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# Letting Go in Order to Rise Higher

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.

The Truth Contributor

*To get to the next level... Leaders must shut down yesteryear's good ideas, strategies, or involvements in order to have the resources and focus to take their organizations to tomorrow.*

**- Henry Cloud**



A few years ago, while fishing in the waters of Nanoose Bay, British Columbia, a passing fisherman rescued an eagle who had nearly drowned.

Although a masterful fisher and skillful hunter, the eagle had latched its talons deeply into a colossal salmon and couldn't entirely lift it out of the water. Instead, the eagle was tragically pulled under the surface because it lacked the capacity to let go of the giant fish.

Sadly, the Democratic Party, unable to relinquish some of its old failing methods, strategies and practices, faces the same dilemma.

The Supreme Court's recent stunning decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* allowed states to snatch away women's bodily autonomy and eliminate their right to choose.

Justice Clarence Thomas, though, warned that the court wouldn't merely stop at rescinding abortion rights. The SCOTUS also plans to come after other freedoms such as contraception and LGBTQ rights, including same-sex relationships and marriage equality.

Control of Congress is at stake in November's midterm elections, which many see as a referendum on the eradication of these liberties and the loss of access to reproductive healthcare, in particular.

Nevertheless, several critical issues hang in the balance. Among them are long-delayed actions on police reform, gun violence and safety, voting rights, open war on diversity and accurate teaching of history, gerrymandering, and now a flurry of election interference legislation with the power to overturn elections in several states. The list becomes daunting when other important unresolved matters such as climate change and the widest income and wealth disparities since the gilded age are added in.

Are these issues, collectively, too massive for the Democrats to address without pulling the Party and its agenda dangerously underwater?

Yes, probably so, unless the Democrats change their traditional way of handling their business.

It has always been the grand strategy of the elites to divide and conquer by creating strong resentment among movement participants. Yet, the internal squabbles continue between progressive vs. mainline candidates and among the rank and file members operating in silos championing their preferred concern but not supporting other Party issues.

In the words of activist John Pavlovitz, the consequence is, "The Left has a purity problem, and if we don't get over it, it's going to destroy us."

With the Midterm elections rapidly approaching, it is critical for the

Dems to "coalesce around its collective values and rise up together" to survive.

Rising together requires Democrats to prioritize the issues to address so that adequate resources can be marshaled to those most critical right now. Other traditional, less important, or less timely matters may need tabling for another day.

What concerns should be prioritized?

The Supreme Court's denial of access to reproductive health care disproportionately affects Black and Brown women and families. The decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* is a direct assault on the freedom, dignity, and equality of women and pregnant people. Therefore, ensuring reproductive health care access is an issue the Dems should prioritize.

Many, rightfully, have called on President Biden to take steps to ensure access to abortion medication and emergency contraception. However, local government in this solidly Democratic area of Ohio also has the power to convene, strategize and determine ways to resist the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*.

There are many things both City and County governments can do.

Lucas County Prosecutor Julia Bates' pledging not to charge people would and should have been a big first step. I don't anticipate her prosecuting anyone for getting an abortion, but she's not yet comfortable with making a public announcement on that approach.

The City of Toledo and Lucas County can also ensure that their employee health plans cover abortions in the states that still allow it. ARPA funds are also a potential source to provide support, money, and assistance to women who might have to travel out of state for reproductive health services.

The essential thing to remember is that the November Midterm election is larger than our siloed interests. And the Supreme Court's recent moves to take away our long-held rights are bigger than progressive, moderate, or ambivalent democrats.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Therefore, in this perilous moment in history, we must let some things go, including ambivalence, attitudes, silos, and old ways of doing things that give rise to conflict, and learn to work together so that all can survive and thrive together.

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# America Has Two Law Enforcement Standards

By John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint  
Guest Column

The recent shootings by law enforcement of individuals being pursued by police have reminded many people of color of what appears to be an unwritten universal double standard. One would think that after the George Floyd murder and the subsequent murder of a young Black man following a traffic stop in the state of Minnesota, that something might have been learned.

We just witnessed a young Black man in Akron, Ohio being shot more than 60 times by police following a pursuit for what allegedly was a traffic violation. We can still remember another Black man in Columbus, Ohio who was shot because he had a cell phone in his hand when confronted by police. The list is almost endless, from California to Chicago to North Carolina, from Missouri, and from New York City where a Black man was choked to death over some cigarettes.

