New definition of what it means to be diverse, equitable and inclusive'

It can't be overstated that having more Black women in positions of leadership could lead to more supportive and inclusive workplaces. Meaningful change happens when marginalized workers have a seat at the table where decisions are being made,

Geter says.

But as it stands, Black women are glaringly underrepresented: Just two Black women — Roz Brewer from Walgreens Boots Alliance and Thasunda Brown Duckett from TIAA — serve as CEOs of Fortune 500 companies.

Organizations can't rely on one or a few individuals either. Speaking from experience, Geter says that being the only Black woman in the room, "the weight and pressure is placed on your shoulders to be a representative for all Black and Brown people generally. That's highly stressful."

So, it's essential that executive leaders look at their hiring practices and put in real efforts to increase their diversity intersectionally across race and gender lines.

Employers must also pay people equitably. Despite federal legislation banning pay discrimination, employers practices continue to drive the wage gap where Black women are paid only \$0.63 for every \$1 paid to a non-Hispanic white man. And because Black women have the biggest student loan burdens, Geter adds, employers should offer student loan repayment options as an employee benefit.

Ultimately, Geter says employers must invest in meaningful retention of their underrepresented employees. "What will you do to make sure Black women stay?" she says. The opportunities are endless: mentorship, sponsorship, stretch assignments, paths to promotion, affinity groups, a safe way to report discrimination and practices to hold transgressors accountable.

All are tools that can help employers step into the "new definition of what it means to be diverse, equitable and inclusive," Geter says. Article courtesy of CNBC's Jennifer Liu.

GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES AUTO OWNERS CHECKS TO HIT MAILBOXES STARTING THIS WEEK

LANSING, Mich. - Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) Director Anita Fox today announced

that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) will complete the transfer of \$3 billion in surplus funds to Michigan's auto insurers this week. Once complete, the transfer will trigger a 60-day deadline for auto insurers to send out required \$400 refund checks per vehicle to eligible Michiganders no later than May 9, 2022.

"These \$400 refunds are game-changers for so many Michigan families," said Governor Whitmer. "I called for these refunds because I am committed to lowering costs for Michiganders and putting money back in people's pockets. They are possible because we worked across the aisle to pass bipartisan auto

insurance reform, and we will keep working together to grow our economy and build a state where families can thrive."

"After Governor Whitmer called on the MCCA to issue these refunds and the MCCA announced its plan, DIFS issued guidance to auto insurers to ensure that these refunds are sent out as quickly as possible, and in no case later than May 9, 2022," said Director Fox. "Our goal is to make sure that Michiganders understand the eligibility requirements and to help ensure that this money makes it into consumers' pockets as quickly and securely as possible. DIFS stands ready to answer questions or help resolve any concerns that Michi-

ganders may have regarding their refunds."

In December 2021, the MCCA voted unanimously to answer Governor Whitmer's call by returning approximately \$3 billion of the surplus funds to Michiganders while maintaining approximately \$2 billion in surplus funds to ensure continuity of care for catastrophic accident survivors. Michigan's auto insurers must now issue refunds to eligible Michigan policyholders of \$400 per vehicle, or \$80 per historic vehicle, for each vehicle that was insured under a policy that meets the minimum insurance requirements for operating a vehicle on Michigan roads as of 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2021.



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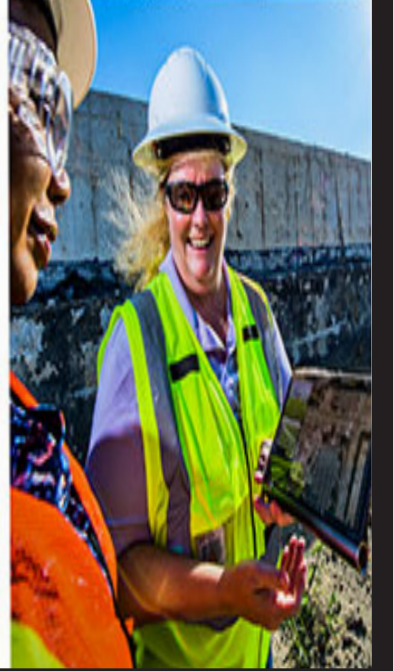
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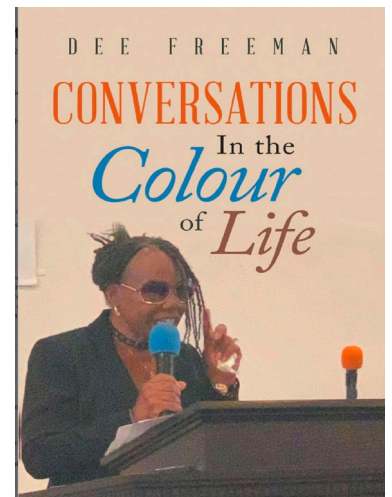
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Dee Freeman

