



Scarlett Middle School

Portfolio Day 2012

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Robert Allen, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Robert Allen has served the district since fall 2006 as the deputy superintendent for operations/chief financial officer, with the exception of the 2010/11 school year when he served as interim superintendent. Prior to joining the Ann Arbor Public Schools, Allen held the post of chief financial officer of the Flint Community Schools. Allen received a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting as well as an M.B.A. from Eastern Michigan University. In previous posts, he worked as a staff auditor for KPMG Peat Marwick, supervisor and director of Student Business Services at EMU and as assistant vice president for Business at Norfolk State University in Virginia. He and his wife Knatarsha Allen have four children.

Ben Barefield, *SRT Solutions*

During the day, Ben Barefield works as a software consultant for SRT Solutions where he works with clients to transform their needs into excellent software. At SRT, he has spent time learning and exploring many languages and technologies. He continually expands his .Net knowledge for client work. In his not-so-secret evening identity as a game developer, he has created games that have been popular with his friends and family. Barefield graduated with honors from the University of Michigan with a B.S. in computer science.

Kate Begeman, *St. Joseph Mercy Health System*

Kate Begeman is a certified and licensed athletic trainer, licensed physical therapist, and certified strength and conditioning specialist with a specialty in orthopedics and sports medicine. She completed grades K-12 in the Ann Arbor Public Schools before continuing her education at Cornell University and earning a bachelor's degree in biology. She then continued on to the University of Southern California where she earned a master's degree in physical therapy. She has more than 25 years of experience in her field, including 11 years in her current position at East Stadium Physical Therapy, an outpatient clinic in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Prior to her current position, Begeman worked for 10 years in the University of Michigan Athletic Department as a physical therapist and athletic trainer. In her free time, she plays and coaches ice hockey. She also enjoys tennis.

Chris Bowerbank, *GeniusRocket*

Chris Bowerbank is a young entrepreneur, creative strategist and musician. He and three other U-M students co-founded an online startup called myFab5, which will launch Fall 2012. He spent the first semester of his final year at U-M as an intern for GeniusRocket, an advertising agency specializing in online video commercials. Upon completing the internship, he was offered a full-time position as director of creative management; he will continue working for Genius Rocket this summer. Bowerbank graduated with a B.S. from U-M in April and has aspirations of launching his own business in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Anne Boyd, *St. Joseph Mercy Health System*

Dr. Anne Boyd is a pediatrician at the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, she completed her medical education at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine at 1993. She completed a Residency at the University of Michigan Hospital and Health Centers.

Nadine Brocci, *Office Depot*

Nadine Brocci is the district sales manager for Office Depot's Business Solutions Division. She has been in business-to-business sales and sales management for over 15 years. Key accounts that Brocci and her team have managed include General Motors, Henry Ford Health System, Beaumont Health System and education entities including the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Prior to her sales career, Brocci was in human resources for seven years, with a major emphasis on recruiting, hiring, training and development with Domino's, Winkelman's Stores and Silvers/Office Depot.

Linda Brown, *City of Hillsdale*

After completing business school 45 years ago, Linda Brown began her career with the firm of Dimmers & Moes, working with attorney Lewis Loren. With the exception of two short absences, one when her husband returned from Vietnam and the other when she gave birth to her second daughter, Brown held that position for approximately nineteen years. Ready for a career change, Brown began working for the State of Michigan in various administrative support positions until she was offered a position as the assistant city manager for the City of Hillsdale in 2000 and as the City Manager in 2011. The greatest joy of her life has been being the mother of two daughters and now the grandmother of nine.

Cathy Brown-Issel, *Brown & Deline*

Cathy Brown-Issel is a nationally recognized entrepreneur and hair designer. She opened Brown & DeLine Salon in 1995 and quickly gained a reputation for excellence in both hair and spa services. Brown-Issel and her talented team have won several Salon Today 200 awards (one of the industry's highest honors). In addition to her busy hair-designing schedule, Brown-Issel consults regularly with other entrepreneurs, sharing her knowledge and expertise. She also created and teaches the popular Brown and DeLine FOCUS class held in her salon. Brown-Issel participates in owner's circles, networking groups, the Michigan Cosmetology Apprentice Program and is often called upon for her opinion and expertise in all areas of the beauty industry. She has been published in *Salon Today*, *Nails* magazine, *Mind Body and Soul* magazine, *Modern Salon*, *The Industry Source* magazine, *Ann Arbor News* and the *Washtenaw Reporter*. She also writes a blog and monthly e-zine that reach thousands of people. Brown-Issel resides in Ann Arbor with her husband, four children and their very energetic black lab. She enjoys time at their lake house, skiing and kayaking, as well as participating in her annual women's triathlon.

Virginia Cardwell, *Roberts & Freatman*

Virginia Cardwell has been practicing law in Michigan since 1992. She attended the University of Michigan for her undergraduate degree and for law school. Her legal practice is concentrated in the areas of probate and estate planning and she also works in a wide variety of other areas of civil practice. Cardwell teaches a course about wills and trusts at Washtenaw Community College. She lives with her family in Pittsfield Township.

Dr. Mark Chappell-Lakin, *Live Well Chiropractic Center*

Dr. Mark Chappell-Lakin grew up in a small town in Kansas and lived in several areas of the country before settling in Ann Arbor. Before pursuing a career in chiropractics, he worked as a teacher, stay-at-

home father, a high school soccer coach, a facilitator at the University of Michigan Challenge Course and an instructor at the Leslie Science and Nature Center. He has had a lifelong interest in how the body works and as an athlete has completed triathlons, adventure races, and various other running events. He is married to Katie, a trained music therapist. They have three children.

Wendy Correll, *Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation*

Wendy Correll has served for six years as executive director of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation, a nonprofit that raises private support for the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Prior to joining the foundation, Correll was a management engineer in health systems in Massachusetts, Virginia and Illinois, working on projects related to space and work efficiency. She earned a B.A. and an M.B.A. from Western New England College in Springfield, Mass. She continues to enroll in classes at Indiana University and wherever she finds programs that enhance her work and personal life. Originally from the east coast, she is now an established Ann Arbor resident. She and her family enjoy volunteer work and travel.

Vaughan Daniel, *LG Chem Power, Inc.*

Vaughan Daniel is a senior software engineer for LG Chem Power, Inc. in Troy. He earned his degree from Central Michigan University and has worked in the software engineering field for 28 years. Originally from Trinidad & Tobago, he now lives in Ann Arbor. In his free time, Vaughan enjoys basketball, soccer, music, martial arts and computer gaming. He is a member of the Ann Arbor Computer Society and the Ann Arbor Soccer Association. His wife, Ellen Daniel, is a teacher at Scarlett Middle School. His two children attended the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Vinal Desai, *Google Ann Arbor*

Vinal Desai became a Googler in 2010. At Google, she assists companies in the entertainment industry with their online advertising. Prior to Google, Vinal worked on social media and career advising at her favorite school in the world, the University of Michigan, where she studied English language and literature. In her spare time, Vinal loves traveling and exploring new places, taking photographs and volunteering. She's excited to participate in her first Portfolio Day at Scarlett Middle School!

