

Promise Updates

05/27/2011

This is the fourteenth 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 April 2011 to May 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

EDITORIAL: NEW AIR TERMINAL ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF KALAMAZOO'S PROMISE 5/15/11

- Kalamazoo has a new airport terminal, which is \$36 million

http://www.mlive.com/opinion/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/05/editorial_new_air_terminal_ano.html

KALAMAZOO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE: JENNIFER POLLARD 4/22/11

- Pollard views education and the Promise as her top priority.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/04/kalamazoo_school_board_election_1.html

GOOD NEWS FOR KALAMAZOO COUNTY: UNDER-18 POPULATION STAYS STABLE WHILE MOST OF STATE DECLINES 4/11/11

- The Kalamazoo Promise and WMU are helping Kalamazoo reduce the decline of children 18 and under.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/04/post_135.html

KALAMAZOO PROMISE PAYS FOR COLLEGE 4/3/11

- Details of the Promise described.

<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/Kalamazoo-Promise-pays-for-college>

VIEWPOINT: PROMOTING THE POTENTIAL OF THE PROMISE 4/1/11

- Totten views as the Promise creating a stronger educational system.

http://www.mlive.com/opinion/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/04/viewpoint_promoting_the_potent.html

AS STATE POPULATION GROWTH SLOWS, THE PROMISE HELPS KALAMAZOO PICK UP SPEED 2/6/11

- The population increased by 4 percent in the years between 2000 and 2009.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/02/as_state_population_growth_slo.html

OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS

EL DORADO PROMISE (El Dorado, AR.)

FULL OF 'PROMISE' 4/29/11

- 260 Senior-graduates are the fifth to participate in Academic Signing Day.

<http://www.eldoradonews.com/news/localnews/2011/04/29/full-of-promise-95.php>

Related Articles:

<http://www.eldoradonews.com/news/localnews/2011/04/19/pryor-to-be-keynote-speaker-70.php>

http://myarklamiss.com/fulltext?nxd_id=92647

PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, PA.)

**MAYOR OF PITTSBURGH TO RUN HALF MARATHON TO SUPPORT
PITTSBURGH PROMISE 5/15/11**

- This is the Mayor's first half marathon that he has chosen to do for the scholarship program.

<http://www.pittsburghmarathon.com/Assets/Pittsburgh+Marathon+Digital+Assets/pm+enews+april+21.pdf>

Related Articles:

<http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/article.htm?id=851>

PITTSBURGH'S 'PROMISE-READY' TERMS 5/5/11

- College scholars have to have a 2.5 GPA and 90 percent attendances to get up to \$20,000.

<http://www.joannejacobs.com/2011/05/pittsburghs-promise-ready-teams/>

CITY COMPETES TO RAISE NUMBER OF COLLEGE GRADS 5/5/11

- Among 50 other metropolitan areas taking part in this competition for \$1 million dollars, Pittsburgh is competing in the Talent Dividend Prize Competition.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_735528.html

**BAYER COMMITS \$500,000 TO PITTSBURGH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
5/4/11**

- The Bayer has made a \$500,000 grant.

Related Articles:

<http://www.myfoxa.com/story/14571048/bayer-usa-foundation-invests-in-the-regions-future-workforce-through-the-pittsburgh-promise>

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11124/1144007-100.stm?cmpid=news.xml>

<http://pittsburgh.citybizlist.com/15/2011/5/4/Bayer-USA-Foundation-Invests-500K-in-the-Regions-Future-Workforce-through-The-Pittsburgh-Promise.aspx>

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADS THRIVE AT POINT PARK 5/11

- More than 60 students are Pittsburgh Promise scholars at Point Park.

<http://www.pointpark.edu/Academics/Features/PittsburghPromisescholarships>

PROGRAM GETS PITTSBURGH STUDENTS READY FOR PROMISE 4/18/11

- The Promise Readiness Corps is in nine schools to help ready students, and corps teacher's will be paid an addition \$9,300 a year.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11108/1140096-53-0.stm?cmpid=localstate.xml>

DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, MI.)

