

alumni at macomb

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Getting Michigan back to work

The state is well on its way to training 100,000 Michigan citizens for high-demand, emerging or entrepreneurial jobs, and, by most every account, your alma mater is playing a major role in making that happen.

“Macomb is one of the greatest schools in southeastern Michigan, if not the state,” said Keith Cooley, director of Michigan’s Department of Labor and Economic Growth, when he visited the college’s South Campus on Monday, Aug. 18, to commemorate the first anniversary of the No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative.

Launched by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last August, the goal of No Worker Left Behind is to train 100,000 Michigan citizens in three years for high demand, emerging or entrepreneurial jobs with two years free tuition at a community college, university or other training program as the incentive. Cooley noted that the program was also focusing its efforts on “Turning Michigan into the leading green state in the nation” by preparing workers for new, more environmentally friendly technology.

So far, 31,000 have taken advantage of the free educational opportunity with the Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! office accounting for the largest share. And, according to John Bierbusse, the office’s director, 423 of those NWLB-sponsored students are attending Macomb.

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Scoring their own hole-in-one



When the Oakland Hills Country Club hosted the PGA Championship in August, the following Macomb Culinary Institute faculty, students and one alumnus pictured here in front of the club helped out (most in a volunteer capacity) to feed the players, caddies, fans and sportswriters (from left to right): Chef Scott O’Farrell (Macomb faculty), Roberta Robiero, Gabriel Vera, Michelle Ruprecht, Angelo Loria, Oakland Hills Executive Chef Brian Walsh, Oakland Hills Sous Chef Dave Stadler (Macomb alumnus), Andrew Koerber, Dan Andriashko, Brian Burlingame and Chef Jeff Wolf (Macomb faculty). “Oakland Hills is world-class, and our students held their own,” says O’Farrell. “To see how much they had grown as culinary students really made me proud.” ◀

Grant fuels development of regional center for advanced automotive technology

Macomb has taken a lead role in an educational consortium recently formed to develop an implementation plan for a Center for Advanced Automotive Technology at South Campus in Warren that will, ultimately, help steer the entire region toward the economy of the future.

Other consortium members are Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, with initial funding coming from a

\$150,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The goal is to focus on the growing fields of hybrid electric, alternative fuel and fuel cell technology as they relate to the design, development, manufacturing, service and recycling of automobiles and their components.

For the new center, the consortium will create a curriculum relative to both the current and future training needs of the automotive industry and those whose livelihoods depend

upon it. Toward that end, the consortium will also be forging partnerships with industry leaders to ensure a constant flow of ideas driven by the latest technology.

“We believe this new center can become the region’s premier storehouse of advanced automotive knowledge,” said Jim Jacobs, Macomb president.

It is expected that a plan for the center will be presented by the consortium to the NSF by summer 2009. ◀

U of M roommates say “thanks Macomb”



From left to right: Arian Kalaj, Abu Shakil, Peter Klein and Stan Sheyn share an apartment in Ann Arbor where they attend the University of Michigan's College of Engineering. The four met in a physics class at Macomb.

Peter Klein calls the apartment he shares with three roommates in Ann Arbor a “UN world summit,” with Bangladesh, Albania and Turkmenistan represented as well as his own U.S. It wasn’t diplomatic negotiations at a palatial compound that brought the four together, however, but a physics class on Macomb’s South Campus.

“The other three were all tutors at the Learning Center, where I used to go to study and, so, we bumped into each other frequently,” related Klein. “We discovered that all four of us wanted to go to U of M.”

And, indeed, all four were accepted at the University of Michigan and transferred there this fall. Klein is pursuing bachelor and master degrees (and most

likely a Ph.D.) in aerospace engineering. Abu Shakil of Bangladesh is enrolled in the nuclear engineering and radiological science curriculum, Arian Kalaj of Albania is in electrical engineering and Stan Sheyn of Turkmenistan is in chemical engineering.

“It’s been very cool starting here together with like-minded friends. I feel very fortunate that we met at Macomb,” offered Klein. He expects that as the semester progresses, their “UN world summit” will most likely resemble a study group with each member bringing a different engineering perspective to the table. Just a couple of weeks into sharing the apartment, however, some definite areas of expertise were already emerging on the home front.

