

# Promise Updates

07/21/2011

This is the fifteenth installment of Promise Updates, a bi-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](mailto:Promiseupdates@gmail.com). The current Promise Updates covers a selection of items from June 2011 to July 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

### **BEST CITIES FOR COLLEGE GRADS 5/31/11**

- Kalamazoo was chosen due to housing and employment.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/galleries/2011/05/31/best-cities-for-recent-grads.html>

Related Articles:

<http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2011/jun/03/kalamazoo-named-to-top-25-cities-for-college-residents-list/>

### **KALAMAZOO SCHOOLS: FUNDING CUTS COULD ELIMINATE 48 JOBS IN DISTRICT 6/7/11**

- The cuts will slow the drive of students trying to take advantage of the Kalamazoo Promise.

<http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2011/jun/07/kalamazoo-schools-funding-cuts-will-likely-eliminate-48-jobs-in-district/>

Recent Articles:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/kalamazoo\\_public\\_schools\\_plans.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/kalamazoo_public_schools_plans.html)

**\$11M LEARNING NETWORK OF GREATER KALAMAZOO UNVEILED  
TODAY 6/14/11**

- Backed by \$11 million, the program called, The Learning Network of Greater Kalamazoo, will help expand initiatives related to the Kalamazoo Promise.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/11m\\_learning\\_network\\_of\\_greate.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/11m_learning_network_of_greate.html)

Related Articles:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/learning\\_network\\_partnership\\_t.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/learning_network_partnership_t.html)

<http://www.wwmt.com/articles/used-1392116-develop-grants.html>

<http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2011/jun/14/the-learning-network-launches-education-campaign/>

<http://www.thecenterformichigan.net/kalamazoo-invests-again-in-learning/>

<http://swmichigan.secondwavemedia.com/features/newpromise0616.aspx>

**EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO HELP THE KALAMAZOO  
PROMISE RECIPIENTS 6/25/11**

- KEEP, a program created to help Kalamazoo Promise freshmen begin their first year of college, will begin this fall.

[http://www.mlive.com/living/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/kalamazoo\\_education\\_employment.html](http://www.mlive.com/living/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/kalamazoo_education_employment.html)

**KC READY 4S RECRUITING 62 KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-YEAR-OLDS FOR  
PILOT PROJECT ON HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE PRESCHOOL 7/7/11**

- The Learning Network of Greater Kalamazoo will complete a project using 62 4-year-olds, aimed to create a great, universal preschool network in Kalamazoo.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/07/kc\\_ready\\_4s\\_recruiting\\_62\\_kala.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/07/kc_ready_4s_recruiting_62_kala.html)

## **OTHER PROMISE RELATED PROGRAMS**

### ***EL DORADO PROMISE (El Dorado, AR.)***

#### **MEET THE NEIGHBORS: SCOTT WATKINS OF EL DORADO 7/11/11**

- The news feature, describing Watkins personal aspirations, lists the El Dorado Promise as one of the key reasons for moving to El Dorado.

<http://www.inarkansas.com/25578/meet-the-neighbors-scott-watkins-of-el-dorado>

### ***DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (Denver, CO.)***

#### **GUEST COMMENTARY: WHY SHOULD WE EXPECT MORE FROM OUR YOUTH 6/12/11**

- Personal success story.

[http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci\\_18241006](http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_18241006)

Newsletter for June has been released.

<http://www.denverscholarship.org/Page.aspx?pid=1003>

### ***PITTSBURGH PROMISE (Pittsburgh, PA.)***

#### **PITTSBURGH PROMISE REACHES MOST VULNERABLE 6/3/11**

- While rumors are heard that the Pittsburgh Promise isn't reaching African-American students, the contrary shows that out of the 2,500 students who have qualified for the Promise, more than 1,000 of them are African-Americans.

[http://www.newpittsburghcourieronline.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=4652:pittsburgh-promise-reaches-most-vulnerable&catid=38:metro&Itemid=27](http://www.newpittsburghcourieronline.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4652:pittsburgh-promise-reaches-most-vulnerable&catid=38:metro&Itemid=27)

#### **IF PROMISE FALLS SHORT, IT STILL COUNTS FOR A LOT 7/7/11**

- The Pittsburgh Promise has fallen short the last two years with how much they expected to raise. However, the goal is to educate students.