NEW BOOK RELEASE: *CONVERSATIONS IN THE COLOUR OF LIFE*

POETREE IN MOTION



YEAP! I LOVE MY PEOPLE!

I love me some blackness! I love my people! I am devoted to my ethnicity, so I won't waste time romanticizing the culture I inherit. I support it!

I love the energy, the frankness of today's youth. Many want to use this carefully muffled system... the exact same way the dastardly system has used us for 450 years! Use it if you can... Just Get busy... DOING! Many have been taught... Education is the one and only leverage to be utilized, to possibly, level the stacked playing field upon which we may endeavor to play! PLAY Hard and Work Hard young folk!

I am hopeful the prior generation will strive to teach, guide, and lead these untarnished – or should I say—lessor tarnished minds into a new and reconstructive era for both our soul and us as a people! I pray these young minds are suffused with a light that gets us to the other side of this deep dark tunnel.

I love the stalwart/stoic determination of many of the senior generation. We stand today upon the shoulders and deeds of this dedicated group. They fought a good fight... Realizing they had few seats at the table to usher in equity or fairness, in order to advance on the economical scale. They held fast to their morals. They seemed to walk the talk! They wanted a better life for us as a people. They sat at the counters to demonstrate that desire... enduring enormous ridicule and scorn. They marched against the clubs, the dogs, the hoses... to protest this bigotry and inequality. They organized... They strategized...

And they exercised stubbornness... Forever pressing forward against massive resistance, just to get us to this place.

Yet, when the prosperity door opened for the white folk via government subsidies... It was less than a revolving door for Blacks, it was a slammed door, sending us even further into the depths of poverty. Sadly, Institutions continue these racist philosophies toward us in one way or another. This is what we MUST fight against... TODAY!

I love the middle generation... Mine. We are yet on the move. We are the third leg of the long tenacious race and we accepted the torch with pride. We took to the campus of higher learning. We moved into many neighborhoods from which there is no longer white flight! We are yet striving to solidify a strong united base... We are: the teachers, the preachers, the doctors, the lawyers, the judges, the political hopefuls, the engineers, the professionals, the CEOs, the leaders, the writers, the Artists, the sports figures and the board members...

It's a new day... Rightfully so... A long time coming, but, a new day has come. We must be ready, willing and able to propel our agenda forward...finally getting our LIBERTY!
Our EQUALITY!
Our HAPPINESS!
LOVE YOU ... MY PEOPLE ☐☐
POWER TO THE PEOPLE ☐☐

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 preview or paperback available now on Amazon.com. For autographed copies, please connect with Dee at 517.214-0200 or deedkfreeman@yahoo.com \$14 + \$3. shpg Join in and get your copy TODAY!

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BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK

EXPLORING THE LORD'S PRAYER IN JOHN, CHAPTER 17 The Voice



Dearest of All, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the many things we could KNOW about the Commander in the Army of the Lord, we learn from the Lord's Prayer in John, Chapter 17.

The first thing that I noted is in Verse One, which reads, "Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven." In the West, we learn to bow our heads, close our eyes, and clasps our hands as the enslaved and imprisoned position themselves to receive handcuffs.

Think about it! A person leading prayer will inevitably say, "please bow your head and close your eyes," and then they pray. Sometimes, I will lift my eyes to heaven. But rarely will I clasps my hands.



In the picture of the first woman, she looks to be shielding herself from being struck, trafficked, and showing shame. Either way, she is unable to utilize her hands freely. Neither person pictured is looking or seeing their surroundings. These photos portray humiliation, in my opinion, contrasted with humility.



Mom taught me to get on my knees, close my eyes, clasps my hands, and pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take. God bless...." She prayed on her knees up to two weeks before she died at ninety-one. E'er now and then, I recite this prayer, standing or sitting, lifting my eyes toward heaven, and placing my right hand over my heart.

