



Now in its 24th year, Leadership Midland is a community leadership development program that provides exposure and insight to people who will occupy leadership positions within our community. It is a consortium of ideas, training and backgrounds. Featured below are the many presenters who will share their expertise with the class members of Leadership Midland 2009. You can also read about the class members taking part in the three-day program, beginning today, and concluding on Saturday, Oct. 24.



WELCOME TO LEADERSHIP MIDLAND 2009

THE PRESENTERS

 Dorene Allen	 Sid Allen	 Ken Andrews	 Arnold Center Inc. Access Midland Team	 Joel Beeck	 Jim Borin	 Cathy Bott	 Jim Bradley	 Mark Butcher	 Jana Chotivkova	 Cheryl Collins
 Chuck Coté	 Dave Dauer	 Carl Ellinger	 Janet Fergin	 Bridgette Grandsen	 Dan Handley	 Karl leuter	 Bruce Johnson	 Jon Lauderbach	 Janea Little	 Amy Livsey-Sommer
 Jon Lynch	 Craig McDonald	 Marty McGuire	 John McPeak	 Midland Community Center	 Sharon Miller	 Brian Molitor	 Bill Money Penny	 Terry Moore	 Ellie Morse	 Sharon Mortensen
 Cherie Nowak	 Nancy Ohle	 Rick Ohle	 Jeff Phillips	 Judi Powers	 Keith Pretty	 Margaret (Ranny) Riecker	 Greg Rogers	 Christin Schwenke	 Gary Skory	 Selina Tisdale
 Chris Tointon	 Clark Volz	 Scott Walker	 The Whites	 Mike Woody	Pictures were not available for: Jim Hignite Susie Landes					

THE PARTICIPANTS

Paul Ballard is currently the assistant dean of the College of Health and Human Services, director of the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP), and associate professor at Saginaw Valley State University. Previously he was the director of the ATEP and assistant professor at Southeast Missouri State University and an assistant professor at Appalachian State University. Paul attended Utah Valley Community College and Brigham Young University, where he completed a bachelor of science degree in athletic training. He earned a master of education in exercise physiology and an education doctorate degree in athletic administration from Temple University in Philadelphia. Paul's community service includes the following: instructor, American Red Cross; committee member for C-CERT at SVSU; member of the Rural Health Information Technology (HIT) Team, and volunteer coach for many years in community youth sports.

Going above and beyond client expectations and always trying to top his last performance has helped **Nick Cain** advance to a management position at Sound Productions Entertainment. The entertainment bug bit Nick at an early age, beginning when he received his first cassette tape, Michael Jackson's "Thriller." That desire grew

as a member of the CMU Marching Chips as well as a member of Phi Mu (Mew) Alpha Sinfonia, a music fraternity that fosters the growth of both men and music through community involvement and music outreach programs. After graduating from CMU in 2003, Nick spent several years as production director for Citadel Broadcasting in Saginaw. His upbringing in a family owned construction business, which helped teach him a strong work ethic from the time he was old enough to tag along with Dad to the job site. And that desire to always bring his best to every event is still with him today.

Krista Chatland-LeBrasceur works at the Midland branch of Independent Bank as a customer service representative. She is currently a scout leader for her son's Boy Scout pack. During the last two years she has helped organize and participated in all the scout pack and den meetings/events held each week during the year. She has also assisted the other leaders to help the scouts learn and follow the Boy Scout manual and earn their merit badges and belt loops. She

also is a member in the Midland Business Circle Association, the Midland Young Professionals group and an active member of the Midland Exchange Club. Krista was born and lived in Canada until 1995 when she moved to the USA with her father, who was employed with The Dow Chemical Company. She graduated in 1997 from Fanshawe College with a hotel restaurant management degree. She recently got married in May and has an 8-year old son who is very active in hockey.