Now let's look at the "White" side of law enforcement, starting with the most recent Fourth of July mass shooting in Illinois. An 18 to 20-year-old white male kills seven people and wounds 31 others. When police check-up with him, he is taken into custody without a shot being fired.

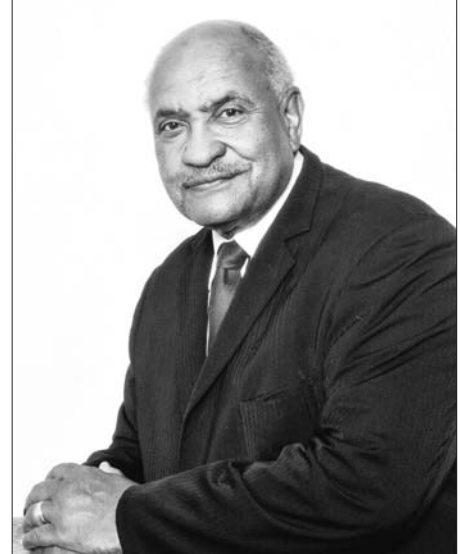
Another 18 to 20-year-old in Buffalo, New York mass murders ten African Americans at the Tops Supermarket and he is arrested without a shot being fired. Let us not forget Rittenhouse, who killed two people with an assault weapon, also was arrested "alive", was tried in Wisconsin, and was acquitted, becoming a national hero of the extreme right. It appears no matter how much we (Blacks and those whites who join us) march and protest, it makes no difference to law en-

forcement around this country.

This same shoot-to-kill mentality, if the alleged lawbreaker is Black or Brown, appears to be universal.

It appears that the solution to this problem cannot be legislated because we can't make laws to change the hearts of men. But we must not let each of these incidents become just a matter of business when dealing

with white folks, but continued acts of murder if one is a person of color. We know there are no federal murder laws, but we can mobilize within each state where these "murders" occur and take action against those who do not prosecute these murderers of unarmed people to the fullest extent of the law.



John E. Warren

This year's Fourth of July mass murder is a testament to the hypocrisy of a Congress, both House and Senate, that refuses to outlaw assault weapons and enacts weak and meaningless gun laws as pacification of an aggrieved nation. A midterm election is coming up. We have homework to do if we are going to make a difference.

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# Early Voting Has Arrived

The Truth Staff

Early voting for the second Ohio primary of this election season opened last week, Wednesday, July 6, at the new Early Voting Center at 3737 Sylvania Avenue, Entrance C, and local Democratic elected officials and candidates gathered to express their hope that voters will turn out in numbers to cast their ballots.

"We're here today because of Republicans in Columbus who drew one of the most egregious maps in the country," said Lucas County Democratic Party Chairman Michael Ashford as he led the press conference and began the litany of complaints the Democrats have locally and throughout Ohio about the confusion caused by the Republican gerrymandered districts. "They created voter chaos and confusion," Ashford continued.

"Ninety nine of 100 voters don't know who they are voting for ... it's a distraction because here in Lucas County, Republicans want to slow down the turnout," he added. Ashford is also the Lucas County Recorder.

Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken also took the Republican elected officials in Columbus to task for making this election cycle's voting process so confusing.

"By design, candidates did not know how to campaign," he said of the map dilemma that kept so many Ohio House candidates unaware of district lines and who their potential constituents might be.

"But we will find a way ... to overcome every obstacle this legislature has put in our way," said Gerken.

This special election is the second primary election before the November 8 general election because the state repeatedly drew redistricting maps that were rejected by the Ohio courts. Several races, including Ohio House, Senate and State Central Committee did not make it onto the May 3 primary ballot.

"They tried to make it very difficult for people to vote by having no primaries," said State Representative Lisa Sobecki.

"We have been gerrymandered out of our districts," added State Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson. "We can make voters aware that election day is now."

Also speaking at the Early Voting Center on the day that early voting began were candidates for two Ohio House seats – Erika White and Elgin Rogers – both of whom were in the dark after they declared their candidacies about what their future district might look like.

"Early voting is for workers to give them an opportunity," said



LC Democratic Party Chairman Michael Ashford opens the press conference

White. "This is for working class voters."

"What's at stake is \$1.6 billion," said Rogers, noting that is the amount spent by the State of Ohio in 2021 for social benefits such as Medicaid. "We are living in tough economic times."