Honestly, I believe God is more interested in the condition of my heart than the position of my body. Evenso, we would do well to pray with our eyes and hearts open, and our hands lifted to heaven, as did Jesus in John 17:1.

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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.
- Ms. 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,misssed 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.
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FEBRUARY 27 TO APRIL 23
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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
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MCLAREN'S NEW HEALTH CARE CAMPUS BEGINS OPENING

First patients treated in Karmanos Cancer Institute, Outpatient Care Center. New hospital and emergency department open March 6.

LANSING, Mich.— Clinicians at McLaren Greater Lansing's new \$600 million health care campus began treating its first patients today at the new outpatient care center and Karmanos Cancer Institute. The historic event was marked by a ceremonial ribbon cutting attended by leaders from McLaren, Michigan State University (MSU), Karmanos Cancer Institute, MSU Health Care, clinicians, support staff, construction workers, and elected officials. "Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in McLaren and Michigan State University's

Health Care in such close proximity to MSU," MSU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., said. "The new McLaren campus will expand services and help improve health care outcomes for residents across our entire region." The new health care campus is opening in stages over the coming weeks and months. The seven-story, 240-bed hospital and Level 3 trauma center with certified primary stroke center designation is located at 2900 Collins Road in Lansing and opens on March 6. Ahead of the hospital opening, the first patients at the new multi-specialty outpatient care center and Karmanos Cancer Institute received treatment today, February 28. "We would not be here today without the dedication of our team members, physician partners,

outstanding patient care, and "bench-to-bed-side" access to new life-changing therapies and treatments. The comprehensive cancer center is home to the latest radiation oncology technology, medical and surgical oncology clinicians, and chemotherapy and infusion services. Another hallmark of the cancer center is its patient-centric design that includes larger exam rooms to support a multidisciplinary approach to care, and flexible infusion areas to offer patients options for the setting where they will receive their treatments. The cancer center also houses a state-of-the-art breast imaging center offering 3D mammography, biopsies, and surgical and reconstructive services. "The partnership between McLaren Greater Lansing, Karmanos Cancer Institute, and MSU

"One of the greatest challenges in health care is being able to bring accessible, affordable care to all," said Norman J. Beauchamp, Jr., MD, MHS, executive vice president for health sciences at Michigan State University. "No single organization can transform health and health care delivery, alone. With this collaboration, we are bringing together the strengths of MSU radiology and McLaren to bring better diagnosis and treatment for cancer in our community." The McLaren Health & Wellness pavilion will open later this spring. Designed to meet the physical and emotional needs of our patients in today's high-paced society, this elegant facility will provide a variety of ambulatory patient care services in a convenient, comfortable, and restorative environment. Some of these clinical care services will include a hyperbaric wound care center, sleep medicine, and physical rehabilitation, with more services to be added in the future.

The \$600 million health care campus has already spurred additional economic development in the area, including an additional medical services building set to open in 2023 on the new campus, and will attract even more investment in the region in the future. "This investment in Lansing and the development it will spur is truly transformational for our city, especially south Lansing, and the entire region," said Andy Schor, Mayor of Lansing. "I am excited that our residents will continue to have access to world-class health care in this incredible new facility and look forward to the future growth of the campus here." An estimated 2,500 construction jobs were created in the development of the health care campus. McLaren engaged some of the nation's top construction and construction worker organizations to design and build the new health care campus. The McLaren Health Care Corporation operational leadership of the design, build, and equipping of the health care campus was provided by Daniel Medrano, corporate vice president of facilities management. Owner's representative services for the entire project are provided by the Kramer Management Group. The design-build team of the acute care hospital included Barton Malow/Christman Joint Venture as the design builder, Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) and Gresham Smith as the architects, Pace Howe Design as interior design services, Limbach Mechanical as the mechanical design assist, and Shaw Electric as the electrical design assist. The design-build team for the outpatient care center and Karmanos Cancer Institute included Granger Construction Company as construction manager, Smith Group as the architects, Pace Howe Design as interior design services, Gunthorpe Plumbing and Heating and Dee Cramer as the mechanical design assist, and Shaw Electric as the electrical design assist. The parking deck was designed by Walker Parking Consultants and constructed by Granger Construction Company. PEA provided site civil engineering, and C2AE was the civil engineer for all offsite infrastructure projects.