Abbey Claerhout graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in horticulture. She currently is employed at the Dow Gardens as a horticulturist and maintains the parking lot and area surrounding the Center for the Arts. In addition to regular grounds duties, she also teaches classes, gives tours of the gardens, and speaks to local organizations and clubs. Abbey previously worked for the City of Midland as the downtown horticulturist. She attended monthly Downtown Development Authority meetings, was involved in downtown events, in addition to her regular outdoor regime. Abbey also volunteered at Seasons Adult Day Care to assist with dementia and Alzheimer patients, helps out at the Midland Community Tennis Center, and is the Legis-

tics Chair on the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days committee.

Katherine (Kathy) Durkee is the registrar for the Adult Degree Program and the DeVos Graduate School at Northwood University. Kathy moved to Midland three years ago and has four sons: Brad, 28, Dustin, 27, Nathan, 22, and James, 19. In the early '80s, she pursued business studies and worked in the restaurant management industry; she eventually returned to school and completed her bachelor's degree. She served with the Detroit College of Business, and later earned her master's degree in business management. Armed with her education and business experience, Kathy pursued teaching. For five years, she taught secondary students business, computers, and careers. Upon moving to Midland, she began serving with Northwood University. Kathy's volunteer endeavors include coaching, three-on-three tournaments, parent organizations for sports clubs, fund raising, and community awareness.

Rachael England is the human resources manager at Worldcolor Midland (formerly Quebecor World Midland) and has been with the company since 2004 when she was hired as assistant controller. She was promoted to human resources manager in January 2008 and is responsible for coor-

inating all employment functions including safety, employee relations, compensation, benefits, and training. Rachael was previously employed at McDonald & Associates CPAs in Saginaw from 1999 to 2004. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Saginaw Valley State University. She earned a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) designation in December 2008 and is a registered certified public accountant. Her recent community volunteer experiences include serving as captain for her employer's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Team in October 2008 and participating in the Bullcreek Middle School Reality Store program in January 2009.

Lovisa Golder is club director for the Midland Soccer Club. In this role she is responsible for guiding the Midland Soccer Club's operational initiatives. Prior to joining the Midland Soccer Club, Lovisa served as a public affairs manager for The Dow Chemical Co. Prior to that, she served as the public relations and community affairs manager for the Disability Network of Mid-Michigan and as the

marketing coordinator for the Midland Community Center. Lovisa is a member of the Midland Area Marketing Partnership (MAMP) as well as miVibe. She received her bachelor of science degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. with majors in psychology and child development and a master of arts degree in communications and digital media design from Saginaw Valley State University. Lovisa lives in Midland with her husband Brad Golder, the voice of the Great Lakes Loons.

Jill Gushow is the chief strategic and deposit development officer at Wolverine Bank. Previous positions held include director of staff relations at Saginaw Valley State University, Associate General Counsel at Vertis (Baltimore, MD), Associate General Counsel and General Counsel at Trilogy and related companies (Austin, TX), and director of International Legal Affairs at Quark (Denver, CO). The Auburn native's current service includes the Finance Committee of Mid-Michigan Home Health Care, the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum Saints & Sinners Event Committee, and the Communications, Outreach, Fundraising, and Events Committee of The Little Forks Conservancy. Gushow is a published author,





The future of any community is directly related to the talent, dedication and resourcefulness of its residents and employees. A program of the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Midland develops and enhances leadership skills, informs leaders about opportunities and challenges facing our community, inspires leaders to make Midland a better place to work and live, and provides a dynamic network of individuals to strengthen personal and organizational influence. Individuals and their sponsoring organizations better understand their leadership potential and community issues, and enhance their leadership skills so that they can be actively engaged.



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a triathlete, and has been appointed by the governor as a 2009 Fitness Ambassador. She is a United Way Loaned Executive. Jill and her husband Michael are the parents of two very high-energy children.

