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FROM THE FOUNDRESS

Pivoting to New Partnerships

Dear Readers:

As Detroit EM News returns after many challenges, I want to share some exciting developments that will shape the future of our publication and community. Over the past months, we've had time to reflect on what truly matters, and one of the most important lessons we've learned is the power of partnerships. Specifically, the need for nonprofits, businesses, and educational institutions to work hand in hand to nurture a skilled, diverse workforce for the future of our city.



Adrienne Collins

We all want to see our community thrive, and part of that means making sure our young people are prepared to step into the world with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. I've seen, time and again, how when we come together as a village, we can help our young people grow into confident, capable leaders. That's why it's so important for these partnerships to flourish.

Nonprofits are often the heart of our community, offering support where it's needed most. These organizations work tirelessly to ensure that all young people—especially those who may face more obstacles—have the opportunity to learn, grow, and dream big. They give students access to mentorship and real-world experience, allowing them to explore different career paths.

But just like any family, nonprofits can't do it alone. They need the help of businesses and schools to provide even more opportunities for our youth. It's a team effort, and when we come together, the results can be life changing.

Local businesses are the lifeblood of Detroit, and they have so much to offer our future workforce. Imagine how much more our students could achieve with the support of local companies, offering internships or apprenticeships where they can get hands-on experience. Businesses have the power to make learning come alive for our youth, helping them understand how what they're learning in school applies to the world of work.



And let's not forget—the benefits go both ways. By opening their doors to young people, businesses gain access to eager, motivated talent that could grow into the leaders of tomorrow. Investing in our youth means investing in the future of Detroit itself.

We all know that schools play such a critical role in shaping our children's futures. Educators work hard every day to prepare their students, but there's so much more that can be done when schools partner with nonprofits and businesses. Together, they can offer programs that build leadership skills, foster creativity, and encourage teamwork—skills that will help young people succeed in any career.

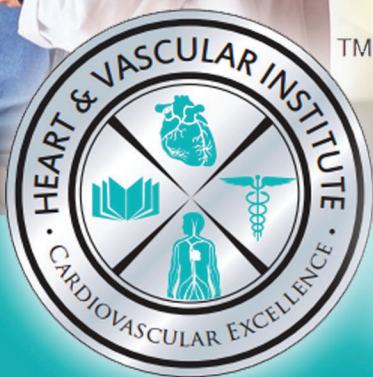
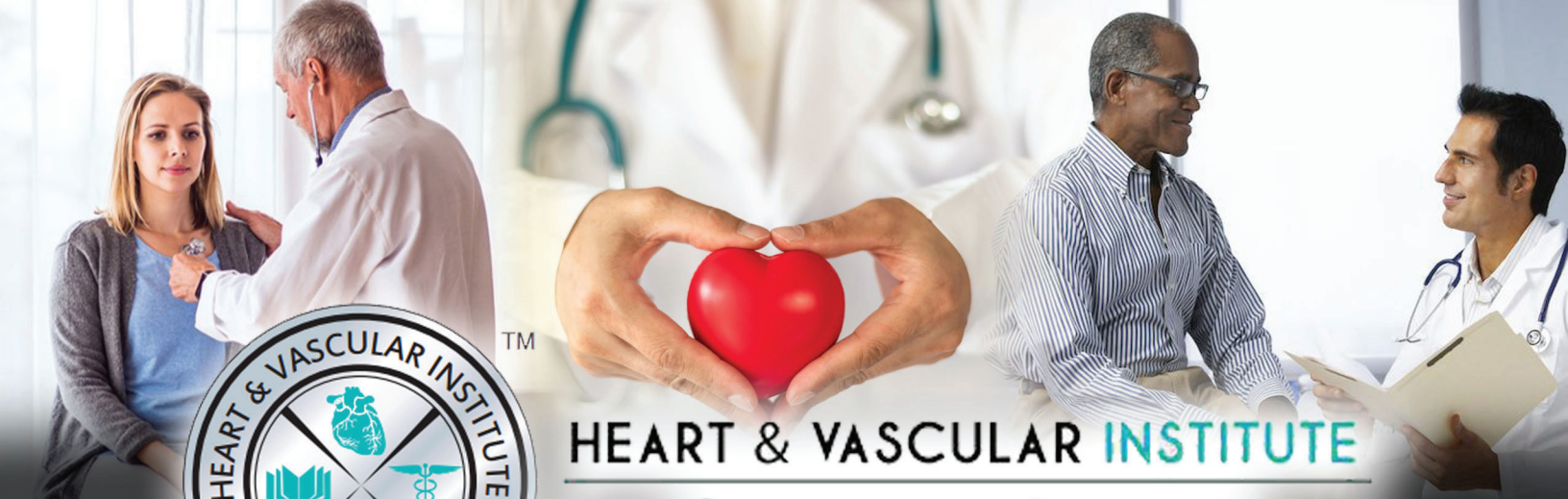
At Detroit EM News, we're here to support these partnerships and help them grow. We see ourselves as a bridge, connecting nonprofits, for profit businesses, and schools so that everyone can work together to create the best opportunities for our youth. When our children see their community supporting them from all sides, it makes them feel like they can achieve anything—and they can.