John Duerr, *retired mechanical engineer*

John Duerr is a retired business executive who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from University of Michigan. Born in Charlevoix, Mich., Duerr worked for Detroit Diesel Corporation for 36 years as a laboratory engineer, product development manager and as manager of regulatory activities. Duerr is the husband of retired Scarlett teacher Jeri McDonald Duerr. They have four sons.

Sean A. Duval, *Golden Limousine International*

Sean A. Duval is CEO and chairman of Golden Limousine International. He has been active in the hospitality industry, meeting and event planning and ground transportation business for more than 20 years. He was a 2002 finalist for Limousine and Chauffeured Transportation Operator of the Year and is a founding member of the Great Lakes Limousine Association. Duval sits on the executive board of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce where he chairs the public policy committee. He also chairs "Where

Hospitality Works,” a regional skills alliance for hospitality sponsored by the Michigan Office of Workforce Development. He is chairman of the Ele’s Place board of directors, and he also sits on boards for Washtenaw County Workforce Development, the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitor’s Bureau and the Milan Youth Soccer Club.

Dr. Todd Gillihan, *Bennett Optometry*

Dr. Todd Gillihan is an optometrist with Bennett Optometry in Ann Arbor and came into the business at an early age. His interest started when he cleaned his optometrist’s office in the seventh grade and then landed cleaning jobs in other offices; one optometrist helped set him up a work study job cutting lenses. He has never left the optometry field and went on to sell glasses and manage optometry offices as he attended college. Gillihan holds a biochemistry degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and, after graduating from the Michigan College of Optometry, he completed clinical rotations at the Kresge Eye Institute, Henry Ford Health Systems and at the John Dingell VA Medical Center. In his free time, he enjoys competitive running, swimming and other outdoor activities.

JoAnn Grantham, *University of Michigan Youth Mentoring*

JoAnn Grantham has found a way to align her passion for youth with her human resources experience as a program manager for the Youth Mentoring Program with the University of Michigan Health System, a role she has held since 2005. In this role, she provides programming to develop personal and professional career skills to high school students. She also serves the Employee Recognition Program at the Health System. She has more than 17 years of experience as a human resources professional and she earned a bachelor’s degree in organizational studies from the University of Michigan. When not working, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Claiborne Green, *University of Michigan Athletic Department*

Claiborne Green works as an academic counselor for Michigan Football, where he helps to guide University of Michigan student athletes through their academic journey. He joined Michigan Athletics in 2008 as a Big Ten Conference administrative intern and worked as an assistant academic counselor for student athlete development. Prior to working for U-M, Green was a physical education program director and teacher for children in grades K-8. Green earned a bachelor’s of arts degree in psychology from Morehouse College and a Master’s of Education degree in sport and recreational administration from Temple University. He was team captain and co-chaplain of the Morehouse football team and is the recipient of many honors, including the Morehouse College Athlete of the Year award the Noble Ones Award for leadership and community service, and the Unsung Lineman Award from Morehouse College. He was named the 2008-09 Big Ten Marketing Staff of the Year at the University of Michigan.

Patricia P. Green, Ph.D., *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Dr. Patricia Pataky Green joined the Ann Arbor Public Schools as superintendent of schools in July 2011, following a national search conducted by the Ann Arbor Board of Education. Prior to her appointment in Ann Arbor she served as the superintendent of schools for the North Allegheny School District near Pittsburgh, Penn., for nine years. Before becoming a superintendent she served as a deputy superintendent for instruction for the Prince George’s County Public Schools in Maryland. Dr. Green holds a B.S. in elementary education from the University of Maryland, a master’s degree of education in human development education from the University of Maryland’s Institute for Child Study, and a Ph.D

in education policy, planning and administration from the University of Maryland. She has demonstrated success on a national, state and local level in the areas of instructional leadership and improvement as well as organizational management and accountability. She is also well versed in labor/management and governance issues as well as social and emotional learning and issues of diversity and multiculturalism. She is married to Dr. Steve Green, a periodontist.

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D., *Pittsfield Charter Township*

Mandy Grewal was elected supervisor of Pittsfield Charter Township in 2008. A 15-year resident of Pittsfield Township and its former county commissioner, she has served as vice chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and chair of the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board. Supervisor Grewal has also served as a commissioner on the Michigan Women's Commission where she chaired the Women and Technology Advisory Committee. Supervisor Grewal has a Ph.D. in urban planning from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in trade and planning from Eastern Michigan University. She is also a graduate of the Senior Executives in Local Government program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a graduate of Michigan State University's Political Leadership Program.

John Hieftje, *City of Ann Arbor*

John Hieftje has served as mayor of Ann Arbor since 2000. He is a graduate of Pioneer High School and Eastern Michigan University where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science, magna cum laude. Mayor Hieftje serves on the Michigan Climate Action Council, Huron River Watershed Council Board of Directors, Downtown Development Authority and the Lake Superior Conservancy and Watershed Council Board of Directors. Mayor Hieftje has also served on the Ann Arbor City Council, chaired Recycle Ann Arbor's board of directors and the Urban Core Mayors of Michigan. He has received awards including Preservationist of the Year by the Washtenaw Land Trust, the Conservation Leadership Award by the Greater Detroit Audubon Society, Elected Local Official of the Year by Michigan Parks Association and the Environmental Leadership Award by Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Dr. Gretchen Hui, *City Pets Veterinary Clinic*

Dr. Gretchen Hui received her doctorate in veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University in 2003. She gained specialized knowledge about exotic pet medicine and surgery through her work at MSU, as well as at other universities, zoos, wildlife rehabilitation centers, and during a bird research project in Uganda. After receiving her DVM degree, Dr. Hui spent six years working in a small and exotic animal veterinary practice in Ann Arbor. She then spent two and a half years working in a small animal veterinary clinic in Howell, which was closer to her home and family. Dr. Hui has now returned to Ann Arbor to launch the new City Pets Veterinary Clinic with Dr. Stacey Weinrick. Dr. Hui is committed to providing the same high quality compassionate care for exotic pets that she provides for cats, dogs, and other small animals. Outside of work, Dr. Hui enjoys spending time with her husband and their two young children, as well as with their turtle, two dogs and two cats. Dr. Hui also enjoys volleyball, hiking, rollerblading, yoga/pilates, and just about anything that allows her to be outdoors.

Joyce M. Hunter, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Joyce M. Hunter is the assistant superintendent for secondary schools for Ann Arbor Public Schools, where she oversees five middle schools and six high schools, working with administrators on issues relating to curriculum, formulating and implementing professional staff development activities for secondary teachers, as well as on staff and program evaluations. She monitors achievement data and program effectiveness and manages local, district, and federal budgets for secondary and career and technical education. She also works with outside educational authorities and regulatory bodies on secondary and Career and Technical issues as well as directly with business and industry on the Career & Technical Education Advisory Committees.