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Scholarship speaks to love of teaching

While Lou Baltman reads hundreds of student essays each year as a professor in Macomb’s English Department, those he reads before the start of each new semester and neither corrects nor grades are just as likely to remind him of why he loves teaching at Macomb.

“The community college is truly democratic. There is nothing else like it in the rest of the world,” offers Baltman. “Students start where they are at, and it doesn’t matter because they

are given the opportunity to grow. Don was an example of that. He came here and he just blossomed.”

Don would be Don Hiles Jr., who arrived at Macomb as an undecided student, transferring credits from the University of Texas, and found his passion in the English classes of Baltman and his colleague Larry Pike, who died in 1995. Hiles was pursuing an English degree at Wayne State University when he was diagnosed with cancer, dying in 1991 at the age of 27.



Lou Baltman with students in his Contemporary American Literature class at South Campus during the fall semester. Baltman, who prefers a roundtable classroom instead of lecture-style seating, was honored by the parents of a former student when his name was included on a scholarship they established at Macomb following their son’s death.

“His parents were just shattered,” remembers Baltman. “He was their only child.”

In memory of Don and in tribute to one of the professors who had an enduring influence on him, Donald and Rosemary Hiles endowed the Hiles-Baltman Scholarship, which was initially for students returning to college after a hiatus like their son and pursuing a degree in teaching. The criteria have been changed in recent years, however, and now all students are eligible, although preference is still given to those interested in teaching. Application for the scholarship requires a minimum two-page essay detailing the student’s academic and career plans.

“I look for good writing as well as why they are going into the field,” relates Baltman, who reads each essay himself and decides upon their merits who will receive the scholarships each

year. “Don was a good writer who was actively involved in “Facets,” a literary publication that (the English Department) used to do. He was a very bright student.”

Since the scholarship was established in 1994, more than 25 students have benefited, and many send thank-you letters to Baltman as well as to the Hiles.

“...you have been a great inspiration in my decision to pursue a teaching degree. The love you have for literature, and the willingness to try and also inspire your students, played the biggest role,” wrote Joshua Orban, who received the scholarship in 2005 before transferring to Oakland University, in his letter to Baltman. “By extending this scholarship to me, you entrust me with the responsibility to maintain the pursuit of my dreams....” ◀

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Happiness is a good breeze for this alumnus

It all began with those famous *Life* magazine photos of John and Jackie Kennedy sailing off the coast of New England. The wind in their hair, the sails billowing behind them, the smiles on their faces, and a young Jim Kaza was smitten.

“I thought, ‘Wow, is that cool,’” remembers Kaza, whose memories of fishing off the shore of the Detroit River with his dad, likewise, include sailboats floating on the horizon. “There was always this small flicker that when I grew up, I wanted to get into sailing.”

A lot would happen before the Macomb alumnus would ever be captain of his own sailboat including a year in Vietnam, marriage, two children, graduating with honors from Macomb, earning bachelor and master degrees from Walsh College and a successful career in sales and marketing.

But first, Kaza halfheartedly enrolled in Wayne State University after graduating from

De La Salle High School, not really interested in college at the time. That was fine with the U.S. Army, which drafted him, trained him as a scout dog handler and sent him to Vietnam. Kaza’s partner was Ramo, a German shepherd, and their responsibility was to walk in front of the patrol to search out trip wires and ambush pits.

“This dog was fantastic,” relates Kaza, who recently found a website that recounted what happened to the canine scouts who served in the Vietnam War, many of which had to be left behind. “Come to find out the guy who replaced my replacement was responsible for choosing which dogs made it back to the states. Ramo, I was happy to discover, retired to the good life.”



Alumnus Jim Kaza always dreamed of having his own sailboat. Now he has four, including the two he is pictured with here, which are the backbone of his fractional sailing business and his sailing school.

U of M roommates

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“I’m definitely the closest thing to a drill sergeant. I’m kind of a neat freak,” admitted Klein. “Abu is a great cook. He makes an awesome fried rice dish.”

While their apartment is but a microcosm of Ann Arbor’s own sprawling multicultural scene, the four roommates have had little time to explore. Two have found work study positions and Klein is taking 22 credits this semester—12 on-campus at U of M and 10 online from Macomb.