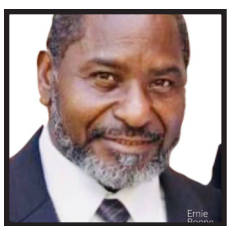


history of collaborating on caring for the communities we serve, advancing medical research, and training the next generation of caregivers to serve our patients in mid-Michigan and beyond," said Phil Incarnati, President and CEO of the McLaren Health Care system. "The possibilities of a greater partnership between McLaren and MSU combined with a common vision for healthy communities led to the creation of this new, next-generation health care campus. With nearly 900,000 square feet of new inpatient and ambulatory care space, this project is the largest capital project in our system's history and one of the largest single investments in the health of the greater Lansing community ever." Incarnati noted the legacy of McLaren's hospitals in Lansing date back more than a century. Now McLaren, MSU, and the area's independent physician partners are looking forward to what can be accomplished together over the next 100 years. "Community partnerships are the basis of MSU's medical education and outreach across the state of Michigan, and it is wonderful to have these new facilities and our partners at McLaren

and community as a whole, who all offered invaluable input on the design and operations of our new health care campus," said Kirk Ray, president and CEO, McLaren Greater Lansing. "We must also thank and recognize our entire design build team and the thousands of trades people who dedicated their time to this project. It is a testament to their knowledge and skill to be opening our campus right on schedule, having weathered a global pandemic and unheard-of supply chain challenges throughout design and construction of the facilities." The multi-specialty outpatient care center includes endoscopy services, a comprehensive heart and vascular institute with direct cath lab access, and a training center to support graduate medical education featuring expanded classroom spaces and advanced simulation labs, along with an expanded lounge and sleep rooms for resident physicians. The 46,000-square-foot cancer center is a collaboration between McLaren Greater Lansing and the Karmanos Cancer Institute, in partnership with MSU Health Care. The partnership will recruit top clinicians to the region, provide

will bring comprehensive cancer services conveniently accessible under one roof to ensure an excellent patient experience," said Justin Klammer, MD, MMM, President of Karmanos Cancer Hospital and Network. "By offering a seamless continuum of care, patients experience less disruption in care, and the burden of treatment is reduced. We are committed to staying at the forefront of cancer treatment and offering patients tomorrow's standard of care today — giving them their best chance to beat the disease. This investment enables our teams to keep moving forward in the fight against cancer." Karmanos Cancer Institute is headquartered in Detroit, with 15 locations throughout Michigan. As part of McLaren, Karmanos is the largest cancer care and research network in the state. It is among the nation's best cancer centers as one of the National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States. Michigan State University Cancer is a founding member of the Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium. The Big Ten cancer centers work together and conduct innovative clinical trials using the expertise of Big Ten universities.

MARCH MADNESS MICHIGAN STATE VERSUS DAVISON



By Ernie Boone

It's finally here, the NCAA basketball tournament, the "Big Dance," the portion of basketball season that seems to mean the most to Michigan State University head coach Tom Izzo and most of the nation of Spartan fans.

Sunday the Spartans (22-12) were invited to their 24th straight NCAA

tourney, the longest active streak in Division 1. Izzo's squad is seeded 7 in the West Region and will face 10 seeded Davison Friday night in Greenville South Carolina.

Davidson (27-6), the champion of the Atlantic-10, is led by last season's MSU captain, Foster Loyer. Loyer came to MSU after being named Michigan's Mr. Basketball in 2018 and struggled. He transferred to Davidson after last season and has thrived. He leads the Wildcats, scoring 16.6 points per game and shooting 45% from three-point range.

"He probably knows our offense better than we know his," Izzo said. "But at the same time, at least I know we're playing a good program that does it the right way," said Izzo.

The Spartans appear to be ready for the do-or-die tournament, but the question of their ability to make a deep run toward a second title for Izzo remains in doubt. MSU tied for seventh in the Big 10 regular season

and beat league champion Wisconsin to reach the semifinals of the Big 10 Tournament. They lost to Purdue, 75-70.

They won't have to wait to demonstrate their readiness. Davidson is a well-coached team that doesn't make a lot of mistakes with accurate long-range shooters at every position. If MSU wins its opener, Duke will likely be waiting in the wings on Sunday. The Blue Devils are seeded no. 2, and face CS Fullerton in their opener.