Lisa Haines has been employed with Chemical Bank, where she began her career with CFC Investment Center as an investment executive. In that capacity, she performed financial planning. In June 2009, she transitioned into a new role as the retail sales manager for the Midland/Saginaw/Clare branches. In addition to her responsibilities at Chemical Bank, she is a member of the Saginaw Community Foundation's Asset Development Committee and Scholarship Review Committee, Saginaw County Women in Leadership, Chair of the Board of Stewardship at Peace Lutheran Church and an advisor for Midland Public School's Youth in Government delegation. Lisa received a bachelor of arts degree and teacher certification in secondary education in social studies from Saginaw Valley State University. She also possesses financial services licenses Series 7 and 66, in addition to life and health insurance licenses.

Kristina Harvell is a senior accountant at Yeo & Yeo, CPAs, P.C. She has been with Yeo & Yeo since 2006 and serves in the audit department. She graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration with a major in accounting from Central Michigan University in 2005. In 2007, she received her CPA license. She recently graduated from Dale Carnegie training. At Yeo & Yeo, Kristina specializes in audits for not-for-profit organizations, local governmental units, school districts, and single audits. She also attends various trainings/seminars during the year to maintain her CPA license and to stay up-to-date with current standards and requirements. Kristina participates in the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce's Sales Lead Roundtable on a regular basis and has served as the roundtable's secretary/treasurer in the

past. Kristina also attends WakeUp! Midland and various fundraising events to support various local nonprofits.

Ryan Howell is human resources manager with Dow Corning Corp. He oversees the HR function for both Dow Corning's Auburn Site and the Healthcare Industries Materials Site in Hemlock. Ryan is a native Midlander and a graduate of H.H. Dow High School and Saginaw Valley State University. He holds a bachelors degree in finance from SVSU and several HR related certificates and designations. Ryan spent seven years with the Dow Chemical Employees Credit Union in consumer lending, mortgage lending, and HR roles. He joined Dow Corning in 2007 as Learning and Development Team Leader for the Americas and Europe. Ryan is married to Malinda Howell and has one son and one daughter, ages 4 and 1. He currently serves on the board of directors for Family and Children's Services and is an active volunteer for the United Way, Junior Achievement, and the American Cancer Society.

Millie Jezior is the manager of public relations for MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland. She joined the team in February 2006 after moving to Midland from Chicago. As public relations manager, Jezior works with the media to help promote MidMichigan services and expertise. She also oversees the decision-making process and management of sponsorships. She is editor for MidMichigan's employee and physician publications and manages the production of To Your Health. Jezior serves as a board member for Family and Children's Services and as public relations chair for the Midland Morning Rotary Club. She is a member of The Dow Chemical Co. Community Advisory Panel, MYPros, miVibe, and MidMichigan Health United Way of Midland County campaign steering committees. Jezior received her bachelor's degree in corporate communications from Northern Illinois University. She

resides in Midland with her husband Michael.

David Kell grew up in Midland, graduated from Midland High School in 1988 and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Central Michigan University. After college, David moved to Grand Rapids, and became controller for a nationwide restaurant company where he worked for eight years. He then worked four years in the finance industry before he was offered a position as business development manager with a construction contracting company. After a few years in business development, in 2007, David pursued the opportunity to move his family from Grand Rapids to Midland and work at the Midland Area Community Foundation as the director of finance. With a long standing commitment to community service, he proudly supports a variety of service organizations through volunteer activities and charitable contributions. David and his wife Rachelle have two children Eli and Evan.

Stephanie Ker is the public relations and community affairs manager at Disability Network. Her focus is to create awareness in the community about disabilities. She previously has worked for various companies in marketing and in public relations, one of which includes The Dow Chemical Co. Stephanie is a native to Midland and has been actively involved in her community, volunteering and teaching young children sign language. Her services include Rotary, MDOT, Loaned Executive for United Way, Midland Area Chamber of Commerce, Imagination Station Advisory Committee, and the MICH CORPS Advisory Committee. Outside of work, Stephanie loves spending time with her husband, four children, and two grandchildren. She has a true passion for interior design.

