



## e-Council Connection Earth Day Edition

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### Greetings!

### Happy Earth Day!

### *ACC president to be honored*



**On Thursday, April 23rd ACC President and CEO Dr. Haifa Fakhouri will be recognized by Inforum as one of the area's most powerful and accomplished women business leaders.**

[Inforum Inner Circle Events in Birmingham and Grand Rapids Honor 47 of Michigan's Most Influential Women; Offer Powerful Networking Opportunity](#)

Source: Inforum

Forty-seven of the most influential and successful business women in Michigan will be honored by Inforum and have the opportunity to help advance the careers of future leaders through two intimate networking events in April.

The first event will be held in Birmingham on Thursday, April 23, 5:30-8 p.m. at The Townsend Hotel. The second event will be held in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, April 29, 5:30-8 p.m. at The JW Marriott.

As Michigan's premier organization for professional women, Inforum introduced the Inner Circle program with three sold out evening receptions last year in Southeast Michigan and expanded the program to Grand Rapids this year.

"Inner Circle is an awards program with a twist," said Inforum President and CEO Terry Barclay. "We honor women of achievement and bring them together with other women for one-on-one networking to help future leaders build meaningful relationships that will enhance their professional growth. This unique opportunity is critically important in giving women in Michigan the career boost they need in these challenging times."

[Read Full Press Release](#)

## *Help combat climate change*



**In recognition of Earth Day ACC would to share with you some quick tips to help combat climate change.**

### **Take Action**

[Click here](#) to learn how you can take action to help our planet at home or work.

### **Pick 5 for the Environment**

The EPA encourages you to do more to protect the environment by choosing at least five actions from the

following link that you'll commit to. [Actions List](#)

### **Tips for a Low-Carbon Life**

Please consider the following [tips for living a low-carbon lifestyle](#).

## *ACC In the News*



ACC's board meeting with Detroit Mayor Kenneth Cockrel, Jr. was a great success and was featured in The Detroit News in addition to The Arab American News.

### **Cockrel praises ACC's 7 Mile project, pledges support**

The Arab American News

Mayor Kenneth Cockrel Jr. told Arab American and Chaldean Council executives and advisors on Tuesday that the city supports the group's Seven Mile Project and will respond to calls to address rampant blight in the neighborhood the project focuses on.

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## ACC's Macomb County Employment Program Now Open

ACC, in partnership with Macomb County Workforce Development, is proud to announce the opening of its new Macomb County Employment and Training Program. This program is in response to the growing need and request for services in Macomb County. ACC's employment program responds to the documented needs of dislocated workers and other economically and educationally disadvantaged individuals, particularly those who are non-English speaking.

The program works to enhance the employability skills and language efficiency of the target population to help increase their probability of securing employment. The overall goal of ACC's program is to promote the economic self-sufficiency of clients and eliminate the need for public assistance by the target population.

Services include, but are not limited to: English as a Second Language, Vocational English as a Second Language, career counseling, resume writing, interview skills, unemployment services, job search and placement and employment training.

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**Keith Appling**  
State record holder



**Derrick Nix**  
2009 Mr. Basketball

*Pictures provided by the Detroit News*

## ACC Youth Set State Records

**Keith Appling**, a junior at Pershing High School and participant of ACC's after school program, assisted his high school team in winning the State Championship while setting a state record of 49 points. Selected by the Detroit News as the No. 1 player in the preseason, Appling has definitely lived up to the expectations.

### **Appling In the News**

[Kalamazoo Central has no answer for Appling](#)

[Appling's record 49 points lifts Detroit Pershing over Kalamazoo Central in Class A boys basketball final](#)

**Derrick Nix**, a senior at Pershing High School and participant of ACC's after school program, was named Mr. Basketball for the State of Michigan on March 23. Each year the Mr. Basketball of Michigan award is given to the person chosen as the best high school boys basketball player in the U.S. state

of Michigan. Nix will be attending Michigan State University in the fall to join the Spartan's men's basketball team, the current Midwest Regional Champions.

### **Nix In the News**

[Free Press: Pershing's Derrick Nix named Mr. Basketball](#)

[Detroit News:Pershing's Derrick Nix named Mr. Basketball](#)

ACC would like to congratulate Keith and Derrick on their outstanding achievements. Their efforts have shown that through determination and commitment you can reach your goals and dreams.

**Congratulations to Keith Appling and Derrick Nix, we wish you both all the best in your future endeavors.**



### *US National Guard Job Fair*

**ACC's Hamtramck Office, located at 8740 Jos Campau, will host a US National Guard Job Fair on Friday, May 1st from 10am to 6pm.**

For additional information contact Sgt Hassan at 347- 223-2594 or visit [www.1-800-go-guard.com](http://www.1-800-go-guard.com).



### *Community News*

#### **FREE and Low Cost CPR Classes**

Save a life, learn CPR. During the month of April the American Heart Association is offering free and low cost CPR classes. [Michigan CPR Classes](#)

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