“I was missing some pre-reqs, but I didn’t want to wait to start at U of M. (Balancing that many credits) is all a matter of getting into a stride,” related Klein. “But, basically, all I do is homework.”

But neither he nor his roommates are complaining because a very distinct pot of gold awaited them this fall in the shape of something commonly referred to as a “pigskin.”

“We’re looking forward to Michigan football,” acknowledged Klein in early September. “We’ve got season tickets.” ◀

Sailing ahead

After his honorable discharge, Kaza returned to his job in data processing at the National Bank of Detroit and took advantage of the GI Bill to enroll at Macomb, where a few professors made college more meaningful than it had been previously.

“One of the history classes I had at Macomb was a big influence on me because it painted a picture of how this country came to be. You don’t have to be in politics to make things happen,” says Kaza, who is in charge of charity golf outings for both the Nautical Mile Merchant’s Association and the Optimist Club of St. Clair Shores, the city he and wife Susan call home. “I like to be involved in the community.”

The Kazas married in 1968 while Jim was home on leave and started their family while he was attending college. Stephanie was born in 1972 and Jason in 1975.

After earning the degrees from Walsh, Kaza got in on the ground floor of an emerging enterprise that few knew much about.

“I took a couple positions in sales for some small, independent computer services companies,” says Kaza. “None of those companies even exist anymore.”

Changing course

Kaza ultimately joined the National Cash Register (NCR) Corp., and it was at about the same time that he purchased a 14-foot sailboat that could navigate small, inland lakes but wasn’t much use on Lake St. Clair or its bigger siblings. Within a year, Kaza had a 26-footer. In 2004, he turned pastime into profession with the purchase of a franchise license with SailTime, a “fractional sailing” business that works much like a timeshare. When he retired from NCR in 2006, he launched Seahawk Sailing School, and his fleet now includes one Catalina 25 and three Hunter 33s, docked in Port Sanilac and St. Clair Shores.

“When I did finally get into it, I thought that if I could ever make a living doing sailing, it would be just about perfect,” relates Kaza, who has also served as a guest deckhand on the *Pride of Baltimore II*, a 108-foot replica of an 1812 clipper ship. “There is something about the mood sailing places you in; it’s like nature’s rocking chair. I know I will always be doing this.” ◀

Getting Michigan back to work

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“We are putting more people into training programs,” said Bierbusse, “than any of the 25 Michigan Works! offices in the state.”

Also speaking to a crowd that included approximately 90 students attending Macomb with NWLB assistance was April Pritchett, a recent Macomb alumna, who had returned to college to upgrade her skills and earn an associate degree in business after her job in

the mortgage industry became a casualty of its catastrophic downturn.

“I’m no spring chicken, so when I lost my job, not only did I need job training, I needed help with my resume and preparing to look for work. With the help of Macomb/St. Clair Michigan Works! and No Worker Left Behind, I enrolled in Macomb Community College and got a great job to support my family,” said Pritchett, who is

now employed full time at Shore Mortgage and considering Rochester College for a bachelor’s degree. “A lot of the instructors (at Macomb) were just great. I also learned about Macomb’s early entry program for high school students, (and) last year my 12th grade son attended Macomb with me.” ◀

Sticking to the plan

Alumnus credits Macomb for educational accomplishments

Counting his own experience in earning a bachelor's degree, Macomb alumnus Alexander Stubbs vowed his children's educational paths wouldn't have the stops and starts and detours that his did. All they needed was a plan, and Stubbs freely admits he is a master at planning.

Take, for example, the color-coded laminated document he keeps readily available. On one side is 21-year-old Brandie's course schedule at Oakland University and the other side is 18-year-old Aaron's schedule at Wayne State University and his volunteer schedule at two hospitals. The family of four—Stubbs' wife Deborah is a postal carrier in Roseville—has three cars so the schedule helps determine who is picking up and dropping off Aaron.

"I struggled to get through college," relates Stubbs, who first attended Wayne State University upon his 1977 graduation from Benedictine High School. Initially money was tight, but when he got a job as a postal carrier, time became the problem.