Newsletters for April and May have been released.

<http://www.detroitcollegepromise.com/dcpnews.html>

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY (Muskegon, MI.)

MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY RECEIVES \$20,000 5/ 3/11

- The grant was received from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

<http://muskegon.wzzm13.com/news/families/muskegon-opportunity-receives-20000-grant/56585>

JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM (Jackson, MI.)

**JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS TO REMAIN AT \$600,
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED DROPS WHILE NUMBER OF NEW
RECIPIENTS CLIMBS 4/12/11**

- The Community Foundation announced next year's details, and the program has given 385 students scholarships, compared to last year where they gave 394.

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2011/04/jackson_legacy_program_scholar.html

PEORIA PROMISE (Peoria, MI.)

VEGAS-THEMED FUNDRAISER AIDS PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP 4/7/11

- Play for the Promise" was held at \$50 per person, with a raffle for a Corvette.

<http://www.pjstar.com/features/neighbors/x1076645235/Vegas-themed-fundraiser-aids-Promise-scholarships>

Related Articles:

http://centralillinoisproud.com/fulltext?nxd_id=168976

ROCKFORD PROMISE (Rockford, ILL.)

**FIVE ROCKFORD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GETTING SCHOLARSHIP
MONEY 5/4/11**

- Each received \$500, which was from the Rockford Promise.

<http://www.wrex.com/Global/story.asp?S=14570159>

Related Articles:

<http://www.eldoradonews.com/news/localnews/2011/04/28/pryor-to-be-keynote-speaker-for-academic-31.php>

HIGH GUEST COLUMN: ROCKFORD PROMISE OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE 4/13/11

- Although there is no a significant amount of benefactors, the program is committed to supporting the young people to secure finances for education.

<http://www.rrstar.com/gnt/whatyoursaying/x782064281/Guest-Column-Rockford-Promise-offers-scholarships-for-college>

ARKADELPHIA PROMISE (ARK.)

120 PLEDGE TO ATTEND COLLEGE ON ARKADELPHIA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP 5/19/11

- As many as 120 students could be recipients of this program, as all 120 students signed to pursue a college degree.

http://swtimes.com/site/bios/state_news/article_8f2f1a8a-822e-11e0-b929-001cc4c03286.html

Related Articles:

<http://talkbusiness.net/article/ARKADELPHIA-PROMISE-GRADUATES-FIRST-CLASS/1908/>

BENTON HARBOR (MI.)

BENTON HARBOR: WHAT COMES NEXT? 5/4/11

- Benton Harbor hopes to improve the school performance, with the development of the Benton Harbor Promise.

<http://ipr.interlochen.org/benton-harbor-and-financial-crisis/episode/13561>

FUTURE PROMISE-RELATED SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISH A COUNTY WHERE ALL KIDS ARE READY TO SUCCEED 5/22/11

- An editorial about starting the Livingston Promise.

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20110522/OPINION01/105220305/Establish-county-where-all-kids-ready-succeed>

Related Articles:

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20110501/NEWS01/105010302/Project-aims-bring-preschool-all?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Frontpage|p>

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20110429/NEWS01/110429009>

RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT HUDSON BOND FOCUS 5/1/11

- Janet High said that she wants to see something like the Kalamazoo Promise in the Hudson Area Schools.

<http://www.lenconnect.com/news/education/x84060477/Residents-concerned-about-Hudson-bond-focus>

COLUMN: FOUNDATION SEEKS TO HELP COLLINSVILLE STUDENTS

- The Collinsville Educational Scholarship Foundation, is a separate from the city, but originally was created under the leadership of Mayor Schaeffer because of the city's planning efforts.

http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/illinois/opinion/article_130ba1df-a4a7-5ddc-b38f-3c2fcedd6b03.html

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