Duke is the no. 2 seeded team in the region and is motivated by its coach, Mike Krzyzewski, having announced his retirement. Krzyzewski had his NCAA appearance streak of 24 ended last year and the Blue Devils would like nothing better than a deep run in the tournament to send their Hall of Famer win.

The Spartans are concerned about a shortage at point guard created by an injury suffered by Tyson Walker

early in the loss to Purdue. Walker twisted his ankle at 17:35 of the first half and was unable to compete when he tried to return.

Walker was held out of practice Sunday and Monday. Coach Tom Izzo is not certain about whether Walker will be available to play in the tourney. "It was a pretty good sprain," Izzo said. "I mean, it's not like that thing's all swollen up. The swelling has gone down."

A.J. Hoggard, who has shared point guard duties and played a career-high 34 minutes against Purdue, will play the lion share of the minutes if Walker can't play. Hoggard suffered an ankle sprain 14 seconds after Walker, but returned and played well with 17 points, 10 assists, four rebounds and no turnovers.

Max Christie is expected to see some action at the point if Walker can't play. The freshman forward played a little point late in the season when Hoggard was ill, and

freshman, Jaden Akins may also fill in. Akins was recruited as a combo guard but has played exclusively on the wing all year.

If MSU is to make a tournament run, it must continue to get top notch defensive play on the inside from Marcus Bingham Jr. and Malik Hall and against the three-point shot from everyone. Both seem to have overcome recent difficulties and are playing more like they played early in the season when the Spartans were ranked in the top 10.

They will also need to get consistent scoring from Gabe Brown, Christie, Hall, Hoggard and the bench.

Izzo's objective in the tournament is to win the weekend. That means they have to start with demonstrating the ability to control the paint on both ends, disrupt the three-point offense and win Friday.

MCLAREN'S NEW HOSPITAL NOW FULLY OPEN WITH MOVE OF PATIENTS FROM LEGACY HOSPITALS COMPLETE

LANSING, Mich. — McLaren Greater Lansing's new 240-bed hospital is now fully open after 112 patients were transferred from the legacy facilities on Greenlawn and Pennsylvania Avenues. Emergency care is no longer available at the Greenlawn Avenue.

"Today is a historic day

for the entire Greater Lansing community," said Kirk Ray, president and CEO, McLaren Greater Lansing. "McLaren cannot adequately thank all the incredible individuals and for completing this once-in-a-century achievement. From our staff and physicians to our community partners and support-

ers—and especially our patients themselves—Lansing enters a new era of health care because of their devoted efforts." After more than a year of planning for the patient move day, it took approximately six hours to safely move all patients to the new facility, about two hours faster than anticipated.

"This week has been bittersweet," said Deb Leblanc, chief nursing officer, McLaren Greater Lansing. "We have a long history and many memories made within the walls of our previous campuses but look forward to providing extraordinary care to our community in our new state-of-the-art facility."

The new health care campus houses the Hospital, Emergency Department including the Level III Trauma Center and Primary Stroke Center, Heart & Vascular Institute, Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Institute, Birthplace, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Outpatient Care Center, and Health & Wellness

Pavilion. The new McLaren Greater Lansing is located at 2900 Collins Road in Lansing near the intersection of Forest and Collins Roads off the I-496 /US 127 Dunkel Road exit. Additional information about the new facility can be found at www.mclaren.org/lansing.





The 2022 Lansing DR. EVA L. EVANS - JUNETEENTH Essay Competition & Scholarship Program