I want to invite you to join us in building a brighter future for Detroit. If you're a business owner who can offer a student an internship, a nonprofit leader ready to collaborate, or an educator looking to connect your students with real-world experiences, we'd love to hear from you.

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And, we also offer advertising services globally. Together, we can ensure our young people are ready to step into the future with confidence, knowing their community is behind them every step of the way.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Our best days are ahead of us, and I'm excited to see what we can accomplish together including the promotion of positive news and information.



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John Matthew Shippen, Jr. was a trailblazer, recognized as the first American-born golf professional, the first African American to participate in the U.S. Open (Williams, M., February 2021, www.golfdigest.com), and the first African American golf professional to receive posthumous membership in the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) in 2009. (<https://www.thejohnshippen.com/>).



Photo: INTERSPORT/John Shippen



Sunday, June 23, 2024, in Detroit, Michigan, I had an unforgettable experience a privilege to volunteer at the John Shippen National Invitational held at the historic Detroit Golf Club. My duty had me stationed at the main entrance greeting guests and keeping track of entries.

After about an hour, I met a volunteer couple who had a strong connection to Triumph Church in Detroit. They were a mature pair who passionately followed the history and careers of various golf professionals.

As I reminisce, being in their company brought back good memories of my initial introduction to golf, particularly the emphasis placed on golf etiquette and the importance of adhering to proper golf protocol. Retrospectively, I realized my respect for the game over the years may have prevented me from ever experiencing the serenity that comes with playing 9 or 18 holes.

Nonetheless, their enthusiasm for golf and admiration for John Shippen was truly motivating.





As the day progressed, I interacted with a few other volunteers and attendees, all of whom shared a deep appreciation for the game. The atmosphere was peaceful, yet vibrant and filled with a sense of camaraderie and excitement.

By the conclusion of the event, I felt a profound sense of fulfillment and pride in being part of such a historic and significant tournament. Although I didn't play a round of golf myself, contributing to this esteemed event in my own way was immensely rewarding.



Reflecting on my experience, I am thankful for the chance to partake in something so meaningful. Golf may be a serious sport, but it also fosters connections and creates enduring memories. I eagerly anticipate continuing my journey within the realm of golf and embracing more moments like this in the future. *BY: Adrienne Collins*

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Congratulations - John Shippen International Invitational Winners

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CONCERTS, EVENTS & SHOWS

September ☐ October 2024

Fillmore, 2115 Woodward, 48201, 313.961.5451, www.livenation.com/venue/KovZpZAEAkA/the-fillmore-detroit-events

1. Sting, Tuesday & Wednesday, September 17 & 18 @ 7p



Fox Theatre, 211 Woodward, 48201, 313.471.7000, www.313presents.com

1. Cyndi Lauper, Thursday, October 24 @n 8p @ 7p
2. Sesame Street LIVE, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 25-27 @ **6p**, 10a & 3p
3. All Star Comedy Festival, Saturday, October 19 @ 6p.



Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward, 48201, 313.471.7000, www.313presents.com

1. Sabrina Carpenter, Thursday, September 26 @ 7p
2. Billie Eilish, Monday, October 7 @ 7p
3. Maxwell & Jazmine Sullivan, Friday, October 11 @ 7:3p
4. PINK, Monday & Tuesday, October 14 & 15 @ 7:3p
5. Justin Timberlake, Friday, October 25 @ 7:3p



Sound Board, 2901 Grand River, 48201, 313.309.4700, www.soundboarddetroit.com

1. Lalah Hathaway, Saturday, September 24 @ 8p

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2024 – Back to School Event

The 2024 Annual Back to School event was truly unforgettable! With the postponement from August 17, 2024 to August 24, 2024, we had clear skies and played summertime musical chairs—just the beginning of an event packed with delightful surprises throughout the day.

I felt privileged to attend and capture this occasion on film, and after four years of involvement, I can confidently say it's an experience no Detroiter should ever miss!

This year, we brought out the chalk, transforming Dwyer Street into a vibrant canvas of parent appreciation, with youth engaging in tic-tac-toe matches and proudly declaring their presence.

There were Back-to-School school supplies essentials and grab bags filled with sweet treats that fostered a spirit of imagination and creativity among the children.

The special guest was **Keely Ferguson Crawford**, vocalist and musician featured on **Big Sean's** 2009 single: "Love Story." She wowed us with her incredible discography, celebrating our shared mission as Detroit Entertainers & Musicians News. Her infectious energy had everyone swaying to her tunes all created right here in Detroit, Michigan including "Eastside."





We were also honored by the presence of **Queen Aqueelah Akbar - Miss Full-Figured Michigan 2024**, who shared parts of her remarkable journey growing up in the 7 Mile and Mound Road community in Detroit, Michigan.

She's proud to share as a teenaged mom, who dropped out of high school, a community organization, Focus Hope, provided educational assistance and

support she needed to obtain her bachelor's degree. Now, she's within her third year employed as an electrical engineer.



Queen Akbar embraces her love for all things nerdy and her aspirations for the title of "Ms. Full-Figured USA 2024."

Since we are all cheering for Miss Full Figured Michigan USA 2024, she was presented with a colorful bouquet of flowers, a tech device and a beautiful pastel formal gown compliments of Detroit Entertainers & Musicians News.



A special surprise visit from **Cameron Kelly, a Class of 2024 Graduate from Michigan Collegiate with a 2.1 GPA**, a young person who gives back as a volunteer to support the community and Detroit EM News, L3C LLC – a social educational enterprise.

He's headed to the Army branch of the armed forces and was particularly inspiring; he encouraged us to ignore the naysayers and stay true to ourselves while leaning on your own supporters.

In a quintessential Detroit moment, he shared he was a rapper, with one of his fellow rappers from the group "Brotherhood" listening intently in the audience as they were on their way to a gig. We expressed our gratitude for his visit and wished them the best of



luck on their journey.

Amid the inspiring and engaging interviews hosted by Ms. Adrienne Collins, Mr. Lewis from the Ghetto Soul Train arrived, sending all the children—both youthful and youthful at heart—into a frenzy as they clamored to share their



excitement on the microphone.

Then, we hopped onto the Ghetto Soul Train and set off into the Detroit sunset, allowing Amanda and Aliya—two of the young attendees—to take their own videos and pictures.