Tarah Kile leads the education team at Great Lakes Safety Training Center as the Education Manager. Tarah has worked with Great Lakes for four

years in a variety of roles including bookkeeping, Red Cross instruction and marketing. She graduated from Davenport University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in business management, and holds an associate's degree from the same college. Tarah's civic involvement includes being an active member of Midland's Our Savior Lutheran Church, a member of Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as a charter member and director of Saginaw Valley's National Association of Women in Construction. She is also a proud Ambassador for the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce. Tarah and her preschooler, Zack, live in Auburn and enjoy all the wonderful sites and activities the Midland area has to offer for entertainment.



Tarah Kile

Sue LaBonville is president and CEO of Allis Information Management Inc. Sue has responsibility for the strategic direction of the company, new business development and the management and development of 25 employees. Over the past 16 years, she has worked closely with clients to design and implement business intelligence solutions for Fortune 500 companies, trade associations, economic development organizations, foundations and small companies. Sue holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Saginaw Valley State University. Prior to her career at AIM, she was a teacher at Meridian Public Schools. Sue is now the vice president of the Meridian Public Schools Board of Education, representing the board in labor negotiations, and as a delegate to the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). Sue has also participated in and/or sponsored programs such as Red Cross Everyday Heroes and Midland Area Chamber of Commerce Reality Store program.



Sue LaBonville

Heidi McIvor is the Event Coordinator at the Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center, located at Valley Plaza Resort. Heidi attended H.H. Dow High School and Central Michigan University. She has a bachelor's degree in business (major in entrepreneurship and minor in marketing). Heidi is active in the volleyball community. She coached both at Dow High School for three years and AAU for six years and has enjoyed playing for 15 years. Heidi returned to Midland 2½ years ago after completing her internship in Guam at the Pacific Islands Club Resort and then going on to teach English in Seoul, Korea, for a year. Heidi is the point of contact for any client interested in holding an event at the Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center's banquet facility (weddings, meetings, conventions, trade-shows and more). Heidi is an active member of the Midland Chamber's MAMP & MYPros groups and a founding board member for Mid Michigan Wedding Professionals (connecting wedding professionals in the area).

Gerald Ladwig is the police chief for the City of Midland. He has held that position since February of 2009, having been with the police department since 1988. Previously at the department, he has served as a neighborhood police officer, a road patrol sergeant, and lieutenant, where he was able to develop the department's current traffic enforcement program. He also served as the detective lieutenant until he was promoted to his current position. He is a member of the Midland Noon Rotary and a board member with the ROCK Youth Center as well as a board member with the Midland Area Partnership for Drug Free Youth. He coaches two recreational soccer teams and is a Sunday school teacher at Messiah Lutheran Church. Gerald received a juris doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law, as well as a bachelor of science from Grand Valley State University. He and his wife and three children are proud to call Midland home.



Gerald Ladwig

Karen Murphy is the public services director for the City of Midland, providing oversight of street maintenance, sanitation services, Dial-A-Ride transportation, and parks and recreation activities. A native of Midland, Karen

started her career in local government in neighboring Mt. Pleasant and returned to work in Midland in 2003. Karen's educational background includes bachelor's and master's



Karen Murphy

degrees in biology from Central Michigan University before switching career tracks to earn a bachelor in computer information systems degree from Saginaw Valley State University and a master of public administration degree from Central Michigan University. Outside of work, Karen volunteers in the children's program at Messiah Lutheran Church, and keeps busy with an active preschooler at home. Through Leadership Midland, she is looking forward to learning about opportunities for her and her family to give back to the community.