- The outcome has been more than \$15 million given out in college scholarships  
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11188/1158763-155-0.stm>

***DETROIT COLLEGE PROMISE (Detroit, MI.)***

**SO THAT HAPPENED: UNPACKING THE SNYDER-ROBERTS EDUCATION REFORM PLAN 6/21/11**

- Now authority for failing schools and possible Kalamazoo Promise-style plan to guarantee higher education for Detroit students.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2011/06/so\\_that\\_happened\\_unpacking\\_the.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2011/06/so_that_happened_unpacking_the.html)

Related Articles:

<http://michigancitizen.com/dps-split-p9964-1.htm>

Newsletter for June have been released.

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

***MUSKEGON OPPORTUNITY (Muskegon, MI.)***

**EDITORIAL: COLLEGE BOUND: PROGRAM WILL HELP MORE AREA STUDENTS GO TO COLLEGE 6/3/11**

- In Muskegon County, 25% of residents 25 and older, have had some college education.

[http://www.mlive.com/opinion/muskegon/index.ssf/2011/06/editorial\\_college\\_bound\\_program.html](http://www.mlive.com/opinion/muskegon/index.ssf/2011/06/editorial_college_bound_program.html)

***JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM (Jackson, MI.)***

**GOLF OUTING RAISES \$30,000 FOR JACKSON LEGACY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS 7/15/11**

- The outing has raised more than \$120,000 for education in the past five years.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2011/07/golf\\_outing\\_raises\\_30000\\_for\\_j.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2011/07/golf_outing_raises_30000_for_j.html)

***PEORIA PROMISE (Peoria, IL.)***

**ROLLER DERBY COMPETITION AT PEORIA CIVIC CENTER 6/19/11**

- A fundraiser was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, to raise money for the Peoria Promise.
- Rock and Rollin' on the River was a Roller Derby competition.

<http://www.centralillinoisnewscenter.com/news/video/Roller-Derby-Competition-At-Peoria-Civic-Center-124163614.html>

***ROCKFORD PROMISE (Rockford, ILL.)***

**GRANT HELPS ROCKFORD STUDENTS HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE  
7/11/11**

- The community Foundation of Northern Illinois' Community Opportunities Fund gave \$2,500 to the Rockford Promise.

<http://www.wrex.com/story/15061086/grants-help-rockford-students-heading-off-to-college>

Related Scholarships:

<http://www.rrstar.com/carousel/x1797069380/Our-View-Scholarship-help-and-honoring-slain-Detective-Kevin-Rice>

<http://www.rrstar.com/updates/x401788483/Scholarship-group-gets-2-500-boost-from-foundations-Opportunity-Fund>

[http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/Rockford\\_Promise\\_Wins\\_Matching\\_Dollars\\_from\\_Community\\_Foundation\\_Endowed\\_Scholarship\\_for\\_2012\\_125221264.html?ref=264](http://www.wifr.com/news/headlines/Rockford_Promise_Wins_Matching_Dollars_from_Community_Foundation_Endowed_Scholarship_for_2012_125221264.html?ref=264)

***NEW HAVEN PROMISE (New Haven, CT.)***

**“PROMISE” PITCHED DOOR TO DOOR 6/27/11**

- Several volunteers, through CollegeCorps, in order to inform and connect with the community about the Promise.

[http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/volunteers\\_spread\\_the\\_gosp/](http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/volunteers_spread_the_gosp/)

***HURON VALLEY PROMISE (MI.)***

**NEW LOGO HIGHLIGHTS HV PROMISE 7/7/11**

- The Huron Valley Promise will make a contribution of \$100 dollars to a parent with an incoming Kindergartener. A Michigan Education Savings Program account must be opened.

<http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20110707/NEWS11/107070357>

**RELATED NEWS**

**SUPPORT, SCHOLARSHIPS PUT HARRISON PARK STUDENTS ON TRACK FOR COLLEGE THANKS TO NEW GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT 6/15/11**

- The Grand Rapids Community Foundation gave a grant of \$250,000 for the Harrison Park students.
- This program partially differs from the Kalamazoo Promise because they are focusing on students still eligible for Pell Grants.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/grandrapids/index.ssf/2011/06/support\\_scholarships\\_put\\_harrison.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grandrapids/index.ssf/2011/06/support_scholarships_put_harrison.html)

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