Early voting for the second primary continues until August 1, with various hours. From today through July 22, early vote hours will be Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. From July 25 – 29, early vote hours will be 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. On Saturday, July 30 the early voting will take place from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. On Sunday, July 31, early voting will take place from 1 – 5 p.m. For the final day of early voting on August 1, the hours will be 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information voters may contact the Lucas County Board of Elections at 419-213-4001 or [www.lucascountyohiovotes.gov](http://www.lucascountyohiovotes.gov).



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## How much will it cost to ride the bus?

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Reduced Fare	\$0.75	Remains same
TARPS	\$3 (\$30 10-trip pass)	Remains same
Call-A-Ride	\$3	Remains same
Day Pass	\$5 (EZfare only)	\$3
7-Day Pass	\$15 (\$7.50 reduced fare)	Remains same
30-Day Pass	\$60 (\$30 reduced fare)	\$45 (\$22.50 reduced fare)
TARPS 20-Trip Pass	\$60	Not available

TARTA's pilot fare program expands the types of customers eligible for discounted fares. Those welcome to apply for a reduced fare pass include:

- Seniors (65 and over)
- Persons with disabilities
- Medicare card holders
- Youth ages 6-18 with a valid ID
- Veterans
- Active-duty military

New fare boxes and validators placed on TARTA vehicles will be ca-

pable of accepting digital payments through the EZfare app in addition to passes and cash payments.

TARTA will conduct a six-month pilot program, and host community meetings in late 2022 before proposing a permanent fare structure to its Board of Trustees for implementation in early 2023.

## Donation Account Opened at Toledo Urban FCU to Assist Family of Annise Purifie

A donation account has been opened at Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union (TUFUCU) where donations can be made "In Memory of Annise Purifie."

Money collected will be given the family of Annise Purifie to assist with burial expenses.

Annise was found wounded in his car at the Central Avenue and Jeep Parkway intersections on July 5, 2022. He was transported to St. Vincent Medical where he later passed from his injuries. Annise was 24 years old.

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# Pathway's Water Assistance Program Designed to Help Residents with Water Bills

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

Pathway Toledo has obtained federal funding in order to start a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LHWAP) designed to help income-eligible Lucas County residents with their drinking water and wastewater bills."

"We are here to help if you are falling behind on your water bill, if disconnection is threatened or if you want to establish new service," says Claudia Rodriguez-Salazar, Pathway's director of Emergency and Empowerment Services.

The program, which has just recently started in 2022 after receiving the federal funding, will continue until September 30, 2022. Eligible residents are those whose incomes are at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) who have been disconnected or have a disconnection notice, need to establish new service or want to transfer service.

Residents with a current medical certificate on file with their utility are not eligible to receive LHWAP assistance until the medical certificate protection expires.

Area residents dealing with water issues are often vulnerable to a host of other issues due to a lack of clean water and proper waste facilities, notes Rodriguez-Salazar. "It is a health issue that we encounter each and every day," she says.

Each and every day for Rodriguez-Salazar means each and every day for 28 years – that's how long she has been with the community action agency. She started with the agency under its original name – the Economic Opportunity Planning Association (EOPA) – as an outreach worker, then moved into case management before joining the planning department and eventually becoming director of community services.

"We are here with this program until September and we want to make sure that those in need reach out to us."

Lucas County residents interested in using the LHWAP can contact Pathway,

Inc at 419-242-7304. They will need to provide the following information:

- Names of all household members;
- Proof of citizenship or legal residency for all household members – such as Social Security cards or birth certificates;



Claudia Rodriguez-Salazar

- Proof of income for all household members 18 years or older for a minimum of 30 days prior (for seasonal or self employed – provide proof of income for prior 12 months);
- Copy of current water/wastewater utility bills – copayment may be required;
- A valid photo ID for all adults;
- If renting, lease agreement documenting responsibility of water/wastewater usage.

The maximum benefit amount for this program year is \$1,500 for clients with combined wastewater and drinking water utilities and up to \$750 for clients with drinking water utilities and \$750 for clients with wastewater utilities.

Applicants do not have to apply in person, says Rodriguez-Salazar. "They can

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# Toledoans Earn Emmy Awards in 2022 for Their Outstanding Journalism!

By Asia Nail

The Truth Reporter

Giving back to the people of Toledo is an ongoing priority for leaders in the African-American community. Our television news anchors have a long history of being trusted sources for breaking local news and even world events. Two of our very own media correspondents, Alexis Means of 13abc and Marcus Harrison of BCAN, have been honored with 2022 Emmy Awards for producing outstanding contributing news segments on topics of community interest while demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to public service.