Jennifer Parks was born in Iowa. After graduating high school, Jennifer returned to Michigan and attended Delta College for two years, and then transferred to Saginaw Valley State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is currently pursuing a master's degree from Saginaw Valley State University. Jennifer is the development director at the American Red Cross Midland/Gladwin Chapter. She is responsible for fundraising, community relations, volunteer recruitment and retention and marketing. She has been with the American Red Cross Midland/Gladwin Chapter since August 2008. Jennifer is a member of the Nokomis charter chapter of ABWA (American Business Women's Association) and is a member of DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies). She sits on the Mall Committee for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Heart of Michigan, as well as United Way of Midland County Volunteer Center Committee. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking and Red Wings hockey.



Jennifer Parks

Adam Peterson has had great variety in his career at Dow Corning since moving from his home state of Kansas. He started out in electronics materials development in 1988 with a bachelors of science degree in chemical engineering.



Lisa Haines



Kristina Harvell



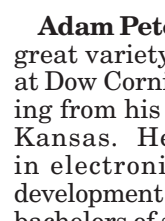
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Leadership Midland began in 1986 and was initially sponsored by the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce, Midland Daily News, Midland Rotary Club, and Northwood Institute. To date, just over 730 people have completed the program; another 35 will graduate on Saturday. The program is geared toward adults who expect to serve in community leadership positions. The Steering Committee, comprised of Leadership Midland alumni, designs program curriculum and recruits presenters. After their selection in the spring, class members spend several months preparing for their participation in the program.



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Shawn Pnacek is a project manager with Three Rivers Corp. Shawn's primary role is project management on commercial construction projects around the state of Michigan including retail, institutional and medical construction projects. Shawn attended H.H. Dow High School and Central Michigan University. He has an associate's degree in industrial management and a bachelor's degree in construction management. Shawn is married to Kari Pnacek and has two daughters, Megan (8) and Abigail (2). Shawn is an active member of the community where he serves on the City of Midland Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Shawn is also past president of the Home Builders Association of Midland.



Adam Peterson

Erin Pung was born and raised in Midland. She graduated from Bullock Creek High School and Grand Valley State University, where she was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Honor Society in Criminal Justice and the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. Erin obtained her master's degree in counseling psychology from Western Michigan University. Following graduation she worked for Family Health Psychiatric and Counseling Center in Alma and then returned to Midland to work as the Sexual Assault Program Coordinator for Shelterhouse. She now is working as the case coordinator for the Safe and Sound Child Advocacy Center. She works closely with a multidisciplinary team that investigates allegations of child abuse and assists families in linking them with needed resources. She also serves on the Shelterhouse Sexual Assault Prevention Taskforce and the community based Partners in Faith group, providing insight on child abuse prevention.

Tim Rogers is the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager-Midland Division for Gulf States Inc. Tim has lived in the Tri-City area for 20+ years. He previously served in Saginaw as a welder for Glastender Inc, and then with JE Johnson Inc. for four years. At GSI, Tim has moved up the ranks from



Tim Rogers

welder to QA/QC manager for the Midland Division. Tim is a journeyman pipefitter/welder and a certified weld inspector (CWI). He participated and won in VICA for vocational training in welding in his junior year and placed second in his senior year. Tim was vice president of his senior class and captain of the soccer team. Tim has two children and has been married to Christine, an Essexville native, for 19 years. He teaches pipefitter classes for Associated Builders & Contractors two nights a week and coaches U-10 soccer for girls in the Bay City area. Tim also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity each year and donates to United Way.

Melissa Snelling has been employed with Midland County Central Dispatch Authority for more than five years. She is a member of the Incident Dispatch Team, which deploys to the field during critical events affecting Midland County. This allows for communication directly at the scene. Melissa is also a training officer for new employees. This is a six-month training program. Melissa is also a reserve deputy with the Midland County Sheriff's Office. This also allows her the ability to work face-to-face with the citizens of Midland County. Melissa is a member of the United Way volunteer program. She graduated from Northern Michigan University with bachelor's degrees in business and criminal justice. Her favorite volunteer work has been working in the elementary schools assisting children with reading and homework. Melissa also worked for many years repairing homes for those who needed assistance through her church group.

