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New Detroit holds conversation on race with millennials



On Tuesday Jan. 19, New Detroit partnered with the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Office for Student Engagement to hold a conversation on race. Themed "The Power and Influence of Millennials," the conversation was aimed at college-age students.

After a speech by University of Michigan-Dearborn's chancellor, Daniel Little, Ph.D., the students discussed how they feel millennials are perceived, and how their views on race may differ from other generations. Students felt that millennials are often portrayed as lazy, not involved and technology obsessed. They also said, however, that since they are the most diverse generation, they are usually more open and inclusive than previous age groups.

Afterwards, the students broke into groups to share an experience that has shaped their values, thought processes or ideas about race. When the students shared their discussions with the group, the theme of the conversation rang true. Regardless of the experiences that students had relating to race, they believed they held the power to combat the negative effects of present-day racism. With the diversity and openness that the millennial generation possesses, this belief may well one day be a reality.



New Detroit elects new officer and board members

At its annual meeting held Jan. 16, New Detroit elected one new officer, Martin Manna, president of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce as secretary treasurer, and five new board members.

Additionally, several officers were re-elected: William S. Taubman, chief operating officer of Taubman as chairman; Cheryl P. Johnson, chief executive officer of Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) as vice chair; Kevin Prokop, partner of Rockbridge Growth Equity, LLC as vice chair; and Shirley R. Stancato, New Detroit's president & CEO.

The five new Board Members include:

- Kenneth J. Barrett, chief diversity officer, General Motors Company
 - Reginald Dozier, president and CEO, Lewis & Munday, PC
 - Dounia Lievan, director, Deloitte Digital
 - Sandra E. Pierce, vice president, FirstMerit Corporation, and chairman and CEO; FirstMerit Michigan
 - Andrew Stein, executive director, City Year Detroit
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Save the date!

New Detroit's annual Closing the Gap Awards Dinner honors the accomplishments of a business, a nonprofit organization, an individual, and a young leader that have established a track record of working successfully to close the gap and led to improved race relations in our region. For more information, contact Joe Ann Walker at jwalker@newdetroit.org or 313-664-2042.



New Detroit's 18th Annual Closing the Gap Awards Dinner

Save The Date!

Monday, May 16, 2016
5:30 PM Reception
6:30 PM Dinner & Program

Cobo Hall
Grand Ballroom—B
One Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48226

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