

## The Coalition Newsletter

## IN THIS ISSUE

2010 Closing the Gap Dinner

Excellent Schools Detroit

"Taking Charge of Our Story"

## BUSINESS CAMP REGISTRATION

New Detroit is now taking applications for this summer's Camp Enterprise. The camp is targeted to Detroit area high school students interested in learning entrepreneurial skills while preparing for college.

[Learn more>>>](#)

[Download the Application>>>](#)

## QUICK LINKS

[New Detroit Website](#)

[Annual Dinner Invitation](#)

[Support New Detroit](#)

## OUR MISSION

"To work as the coalition of Detroit area leadership addressing the issue of race relations by positively impacting issues and policies that ensure economic and social equity."



## CONTACT INFO:

The Fisher Building  
3011 W. Grand Blvd.  
Suite 1200  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Ph: 313.664.2000  
Fax: 313.664.2071  
[www.newdetroit.org](http://www.newdetroit.org)



## 12th Annual Closing the Gap Dinner

**Tickets Now Available Online**

New Detroit's twelfth annual Closing the Gap awards dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010. The dinner is designed to honor those who advance racial progress; these awardees share an essential quality -- a willingness to lead for change. They were unwilling to accept the status quo in race relations and instead had the courage to take risks, create new paths, and inspire others to join them. This year, we will be honoring Chancellor Daniel Little from the University of Michigan - Dearborn, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), and Lewis & Munday Law Firm.

[Dinner & Ticket Information Available Here >>>](#)

## New Detroit Plays Role in "Excellent Schools Detroit"

### Our Pledge to Educate All of Detroit's Children

New Detroit has been an active participant in the Excellent Schools Detroit coalition. This coalition is a broad and diverse cross section of Detroit's education, government, community, parent, and philanthropic leaders who have developed a Citywide Education Plan to help ensure that all Detroit children receive the great education they deserve. The Citywide Education Plan is designed to help all Detroit children, regardless of the type of school they attend. The goal of Excellent Schools Detroit is as follows: "By 2020 Detroit will be the first major U.S. city where 90% of students graduate from high school, 90% enroll in college or a quality postsecondary training program, and 90% of enrollees are prepared to succeed without needing remediation."



[More about Excellent Schools Detroit >>>](#)



## "Taking Charge of Our Story" a Big Success

### E-Book to Come Soon

New Detroit's day-long symposium, "Taking Charge of Our Story" was well-attended by individuals from the media, community organizations, businesses, schools, and academia. In partnership with Wayne State University and Marygrove College, the event accurately told the story of Detroit's history. Thomas Sugrue, author of *Origins of the Urban Crisis*, was the keynote speaker. His presentation was followed by panelists Robin Boyle (Wayne State University), Malcolm Dade (former chief political strategist to Mayor Coleman A. Young), David Freund (University of Maryland), and Marcella Wilson (Matrix Human Services). Collectively, they told the true history of Detroit and the impact that federal housing policies, hiring practices of the mid-20th Century, as well as movement of employment opportunities out of Detroit had on the City. An e-book of Detroit stories, with contributions from individuals working on the City's revitalization, is currently underway.

[More Information on the Event >>>](#)