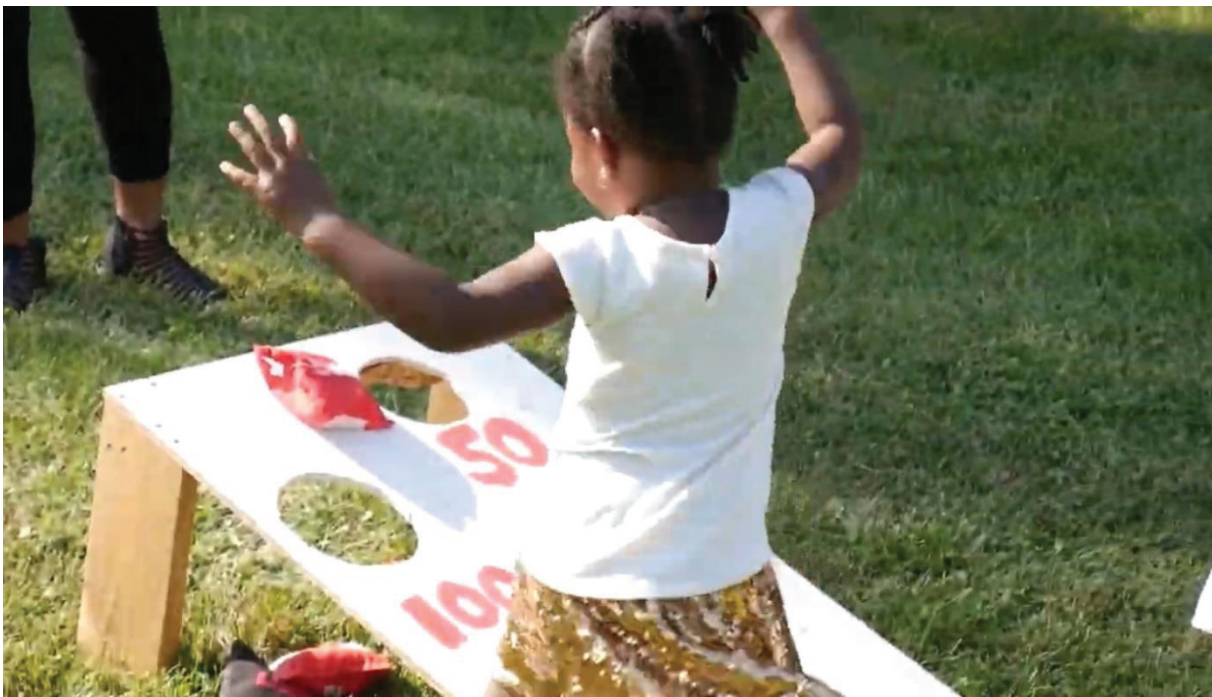
It was a joy to watch them handle the camera, and the fun didn't stop there.





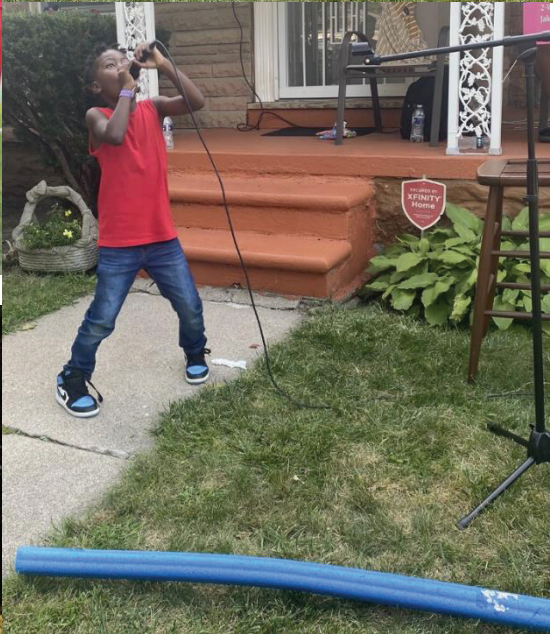
Once we returned to our event space, other enthusiastic youths like Anthony, Alex, and Carter took the opportunity to record everything including backflips and rap battles.