Beth Sorenson is a Midland native. She graduated from H.H. Dow High School and earned a bachelor of applied arts degree from Central Michigan University in child development and substance abuse education, prevention, intervention, and treatment. Beth also received a bachelor of science in family studies and school health science. Beth then began working at Midland Montessori School as an assistant teacher in the 3-6 year old environment and learned many valuable lessons about teaching and interacting with families. In January 2009, Beth began working at Family and Children's Services as the Prevention Services Coordinator. In this position, Beth works with young people who are involved with the courts and school disciplinary system for drug and alcohol related reasons. The job is a challenge, but more importantly, it leaves Beth with the feeling that she is contributing to the success of a community that has offered her many great opportunities.

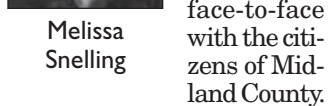
Becca Tointon is a co-founder of the Midland "Share the Memories" prom dress project which gave away 100 free prom dresses in its first year. Becca is a certified elementary and special education teacher. She has a master's degree from Northern Illinois University in behavior and learning disorders. She and her husband moved from the Chicago suburbs to Midland six years ago. Becca enjoys photography, scrapbooking, bowling, and reading mystery and suspense novels. She is the mother of a six-year old daughter and a four-year-old son, and has been married for twelve years to Chris, CEO of the Greater Midland Community Centers.

Brenda Turner is a regional director for Mid-Michigan Physicians Group and the director of Urgent Care/Occupational Health for MidMichigan Health, where she has been employed for three years. For the 20 years prior, Brenda worked in pharmaceutical sales, post secondary education and hospital administration. She received her bachelor's degree in dietetics from Michigan State University, and her master's of administration in exercise science from Central Michigan University. She is also a certified wellness coach. Over the past 20 years Brenda has conducted over 150 presentations on health and wellness. Brenda participates in the Wish A Mile (WAM) 300 mile bicycling tour on an annual basis to raise money for the Make A Wish children of Michigan. She has been active in various church festivals and large fundraisers for children in her community with cancer. Brenda, her husband Steve and their three boys live in Bay City.

Brian Vokal is a senior performance engineer with the Midland Cogeneration Venture (MCV). Brian attended H.H. Dow High School and Michigan State University. He holds both bachelor and master of science degrees in mechanical engineering with special focus on system modeling and analysis. Brian returned to Midland nine years ago after living and working in the Detroit area. There, he was a manufacturing engineer for Detroit Diesel Corporation and Johnson Controls Automotive Group, specializing in assembly equipment design, manufacture, and operation. He is married to Katie (Patton) Vokal and has four children, Sam, Erin, Tim, and Reagan. Brian is an active member of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and has been named the 2009 "Engineer of the Year" for his seven-year leadership of the Saginaw Valley MATH-COUNTS competition, a targeted nationwide program to promote mathematics to middle school students.



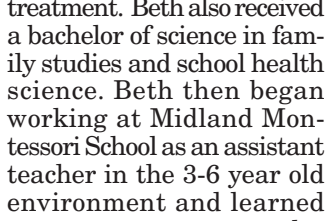
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Michael Wood was born and raised in the south, the son of an Episcopal priest. During junior high school he spent a month with a family in Costa Rica. He has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Tulane University and master's degrees in anthropology and applied statistics, both from Louisiana State University. His entire career has been in higher education doing institutional research. While living in Virginia, he served as Block Captain and with the area Neighborhood Watch program. He is an elected senator to the Delta College Senate, serves as a regional representative of the National Community College Council for Research and Planning (NCCCRP), serves on the Associated Groups Committee of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) and serves on the Michigan Association for Institutional

Rob Vallentine leads the Michigan Operations public affairs team for Dow Chemical. He also serves as the director of North America Geographic Public Affairs. Since joining Dow, Rob has held a variety of positions in sales, marketing and public affairs. Prior to his current role, he served as the global communications director for corporate communications. Rob has shown his dedication to community outreach. He has worked with the Disability Employee Network, Habitat for Humanity International and United Way. Rob earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and a master's degree in business administration from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He enjoys volunteering locally, and sharing time and talent with his church. Rob and his wife Nancy have four children and have been active members of the Midland community for the past 18 years.