A comfortable life

Stubbs transferred from Wayne to Macomb where he says the convenience of course offerings at both campuses allowed him to maintain his educational plan. He earned three associate degrees—general studies, liberal arts and business management—before taking extension courses through Central Michigan University, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management and supervision in 1991.

Both children were born by the time Stubbs walked in his commencement ceremonies. "We asked the grandparents to babysit the kids so my wife and I could attend my graduation," Stubbs recalls.

The timing of Stubbs graduation dovetailed nicely into a job opening for Postmaster in Romeo.

"I was now able to provide for my kids what I didn't have," says Stubbs. "I wanted to have a financial foundation that would provide a comfortable life."

That comfortable life included ensuring his children had the means to go to college, but it didn't include the out-of-state, private institution Brandie proposed during her senior year of high school.

"Macomb is perfect"

"The funds weren't there for those plans," Stubbs says. "I explained the financial situation to her. I told her Macomb is perfect, and going there won't put a burden on our family. I wanted my kids to come out of college with a degree, not just a college experience."

Brandie was attending Macomb within days of her high school graduation from Parkway Christian. Now in her senior year at Oakland, she's glad she made that decision.

"Macomb was a good transition from high school into college," Brandie relates. "I see



Macomb alumnus Alex Stubbs encouraged his two children to include Macomb in their educational plans.

some kids at Oakland who are panicky, and I never felt that way."

Aaron also has fond memories of his time at Macomb. He is particularly appreciative of the academic advisor who told him about the \$16,000 WSU Community College Scholars Program of which he is a 2008 recipient.

"I would advise anyone to go to Macomb. You get to know your professors better than at a university, and the scholarship I got is only for students who have gone to a community college," says Aaron, who, like his father, has a plan. "I have all my courses planned out until I graduate with a bachelor's degree in nutrition food science and a minor in sociology. I'm going to apply for medical school in my junior year."

Stubbs says his wife points to him when she hears Aaron's plans.

"She says he's learned that from me," laughs Stubbs. "She credits me for handling the kids' educational plans, but she helped lay

the foundation of achievement and treating people right."

And besides, he notes, even the best planning hits glitches.

"I was supposed to pick Aaron up the other day but a meeting I had ran late. I had to go to my contingency plan," he says. "That's my dad. He picked up Aaron." ◀

Center for Continuing Education is playing his song

At age 21, Jesse Elliott already has several years experience working in the music production business. What he needs now, he says, is a more structured approach to his music education, but without the worry over tests and grades.

"I have the street smarts, now what I want are the book smarts," explains Elliott, a freelance music producer who creates musical beats that he sells to rhythm and blues and hip hop artists who then record lyrics over the beat. "But, I don't have time to attend college full time."

That's why Elliott is excited about Music Mogul 101: Music, Money and Opportunities and Music Mogul 102: Marketing, Management and Merchandise classes offered through Macomb's Center for Continuing Education. The classes provide an inside look at the business side of the music industry and, for those who complete both courses, a Music & Entertainment Industry Certificate.

"I've taken other classes (through Macomb's Center for Continuing Education) and have gained a lot of knowledge," Elliott says. "I'm really looking forward to taking these classes."

For more information about Music Mogul and other classes offered through Macomb's Center for Continuing Education, call 586.498.4000 or visit www.macomb.edu/cce. ◀

We're number one

When it comes to granting associate degrees, Macomb Community College still tops the chart in Michigan according to the U.S. Department of Education data that was published in the June 16, 2008, "Top 100 Producers" issue of *Community College Week*.

During the 2006-2007 academic year, Macomb awarded 2,190 associate degrees, 81 more than the previous academic year and more than any other community college in Michigan.

Nationally, Macomb was ranked at 25 in terms of associate degrees granted, down from 18 last year. Other Michigan community colleges making the top 100 list were Oakland Community College, ranked 38 with 1,816 degrees; Grand Rapids Community College, ranked 70 with 1,427 degrees; Lansing Community College, ranked 81 with 1,342 degrees; and Delta Community College, ranked 96 with 1,207 degrees. ◀

National certification/scholarships take aim at terrorism

With the help of one of its alumni, Macomb's information technology curriculum has received an endorsement from the federal government, which is also offering full-tuition scholarships and up to \$24,000 in stipends to students interested in advancing their education and pursuing careers in the field of network security.