## Alexis Means

Since Alexis Means joined the 13abc Action News team in October of 2001, she has been at the forefront of creative forward-thinking solutions to covering local news.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Alexis, a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan, enthusiastically informs us that, "Black and Gold doesn't fold!"

Well, Means' long-standing broadcasting career doesn't fold, either.

Her career in journalism began in her sophomore year of high school when her mother and grandmother coerced her to attend a journalism workshop. "I was apprehensive at first but the week-long experience taught me the basics of the craft. The rest is as they say history," recalls Means.

Means went on to attend Hampton University graduating with a degree in Mass Media Arts.

After college, she went to work for Sheridan Broadcasting Networks. She recalls, "I reported the Pennsylvania news and traffic for WAMO Radio and also worked at WTAE-TV, (an ABC affiliate) helping to produce the weekend morning and noon newscasts."

A dynamic presenter of news, Means also spent two years at WKJG-TV in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a general assignment reporter while still managing time to work as a freelance journalist for WXYZ in Detroit.

Her community following proves her community impact runs deep, as evident on her active Facebook news page consisting of an array of followers from all walks of life in Northwest Ohio and surrounding areas.

The engagement the community exhibits on her page is inspirational.

On her social media platforms, Alexis encourages her readers to suggest solutions for the community, ideas for stories or even safe places to drop tips. "Our community is motivated to participate when they know we care about doing solid journalism with love and respect," says Means.

Means has spent nearly two decades telling stories about the people and events happening in and around Toledo, Ohio.

In that time, she has been honored with a number of awards, including sev-

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eral from the Associated Press, two regional Emmy awards, and several Emmy nominations. In 2017, she was awarded the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, alongside photojournalist Todd Gaertner, for hard news reporting for the story "Waging War on Heroin" for which they were also nominated for an Emmy.

The Edwin R. Memorial award is the highest and most prestigious award one can receive in journalism.

"I'm honored along with my team to be the recipient of the 53rd Central Great Lakes Emmy Award," says Means. This is her second Emmy, winning in the category of BREAKING OR SPOT NEWS alongside team members Todd Gaertner, photographer, and Josh Croup, video journalist, for their coverage of the OSHP Shooting Suspect Manhunt in Findlay, Ohio.

"The community has been good to me as well as my ABC news station," shares Means. "I think what I do differently than many other journalists is look at my platform as a ministry."

Means goes on to explain that many times when going to someone's home during an assignment, the families have often been through trauma or worse, the death of a loved one. "I'm always honest and loving in those moments, letting family members of victims know though their journey may be long, God always reveals."

Means has also been featured in the Sierah Joughin documentary Buried in the Backyard: Sierah Joughin Vanishes From Ohio on Oxygen, resulting in a violent offender registry named #SierahsLaw in the victim's loving memory. Over her career, she has gained national attention for stories reported right here in Toledo, including her ongoing coverage of the three Toledo pastors convicted of sex trafficking a minor.

Alexis Means shows how a forward-thinking news leader can serve and inspire support for strong community news. Her coverage has earned both financial and civic support — we applaud her body of work.

**Marcus Harrison**

Good storytelling pulls people together across ethnic groups, the political spectrum, city and rural life.

Marcus Harrison the premier storyteller, creative producer and supervisor for Buckeye Community Arts Network (BCAN). He is responsible for developing BCAN's premiere local arts and humanities media authority under the umbrella of Buckeye Broadband. BCAN is the sister network to BCSN and represents the artistic expression of NW Ohio through education, performance, and exhibition.

British statesman Winston Churchill wrote, "Those that fail to learn from

history are doomed to repeat it."

History proves that people who attempt to abandon their historical past often continue to repeat past failures, a primary driver behind Harrison's passion for telling the barely told stories of Toledo's past.

"We are bringing nearly-forgotten local history back to the forefront of people's minds," says Harrison. "We have a rich history right here in Toledo that people should never forget."

Harrison has 20 years of experience in media development and production through his time at WGTE Public Media, WBGU-TV in Bowling Green and at BCAN. Harrison holds a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications & Marketing and a master's degree in Technology Education, both from Bowling Green State University. As a past adjunct professor at BGSU and currently at the University of Toledo, Harrison has devoted his life to being a lifelong learner and educator of the arts.

As a 2022, 53rd Central Great Lakes Emmy Awards Recipient, Marcus Harrison is celebrating winning his first Emmy after several past nominations. He brings home the win in the NOSTALGIA category for his production of UNTOLD: Hidden Stories of NW Ohio-Willow Beach.