APPLICATION PERIOD: FEBRUARY 27TH - APRIL 23RD, 2022

<p>CATEGORY I GRADE 6th Essay Contest word count: 300-400</p> <p>TOPIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Juneteenth? What family member or person did you ask about Juneteenth and how was the holiday explained? <p>AWARD VALUES: 1st Place - \$75 value 2nd Place - \$50 value</p>	<p>CATEGORY II GRADES 7th – 8th Essay Contest word count: 400-500</p> <p>TOPIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Juneteenth? Why do we celebrate this event? Think about and describe the historical significances of Juneteenth to the black/African American culture in the United States. <p>AWARD VALUES: 1st Place - \$100 value 2nd Place - \$75 value</p>	<p>CATEGORY III GRADES 9th -10th Essay Contest word count: 500-600</p> <p>TOPIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Juneteenth? Why is celebrating Juneteenth historically significant? What connections can be drawn between Juneteenth and modern-day social justice movements in the United States? <p>AWARD VALUES: 1st Place - \$200 value 2nd Place - \$150 value</p>
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<p>CATEGORY IV GRADES 11-12 Juneteenth Bellamy-Taylor Academic Talent Scholarship Or Olivet College Academic Talent Scholarship word count: 600-800</p>	<p>TOPIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the historical context that led to Juneteenth. What is Juneteenth and why is celebrating it more important today than ever before? Draw a connection between the Juneteenth celebration of freedom and other cultural celebrations of freedom or independence. Reflect on why it is important that we continue to recognize and cultivate knowledge and appreciation for other cultural celebrations of freedoms across the world. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Bellamy-Taylor Talent AWARD VALUES 1st Place - \$500 scholarship* 2nd Place - \$400 scholarship*</p> <p><small>*Each winner will receive a gift certificate to Rush Investment Unlimited to help pursue other avenues to pay for post-secondary education.</small></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Olivet Talent AWARD VALUES 1st Place – Essay Winner** 2nd Place –Essay Winner** Scholarship* Value up to \$30,000 – Tuition Only <small>**Awarding is based on the student's admittance to and subsequent attendance at Olivet College.</small></p> </div> </div>
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GOVERNOR WHITMER SIGNS EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE TO SPEED UP POTHOLE REPAIRS

LANSING, Mich. -- Governor Whitmer today announced she signed Executive Directive 2022-2 to direct the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to speed up pothole repairs on state trunkline highways. The Executive Directive calls on MDOT to use all available resources, including overtime pay and contracted services, to expedite repair of road surface, as well as ensure the public can easily report the location of potholes or other issues.

"Dealing with car damage from driving over potholes while on your way to work or school

should have to spend their hard-earned money on repairing a flat tire or a broken axle caused by these potholes," said Governor Whitmer. "That's why I'm directing the state transportation department to speed up pothole repairs. We're kicking this into overdrive, using overtime pay and contractors to get the job done, while we continue broader improvement projects across the state. I will continue to work with anyone to fix the damn roads, make long-lasting investments in our infrastructure, and put Michigan first."

"Potholes are dangerous and damage vehicles. The way to prevent this is to continue fixing the roads and bridges the right way the first time. Consistent with this Executive Directive, MDOT will use all the resources at our disposal, including overtime and contracted services, to repair them," said State Transportation Director Paul C. Ajegba. "When we are not clearing roads from the latest storm, our crews will be out fixing potholes as quickly as possible."

The Executive Directive directs MDOT to prioritize activities related to fixing Michigan's seasonal potholes, including:

- Use all available resources to expedite repair of road surfaces, including overtime pay and contracted services where appropriate.

- Assess conditions on state trunkline highways to identify and prioritize areas for repair.
- Ensure that the public can easily communicate the location of potholes or other issues with road surfaces on state trunkline highways and assess and respond to these reports.
- Ensure timely disbursements of Michigan Transportation Fund dollars to local road agencies to ensure that local authorities have the resources they need to repair potholes and other road surface deterioration. Funding to fix local, non-state roads are appropriated by the Michigan Legislature.

Continue broader road improvement projects, including those that are part of the Rebuilding Michigan Plan, to prevent potholes and other road surface issues from developing in the first place.

The Executive Directive also directs the Michigan State Police to provide work zone enforcement and other needed support for road crews working on road surface repair projects to keep our workers, drivers, and passengers safe. This Executive Directive is the latest step Governor Whitmer has taken to fix the damn roads. The Michigan Legislature can appropriate funds to fix local roads, as local roads are out of the administration's jurisdiction.

View a copy of the Executive Directive here.

Accomplishments
Since Governor Whitmer took office, Michigan has repaired, replaced, or rebuilt over 13,000 lane miles of road and over 900 bridges, supporting nearly 82,000 jobs. The governor's accomplishments include:

- The Rebuilding Michigan Plan, a five-year, \$3.5 billion investment in our highways and bridges without an increase at the pump.
- Bridge Bundling, a pilot program by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to streamline and bundle bridge projects together to make them more cost-effective and save taxpayer money. The Bridge Bundling program will rebuild 19 locally owned bridges this year with projects scheduled to start this month.
- The Michigan Infrastructure Office, which coordinates funding for roads, bridges, and other infrastructure allocated to Michigan through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- The 2023 budget proposal that invests \$6.3 billion into Michigan's state and local roads, bridges, airports, transit, and rail programs – the largest investment in infrastructure in Michigan history, including:
 - \$578 million in funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide resources for several Michigan infrastructure projects that will continue to fix roads, bridges, railways, and local and intercity transit, while also providing capital improvements at airports.
 - \$480 million in fiscal year 2022 to increase road and bridge construction for state and local roads, highways, and bridges.
 - \$150 million to support projects that are economically critical, carry high traffic volumes, increase the useful life of key local roads, or will be completed in conjunction with bridge replacement projects.

