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YES of Michigan Conference Education: Building Your Foundation

EMU is proud to be hosting the Young Educators Society of Michigan Conference Friday, May 1, 2020. YES was established in 1987 to encourage underrepresented youth to consider the field of teaching as a career. It remains a unique collaboration of institutions of higher education and K12 schools. Although K12 students in the US are now majority Black and Brown, the education profession has remained majority White. Research has demonstrated several benefits with diversity in educational environments: more creativity and efficacy in solving problems; better preparation to function in today's global society; higher levels of critical thinking and academic achievement for all students. YES clubs in middle and high schools seek to address this situation by supporting and developing interest in the profession of education.

The conference will provide information on college readiness and access, leadership development, and careers in education. Students will hear motivational speakers, get information at the college fair, and be eligible for raffles and prizes. An optional tour of EMU's campus follows after lunch. Registration is free.

For more information or to register, please visit:
yesofmichigan.com
emich.edu/yesconference.

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JAZMIN GONZALEZ-NAVARRO



Jazmin Gonzalez-Navarro is a first-year student from Melvindale, MI majoring in Elementary Education and Early Childhood. Inspired by a family of educators, she realized she wanted to become a teacher while working with pre-school children during high school. At the same time, she taught catechism at her church for two years to children aged 5 – 7. Jazmin believes that as a teacher it is important to understand the various learning styles of each child as everyone learns differently. After graduation, she plans to teach for several years, then return for her Masters degree and instruct college students on how to be educators. In addition, Jazmin aspires to open her own pre-school someday in her extended family’s town of Arandas, Mexico.

Patrick Burrage is a sophomore transfer student from Wayne State University majoring in Secondary Education with a History and Geography concentration. He attended Romulus High School and graduated from Belleville High School. Born into a family of teachers, principals, and superintendents, Patrick was inspired early on to become an educator. Through his experience working with kindergarteners and 7th & 8th graders, he discovered that he loves the “Aha!” moments his students express. After graduation, he plans to work for Detroit Public Schools with a long-term goal of getting his doctorate and writing curriculum. Patrick is a member of The Phoenix, a student organization at EMU with the purpose of building community through social events.

PATRICK BURRAGE

