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## GLBMA Feature Article

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! was recently awarded \$1.8 in Going Pro Talent Fund grants for 52 employers in Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties. These funds will provide crucial opportunities to train new and existing employees. Training is focused in areas like lean manufacturing, inventory management, blueprint reading, advanced safety, and CAD design and welding. Since the program's inception in 2014, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! has helped over 100 employers and over 6,000 employees!

Access to Going Pro Talent Funds (formerly known as Skilled Trades Training Funds) is possible only through a proprietary grant process spearheaded by Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! The organization partners with local economic developers as well as regional training providers and chambers of commerce to refer employers to the application process. Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! holds employer information sessions each summer to help them successfully apply for Going Pro Talent funds. If you are interested in learning more about the Going Pro Talent Fund, contact Ann Marie Batkoski, Director of Business Services and Community Relations at [annmarieb@michiganworks.com](mailto:annmarieb@michiganworks.com) for more information.



## GLBMA 2019 Calendar of Events

Don't miss an event this year. Download the GLBMA calendar of events now!  
[2019 GLBMA Calendar](#)

# Opportunities Abound

## Join us for the biggest event of the year!

Tickets are currently available for the most enjoyable evening of the year! Come and join the fun! We have a great evening planned with several gaming opportunities. We have some great prizes for the evening this year. Play to earn tickets for prizes like a Round of Golf at the Fortress for 4, a Yeti cooler, a Gemini Handcart and much, much more.

If you don't enjoy the casino games join us for a hand of Euchre. Or mingle among-est our players while enjoying appetizers and beverages.

If you would like to donate a prize for the evening, you still have an opportunity to do so. Please contact Tanya at 989-964-2881 or [tlblehm@svsu.edu](mailto:tlblehm@svsu.edu).

[Click to purchase tickets now!](#)

**♠ REMINDER ♠**  
**SCHOLARCHIPS**  
Supporting GLBMA Educational Program

**Thursday  
February 7, 2018**  
Registration at 5:45pm  
Gaming Begins at 6:30pm  
Prizes Announced at 9:00pm

Advanced tickets are \$55 member  
\$65 guest or \$75 at the door.

*Everyone has a chance to win a prize!*

**poker ♠ black jack ♥ craps ♣ roulette  
slots ♦ euchre**

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## Don't forget to share with your employees - GLBMA Scholarship

The GLBMA scholarship is available through Delta College, and the application is open to all members for the GLBMA's employees and immediate family. The amount is \$1,000 for a school year. Three scholarships are available. For more information, please download the electronic flyer to share with your employees from the button below or go to scholarship application [click here!](#)

[Download Scholarship Flyer](#)

## MMA - Reminder to file PPT Form 5278

The filing deadline for Michigan's annual Personal Property Tax (PPT) exemption is fast approaching. To claim your exemption, you must file Form 5278 with your local assessor by February 20.

Since 2016, the MMA-led PPT tax exemption has saved manufacturers more than \$1.5 billion — savings they could later use to hire and train talent, invest in equipment upgrades and develop new, innovative products. Learn more from Mike Johnston, MMA vice president of government affairs, in the video below or access the [PPT Savings Tool Kit](#) for Form 5278 and other resources to claim your exemption.

## Looking for Volunteers

The Dow Tennis Classic is looking for volunteers for the upcoming tennis tournament. This event will take place January 28 - February 3, 2019 in Midland. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jane Heiss at [JHeiss@greatermidland.org](mailto:JHeiss@greatermidland.org)

**Save the Date**

February 25, 2019 - Industry 4.0 coming to a lab near you!  
March 19, 2019 - Round Table. Manufacturers, it's time to get Social!  
April 9, 2019 - Plant Tour - Duperon Corporation

Below would be listed sponsors by levels  
top level to sponsored members



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