Brian Jones, *Xoran Technologies*

Brian Jones is the director of international sales and strategic marketing for Xoran Technologies. He received a B.S. in applied imaging sciences from Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, and he studied at the Australian Institute of Management in Melbourne. He has received specialty training from IBM Management Consulting and Olympus Australia & New Zealand. Jones' expertise in scientific and industrial imaging products and strategic business development has provided him the opportunity to work for companies located in Scotland, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. His personal interests include behavioral economics, reading non-fiction, mountaineering, deep water SCUBA and golf.

Kimberly Jones, Ph.D., *ProQuest*

Kim Jones joined ProQuest in 2011 and is the corporate product strategy lead in the corporate market solutions group. Prior to joining ProQuest, Jones worked in Olympus America's scientific equipment division as imaging group manager, where she oversaw marketing strategy creation and execution for a portfolio of microscopy hardware and software products serving research and clinical markets. She spent 10 years in the life science instrumentation industry in various sales and marketing roles at both Olympus America and Intelligent Imaging Innovations. Jones earned a Ph.D in chemical engineering from the University of California-Berkeley, and was a National Science Foundation fellowship winner and Whitaker Foundation fellow. She also graduated with a B.S.E. in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan.

Kristin Judge, *Center for Internet Security*

Kristin Judge is the director of partner engagement at the Center for Internet Security. In this position she works with the Department of Homeland Security, educating state, local, tribal and territorial officials on cyber security and services offered by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center. Prior to becoming a member of the staff at CIS, Judge served as an executive board member of the MS-ISAC and member of the Education and Awareness Workgroup. She now co-chairs the Education and Awareness Workgroup. Judge also served her community as an elected Washtenaw County commissioner. In this role, she was involved in creating the Washtenaw County Cyber Citizenship Coalition, which is used as a national model for community involvement in cyber education and awareness. Judge served as co-chair for the 2011 Michigan Governor's Cyber Summit, the national kick-off event for October National Cyber Security Month.

John Kelley, *Google Ann Arbor*

John Kelley has over 20 years of marketing and product management know-how, including experience at industry leaders Microsoft and Apple and successful entrepreneurial ventures Tablus, Yodlee and VXtreme. Kelley helped to pioneer streaming video technology while at VXtreme, a start-up that was acquired by Microsoft and, at Microsoft, helped define the company's "TiVo-like" UltimateTV service. In his tenure at Apple, Kelley launched and influenced the design of several of the company's notebook computers. Kelley is proud to have been the first person hired into Google's Ann Arbor office where he leads the SMB Sales team. Kelley earned a B.A. from Middlebury College in Vermont and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

Tom Kolpacki, *Ann Arbor Police Department*

Detective Tom Kolpacki has been with the Ann Arbor Police Department for 24 years, spending the last 17 with the Investigation Division. He has also served in Cyber Crime Investigations and as a Computer Forensic Examiner. Detective Kolpacki spent three years assigned to the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He is also an adjunct instructor at the University of Detroit-Mercy and Eastern Michigan University. He is the president of the Michigan Chapter of High Technology Crime Investigation Association and the InfraGard assistant treasurer and East advisory board member. Detective Kolpacki holds a B.S. from Madonna University and an M.S. from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Andy LaBarre, *Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber*

Andy LaBarre is vice president for government relations at the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce. Prior to this he served on the staff of U.S. Rep. John Dingell, most recently as district administrator, and in the office of U.S. Senator Carl Levin. He is a 2004 graduate of Wittenberg University and is graduating this spring with a master's degree in public administration at Eastern Michigan University. LaBarre is a proud product of the AAPS system, graduating in 2000. He lives in the Ann Arbor area where he serves on the board of several local organizations, including SOS Community Services and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission.

Julaine LeDuc, *SafeHouse Center*

Julaine LeDuc has served as the director of resource development at SafeHouse Center for four years. Prior to that, she worked in program and volunteer management and donor events at the University of Michigan. In addition to her work with SafeHouse Center, LeDuc is involved with the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop, the Ann Arbor Educational Foundation and the Junior League of Ann Arbor.

Celeste Castillo Lee, *University of Michigan*

Celeste Castillo Lee is currently a senior project manager in the Office of the Provost at the University of Michigan. Previously, she was the chief of staff to the president and CEO of the Duke University Health System and the chancellor for health affairs at Duke University where she was active in several patient and family-centered care initiatives. At U-M she has overseen the implementation of two Provost-charged task forces on cost reductions and revenue enhancement, and she has managed the university's strategic assessment reviews of schools and colleges. Lee also is an active patient advocate at the state and national levels, communicating patient and family centered care philosophies, practices,

and opportunities to policy-makers and healthcare practitioners. She is an advisor and strategic consultant to the National Kidney Foundation and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, among several other non-profit organizations. She chairs the executive committee for the National Kidney Foundation's Patient and Family Council and serves on the Foundation's People Like Us Steering Committee and Public Policy Committee. She is a member of the advisory committee for the Physicians and Providers Advancing Care Transitions, which is a joint initiative between the American Colleges of Physicians and the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation. She has also been a regular participant and speaker at the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation Annual Forum. Lee resides in Ann Arbor with her husband, a faculty member in the Health Management and Policy Department, and their son, Jonathan.

Moses Lee, *Center for Entrepreneurship, University of Michigan*

Moses Lee is co-founder of truApp (www.truApp.me), a web-based platform that empowers college students to share and showcase their work to people and employers. He is also the assistant director of student ventures at the Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Michigan. In this role, he directs TechArb, the student startup accelerator, and teaches the entrepreneurship practicum course. In addition, Lee teaches the course innovation through social entrepreneurship. Previously, Lee was a manager at the William Davidson Institute and the managing editor of NextBillion.net, the premier online resource for information on social enterprises in the developing world. He also co-founded www.globalens.com, an e-commerce website for higher educational material at the University of Michigan. In 2007, Lee started the social venture fund, Rain Capital, with a U-M alumnus.

Simone Lightfoot, *Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education*

Trustee Simone Lightfoot attended Clague and Tappan middle schools before graduating from Huron High School in 1985. She has gone on to become highly regarded in the area of public policy, conservation and sustainability (particularly related to post-industrial urban centers). Lightfoot heads up the regional urban initiatives for the National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Regional Center. Her ten-city, six-state territory includes Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Cincinnati, Chicago, Milwaukee, Gary, Indianapolis and Buffalo. Lightfoot integrates the work of NWF with city's green efforts related to air, water, climate change, transportation, soil, infrastructure, energy, the environment and Lake Erie. Nominated top ten airman of the US Air Force, Lightfoot has served with the EPA, the American Red Cross, as deputy chief of staff in the Michigan House of Representatives and campaign manager for the current mayor of Cincinnati. She also served on the national staff of the NAACP before being appointed director of public policy for the Wayne County Clerks office. Lightfoot is currently serving her third term as a trustee with the Ann Arbor Board of Education where she serves as parliamentarian.

