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UPCOMING EVENTS

REENTRY ROUNDTABLE

February 24th, 2019
2:00pm - 4:00pm

A space for open dialogue on the experiences and challenges that formerly incarcerated citizens face in their communities.

Exclusive to formally incarcerated citizens

State Appellate Defender Office
645 Griswold St. Detroit, MI 48226
Suite #3300

WHOSE SAFETY? POLICING MINDS, BODIES, AND BORDERS IN DETROIT: SPEAKER SERIES

- February 21st: Policing Black Power
- February 28th: Policing Identities
- March 21st: Containment and Surveillance: Shifting Borders and Boundaries
- March 28th: The Cost of Mass Incarceration in Detroit
- April 4th: The New Abolition Movement
- April 11th: Imagining New Notions of Security
7pm-9pm (ALL)

Cass Corridor Commons
4605 Cass Ave.
Detroit, MI 48201

FREE : Light dinner served at each event

RACE, GENDER, AND WRONGFUL CONVICTION

- February 26th
- Introduction: 12:45-1:00 p.m.
- Race & Wrongful Convictions: 1:00-2:15 p.m.
- Panel on Exonerated Experiences: 2:30-3:45 p.m.
- Panel on Women Exonerated: 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- Wrap Up: 5:15-5:25 p.m.
- Panel Speakers Include: Julie Boumer, Darrell Siggers, Aaron Salter, and Richard Phillips

Patrich Auditorium
Wayne State University Law School,
471 W. Palmer, Detroit, MI 48202
FREE

BLACK ACTIVISTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

BY ELIZABETH NESBITT AND ALLISON GORINE

February is Black History Month and we are taking this opportunity to highlight the work of Black activists in criminal justice reform.

Angela Davis is an author, activist, professor, as well as a formerly incarcerated individual herself. Ms. Davis has worked extensively in the prison abolition movement, criticizing the privatization of the prison system and the disproportionate incarceration rates of Black people. If you want to read more about Ms. Davis's work, she has authored many books, including *Are Prisons Obsolete?* She also has recently appeared in *13th*, which documents the history of the civil rights movement.

Bryan Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, which is a non-profit organization based in Montgomery, Alabama. They serve those who have been wrongfully convicted, can't afford to hire an attorney, have been sentenced to death, or other situations where they have not received a fair trial. In his book, *Just Mercy*, Mr. Stevenson detailed how he came into this line of work and founded EJI.

Nicholas Buckingham is the campaign director for Michigan Liberation. After spending seven years incarcerated, Buckingham went on to pursue higher education and focus on criminal justice reform. He has served as a board member with the Detroit Chapter of the Nation Outside, he is an alumnus of the 2017 JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Cohort, and the leading voice for the Fair Chance Ordinance for the city of Detroit.

Adrienne Maree Brown is an author, Black feminist and community activist who currently resides in Detroit. She has worked extensively on many social justice issues including women's rights and environmental injustice. Her first book, *Emergent Strategy*, was released in 2017 to critical acclaim.

Abdul Rahman was at one time an infamous prisoner in the state of Michigan. He was a member of the Black Panther Party and helped advocate for his community on the inside. After his commutation by Governor Engler in 1992, he dedicated his life to higher education and criminal justice reform. While incarcerated, Rahman became the first person admitted into a graduated program at U of M Ann Arbor, where he earned his Master's and Doctorate degrees. He taught at U of M until his death in 2015.

JOBS

CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE

FOCUS HOPE

1400 Oakman Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48238
Salary discussed upon hire
Full Time
apply at www.focushope.edu

BAKER

ON THE RISE BAKERY

8900 Gratiot Ave
Detroit, MI 48213
Inquire below at:
rstadmeyer@cskdetroit.org

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY JOB FAIR

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Mt.
Pleasant Service Center
5889 E. Broadway Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Multi Company Job Fair - Construction
Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!
Service Center. Local employers will be
on site to meet with interested job
seekers who are looking for a career in
construction. Bring resumes! Prepare
some questions to ask! Dress for an
interview! Be enthusiastic and smile!

ETD SERVICES

MICHIGAN WORKS!

Job Fair
February 22nd 1:00-4:00pm
35731 W. Michigan Ave.
Wayne, MI 48184

ETD Services are now hiring for: Hi-Lo/Shipping & Receiving Clerks (\$ 12/hr) for locations in Western Wayne County & Sorters (\$ 10/hr) for Livonia, Brownstown, Wayne & Flat Rock. To see a full job description go to the Michigan Talent Connect website search for: (MTC Job Code: 8860981) Hi-Lo/S & R Clerks & (MTC Job Code: 6294036) Sorters. Interested applicants can apply in person or online.

FOR ASSISTANCE APPLYING TO JOBS OR TO BE CONNECTED TO EVENTS AND RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PROJECT REENTRY.

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT >>> GARY PETERS

CAME HOME NOVEMBER 2018

HOMETOWN

Mt. Clemens, Michigan

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

I enjoy doing demolition, construction, and electrical. And gardening, riding my bike, and taking walks.