Brian Vokal



Michael Wood

Kristen Walters is a training coordinator at Members First Credit Union and has worked at the credit union for the past three years. She previously worked at a Credit Union Service Organization in Southfield for eight years. She received a bachelor of science degree from Oakland University, with a major in human resources management. Kristen and her husband Greg have lived in Midland for 11 years. They have three children: Zachary, Colin and Mackenzie. She enjoys being active in her children's schools, volunteering in the faith formation program at Blessed Sacrament Church and teaching the Junior Achievement/NEFE Financial Planning Program at both Midland and H.H. Dow High Schools.

Kristen Wright is the global sales manager at the H Hotel. She is responsible for developing new business opportunities for both business and social events as well as for corporate and leisure travelers on behalf of not only the H Hotel, but also Dolce Hotels and Resorts. A Midland native, Kristen attended Midland High School and Northern Michigan University, majoring in hospitality management. She began her career in hospitality as a sales coordinator at the Midland Country Club before joining the Dolce team. Kristen is a member of the Michigan Chapter of Meeting Professionals International and the Michigan Society of Association Executives. She served as chair of the American Cancer Society's 2009 Daffodil Days of Midland County campaign and enjoys volunteering with Adopt-A-Highway and Midland Blooms.

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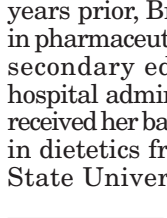
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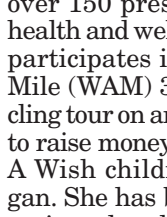
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Melissa Snelling has been employed with Midland County Central Dispatch Authority for more than five years. She is a member of the Incident Dispatch Team, which deploys to the field during critical events affecting Midland County. This allows for communication directly at the scene. Melissa is also a training officer for new employees. This is a six-month training program. Melissa is also a reserve deputy with the Midland County Sheriff's Office. This also allows her the ability to work face-to-face with the citizens of Midland County. Melissa is a member of the United Way volunteer program. She graduated from Northern Michigan University with bachelor's degrees in business and criminal justice. Her favorite volunteer work has been working in the elementary schools assisting children with reading and homework. Melissa also worked for many years repairing homes for those who needed assistance through her church group.



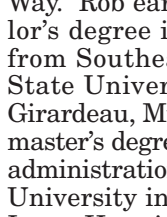
Melissa Snelling

Beth Sorenson is a Midland native. She graduated from H.H. Dow High School and earned a bachelor of applied arts degree from Central Michigan University in child development and substance abuse education, prevention, intervention, and treatment. Beth also received a bachelor of science in family studies and school health science. Beth then began working at Midland Montessori School as an assistant teacher in the 3-6 year old environment and learned many valuable lessons about teaching and interacting with families. In January 2009, Beth began working at Family and Children's Services as the Prevention Services Coordinator. In this position, Beth works with young people who are involved with the courts and school disciplinary system for drug and alcohol related reasons. The job is a challenge, but more importantly, it leaves Beth with the feeling that she is contributing to the success of a community that has offered her many great opportunities.



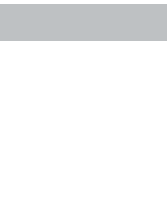
Beth Sorenson

Becca Tointon is a co-founder of the Midland "Share the Memories" prom dress project which gave away 100 free prom dresses in its first year. Becca is a certified elementary and special education teacher. She has a master's degree from Northern Illinois University in behavior and learning disorders. She and her husband moved from the Chicago suburbs to Midland six years ago. Becca enjoys photography, scrapbooking, bowling, and reading mystery and suspense novels. She is the mother of a six-year old daughter and a four-year-old son, and has been married for twelve years to Chris, CEO of the Greater Midland Community Centers.



