

Promise Updates

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This is the twelfth installment of Promise Updates, a monthly summary of information, research, and news coverage dealing with the Kalamazoo Promise or one of the other related reforms across the country. If you have suggestions about items to add to the list or ideas about how we can improve this service, you can e-mail us at Promiseupdates@gmail.com. The current Promise Updates covers a selection of items from December 2010 to January 2011. An archive of the Promise Updates is available on our Kalamazoo Promise Evaluation website:

<http://www.wmich.edu/kpromise>

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KALAMAZOO PROMISE

KALAMAZOO NAMED ONE OF THE 100 BEST CITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 1/28/11

- *Kalamazoo has been named, again, one of the best cities for young people by the America's Promise Alliance.

<http://www.wvmt.com/articles/kalamazoo-1386721-best-one.html>

ANOTHER BLOG ON HUMAN CAPITAL AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1/5/11

- New blog concerning the Kalamazoo Promise.

<http://investinginkids.net/2011/01/05/another-blog-on-human-capital-and-local-economic-development/>

America's Promise Alliance has again named the city one of the 100 best for young people

OP-ED BY BOB KILLEBREW. RESPONSE TO DAILY PRESS "KALAMAZOO PROMISE" EDITORIAL" 1/1/11

- Opinion on Kalamazoo Promise.

<http://jamesriverjournal.com/opinion/14455-op-ed-by-bob-killebrew-response-to-daily-press-qkalamazoo-promiseq-editorialq.html>

KALAMAZOO PROMISE CAN A UNIVERSAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP REFORM URBAN EDUCATION? 12/2010

- The Promise to promote systemic change in the district.

<http://www.kappanmagazine.org/content/92/4/50.short>

MICHIGAN 2000-2010: DESPITE SETBACKS, SEEDS FOR BRIGHTER FUTURE PLANTED 12/27/10

- Developments in Michigan, such as the Kalamazoo Promise

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/12/michigan_2000-2010_despite_set.html

A LOOK BACK AT A DECADE IN THE KALAMAZOO AREA 12/26/10

- Summary of events, such as the Kalamazoo Promise

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/a_look_back_at_a_decade_in_the.html

KALAMAZOO GAZETTE 2010 TOP STORIES: PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SPEAKS AT KALAMAZOO CENTRAL 12/24/10

- Obama visits Kalamazoo.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/kalamazoo_gazette_2010_top_sto_1.html

95% OF PROMISE-ELIGIBLE KALAMAZOO CENTRAL AND LOY NORRIX HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO COLLEGE 12/17/10

- 85% of KPS graduates attended college before the Promise
- 56 Promise graduates have earned bachelor's degrees thus far.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/95_of_promise-eligible_kalamaz.html

SCHOOL ZONE BLOG: THE STORY (OR A LITTLE BIT THEREOF) BEHIND THE KALAMAZOO 12/16/10

- Kitchen's quote referring to the Promise beginning as a result to the Bush tax cuts.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/school_zone_blog_the_story_or.html

Related Articles:

<http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2010/dec/07/kalamazoo-gets-national-spotlight-usa-today/>

http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/2010-12-05-1ataxcuts_N.htm
http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/2010-12-05-1ataxcuts_N.htm

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/do_you_agree_with_a_usa_to_day.html

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/school_zone_blog_ron_kitchens.html

EVEN WITH FREE TUITION, HURDLES REMAIN FOR RAISING NUMBER OF COLLEGE GRADS 12/15/10

- Only 54% of those to first take the award remain in college.

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/12/15/v-print/105360/even-with-free-tuition-hurdles.html>

WMU COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD DEC. 18 12/12/10

- 11 Kalamazoo Promise students were qualified to graduate

<http://www.westernherald.com/news/wmu-commencement-to-be-held-dec-18/>

SCHOOL ZONE BLOG: THE KALAMAZOO PROMSIE GETS ATTENTION ELSEWHERE 12/8/10

- Promise receives national attention due to an article in the Washington Post.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/12/school_zone_blog_the_kalamazoo.html

5 BEST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MICHIGAN RESIDENTS 12/2/10

- Kalamazoo Promise is listed as number one best scholarship.

<http://www.newsmax.com/FastFeatures/ScholarshipsforMichiganResidents-Michiganscholarships-StateofMichiganScholarships-MichiganCompetitiveScholarship/2010/12/02/id/378718>

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

EL DORADO PROMISE (El Dorado, AR.)

EL DORADO PROMISE MARKS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY 1/21/11

- Since the announcement, the enrollment increased by 5%.
- Since the announcement, there has been an increase in enrollment in AP classes.