Their enthusiasm fuels my passion for supporting spaces that inspire young people to pursue their own creativity.





Overall, this is an event I eagerly anticipate each year, and I am already excited about the enriching experiences that next year will bring. *BY: BIN USERKAF*



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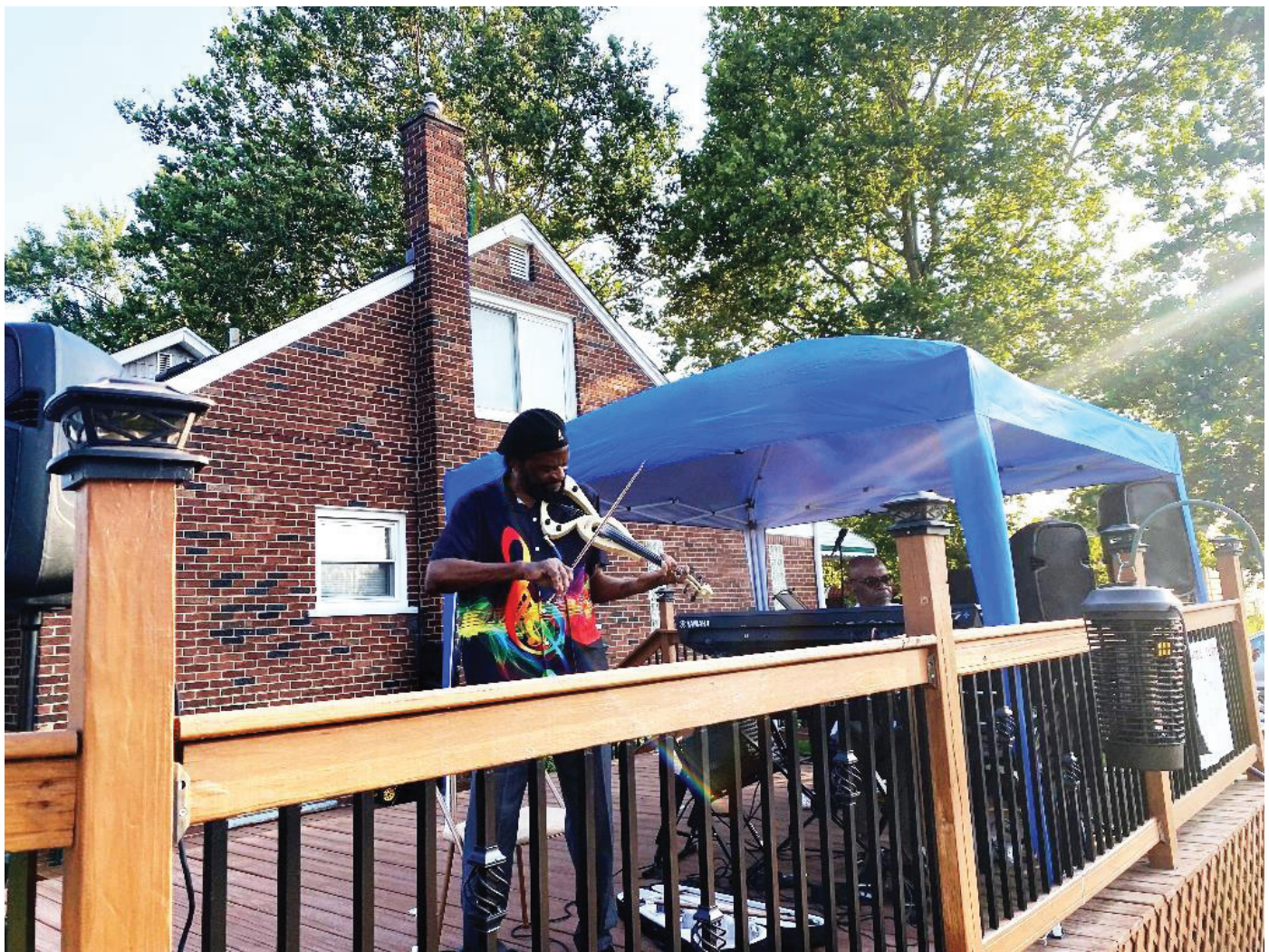
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Jazz in the Park