SUCCESS SINCE RELEASE

Learning more patience. Focusing more on the things that I do wrong rather than what others do wrong. Because I can change myself but not others. I have also really enjoyed earning the trust of the people I work with and of people that don't even know me. Being myself and honest with them helps me earn their trust quickly. And I treat them with the respect they should be treated with.

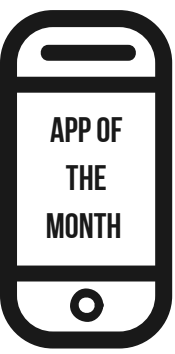
STRUGGLES SINCE RELEASE

Dealing with bureaucracies has been tough. There is a lot of misinformation and inaccurate information about the help and assistance offered. If it wasn't for my sister, Shelley, I would be having a much harder time dealing with all the frustrations.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

When you are released, take your time. Trust in the people you trust. And figure out everything as you go along and take your time doing it. Everything is not going to happen fast. Everything takes time and you have to figure out every move and work through the move completely before trying to move on.





Flixster

WHAT IS FLIXSTER? BY TAYLOR BONNER

Are you in need of Friday night plans? Flixster can help! Download this free app to check movie showings and showtimes in your area, watch the latest movie trailers, guarantee tickets, and view movie ratings!



You can narrow your movie search by hitting "Sort" in the top right corner, and then search for movies by titles, ratings, or what is popular.



On the bottom menu bar, tap the "Theater" icon to bring up a list of all the theaters in a 25 mile radius of your zip code. Tap on the theater closest to your location to see what movies are playing and to purchase tickets.



On the top menu bar, tap "News" to read various blogs about movie related.



DSDT TECHNOLOGY BY TAYLOR BONNER

The Detroit School for Digital Technology offers film production training with specializations in technology! Courses offer specializations in digital literacy, graphic design, web design, digital marketing, videography, information technology and visual effects. Students are offered an abundance of courses, certificate, and diploma programs. Successful completion of the program allows for careers as a videographer, graphic designer, Information Technology Manager, aerial photographer, systems administrator, and so much more! Call DSDT Admissions for information about tuition and more details.
(313)-263-4200



LOVE YOURSELF FOR LIFE

BY "THE ONE AND ONLY", DEMETRIUS KNUCKLES

On February 9th, 2019 by invitation from my cousin, I spoke at her 4th annual "Love Yourself For Life" event, presented by her non-profit, Knuckles Health Education Services. The event featured several speakers from the health care field, a book author whose ad two best sellers, family members of stroke victims, recent Wayne State graduates, and of course me. I opened with a poem called "Prototypical Beauty", which I indiscriminately dedicated to all women, especially those who have been made to feel less than. I then spoke about the need for us, as a people, to practice loving ourselves because only then can we love others.

POEM FEATURED ON PG. 6

FIND HOPE!

Hope Community Church hosts support meetings on the first Friday of every month. Meetings are a healing space for individuals, family members, and friends with loved ones who are or have been incarcerated in the past. If interested, all you have to do is show up.

Hope Community Church Support Meeting:

Next Meeting: Friday, March 1st
6:00-8:00pm
Hope Community Church
14456 E. Jefferson
Detroit, MI 48215



READ

ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES: WALIDAH IMARISHA

Three Stories of Crime, Prison, and Redemption. "There was a time I believed prisons existed to rehabilitate people, to make our communities safer. . . When I saw for the first time (but not the last) a mother sobbing and clutching her son when visiting hours were up, only to be physically pried off and escorted out by guards, I knew nothing about that made me safer. This is the heart of this country's prison system. And the prison system has become the heart of America." - Introduction

WATCH MONSTER'S BALL: MARC FORSTER

Hank is a prison guard whose son, who works on the prison's death row, commits suicide. He spirals into depression until one night he helps Leticia's injured son. When he dies, the couple are united by grief, but as their relationship develops, he learns he and his son were party to the execution of her husband.

LISTEN SERIAL: SEASON 3: SARAH KOENIG

Serial is heading back to court. This time, in Cleveland. A year inside a typical American courthouse. This season we tell you the extraordinary stories of ordinary cases. One courthouse, told week by week.



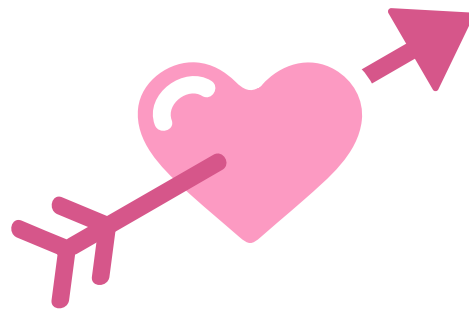
COMMON GROUND

MISSION: A nonprofit, trauma informed, recovery-oriented agency dedicated to helping youths, adults and families in crisis. The agency's 24-hour crisis and resource helpline, youth and family services, assessment and crisis intervention and other programs throughout Oakland and Genesee Counties are a lifeline for runaway and homeless youths, families in crisis, victims of crime, people with mental illness, and others in critical situations.