Becca Tointon

Brenda Turner is a regional director for Mid-Michigan Physicians Group and the director of Urgent Care/Occupational Health for MidMichigan Health, where she has been employed for three years. For the 20 years prior, Brenda worked in pharmaceutical sales, post secondary education and hospital administration. She received her bachelor's degree in dietetics from Michigan State University, and her master's of administration in exercise science from Central Michigan University. She is also a certified wellness coach. Over the past 20 years Brenda has conducted over 150 presentations on health and wellness. Brenda participates in the Wish A Mile (WAM) 300 mile bicycling tour on an annual basis to raise money for the Make A Wish children of Michigan. She has been active in various church festivals and large fundraisers for children in her community with cancer. Brenda, her husband Steve and their three boys live in Bay City.



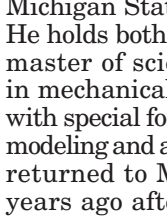
Brenda Turner

Brian Vokal is a senior performance engineer with the Midland Cogeneration Venture (MCV). Brian attended H.H. Dow High School and Michigan State University. He holds both bachelor and master of science degrees in mechanical engineering with special focus on system modeling and analysis. Brian returned to Midland nine years ago after living and working in the Detroit area. There, he was a manufacturing engineer for Detroit Diesel Corporation and Johnson Controls Automotive Group, specializing in assembly equipment design, manufacture, and operation. He is married to Katie (Patton) Vokal and has four children, Sam, Erin, Tim, and Reagan. Brian is an active member of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers and has been named the 2009 "Engineer of the Year" for his seven-year leadership of the Saginaw Valley MATH-COUNTS competition, a targeted nationwide program to promote mathematics to middle school students.



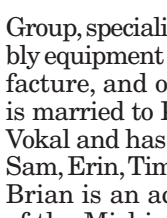
Brian Vokal

Michael Wood was born and raised in the south, the son of an Episcopal priest. During junior high school he spent a month with a family in Costa Rica. He has a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Tulane University and master's degrees in anthropology and applied statistics, both from Louisiana State University. His entire career has been in higher education doing institutional research. While living in Virginia, he served as Block Captain and with the area Neighborhood Watch program. He is an elected senator to the Delta College Senate, serves as a regional representative of the National Community College Council for Research and Planning (NCCCRP), serves on the Associated Groups Committee of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) and serves on the Michigan Association for Institutional



Michael Wood

Kristen Walters is a training coordinator at Members First Credit Union and has worked at the credit union for the past three years. She previously worked at a Credit Union Service Organization in Southfield for eight years. She received a bachelor of science degree from Oakland University, with a major in human resources management. Kristen and her husband Greg have lived in Midland for 11 years. They have three children: Zachary, Colin and Mackenzie. She enjoys being active in her children's schools, volunteering in the faith formation program at Blessed Sacrament Church and teaching the Junior Achievement/NEFE Financial Planning Program at both Midland and H.H. Dow High Schools.



Kristen Walters

Kristen Wright is the global sales manager at the H Hotel. She is responsible for developing new business opportunities for both business and social events as well as for corporate and leisure travelers on behalf of not only the H Hotel, but also Dolce Hotels and Resorts. A Midland native, Kristen attended Midland High School and Northern Michigan University, majoring in hospitality management. She began her career in hospitality as a sales coordinator at the Midland Country Club before joining the Dolce team. Kristen is a member of the Michigan Chapter of Meeting Professionals International and the Michigan Society of Association Executives. She served as chair of the American Cancer Society's 2009 Daffodil Days of Midland County campaign and enjoys volunteering with Adopt-A-Highway and Midland Blooms.



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