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CMU MI-ACE BULLETIN

"ACCELERATING  
ACTION INTO  
PRACTICE"

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**DR. ULANA KLYMYSHYN,**  
10TH ANNUAL KLYMYSHYN SYMPOSIUM



# Welcome!

## FROM YOUR CO-INSTITUTIONAL REPS

### And Just Like That...

...the academic year is coming to a close. It has been an eventful year to say the least, but we remained committed to our IDEALS and sought new ways to serve our community. It is our hope that you found your time together invaluable, both as a source of support, as well as an expanded opportunity for development. As we consider offerings for the 2025-2026 academic year, we invite you to provide us with feedback on themes you would like our team to respond to. And even though it's May, MI-ACE initiatives will continue through the summer months.

Join us during our second annual **CMU MI-ACE Women's Retreat | May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Grawn 279**. [Click this link to register today!](#) Activities include Lunch and Learns with Provost Lancaster and ORGS, respectively; Bookmarked and Brilliant book discovery; candle-making; Building Your Personal Brand; and a leadership panel. Participation is complimentary.

We also encourage you to attend the annual MI-ACE Women's Network Annual Conference | June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> | Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. [Click this link to register.](#) Cost of attendance is \$455.

Thank you again for your support and engagement this year. It is our hope that you are finding space to nurture your whole self while finding community.



**MISTY BENNETT**

CMU MI-ACE

CO-INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



**SHAWNA PATTERSON-STEPHENS**

CMU MI-ACE

CO-INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

# About CMU Michigan-ACE

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO!

The Michigan American Council on Education Women's Network (MI-ACE) is the professional network for Michigan women in higher education. We work in concert with the ACE Office of Inclusive Excellence Group nationally to identify, develop, encourage, advance, link, and support women in higher education.

CMU'S MI-ACE Women's Network engages in professional development, equity initiatives, and public events. The Advisory Board for CMU's chapter consists of seven individuals from varying campus units. A huge THANK YOU to the 2024-2025 Advisory Board for your commitment to quality, transformational leadership!



**JILL BALLIET**  
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PLANNING & ANALYSIS



**MARCY TAYLOR**  
LIBERAL ARTS  
& SOCIAL SCIENCES

# 2024-2025 Highlights

## WHAT WE DID!



**PROVOST LANCASTER SPEAKS WITH ISABELLA KURI-ESQUIVEL AT THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KLYMYSHYN SYMPOSIUM**

Ulana Klymyshyn's legacy was central to the symposium, newly renamed after her. Her contributions were highlighted throughout the day. She served as CMU's first Equity Chair for the Multicultural Education Center and was instrumental in the development of programs that promoted racial, cultural and social awareness on campus. Among her significant accomplishments, she helped establish the King-Chávez-Parks College Day Program bringing middle and high school students to CMU and created the first CMU Pow Wow, a space for indigenous students, faculty and staff to come together.



**DR. ULANA KLYMYSHYN IS HONORED BY CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AS TRIBUTE TOWARDS HER CONTRIBUTIONS AND YEARS OF SERVICE.**



# CARETAKING (SENIORS) 101

 12:00 pm  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

join us in conversation as we discuss the ins and outs related to providing aging loved ones with compassionate care and advocacy.

**REGISTER NOW**



WITH DR. NIKITA MURRY



# Creating New Traditions and Memories

## 2024-2025 Highlights WHAT WE DID!

The CMU MI-ACE chapter was hard at work in attempts to build community, support, opportunities for engagement, and affinity towards CMU. In addition to hosting a mixer during this year's annual Klymyshyn Symposium, we hosted Dr. Nikita Murry for a webinar focused on caretaking for seniors. The video is available on our website.

Additionally, we sat front and center to make certain that the **Women's Basketball Team** could see us cheering them on! In addition to gaining an opportunity to get to know each other better, experiencing the talent and energy displayed by our women athletes was a phenomenal moment.

CMU MI-ACE also supported its annual International Women's Day Luncheon. Guests, **Grace Vandemark** and **Amy McGinnis**, shared their expertise and insights as it relates to women in leadership in higher education and at Central Michigan University. Notably, Dr. McGinnis was the recipient of the prestigious MI-ACE statewide award in 2024. Each opportunity to learn from each other this academic year has been incredibly fruitful and impactful.



CMU MI-ACE SITS COURTSIDE TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND CMU ATHLETICS!



2024 DISTINGUISHED WOMAN IN HIGHER EDUCATION RECIPIENT, **DR. AMY MCGINNIS**, SPEAKING AT OUR ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON.