While Willow Beach has taken its place deep in our history books, Harrison's BCAN production of his new series notably brings our local history back to the forefront of our minds in a new engaging format.

"I hope my work inspires other filmmakers and producers. People that look like me and those that don't, both — tell great stories," says Harrison. "History is important, there is a lot we can learn from those who came before us."

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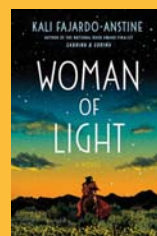
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by Ciannon Smart



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by Isabel Ibañez

# Everything You Need to Know About Funding College With Student Loans

*Special to The Truth*

While the majority of parents today strongly value higher education, that doesn't always alleviate their sticker shock when it comes to college-related costs.

A new College Ave survey finds that 91% of parents believe a college degree is important for their child's future. At the same time, 74% of parents found the cost of college surprisingly high. From having their children kick in -- 46% of parents strongly believe their children should financially contribute to their education -- to borrowing -- 16% currently or plan to take out private student loans -- many families explore a range of avenues for funding college.

"If you'll be using private student loans to fund college, it's important to create a budget and do your research," says Angela Colatratio, chief marketing officer at College Ave Student Loans. "Having a plan can help you avoid surprises down the line and reduce the overall cost of your loan."

Here's what to know:

## First Things First

Before even considering private student loans, Colatratio notes that it's essential to apply for scholarships and to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at FAFSA.gov to determine your child's eligibility for certain scholarships, grants, work-study, and federal student loans. You should also explore cost-saving housing options and ways to spend less on school supplies, such as buying used textbooks.

## Shopping Around

If federal student loans don't cover your remaining costs, shop around to find the right private student loan, advises Colatratio. Here are four factors to consider when comparing loan options:

1. Competitive rates: Securing a lower interest rate can help you land lower monthly payments and pay less interest over the life of your loan.

To get a sense of the overall cost of the loan and your monthly loan payments, use the student loan calculator at CollegeAve.com.

2. Flexible loan terms: Find a student loan with a variety of repayment options.

Some lenders, like College Ave, let you choose how long you want to repay your loan, and whether to start making payments right away or defer until after graduation. The important thing is to select a loan with terms that fit your budget.



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## Summer Fun on a Budget

Who doesn't like **free** stuff and things to do? The Toledo Lucas County Public Library has a variety of activities and ideas to take your summer to a whole new level while keeping your hard-earned money in your pocket.

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- **Programs** – Our calendar is filled with programs for all ages. StoryTimes are interactive and fun for the whole family. Come to an ice cream social or catch a movie. Teens can get their gaming on at our Lemonade Lounge, Nintendo Gamers' Guild, and teen cafes and hangouts. Adults we didn't forget about you! Make bath bombs and sugar scrubs for a relaxing bath or personalize a mug to make your morning coffee special. This just scratches the surface. A complete program list is at [toledolibrary.org](http://toledolibrary.org) under the programs tab.

- **Movie night at home** – Movie theaters can get pricey before you even think about getting popcorn. The Library has free movies you can check out or stream. No WiFi? No problem! Check out a mobile hotspot for all your digital needs.

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# Strickland, Adams, Turner, Brown, Stewart Introduce Legislation to Invest in Research at HBCUs

Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland (WA-10) helped introduce the Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) Research, Innovation, Security, and Excellence Act (RISE) Act to bring federal dollars in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to HBCUs.

"The HBCU RISE Act will help HBCUs remain competitive against other academic institutions by creating equitable research opportunities," said Strickland. "As a proud graduate of Clark Atlanta University, it is critical that we support minority-serving institutions by investing in HBCUs so that students and faculty can achieve research success."

The Department of Defense plays a vital role in promoting STEM research, but HBCUs currently receive only 0.6 percent of their research

investment. The pilot program this legislation creates would allow HBCUs the opportunity to attract quality research talent, pursue greater private funding, create equitable career opportunities, and much more.

Congresswoman Strickland introduced the HBCU Rise Act with Representatives Alma Adams (NC-12), Michael Turner (OH-10), Anthony Brown (MD-04), and Chris Stewart (UT-02).

U.S. Representative Marilyn Strickland serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and is the only African-American woman who serves on the House Armed Services Committee. She is a member of the New Democrat Coalition, is one of the first Korean-American women elected to Congress and is the first African-American elected to represent the Pacific Northwest at the federal level.