Dawn Linden, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Dawn Linden joined the Ann Arbor Public Schools as assistant superintendent for elementary education in November 2011. Linden comes to us from Mosaica Education, Inc., where she served as director of education. She has also worked for Mosaica in Ohio where she served as regional curriculum implementation specialist and chief administrative officer. In addition to her experience as an administrator, she has worked as an elementary and middle school Spanish teacher and foreign language department chair. She received an M.A. in curriculum and instruction from Michigan State University and a B.A. in elementary education from Western Michigan University.

Laura LoVasco, *Google Ann Arbor*

Laura LoVasco graduated from the University of Michigan in 2010, and moved to Chicago to work as an account executive at Metlife, selling employee benefits to large corporations. She started working at Google in September 2011, and she works on Google's online marketing team. LoVasco helps select companies in the retail and entertainment and media space seeking long-term, high impact partnerships to build and implement advertising campaigns across Google platforms. She focuses on leveraging Google's advertising properties for growth – be it though user acquisition, branding, or other direct response marketing initiatives. This includes utilizing Paid Search, Google Display Network, YouTube and Mobile/AdMob.

Jacqueline Lucas, *pilot*

Jacqueline Lucas has been a pilot for Skylines Airlines, Northwest Airlines and General Motors Air Transportation where she was the first African-American female to hold the position of corporate pilot. She holds Gulf Stream V and 350/450 Jet and Citation VII ratings, and also a Citation X Jet rating (the fastest business jet produced). Lucas has her airline transport pilot license, certified flight instructor single and multi-engine ratings as well as certified flight instrument instructor and instrument ground instructor certificates. She is a former member of the United States Air Force where she received the Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service and the Good Conduct Medal, among others. Lucas earned a master's degree in management technology and a bachelor's degree in aviation management from Eastern Michigan University as well as an associate's degree in business administration from Oakland Community College. She is a member of Women in Aviation, International and the Organization of Black Airline Pilots. Lucas is a substitute teacher in the Ann Arbor Public Schools and Kids Power Karate instructor. She is working towards becoming a professor in the Eastern Michigan University Aviation Department.

Kerrin Mabrey, *NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory*

Having a love and interest of science and aquatics from a young age, Mabrey earned her B.S. from the University of Michigan in 2008. She works for the Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystem Research at the University of Michigan. At NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, she is currently working on studies of organisms living in and on lake bottom sediments in Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake. She is regional co-coordinator of the Michigan region of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, a nationwide high school level academic quiz bowl promoting ocean and great lake science literacy. Her favorite fish is the lake sturgeon, *Acipenser fulvescens*.

Teri McDaniel, *DFCU Financial*

Teri McDaniel is a mortgage loan officer for DFCU Financial. McDaniel has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry and is qualified to determine the best mortgage to fit a variety of needs. She attended Eastern Michigan University and continues her education related to the mortgage industry by attending seminars and classes.

Jeffrey T. McDole, *University of Michigan Department of Public Safety*

Jeffrey McDole is the information technology planning manager for the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety. A graduate of Scarlett Middle School and Huron High School (class of

1991), he went on to earn his B.A. from the University of Michigan. He joined the university as a security officer and is now responsible for the technology supporting the department's police functions. In addition to basic IT support, his role also includes management of the E-911 phone system, alarm reporting systems, state and federal law enforcement records systems and supporting radio communications for the University. He lives in Dexter with his wife and daughter.

Jeri McDonald, *Ann Arbor Public Schools, retired*

McDonald describes herself as a reluctant retiree who is still trying to redefine herself. After moving to Ann Arbor from California in 1984, she soon became a part of the AAPS community. She taught English language arts and social studies at Scarlett for 15 years before retiring last June. McDonald continues to drop by Scarlett regularly to see where she can be of help and to keep in touch with her former colleagues. With her wonderful husband, John Duerr, also a Portfolio Day participant, she is discovering the many activities and events that Ann Arbor has to offer. They have four sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren who all add joy to their life.

Deb Mexicotte, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Deb Mexicotte has worked in student development at the University of Michigan since 1997. She has held a number of positions including director of Michigan Union Arts and Programs, coordinator for the 2001 Dance for Mother Earth -Ann Arbor Pow Wow, and program manager for the Office of Student Activities and Leadership. She is currently coordinator for the Arts at Michigan Program. She earned a B.F.A. in theatre at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and an M.A. in scene and costume design at the University of Michigan. She worked as a scenic painter for several years, both locally and at such locales as the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. She has three children and has been active in public education advocacy, both for special needs students and, more globally, as a current member and president of the Ann Arbor Board of Education.

Angela Milec, *Google Ann Arbor*

Angela Milec is an AdWords account executive on the Google Canada team, focused on driving high-level strategy development for advertisers within the travel industry. She helps businesses solve their marketing challenges using multiple products within the Google Platform (Google AdWords, YouTube, Analytics and more) by assisting in the development and implementation of integrated marketing campaigns. Joining Google in 2007, Milec worked with small to medium businesses to optimize their AdWords account and create marketing strategies to achieve maximum return on investment. Prior to Google, Milec held marketing positions at BBDO Detroit and Ford Racing. She graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business with a concentration in marketing, where she is also pursuing a master's degree in business. She enjoys traveling, ballroom dancing, U-M football and hockey.

Glenn Nelson, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Glenn Nelson is a self-employed economic consultant dealing mainly with public policy issues. He has been a consultant since moving to Ann Arbor in 1988. His prior positions include: senior staff economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers, chief economic adviser to the Governor of Minnesota, and professor at the University of Minnesota. Nelson was first elected to the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education in 2002 and his current term runs through 2013. He grew up on a farm in western

Minnesota; his graduating class numbered 42 students and his was the largest high school in the county. Nelson holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree from Stanford University and Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Blake Noel, *Teaching Works*

Blake Noel was born in Chicago at a time when urban America was submerged in tremendous violence and social upheaval. While experiencing this trauma informed his development, giving him a sense of determination and humility, it was his experiences in education that came to define his life. Through the sacrifices of his family, Noel was able to attend high quality schools that facilitated his escape to the University of Wisconsin. After completing a B.S. in political science, he dedicated himself to providing other young people from difficult backgrounds with the type of education that led to his upward mobility. After completing an M.A. in teaching from National-Louis University, Noel went on to teach high school history in the Chicago Public Schools. The issues he encountered in the classroom have motivated him to pursue educational reform at a policy level—first, through a master's degree at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and now as a Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan School of Education. Ultimately, Noel's beliefs in community service and social justice will lead him to a career in teacher education in an urban school district.