The cones and barrels at hundreds of sites statewide demonstrate that Governor Whitmer is fixing our crumbling roads and bridges so that people can go to work and get home safely, parents can drive their kids to school without blowing an axle, and businesses can get their goods where they need to go.

Young Entrepreneurs Program

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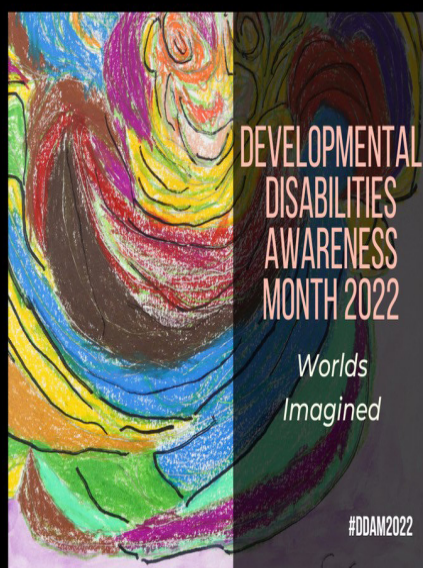




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Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2022



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#WorldsImagined

Every March, the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) and its partners collaborate to observe Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DDAM). The social media campaign highlights the many ways in which people with and without disabilities come together to form strong, diverse communities.

The campaign seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life, as well as awareness of the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live. The 2022 theme, Worlds Imagined, focuses on how the world is changing as we

move through and beyond the pandemic. With this theme, NACDD plans to highlight intersectionality and disability, as well as how people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) are living longer and more productive lives than ever before. The 2022 DDAM theme encourages exploration of new and ever-changing opportunities.

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Lansing, Michigan, February 28th, 2022 - LIV Cannabis Company presents the second annual 420 Music Festival from Noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing with headliners Too \$hort and Curren\$y. Bringing back the celebration of live music and recreational cannabis, this is the largest cannabis consumption event in Michigan. Tickets are now available on Eventbrite, restricted to 21 plus, rain or shine. "CEP Events is excited to produce this event and many other cannabis events throughout the state because of how new and innovative the industry is right now. This year, for the 2nd annual event, we have added bigger, nationally recognized artists to the lineup, more vendors, and more products. There will be limited edition products available, raffles, product giveaways, and a ton of free

merchandise," said CEP Founder, Germaine Redding. In addition to national headlining acts hitting the stage, the park will be filled with local food and boutique vendors, including many cannabis vendors. So far, this year's event partners include, Common Citizen, High Life Farms, Puff Cannabis Company, Dixie, Stiiizy, Exclusive Brands, MKX, Select, Cannavista Wellness, Pure Lapeer, Exotic Matter, Errl King, Freshy Fine, and Ozone, UPLiftN, Alvarez, Mary's Medicinal, with LIV Cannabis Company presenting the entire show. "LIV Cannabis Company is thrilled to be part of the 420 Music Festival! We are committed to connecting people through Cannabis while creating memorable experiences that organically enhance people's lives. 420 Music Festival will unite people. This event is for the lovers of music, Cannabis, peo-

ple in pursuit of happiness, delicious food, local talent, and more! You'll be sure to feel a sense of what we are bringing to our LIV Cannabis Lansing location," said Social Media Manager, Lex Neff. Early Bird Tickets start at \$40 with VIP Tickets at \$200, the VIP experience includes a festival gift bag with goodies from festival partners and an exclusive front viewing area, a private restroom, and access to a juice bar. Early Bird Tickets, vendor information, and more can be found online at [experience420fest.com](https://www.ceppresents.com/).

CEP Presents has been bringing and representing the best shows and events on College Campuses and communities nationwide for many years. Please contact 420musicfestival2022@gmail.com for more information.

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