# Fedor Commends Toledo Public Schools for Joining Lawsuit Against Private School Voucher Program

Last week, state Senator Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) commended the Toledo Public Schools' decision to join a lawsuit, filed by the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding and Vouchers Hurt Ohio, which challenges the expansion of Ohio's school voucher program. Toledo now joins more than 100 other Ohio school districts in declaring their opposition to the state's school voucher program.

"The Toledo Public School Board made the right decision for Ohio's public school system and its taxpayers," Fedor said. "For over 30 years, Republicans have taken money away from our children's public education system to fund private schools that are not held to the same high standard of transparency and oversight for taxpayer dollars," she added.

"The Ohio Constitution requires lawmakers to create 'a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state' – a provision that Republicans in the General Assembly repeatedly violate."

In 2020, the Cincinnati Enquirer looked at nearly 2.5 million test scores from schools in more than 150 Ohio cities during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. It found that in 88 percent of the cities in the analysis, public school districts achieved better state testing results than the private schools in the same city.

"Research has proven that the voucher system does not educate children

as well as the public school system, but the GOP-controlled legislature ignores this fact to line the pockets of their friends in the private sector," Fedor said.

In 2008, Ohio's school voucher program diverted \$42 million of public funds from the state's public school system to private schools. Since then, that number has increased to what is now a \$350 million annual venture.



Sen. Teresa Fedor

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# Five Ways to Get Kids Excited About STEM Learning

The events of the past couple of years have shown how important scientists are to making the world a better and safer place.

According to an independent research study, 91% of people believe that scientists are critical for our future well-being, and 89% say that science brings hope for the future. Here are five ways to get kids, the next generation of scientists, excited about STEM.

1. Widen access. All kids should have access to STEM education opportunities, at school and outside of the classroom, whether it's through an after-school program, science camp, competition, or at home. Fortunately, online learning tools have made it possible for more children to access such programs. Today, there is a wide variety of free resources available to families and students looking to expand STEM learning outside of the classroom. Websites like [youngscientistlab.com](http://youngscientistlab.com) and [3M.com/ScienceAtHome](http://3M.com/ScienceAtHome) feature fun and engaging projects for grades K-8, along with tools for parents and teachers to guide kids through the experiments.

2. Connect science to something your child already loves. We often think of science in a silo, but the application of science is all around us. Connecting science to something your child already loves can help broaden their conception of what a future in STEM could entail. For example, kids who play sports may be interested in exercise science or sports medicine. Kids who love building toys may find engineering an exciting career path. Introducing kids to science kits, experiments, and other hands-on activities can help fast-track learning, make the subject more fun and engaging, and demonstrate firsthand how science fits into the activities and interests they already love.

3. Promote gender equity in STEM education. Gender should never affect a child's goal to pursue STEM. Yet, young girls often feel limited in their ability to excel in STEM-related activities due to the gender gap in the sciences and a lack of relatable representation. We can help shift anti-

quated thinking that science is not for girls by instilling confidence in them to challenge these stereotypes and by exposing them to the valuable work of women inventors, doctors, mathematicians, and scientists, so they can start to see themselves in these positions. Sign them up for extracurriculars like math team and coding camp, visit math and science museums together, and talk about the contributions of and need for girls and women to solve real-world challenges.

4. Diversify STEM. Science is not tied to one gender, race, ethnicity, or nationality. Young kids in minority groups need to understand that they can be involved in STEM careers so that our future workforces reflect our diverse societies.

Shaking up the way we approach science and technology could be one way to help do this. Without a real-world connection, it's too easy for kids to feel lost or like "this" is not for them. If we expose kids to different career landscapes in ways they can connect to, they can better understand the importance of learning these subjects, build self-awareness around their unique attributes, and open them up to envision themselves in future STEM careers.

5. Bring science to life. Hands-on projects help bring science to life. Look for science competitions and programs that allow young minds to explore and develop real-world experience. For example, the 3M Young Scientist Challenge, a national science competition for students in grades 5 through 8 created with Discovery Education, asks students to identify a problem and come up with a unique innovation to solve it. It can be something they're already passionate or curious about. The best part is anyone can get involved; all you need is an idea to get started.

Last year's winner, 13-year-old Sarah Park, started with the idea to create a treatment to help people with mental health disorders. During the competition and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with a 3M scientist, she went from idea to prototype developing a new solution called Spark Care+, a personalized music therapy treatment that uses artificial intelligence, galvanic skin response, and photoplethysmography.