Kevin Norris, *ProQuest*

Kevin Norris earned degrees from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. As general counsel and senior vice president of global content alliances at ProQuest, Norris is responsible for managing legal affairs and content licensing, enabling online research services at schools, public libraries and businesses around the world. The summer after eighth grade he worked washing dishes, mowing lawns and painting boat docks. His children are proud graduates of Forsythe and Pioneer.

Liz Nowland-Margolis, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Liz Nowland-Margolis is the director of communications for the Ann Arbor Public Schools. She has over 25 years of experience in communications, marketing, public relations, customer service and community leadership in the private and public sectors. Before joining the Ann Arbor Public Schools, Margolis was the director of business development for Q LTD and manager of marketing for The Taubman Co./Briarwood Mall. She spent nine years as the manager of community relations for the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority where she developed a new community relations department. Margolis holds a B.A. in telecommunication from Michigan State University.

Tiffani Pace, *Subaru Research and Development, Inc.*

Tiffani Pace is a senior human resources representative for Subaru Research and Development, Inc. She performs general business planning and administrative activities, which include human resources and accounting tasks, such as payroll, benefit issues, accounts payable and filing requirements with appropriate agencies and authorities. Pace is occasionally required to support Japanese employees with issues such as relocation transition.

Ryan Panzer, *Google Ann Arbor*

Ryan Panzer works as an online advertising consultant at Google's Ann Arbor office. He is originally from Appleton, Wisc., and attended the University of Wisconsin (Go Badgers!). In 2011, Panzer received a degree in history and psychology. Following graduation, he started working at Google, where he helps small businesses improve their online advertising with Google AdWords.

Kelly Parent, *U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital*

Kelly Parent is the Patient-and Family-Centered Care program manager at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital. As the PFCC Program Manager, Parent is responsible for numerous patient and family advisory councils, committees, task forces and focus groups as well as an e-advisor group that all focus on bringing the voices of the patients and families to healthcare providers where together, they create programs and services that work for all. Prior to being hired in 2007, Parent served as a volunteer at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital following her daughter's diagnosis of and treatment for pediatric cancer. She has also been to Capitol Hill numerous times advocating for health care coverage for all children, increased research dollars for pediatric cancer, and improved health care services for survivors of pediatric cancer.

Andy Paterson, *Kaydon Corporation*

Andy Paterson is the business development manager for Kaydon Corporation at their Industrial Tectonics division. His responsibilities include locating new markets, figuring price points and planning sales strategies that will lead to growth. Paterson is also president of Michigan Energy Generation, a wind farm development company. Prior to this, Paterson worked for more than a decade in the automotive industry and has experience in project management, sales, quality control, international customer relations, as well as manufacturing methods, processes and efficiencies in engine/drive-train components, interior trim and exterior body. As a program manager, he had profit/loss responsibility for numerous principals including: Hitachi Metals America, Hutchinson Worldwide, Custom Trim, Ltd and Breed Automotive. He briefly owned a fitness franchise in Ann Arbor. Paterson graduated from Albion College in 1995 and moved to Ann Arbor in 1997. His mother was born and raised in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Maria Pinzon, *Ann Arbor Orthodontics*

Dr. Maria Pinzon is originally from Bogotá, Colombia. She received her dental degree from Bogotá's Universidad Javeriana in 1981 and her M.S. in orthodontics from the University of Pittsburgh in 1985. She had a private orthodontics practice in Bogotá for 13 years. In 1998, she moved to Ann Arbor where she became an adjunct professor in the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan. She joined her private practice in Ann Arbor in 2002 and continued part-time teaching both at the U-M and at the Charles H. Tweed Foundation for Orthodontic Research in Tucson, Ariz., where she became the first woman instructor from the United States. Dr. Pinzon is a member of various state, national, and international orthodontic associations. She recently completed the certification process to become a diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics, one of the highest clinical qualifications in the orthodontic specialty. She resides in Ann Arbor with her husband Philip Warren, also an orthodontist, her two sons, Ricky and Paulo, and her dog Onyx. She enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, playing golf, cooking, and entertaining friends.

Ryan Plum, *Subaru Research and Development, Inc.*

Ryan Plum is a senior engineer for Subaru Research and Development, Inc. He analyzes, recommends, inspects and verifies North American product planning and engineering activities to evaluate the United States market and set target performance goals for future products. His activities include analyzing press and customer voice and research data, analyzing automotive technical trends, and developing and implementing product and engineering plans.

Connie Pulcifer, *City of Ann Arbor*

Connie Pulcifer, a systems planner with the City of Ann Arbor, has 31 years of landscape architecture and urban design experience. Pulcifer demonstrates a thorough understanding and sensitivity for context sensitive design and develops strategies for engaging the public to arrive at the best possible solutions for public projects. Her urban planning process is typically structured around highly energized interactive workshops designed to fully engage community representatives and identified stakeholders. She is particularly adept at communicating difficult concepts and working through alternatives that create strong partnerships and long-term investment in projects.

Douglas Rakoski, *University of Michigan Health System*

Douglas Rakoski is a clinical specialist in assistive technology for the University of Michigan Health System and runs the Occupational Therapy Computer Therapy Lab. He worked for six years at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center where he specialized in spinal cord injury and performed assistive technology evaluations at the Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology. Rakoski has served as course instructor and guest lecturer and has presented at workshops, state conferences and national conventions in the areas of electrical stimulation, physical disabilities, and assistive technology. His research experience includes a NIH grant on implantable electrodes in stroke survivors and a NIDRR grant on mobile arm support development. He graduated from the College of St. Scholastica with a master's degree in occupational therapy and is currently pursuing a clinical doctorate from Creighton University.

John M. Ramirez, *Real Estate One*

Ann Arbor native John M. Ramirez is a real estate agent for Real Estate One in Ann Arbor. He graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. from the multi-discipline program, which allowed him to combine minors in economics, political science, psychology and anthropology. During college he worked in the retail industry, sharpening his communication and sales skills. After college, Ramirez worked in a variety of sales positions, including at an energy aggregation firm that he helped found. He teaches swimming and volleyball to adults for the Ann Arbor Recreation Department and stays busy through community and charity volunteerism.

Trish Reilly, *Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber*

Trish Reilly is the vice president of marketing and new program development at the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber. She is responsible for overseeing chamber and board communications, membership sales/recruitment/marketing, public relations, data management/analysis and new program development. Over the last two years, Reilly's primary responsibility has been to strategically re-brand the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce to become

the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber. Reilly holds a B.A. in telecommunication and marketing from Eastern Michigan University, a M.A. in public relations and communications degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan.