The Commission on National Security Systems (CNSS) of the National Security Agency has certified Macomb's Network Security Professional program, signifying that it meets the national standards for the training of information security professionals.

There were 256 criteria that the college had to address in applying for the federal certification. Taking the lead in the six-month-long application effort was John Mears, a Macomb alumnus, who worked on it as part of his master's project at Walsh College.

"There is a forensics element (to the program) that is very appealing to some students," said Bob Kansa, associate dean, Information Technology, who accepted the certification award on behalf of the college at a CNSS conference held in Dallas in June. "This certification will no doubt add to that appeal."



David Weenergren (left), deputy assistant secretary of defense for Information Management and Technology and the chief information officer for the U.S. Department of Defense, presents Bob Kansa, Macomb's associate dean, Information Technology, with the Committee on National Security Systems certification, signifying that Macomb's Networking Security Professional curriculum meets the national standards for the training of information security professionals.

Equally appealing are the competitive information assurance scholarships (approximately 50 are awarded a year) and accompanying stipends that the Department of Defense offers to third- and fourth-year college students pursuing careers in network security and attending one of three Michigan colleges/universities: Walsh College, University of Detroit Mercy or Eastern Michigan University. In exchange for a two-year commitment to work for the federal government after they earn a bachelor's degree, selected students receive scholarships covering all of their tuition, books and fees and a \$12,000 stipend for the year, with the

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Alumni notes

Richard Goeldi, 1972, is manager of product development/industrial design of Solverdi, a bio-energy company in Arizona.

Sharon (Glovak) Gray, 1973, worked as a medical assistant for nine years before turning to public service. She served two terms on her local school district's board of education and is now office manager and deputy township clerk for Grosse Ile Township. She is a member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and the Wayne County Clerk's Association. She is married and has two adult children, an art teacher and a college sophomore, and two adult stepchildren.

Marie Lorincz, 1976, has worked as a nurse in hospitals, doctors offices and clinics and teaches a medical assistant program at Ross Medical Education Center.

Richard Moscarello, 1974, graduated from Michigan State University and has worked as a professional athletic equipment manager since 1977. Since 1980, he has been with the Baltimore/Indianapolis Colts, the 2007 Super Bowl champions.

Valerie (Frechette) Ellis, 1976, earned a bachelor's degree in business from Walsh College and a master of arts degree from Central Michigan University and worked in business for 20 years. She is the mother of three and the silent auction chair for the Belle Isle Womens' Committee, which has raised more than a million dollars over four years for Belle Isle's Sunset Pointe.

"I always tell anyone that (Macomb) is a great start to their education....The teachers I met at Macomb helped create a desire back then to continue on and strive to excel at everything in life."—Valerie Ellis

Ken Kott, 1982, earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Northwood University. He worked in operations and quality management positions with ASC Inc. for 12 years and with Connelly Corp. for eight years before joining Mercedes-Benz five years ago. His office is in Vance, Ala.

Annette O'Connell, 1987, received a bachelor of science degree in accountancy from Walsh College, a master of science degree with a major in computer information systems and a master's degree in business administration, and a doctor of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix. She has worked in health care for more than 20 years and is currently administering a state health care plan at the Detroit Medical Center, where she also served as chair of a corporate diversity council.

Greg Trzaskoma, 1990, earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre from the University of Detroit Mercy and a master of fine arts in acting from Wayne State University. He is an adjunct faculty member at Macomb and Wayne State. He was recently featured in a pilot for ABC's "The Prince of Motor City" and in Clint Eastwood's film "Gran Torino," which is expected to be released in December.

Earl Johnson, 2001, graduated from Wayne State University with a law degree and is now an attorney with McDonald Hopkins PLC in Bloomfield Hills, where he previously worked as a clerk. He practices in the firm's business restructuring and litigation departments.

H. Richard Oprinski, no date given, has been appointed division CEO of Capital Partners Limited LLP, host company of Capital Earnings and Research, an international marketing firm, and will occupy a seat on its board of directors. A former executive vice president of the Business Consulting Group

Inc., he is the author of "Customer Service, The Strategy for the 2000's." He earned a master's degree in business administration from Vanderbilt University.