Bring learning into the real world of innovating by actively presenting STEM learning opportunities to your budding scientist. Learn more about this year's competition, the chance to win \$25,000, and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" at [youngscientistlab.com](http://youngscientistlab.com).

As we confront 21st century challenges like climate change and community health crises, scientists, engineers, and doctors will be the heroes on the frontlines. For a brighter future for everybody, give your child the resources and encouragement needed to pursue STEM.

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4. Positive company reviews: Only work with a reputable, honest company. Check the Better Business Bureau for accreditation and read reviews to learn about customer experiences and see each company's customer ratings.

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Wondering how much to borrow? "A good rule of thumb is to figure out what your student's expected annual salary after graduation will be and then try to keep your total borrowing below that amount," says Colatriano. "For parents with strong credit who want to take on the debt alone, parent loans can be a good choice."

For competitive rates, flexible loan terms and great customer service, check out specialists in the industry with College Ave Student Loans. The lender offers private student loans and parent loans, and its simple 3-minute application can quickly determine your eligibility, helping your family breathe easy from day one of the process.

To learn more and for additional resources, visit [collegeave.com](http://collegeave.com).

Bottom line? Being a strategic borrower and finding a simple loan experience can help your family get on with what matters most: preparing for a bright future.

*Courtesy StatePoint*



# Things for Kids to Do This Summer

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

Don't look now.

No, don't! Because if you do, you'll see that school is starting soon. Summer's more than half over and you haven't done even a portion of the things you wanted to do this summer. You need more bike-riding time. You need more time in the pool and more hours with your friends. You need to check out these three great books, to see what else you might be missing...

Do you know what's in your back yard? Really, down to the dirt? If you don't, then take a peek at *Expedition Backyard* by Rosemary Mosco and Binglin Hu (RH Graphic, \$12.99). It's the story of Mole and Vole and the adventure of a lifetime.

On a series of beautiful days, the two friends travel from their side-by-side homes on a walk through the woods, in the country, through the city, and around the trees to see what's there. Along the way, there are birds to

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various page counts

watch, wildlife to avoid (eek!), and interesting things to study. Written in graphic novel form, this book is great for kids ages seven-to-10 and will prod them to notice what's beneath their feet and over their heads.

It's July, but so what? There's still enough time to plant a small garden and grow some yummy vegetables, and *Seeds in Soil* by Susan Apps-Bodilly (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, \$18.95) will show you how to do it.

Chances are, you've spent a pretty fair amount of time playing in the dirt, but this book tells you how to get dinner by doing it. From knowing your soil and making it perfect, to determining the kind of garden you want, this book helps kids learn how to garden – but that's not all. There's a short few pages here on putting food up for the winter, a chapter on growing flowers and herbs, your kids will find recipes, and there are projects to do that'll keep them busy all winter long. Though this book is quite a bit Wisconsin-centric, its information will appeal to 8-to-13-year-olds from any geographic area.

And once you've harvested the vegetables, what will you do with them? Find more ideas inside *Ultimate Food Atlas* (National Geographic Kids, \$12.99). Any young foodie will drool over this book, with history, quizzes, and geography inside, and there are all kinds of fast facts that kids love to know. Take your stomach on a trip through each of the continents, learn about the types of breakfast foods people eat in other lands, find some recipes to try, and read about other kids' favorite desserts. This is one of those books that any eight-to-13-year-old will love to browse – especially if they love to eat.

If these great books don't fill the time for your favorite kid, be sure to ask your local librarian or bookseller. There are so many new books and old favorites that can make this summer the best one ever – all you have to do is ask. In the meantime, these three books are absolutely worth a look right now.



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The Untold series is hosted by Charles Welch, formerly of 107.3 The Juice. "Our subject matter expert for this segment is Tedd Long, a very well-known local historian," explains Harrison.

In BCAN's new docu-series historian Long reveals Willow Beach was the talk of the town in its heyday, fully equipped with rides for the family, including a roller coaster and bumper cars. There was also a nightlife scene for adults encompassing a dance pavilion as well as a casino. "With the help of Long and other community leaders, we did our best to bring a fresh perspective to Toledo's untold history," shares Harrison. "Our future aspiration is to continue creating content that engages, educates and informs".

The Next untold storytelling experience features Ella P. Stewart.

Determined to become a pharmacist, Stewart resolved to never take no for an answer. After first refusing her enrollment, The University of Pittsburgh eventually allowed her admission, and in 1916 she became the first Black woman to graduate from their School of Pharmacy.