Mary Roeder, *University Musical Society*

Mary Roeder began as the residency coordinator in the Education and Community Engagement Department at UMS in 2007. In this role, she manages and maintains many of the relationships cultivated organizationally with members of the broader cultural communities represented in the region as well as within the University of Michigan. In addition, Roeder is responsible for overseeing and implementing all artist residency and community and university educational outreach programs, connecting regularly with dance, theater, jazz, world, and classical music and student audiences. Roeder has also recently taken on a larger role in the UMS Programming Department, serving as both the lead producer for approximately a quarter of UMS' mainstage presentations as well as a contributing curator. She works with a teen center in Ann Arbor called the Neutral Zone on an annual project called Breakin' Curfew which allows a team of 20 teen curators the chance to interact with a professional arts presenter and culminates in a two-hour performance on the UMS season reflecting the best teen talent across genres in southeast Michigan. Roeder holds a B.S. in cellular and molecular biology from U-M, and when she's not busy working, she enjoys watching reality television and traveling all over the world.

Alfreda Rooks, *University of Michigan Health System*

Alfreda Rooks is the assistant director of community health services and director for the program for multicultural health. In this role she has leadership for the University of Michigan Health System programs that interface and provide services to the community. She holds a master's degree in public administration (health care administration) from Eastern Michigan University.

Joseph Ross, *SRT Solutions*

Joe Ross has worked with manufacturing and high tech businesses to help them make effective software tools. He is experienced with developing for desktop, online and mobile applications, and has extensive experience with C#. Ross graduated from Michigan Technological University with a B.S. in software engineering.

William "Omari" Rush, *University Musical Society*

Omari Rush has aligned his interests in creating opportunities for communities and individuals to have rich arts experiences through his work as the education manager for the University Musical Society, a position he has held since 2005. Additionally, he serves in an advisory role for numerous organizations of varying cultural and geographic scopes: as a governor-appointed council member for the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, as a member of the Kennedy Center Partners in Education National Advisory Committee, and as a board of directors trustee for the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation. Rush earned degrees in music from the University of Michigan and Florida State University, and while his concert performances as a clarinetist are now infrequent, Rush fills his downtime with running, watching the Food Network, and reading (especially American Revolution literature).

Waleed Samaha, *Ann Arbor Public Schools*

Waleed Samaha has worked as a social worker and high school principal for 16 years and is currently a school social worker at Huron High School. He attended the Ann Arbor Public Schools including Bryant Elementary, Scarlett Middle School and Huron High School. He attended both Eastern Michigan University where he received a bachelor's degree in sociology and the University of Michigan where he earned a M.S.W. degree. Samaha has coached high school basketball for 17 years.

Nancy Schleicher, *Ann Arbor Public Schools, retired*

Nancy Schleicher taught school for six years in Monroe, Chicago and South Lyon and was a Scarlett Middle School counselor for 17 years. Before her time at Scarlett, she served on boards for the American Red Cross, the YMCA and Junior League of Ann Arbor, and volunteered time at Ronald McDonald House. Now retired from the Ann Arbor Public Schools, she volunteers at the Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop and is active in volunteer activities for the Junior League of Ann Arbor, Conger U-M Alumni Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and The Family Book Group. She enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time with her children.

Tonya Schmitt, *Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools - Scarlett*

Tonya Schmitt graduated in 2011 from the University of Michigan School of Nursing with a masters of science in nursing. She is currently a pediatric nurse practitioner and is enrolled at U-M in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Schmitt joined the Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools in December of 2011 at Scarlett Middle School. She strongly believes in the mission of RAHS and the importance of community-based health care. Schmitt enjoys working with children, adolescents and families. Her interests include health, fitness and running. She hopes to complete a marathon.

Ray Scott, *NBA, retired*

John Raymond (Ray) Scott is a retired American professional basketball player and former head coach of the Detroit Pistons. A 6'9" forward/center who played collegiately at the University of Portland, Scott was selected with the fourth pick of the 1961 NBA draft by the Detroit Pistons, and was a deadly shooter near the perimeter of the court. Scott had an 11-year career in the NBA and the ABA with the Pistons, Baltimore Bullets and Virginia Squires. Scott would later coach the Pistons for three and a half seasons, from 1972-1976. In 1974, he won the Red Auerbach Trophy, better known as the NBA Coach of the Year Award, after guiding the Pistons to a 52-30 regular season record. Scott was fired by the Pistons on January 26, 1976, and replaced with assistant Herb Brown. At the time he was fired, the Pistons were 17-25. In March 1976, Scott was hired as the head coach at Eastern Michigan University. Over three seasons, he guided EMU to a 29-52 record. EMU fired Scott in March 1979. After his coaching career, Scott went into private business. In February 2008, Scott was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. In April 2008, during a celebration of the Pistons' 50th anniversary, he was named one of the "30 All-Time Pistons."

Charlie Sears, *SRT Solutions*

Charlie Sears has worked with automotive and high tech businesses to help them use software tools effectively. He has experience with developing desktop, online and mobile applications, and has

extensive experience with C#, Flex and Android. Sears graduated from Michigan Technological University in 2010 with a B.S. in software engineering with a specialty in security.

Ingrid Sheldon, *Former mayor of Ann Arbor*

Lifelong Ann Arbor resident Ingrid Sheldon served as mayor for four terms from 1993-2000 and on the city council from 1988-1992. Many diverse issues faced the city during her service, but she counts the establishment of the Commission for Increasing Safety for Women and the Commission for Art in Public Places as achievements during her tenure. She served as president of the Michigan Municipal League from 1999-2000. Sheldon is active in several nonprofit organizations, including the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, Huron Valley Child Guidance Clinic, United Methodist Retirement Communities, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and the Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop. She earned education degrees from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan and taught sixth grade for three years, including time at Mitchell Elementary School. She is currently bookkeeper at Huron Valley Tennis Club, a position she has held for more than 35 years.

Craig Sidelinger, *City of Ann Arbor*

Craig Sidelinger is the training officer for the Ann Arbor Fire Department. He is responsible for overseeing all the training the department undertakes and coordinates training with neighboring departments. He brings classes in from across the country to help teach fire personnel new and innovative ways of mitigating emergencies. Sidelinger has worked for the City of Ann Arbor for 12 years and holds a B.S. and an associate's degree in Fire Science from Lake Superior State University. He has three years experience as a paramedic on an ambulance, is a state certified instructor coordinator for EMT-Paramedic and is a Michigan State Firefighter Training Council instructor for fire programs. His personal interests include travel, boating, hiking, playing sports, and playing with his dogs. He enjoys working with the public and has found the career as a firefighter very rewarding.

Beverly Smith, *University of Michigan Health System*

Beverly Smith has been with the University of Michigan Health System for a number of years (too many to mention), and has been in both central human resources as well as the Department of Pathology since 1986. Smith is currently the human resource manager for the Department of Pathology as well as a facilitator for Leadership Training Programs in the Office of Organizational Effectiveness at the UMHS Health System. Smith worked her way up the old fashioned way, but now you now need a degree to do her job.