ONLINE CHAT with crisis counselor: www.commongroundhelps.org PHONE:1-800-231-1127

CONTACT PROJECT REENTRY IF YOU KNOW OF A RESOURCE WE SHOULD FEATURE IN AN UPCOMING DRUM NEWSLETTER!

"During the government shutdown, I volunteered by unloading truckloads of diapers for the Metropolitan Detroit Diaper Bank, which were sent to aid federal employees and their families while they were laid off. Let's make the next issue of the Drum take a look at returning citizens work. What are you up to? Send your submission with a photo to Project Reentry if you want to be featured in an upcoming issue" -Edward Sanders

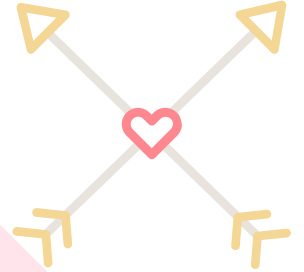


MEET THE TEAM!
HARLEY PAULSEN



**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROJECT REENTRY OR
MEET WITH A TEAM MEMBER?**

**Call (313) 256-9833 during
business hours and ask to speak
to a Project Reentry team
member**



HOMETOWN

Born in SanAntonio, Texas,
raised in Portland, Oregon

PROJECT REENTRY TEAM MEMBER SINCE

January 2018

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Admiring art, reading, playing sports, dancing, watching scary movies, going
to museums, learning and laughing.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

I am very honored to be a part of the SADO reentry team. My favorite thing to do in
new environments is meeting people and tackling challenging tasks. Lets do this!

OREO TRUFFLES

Makes about 42 truffles

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (16 ounce) package OREO cookies, divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 (8 ounce) packages semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted

DIRECTIONS

1. Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs (in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin or food processor); reserve for later use.
2. Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl and add cream cheese; mix until well blended.
3. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
4. Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet.
5. Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.
6. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, May 29, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m

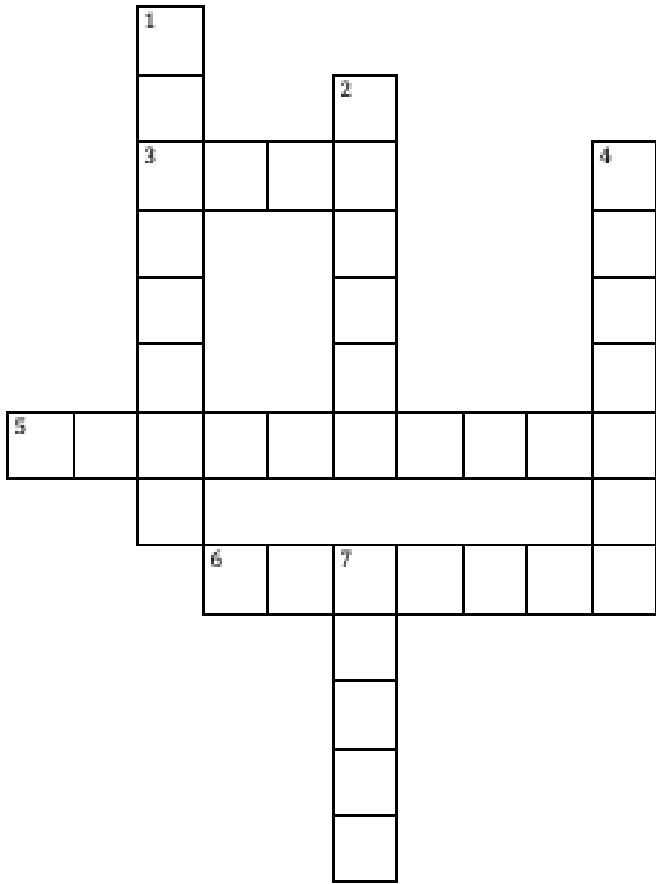
Citizens for Prison Reform's 8th Annual Legislative Education Day at the State Capitol in Lansing. Presentations by legislators and persons representing organizations devoted to improving the criminal justice system and conditions for prisoners and their families, and opportunities for meetings with legislators. Details later.





Prototypical Beauty

by Demetrius Knuckles



ACROSS

- 3. Most popular flower to give on February 14th
- 5. The second largest card-giving holiday of the year
- 6. President whose birthday is celebrated in February

DOWN

- 1. First African American to be appointed to the US Supreme Court
- 2. African American scientist George Washington Carver created 300 products from this food
- 4. Creator of Black History Month
- 7. Civil rights organization that celebrates its 110th anniversary on 2/11

Your beauty is like...

An exotic fantasy...
 Stimulating and captivating
 Mesmerizing and hypnotizing
 Sun rising and sun setting

Your beauty is like...

The sun wedding...
 The Moon.
 In the womb of the universe.
 unimaginable and unchangeable
 unbelievable and uncontainable

Your beauty is like...

A Rainbow show,
 in the heavens,
 You're an angel!

You're insanely beautiful!

You are the truth!
 indisputable
 and inscrutable,
 so unusual,
 you're even more beautiful than
 beautiful.

Your beauty is like...

The root of the soul.
 spiritual and imperial
 mystical and mythical

Your beauty is Prototypical



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