Denise Lotan, no date given, has been appointed vice president, Small Business and Consumer Sales, of Peoples State Bank. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in finance from Walsh College and has 31 years experience in the banking industry. Before joining Peoples State Bank, she was a regional sales representative, Michigan market, for National City Bank.

News about alumni

Send us a note, and let us know what you've been doing since you graduated from Macomb. Please include the year you graduated (or last year attended), advanced degrees earned, job history since leaving Macomb and any other items of professional or personal interest.

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scholarship and stipend considered for renewal for an additional year of study.

The scholarship program was established after the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001. And while information assurance and network security also involve protecting against identity theft and credit card fraud, terrorism continues to be the most significant factor behind the government's promotion of careers in this field.

"When you consider the vulnerability of our whole country's infrastructure to terrorism," relates Kansa, "you can see that there is a real need for the network security expertise that this certification is designed to promote and ensure." ◀



It's time for London

If Big Ben, the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey are among the landmarks you have longed to see in person, take note: reservations are currently being accepted for London 2009, the popular spring break trip led each year by Philip Barrons of Macomb's humanities faculty.

The cost for the March 13–21 trip is \$1,500 per person and includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations for seven nights at a centrally located London hotel including private bath and a continental breakfast, bus transfers between airport and hotel, half-day sightseeing bus tour of London and a guided tour of another yet-to-be-determined site outside of London. Barrons also offers his insider's knowledge of London to ensure that each traveler visits the sights they are most interested in.

A minimum deposit of \$300 is needed to reserve a place on the trip, with the final payment due by Feb. 1. For more information, contact Barrons at 586.445.7354 or 586.445.7018. ◀

Get in the holiday spirit at the Macomb Center

Throughout December, the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts will celebrate the holiday season with singing, music and dance. Performances include:

- **Christmas with the Lettermen** on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$55 pit, \$45 gold circle, \$40 house and \$38 student and senior citizen.



- **A Leahy Family Christmas** on Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$55 pit, \$45 gold circle, \$42 house, \$40 student and senior citizen and \$15 for ages 12 and under.



- **The Nutcracker** on Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. and Dec. 13 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$16 adult, \$13 student and senior citizen. Tickets are \$19 at the door.
- **A Christmas Gift, a presentation of Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra & the Pied Pipers** on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$38 gold circle, \$35 house and \$32 student and senior citizen.

- **Holiday Brass**, featuring brass players from the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings on Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 gold circle, \$25 house, \$20 student and senior citizen and \$15 for ages 12 and under.



Macomb Symphony Orchestra performs Christmas classics

Timed perfectly to provide a respite amidst the bustle of the holiday season, the Macomb Symphony Orchestra (MSO) will hold its holiday concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Joining the orchestra will be the Macomb Ballet performing selections from *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$20 for students and senior citizens. The MSO is a professional community orchestra consisting of 70 members. ◀

A look at the defining moments of the 1960s

Look for some of the leading, and sometimes controversial, figures of the 1960s to visit Macomb during the upcoming *The '60s: The Decade that Defined a Generation* at the Lorenzo Cultural Center Feb. 28 through May 16.

Through a variety of exhibits, presentations and events, including such speakers as Gloria Steinem and Andrew Young, and Detroit 1960s DJ Robin Seymour, the series will explore the lives and times of a dynamic decade when passionate social activism and a colorful counterculture helped define an entire generation.

During April, the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts will be showcasing several complementary programs, including the Smothers Brothers, "1964' The Tribute," and Mitch Ryder.

Visit www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com for more details after the beginning of the year. ◀

Macomb Culinary Institute earns "Exemplary" title

The Macomb Culinary Institute was recently awarded the title "Exemplary Program" by the American Culinary Federation, distinguishing it from every other college culinary program in southeast Michigan.

The designation symbolizes the highest standards recognized by the foundation's accrediting commission and is awarded only to those programs that have been found to be in complete compliance with all accreditation requirements for three consecutive site visits. The only other college in Michigan to receive the designation was Grand Rapids Community College. Following the most recent site visit earlier this year, the federation also reaccredited the college's pastry arts program for seven years, the longest renewal period a culinary program may receive. ◀

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