Collyer A. Smith, *Bank of Ann Arbor*

Chicago native Collyer A. Smith has worked in mortgage banking and holds a master's degree in management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. He is currently the retail mortgage sales manager for Bank of Ann Arbor. Previously, Smith worked at Citicorp and headed sales and marketing for ABN AMRO Mortgage where he expanded a department of six employees and \$1 billion in sales to 240 employees and \$100 billion in sales. He has been involved with the Ann Arbor Rotary tutors program, which helps elementary school students struggling with math and reading. He also supports and mentors the eighth grade confirmation class at First Presbyterian. He is currently the retail mortgage sales manager for Bank of Ann Arbor.

Denene Smith, *Comerica Bank*

Denene Smith is a 1983 graduate of the Ann Arbor Public Schools (and an alumna of Scarlett Middle School!). She has been in a financial role her entire career. She began at a finance company assisting the community with their lending needs. Many positions followed until her current position. Smith is now a vice president at Comerica Bank in a business development role. In addition to her assistance with the community, she has had the opportunity to hire and develop numerous colleagues along the way. It has been a compliment to her career when a colleague she hired excels and advances to achieve their personal career goals.

Josh Smith, *University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital*

Josh Smith is the lead security officer for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. He has served 14 years as a public safety officer with experience in dealing with violent and difficult people, responding to crisis events, and de-escalating situations. He has extensive training and certification in public safety including healthcare security and safety and crisis intervention.

Kate Sochacki, *Google Ann Arbor*

Kate Sochacki is a local Ann Arbor resident who graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in English and psychology. Her past career experience includes being a marketing associate at market research firm Millward Brown and a product manager for office furniture manufacturer Steelcase. The past three years, Sochacki has worked at Google on the AdWords team as a client account manager. Recently, she also spent time abroad working with clients in the U.K.

Heather Spielmaker, *Thomas M. Cooley Law School*

Heather Spielmaker graduated with honors from Michigan State University in 2004, receiving the Mildred B. Erickson Fellowship and other awards. Shortly thereafter she began master's work in public administration at Western Michigan University. Spielmaker joined the staff of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2005 as a career advisor, and was promoted to her current position, director of the Center for Ethics, Service, and Professionalism in 2007. Among her most notable accomplishments in that role, Spielmaker created the Service to Soldiers: Legal Assistance Referral Program in 2007. The program flourished into a state-wide resource that offers free legal assistance to Michigan's military service personnel, and to date has recruited 180 pro bono attorneys and over 220 volunteer students who have taken on over 300 cases for Michigan's service members, and have prepared thousands of wills and powers-of-attorney for deploying troops. The successful launch of the program in Florida took place in February 2011. Spielmaker was given the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs Legion of Merit in 2010 by the commander of the Michigan National Guard, Major General Thomas Cutler, for her meritorious work in providing valuable legal resources to Michigan troops. As the daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, Spielmaker is especially honored to be able to assist our country's military personnel. Spielmaker is the mother of two children, Damian and Kennedy, who are 19 and 13, respectively. Spielmaker recently said goodbye to her oldest as he left to continue the family tradition of service to the country with the United States Army as a deep sea diver.

Erin Stacer, *Google Ann Arbor*

Erin Stacer is a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan, having earned a B.A. in English literature and language with a minor in gender, race, and ethnicity (women's studies). During college and a year after, Stacer held a full-time internship with the University of Michigan Athletic Department where she worked with almost every varsity team. Stacer also has experience as a contractor with a small marketing and public relations firm in Detroit, working with clients like the Silverdome, the American Red Cross of Southeast Michigan and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. During her time with Google, Stacer has been responsible for account management of online advertising sales accounts for companies ranging from small to Fortune 20 companies.

Melissa Stowe-Lloyd, *Thomas M. Cooley Law School*

Melissa Stowe-Lloyd is assistant director of the Center for Ethics, Service, and Professionalism at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Ann Arbor Campus. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations in Spanish and history. She attended law school in Chicago and graduated from DePaul College of Law in 2001. While attending law school, Stowe-Lloyd clerked for a law firm and was hired into their Plantation, Florida office after graduation. Stowe-Lloyd gained valuable litigation experience and focused on the areas of torts and products liability. After practicing law for a number of years in Florida, she returned to Michigan and became an associate attorney with an established legal office and handled criminal defense and family law matters. In October 2010, Stowe-Lloyd was hired as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Mason County Prosecutor's Office. In January 2012, Stowe-Lloyd joined the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as an assistant prosecuting attorney where she was responsible for handling misdemeanor domestic violence cases and trials. Stowe-Lloyd enjoys coaching basketball and volleyball, teaching Spanish to third graders in Ann Arbor, and mentoring as a recruiter for U-M.

Whitney Tarver, *University of Michigan Athletic Department*

Whitney Tarver currently serves as an assistant director of marketing and promotions in the Michigan Athletic Department. She oversees the Sports Marketing Student Intern Program and is the primary marketing department contact for field hockey, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, water polo and softball. While completing a Big Ten Conference internship at U-M, Tarver served as a student-athlete community service coordinator, marketing assistant for men's soccer and football, and as an Academic Success Program assistant academic counselor for men's basketball and golf. Tarver also completed internships with the WNBA's Atlanta Dream in community relations, and with the University of Virginia in intramural sports and recreation. She attended High Point University in North Carolina from 2006-2010, was a member of the women's basketball team (NCAA Div. I), and holds bachelor's degrees in sport management and Spanish.

Maria Thomas, *C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and University of Michigan Health System*

Maria Thomas is the advocacy director for the University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children's Hospital and the director of community benefit and community health assessment for the University of Michigan Health System. In this capacity she mobilizes grassroots and grassroots advocacy within the hospital and the community. She works with children's health organizations, community partners, advocacy organizations, health departments and legislators at the state and federal level to promote policies and programs that improve children's health. She also keeps the community and hospital informed of

relevant legislation and opportunities for political and community engagement around issues like childhood obesity, injury prevention and access to health care. Prior to joining Mott, she was the executive director of the Alliance for Community Enhancement at Columbia University, a nonprofit organization that partnered with the Harlem Children's Zone to operate a successful youth mentoring program. She has also worked with the United Nations Development Programme in New York on strategies for achieving the millennium development goals in Tajikistan's maternal and child health sector, and for the United Nations Children's Fund in India on HIV/AIDS issues. She is passionate about theatre, language, music and dance, and has performed with several companies in Ann Arbor and abroad. When she was in the eighth grade she did not have the faintest idea what a career path was or how to get started on one. Thomas has an M.A. in English literature from Oxford University and an M.P.A. with a focus on nonprofit management from Columbia University.

Teresa Thompson, *Office Depot*

Teresa Thompson is the major accounts manager for Office Depot's Business Solutions Division. Thompson has more than 18 years of experience in both sales and sales management. Her current position within Office Depot supports 14 major accounts in the Detroit Metro area. Key accounts include Ann Arbor Public Schools, Henry Ford Health Systems and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Prior to Office Depot, Thompson was a retail store manager at Office Max with an emphasis on recruiting and the copy/print commodity.