Stewart lived in both Youngstown, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan, before deciding to move to Toledo, Ohio, to open the first Black-owned pharmacy here in 1922. "Ella P. Stewart was truly committed to advancing the lives of Black people and other marginalized groups in her community. I look forward to Toledo's reception of this interactive history lesson," shares series producer Harrison. "Still, her most special honor was believed to be the naming of one of our own Toledo elementary schools after her; the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls."

Stewart was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1978.

It's enriching to be part of nearly everything involving your community. It's flattering to have your counsel sought and just as flattering to accurately document others' opinions and historical accounts. All good leaders have an ethos they live by, and for media pros Alexis Means and Marcus Harrison, community trust is a shining beacon in their work. "Ultimately, trust is at the heart of everything I do," says Means.

As for Harrison, he says, "To me, there is no higher honor than to have earned the community's trust on documenting Toledo's untold stories. It's my honor."

You can follow Alexis Means on abcnews platforms and her social media accounts for cutting edge story updates.

If you're a Buckeye subscriber you can watch BCAN's Untold series on their network, their app, or watch select episodes on their YouTube channel.

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Whatever your age or interest, the Library can help you make the most of your summer! Did we mention it's all free? Visit [toledolibrary.org](http://toledolibrary.org) to start your summer fun on a budget.

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The Administrative Assistant is responsible for certain operations of the program including, but not limited to, facilities and upkeep, grant budget reporting, scheduling RD and PI calendars, scheduling meetings in person and virtual, event and program coordination, report generating, assistance with intake for potential new clients, and providing client services under the direction of the Regional Director. In addition, the Administrative Assistant will report to the Grant PI ensuring a bridge between DEI efforts, entrepreneurship-focused certificates, and any community-focused initiatives.

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# In Memory of Calbert Rooker Temple

July 25, 1943 – July 4, 2022

Calbert was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and graduated from St. Benedict Church and school and later graduated from Macomber High School. He was the oldest of 8 children. He loved art and attended art classes at the Toledo Museum of Art. After graduating, Calbert enlisted in the Air Force as a Security Police in 1964 and honorably discharged as a Sergeant in July of 1968. Calbert met and married his soul mate in Cleveland, Ohio. He had great love for his son Sean and granddaughter Rachael and two daughters, Heather and Lindsay and grandson DJ. Calbert worked for Nationwide Insurance but continued his love of photography art which he enjoyed on the many travels he and his wife pursued as often as possible. He will greatly be missed. Services will be held Wednesday July 13 from 4 -7 pm at E.F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128. The funeral will be held on Thursday, July 14 10:30am to 11am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 4341 East 131st St. Cleveland, OH 44105. He will be buried at Cleveland Memorial Gardens 4324 Green Road Cleveland, OH 44122.



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on Saturday, the Foundation gave away 300 mouth pieces, 400 pairs of socks and 300 bags full of toiletries – soap, deodorant, foot powder, tooth paste, tooth brushes, body wash and coupons to Dick's Sporting.

Attendees were treated to hot dogs, waters, chips and ice cream.

The couple was inspired by their son, Delroy, who passed away in 2018. He was a football coach and mentor to so many youth. "He was always trying to help," said Steven Lewis. After their son passed, "we jumped in, grabbed the baton and started running," he said.

Their son's girlfriend gave them the idea for a footwear giveaway and the donations started in 2018. Due to the pandemic, 2020's event was called off and restarted a year ago in 2021, although then a degree of pandemic uncertainty prevented the Lewis's from collecting as many donations as they had hoped for.

The mission of the Foundation, a non-profit agency, is to provide athletic equipment, sport physicals, academic support, team meals and athletic enhancement to adolescents in northwest Ohio. The Foundation also hosts winter coat giveaways.

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# The Fourth Annual Delroy Chance Cleat Event

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The fourth annual Delroy Church Angels Wings Foundation Cleat Event was held on Saturday, July 9 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Steven and Caroline Lewis put together funds from donations and private monies – including their own – in order to purchase hundreds of pairs of athletic footwear, and accessories, for whatever youth in the community needed them.

In addition to over 400 pairs of cleats donated to neighborhood youth

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## Prayer Breakfast

**Friday JULY 15**  
Time: 8:00 AM  
Location: Glass City Metropark Pavillion  
1002 Front Street, Toledo, OH 43605

TICKETS ARE \$10  
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