What a perfect Saturday, August 3, 2024, on Detroit's Northeast side where next-door neighbors, the Coleman and Weaver families organized an outdoor event on the block in the backyard to reconnect the community entitled, **"Jazz in the Park."**







I arrived at 6:00 pm, temperature reached 90°-degree, and the grounds looked as perfect as the crowd that was forming a line to get hot fish, chicken and barbecue ribs being served by the Matriarchs of the host families.



It was pleasurable to see and to hear the delightful sounds of smooth jazz, a stone's throw away from home.

The Jazz music created good vibes as neighbors came together to enjoy themselves, the music and food.

There were children playing games, while adults sat chatting, eating and enjoying the live Jazz.



At the inaugural “Jazz in the Park,” the day was filled with nonstop smooth jazz, laughter, dancing, eating and good company.

It was a very enjoyable event and reminder of what it looks like when there's unity for the good in the community.

By: A. Collins

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The Biden - Harris campaign recently held, in Detroit Michigan, on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, as a special outdoor event to rally supporters for their second bid for the highest office in the Nation.

The event, called "Barbecue with Biden" took place at Laborers Local 1191 in Detroit, Michigan and aimed to inspire both union and nonunion workers to discuss job security and the importance of maintaining Democratic leadership.



Lieutenant Governor Garland Gilcrest II spoke at the event, along with other top supporters of the Democratic Party, including **Michigan Democratic Party Chair Lavora Barnes**, Mayor Quentin Lucas of Kansas City, Missouri, and former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The event garnered attention from supporters across the nation.





The Barbecue for Biden event featured several food trucks serving up delicious barbecue ribs, chicken, refreshing lemonade, scrumptious Italian ice, and ice cream. Event goers were encouraged to engage in conversations about their concerns including the economy, immigration and the importance of keeping Democratic leadership in place. *BY: A. Collins*



Lt. Gov. Garland Gilchrist & Adrienne Collins

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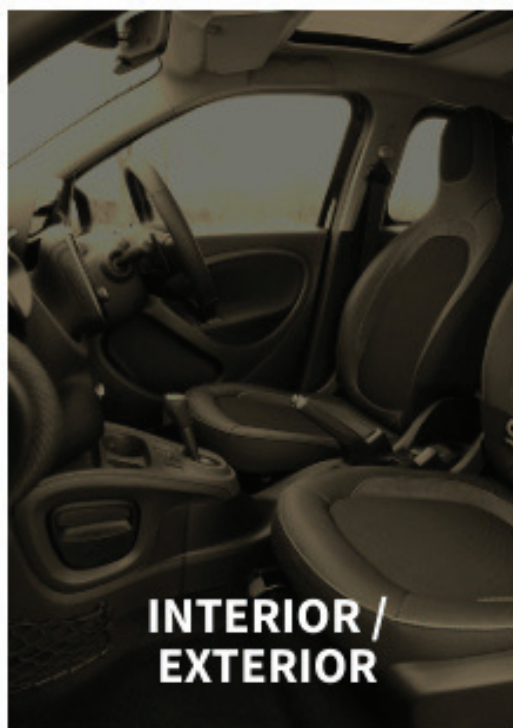
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In the vibrant field of graphic design, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to thirteen (13) talented students from the Class of 2023 at Detroit Public Schools Community District - Golightly Career & Technical Center (GCTC) Graphic Design & Printing Program.

Though their achievements were not highlighted in the pages of Detroit Entertainers & Musicians News (Detroit EM News), their dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed.