Don Tomford, *University of Michigan Health System*

Don Tomford began his career at the University of Michigan 29 years ago. He has been the chief department administrator for the Department of Neurosurgery for the past 19 years. Tomford received a B.S. from Eastern Michigan University in 1981 and received his master's degree in educational leadership from EMU in 1992. His career at U-M includes positions as a maintenance supervisor, patient financial representative, accountant, financial analyst, accounts payable supervisor and senior financial analyst. In 2007, Tomford was named the Administrator of the Year for the University of Michigan Medical School. He is a member of many national organizations and is the chair of the Neuroscience Administration Assembly as part of the Medical Group Management Association. In addition, Tomford is on the board of directors for DFCU Financial. He enjoys golfing with his wife Susan and is very proud of his four daughters Kristy, Kari, Ashley and Kim.

Ron Torrella, *University of Michigan School of Music*

Ron Torrella is the research process coordinator and paralegal for the School of Music, Theatre & Dance at the University of Michigan. In addition to providing administrative support in the research grant application process, Torrella provides legal support, specializing in copyright law. Torrella also manages the University's record label, Block M Records. Mr. Torrella was a university piano technician for eighteen years and founded Torrella Systems, LLC in 2001, a private practice firm that continues to provide piano tuning, repair, rebuilding, and consulting in southeast and central Michigan. A classically trained pianist, Torrella occasionally presents solo and chamber recitals on harpsichord, fortepiano, and the modern piano. His leisure pursuits include reading, bat house building and installation, running, road and mountain biking, and building and piloting radio-controlled aircraft.

Sherlonya Turner, *Ann Arbor District Library*

Sherlonya Turner works at the Ann Arbor District Library as the manager of the Youth & Adult Services & Collections department. She has been with AADL since 2002 in a variety of capacities. She earned her master's degree in library information science at Wayne State University and has a B.A. in history from the University of Michigan.

Amaechi Udoji, *Huron Valley Financial*

Amaechi Udoji is a vice president and senior mortgage consultant at Huron Valley Financial in Ann Arbor. He has 18 years of experience in sales, marketing, financial analysis, and strategic planning to individuals and group clients with a focus on health care and financial service products. Udoji is a licensed and bonded State of Michigan mortgage loan officer and holds a B.S. in public policy and economics from Michigan State University. He is an active community volunteer, serving as the Saline Area Youth Basketball head coach and a head state volunteer.

Trina Vallion, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Trina Vallion is an environmental scientist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Ann Arbor where she studies vehicle emissions data to make sure cars, trucks and engines meet air pollution standards. Vallion communicates with manufacturers from all over the world and posts environmental information on the EPA website. The EPA is responsible for carrying out laws to control air pollution from cars, trucks, motorcycles, snowmobiles, lawn mowers, electric and hybrid vehicles, engines and equipment. Vallion is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She enjoys nature hikes, museums and travel.

Steven Vinson, *University of Michigan Health System*

Steven Vinson is a financial consultant at the University of Michigan Health System. During his 17-year stint at the health system, he has held positions as a research grant accountant, a division administrative associate and a health center manager. He holds a B.A. in psychology and a master's degree in health services administration from U-M. Vinson has also enjoyed a career in coaching women's basketball. At the collegiate level, he served as a women's assistant coach at Eastern Michigan University. He is currently head coach for Huron High School's women's basketball program. His son Devin attends Tappan Middle School.

Christopher E. Wall, *Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.*

Chris Wall is a senior engineer for FTC&H and manages the traffic engineering group, covering offices from Farmington Hills to Grand Rapids. He received his B.S. and M.S. in civil engineering with an emphasis in transportation from Michigan State University. His 16 years of professional experience have been in the areas of road design and construction, master site planning, site development, traffic engineering, transportation planning, sustainable engineering and the 'greening' of transportation infrastructure. Recently, he has managed projects for the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and City of Ann Arbor. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Ohio and Michigan, a certified professional traffic operations engineer and professional transportation planner. Wall lives in Pittsfield Township with his wife and two children and is proud of being a Scarlett Middle School alumnus.

Dr. Kavita Warriar, *University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital*

Dr. Kavita Warriar is a general pediatrician at the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. She primarily sees patients who are admitted to the hospital, but her main role is teaching medical students and resident doctors-in-training. She grew up in Detroit and went to college at U-M. She attended medical school at Washington University in St. Louis and completed her pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center. Her mother and younger sister are also doctors.

Ivy Wei, *Google Ann Arbor*

Ivy Wei is a native Ann Arbor resident and Pioneer High School graduate. After graduating Pioneer in 2006, she went to the University of Michigan to complete a bachelor's in economics and Asian languages and cultures. During college, she interned with a progressive shoe company, TOMS Shoes, as an online marketing intern. After the internship, she was inspired to give back to the larger community and utilize technology to help others. After graduation from U-M, Wei landed a job at Google. There she works with small businesses to help them utilize AdWords to meet their business goals. In her free time, she enjoys running marathons and reading.

Dr. Stacey Weinrick, *City Pets Veterinary Clinic*

Dr. Stacey Weinrick graduated from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine with her doctorate in veterinary medicine in 2003. After graduation, Dr. Weinrick enjoyed working alongside Dr. Gretchen Hui in a small and exotic animal practice in Ann Arbor for six years. In early 2009, she began working at the local Humane Society, where she saw numerous outpatient appointments and performed a wide variety of surgeries. Dr. Weinrick enjoyed her time at HSHV, but is very excited to now open a small private practice with Dr. Hui. Dr. Weinrick is committed to providing personalized high quality veterinary care. She is compassionate and sensitive to the needs of people and their pets, and she is excited to be a part of the Ann Arbor community. Outside of the clinic, Dr. Weinrick enjoys spending time with her husband and family, which includes a Doberman and 3 cats. Dr. Weinrick also enjoys a variety of hobbies, including running, biking, yoga, and gardening.

Donald Wesley, *University of Michigan Health System*

Donald Wesley is the design manager in Facilities Planning and Development for the University of Michigan Health System. His responsibilities include advising and counseling hospital administrators on criteria for facility planning and design as well as working with hospital clients to determine facility needs. Wesley holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University and a B.S. in architecture from Ohio State University. Prior to joining U-M, Wesley worked as a project architect for Smith Group, Inc.

Barbara Wingrove, *University of Michigan Health System*

Barbara Wingrove is an outreach program coordinator with 32 years of experience in human resources for the U-M health system. Wingrove is the liaison for varied allied health activities and presentations with high schools in Ann Arbor, the South and West Washtenaw Consortium, Washtenaw Intermediate School District and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. She is also a member of the Ann Arbor Health Sciences Advisory Board.