<http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13885118>

Related Articles:

<http://arkansasnews.com/2011/01/20/el-dorado-promise-leads-to-5-enrollment-increase/>

Full Report: <http://www.eldoradopromise.com/>

GRANTMAKERS WHAT THEY'RE WORTH, WHAT THEY'VE GIVEN 12/23/10

- The Murphy Foundation mentioned.

<http://www.arktines.com/arkansas/grantmakers/Content?oid=1453590>

EL DORADO: CITY ON A ROLL 12/11/10

- The shift in the city began when El Dorado Promise was announced.

<http://www.nwaonline.com/news/2010/dec/11/el-dorado-city-roll-20101211/?nwa-opinion>

PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, PA.)

FRANCO HARRIS' PITTSBURGH PROMISE PAYS FOR EDUCATION 1/27/11

- Speaks of his work in regard to the Promise.

<http://theloop21.com/videos/steelers-legend-franco-harris-pittsburgh-promise-pays-for-education>

Related Articles:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_720096.html

PEOPLE OF PITTSBURGH PITCH IN FOR EDUCATION 1/6/11

- Donors and mentors invest in education.

http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/news/20110106/edudreamside06_st.art.htm

PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$50 MILLION GIFT 1/5/11

- The Pittsburgh Promise has received the largest amount (\$50 million) in history from Charles Kaufman.
- <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11005/1115848-100.stm>

Related Articles:

http://www.nonprofitquarterly.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8596:gift-of-50-million-is-largest-in-pittsburgh-foundations-history&catid=155:nonprofit-news&Itemid=986

SCHOOL BOARD VOTES 8-1 FOR SUPERINTENDENT 12/14/10

- Linda Lane selected to be new superintendent

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10348/1110585-298.stm>

Related Articles:

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10343/1109425-53.stm>

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10346/1109989-298.stm>

SHARED SPACE WILL HELP THREE PITTSBURGH MENTORING ORGANIZATIONS BE MORE AMAZING THAN EVER 1/12/11

- Three of the largest mentoring organizations are going to move into the Hill District.

<http://www.popcitymedia.com/devnews/mentoring011211.aspx>

PROMISE'S PROMISE 12/12/10

- The city has potential to be a model for educational reform due to the Pittsburgh Promise.

<http://blogs.sites.post-gazette.com/index.php/opinion/open-letters/23752>

FINALISTS PICKED FOR STUDENT VIDEOS ON CITY'S FUTURE 12/7/10

- Five “My Promise to Pittsburgh” videos have been chosen.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10341/1108939-100.stm>

EMAIL INTERVIEW: THE PITTSBURGH PROMISE 12/4/10

- Common questions answered.

<http://blog.eventsburgh.com/2010/12/04/email-interview-the-pittsburgh-promise/>

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, MI.)

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP TARGET ALL DPS 1/11/11

- The Detroit College Promise Scholarship expanded to six DPS high schools last year.

http://www.modeldmedia.com/startupnews/detroitcollegepromise011111.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ModelDMedia+%28Model+D%29

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY (Muskegon, MI.)

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY HOSTS EDUCATION PLANNING WORKSHOP 1/10/11

- An educational planning workshop was hosted on Jan. 12th to help students chose classes and speak of college.

<http://www.whitelakebeacon.com/news/23303-muskegon-opportunity-hosts-educational-planning-workshop>

Related Articles:

<http://www.wzzm13.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=148553&catid=2>

JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM (Jackson, MI.)

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM 12/20/10

- Reminder for upcoming deadline.

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2010/12/scholarship_deadline_approachi.html

ARKADELPHIA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Arkadelphia, AP.)

ARKADELPHIA PROMISE FOUNDATION HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 1/26/11

- Jason W. Jones is now the executive director of the Arkadelphia Promise Foundation.

<http://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article.aspx?aID=125428.54928.137570>

WHITTEN SAYS SCHOOL HAS PLANS TO MAKE MOST OF ARKADELPHIA PROMISE 12/9/10

- Making sure the program sets the correct standards.

<http://www.siftingsherald.com/news/education/x2012968766/Whitten-says-school-has-plans-to-make-most-of-Arkadelphia-Promise>

NEW HAVEN PROMISE (New Haven, CT.)

GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR THE NEW HAVEN PROMISE 12/10/10

- New Haven Promise: a hope to solve other city problems.

<http://www.ctmirror.org/story/8684/high-hopes-new-haven-promise>

Related Articles:

<http://nhregister.com/articles/2010/12/27/news/doc4d17f2e1d5aa5987079192.txt>

ROCKFORD PROMISE (Rockford, ILL.)

CHUCK SWEENY: ROCKFORD PROMISE STILL AIMS TO SEND KIDS TO COLLEGE 1/11/11

- Aims to increase percentage of college graduates and increase economic development.

<http://www.rrstar.com/insight/x1314136237/Chuck-Sweeny-Rockford-Promise-still-aims-to-send-kids-to-college>