Honoring Our Rising Stars

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- Kelechukwu Osineke

T-shirt Designers:

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- Dezmond Harrison

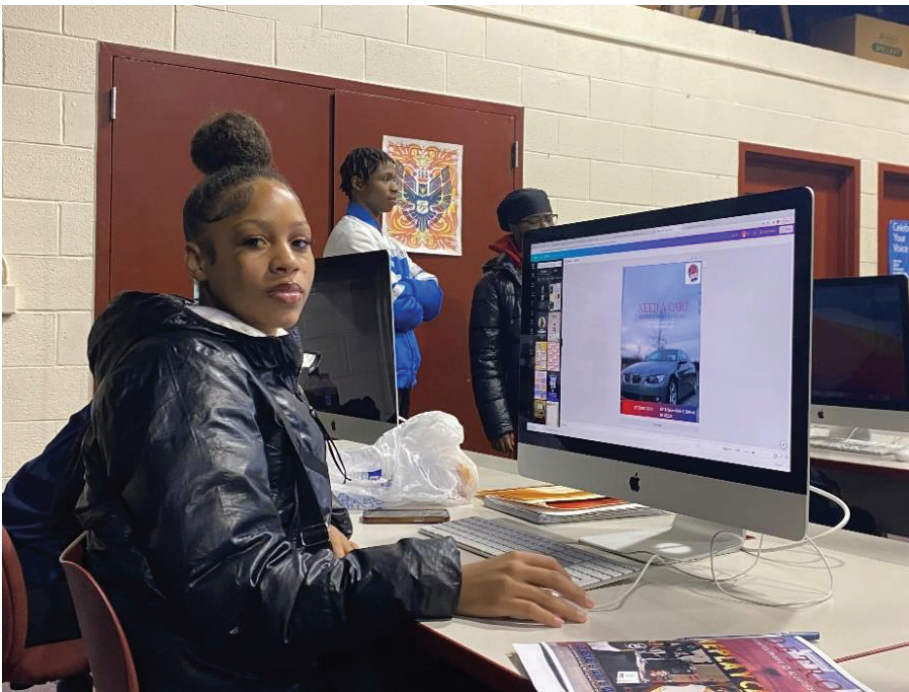
Afternoon Graphic Design Interns:

- Rommell Clark
- Deshawn Echols
- Aniyah Hicks
- Nicholas Lang
- Tyler Shane
- Morgan Smith
- Kyzel Stevenson
- Luster Yates

T-shirt Designer:

- Patrick Reid





These students participated in a six-week paid internship program offered by Detroit EM News, L3C.

This opportunity aligns with the printing and technology career pathway at GCTC, meeting curriculum, instruction, and CTE program standards.

Real-World Experience and Mentorship

Once a week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, during both morning and afternoon classes at Golightly CTC, interns gained valuable hands-on experience working with a social educational enterprise under the guidance of Adrienne Collins, Program Director, Detroit EM News, L3C. Interns developed their communication skills, designed client advertisements and some were tasked with replicating a silkscreen for t-shirts to further the charitable efforts of Elbow to Elbow, Inc., a Michigan 501(c)(3) organization.





Skills Development

During their internship, students utilized Canva, an open-source graphic design application, and were introduced to industry-specific terminology including, "plagiarism" and "infringement."

Overall, the internship provided a well-rounded experience that combined technical skills with essential soft skills. This holistic approach not only prepares students for their future careers but also helps them grow as responsible and engaged individual within society.



By integrating both hard and soft skills, the Detroit EM News, L3C work based training equips interns with the tools they need to succeed in a competitive job market.



With the structured and organized approach set by **Mr. Hanson**, GCTC Program Manager, and **Ms. Duskin**, GCTC Special Instructor, students had clear expectations to follow while working with Ms. Collins.

The experience was a win-win for everyone and continues to greatly impact students' development through paid internship with Detroit EM News, L3C.

By: Adrienne Collins



Patricia Bell, Work Based Learning Coordinator, DPSCD GCTC



Adrienne Collins, Program Director – Detroit EM News, L3C



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