• • Women in Higher Education Leadership Series

An Afternoon with

# Beverly Davenport & Sarah Opperman



**CMU MI-ACE  
WOMEN'S  
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UNIVERSITY



**APRIL 4, 2025 @ 3:00 PM  
OPPERMAN AUDITORIUM**

**REFRESHMENTS  
IN STROSACKER**

# Amplifying Women in Leadership

## 2024-2025 Highlights WHAT WE DID!

On the cusp of President MacKinnon's investiture, CMU MI-ACE leveraged the opportunity to bring his mentor, **Dr. Beverly Davenport**, into conversation with former Board of Trustees and Advancement Board Chair, **Sarah Opperman**. Dr. Davenport spoke on what it meant for her to identify as a woman in executive leadership in higher education, most recently serving as chancellor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Possessing both a corporate and higher education perspective, Past Advancement Board Chair Opperman shared experiences that mirrored Beverly's encounters in the academy. Dr. Davenport spoke openly on the ways she prioritized her family and other personal needs, even during moments when a high-pressure job was in direct competition with the things that mattered the most to her. Both women spoke on the importance of asserting their knowledge and expertise within male-dominated spaces, holding colleagues accountable for their behavior, and actively choosing to refrain from second-guessing the value that women bring to a team. Trustee Regine Beauboeuf closed out the discussion, inspiring the collective to believe in the differences they continue to make.



**SARAH OPPERMAN** (LEFT) IN CONVERSATION WITH **BEVERLY DAVENPORT** ON WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP.



AUDIENCE MEMBERS ENGAGED, ASKED MEANINGFUL QUESTIONS, AND TOOK TIME TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

# Annual Diversity Gala

## SEVERAL WOMEN LEADERS HONORED AT CMU'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIVERSITY GALA



DR. NELI RAGINA ACCEPTS THE 2025 PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP AT THE 2025 CMU DIVERSITY GALA.



DRS. ANJA MUELLER AND TRACY GALAROWICZ AS TRACY ACCEPTS THE INNOVATION IN DEIJB AWARD.

We were met with several reasons for celebration this past May. In addition to acknowledging CMU's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Gala, many incredibly talented, dedicated educators were recognized for their service. Award recipients included **Dr. Neli Ragina** and her team in the College of Medicine, who have been pursuing barrier-breaking research focused on supporting people with disabilities requiring medical services and care. Further, CMU MI-ACE Women's Network Advisory Board Member, **Dr. Tracy Galarowicz** was honored with the Innovation in Diversity, Equity, Justice, and Belonging Award as a result of her advocacy and leadership. Dr. Galarowicz served as interim Dean for the College of Science and Engineering, co-PI with the NSF ADVANCE Catalyst Grant, in addition to remaining incredibly active as an Advisory Board Member. Other awardees included **Dr. Itzel Marquez**, who was the recipient of the Stan L. Shingles Award for Distinction in Mentorship, as well as the **Midland Area Community Foundation**, who were recognized for their service in the community with the Outstanding Social Justice Leadership in Community Service Award. It was a great honor to be in fellowship with everyone in attendance!



**CMU MI-ACE  
WOMEN'S NETWORK**  
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

# annual women's retreat

**accelerating action into practice**

**may 15-16, 2025 | grawn 279**

For the second year in a row, join the CMU MI-ACE Women's Network for a complimentary, two-day workshop dedicated to engaging women around their holistic developmental needs.

## **topics include:**

- Financial wellness during crises
- Wellbeing sessions
- Mentorship and career advancement
- Women as caretakers, and more...

**register here**



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# *Sneak Peek: Annual Women's Retreat*

## **ACCELERATING ACTION INTO PRACTICE**

**MAY 15-16, 2025 | GRAWN 279**



### **KEYNOTE: PROVOST PAULA LANCASTER**

Dr. Paula Lancaster began her role as the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Central Michigan University in July 2020.

She is a professor of special education and has served in the roles of Department Chair and Director of Teacher Education. After receiving her B. S. in Special Education, she was a high school special education

teacher for eight years. During this time she completed her M.S. in Curriculum and Supervision and a certification in Educational Leadership while becoming a building level administrator. She completed her Ph.D. in Special Education in 1999 at the University of Kansas, where she also worked at the Center for Research on Learning. Her research has focused on effective instruction and instructional technology for adolescents with high incidence disabilities.

Recently, her work is centered on the development and implementation of practice-based approaches to educator preparation with a particular interest in collaborations between university-based preparation programs and PK-12 school environments. She is active in state-level educator preparation work, serving on multiple committees and task forces, and is a founding member of the Michigan Teacher Education Network, an organization dedicated to disrupting patterns of inequity in teaching and teacher education.

# *Sneak Peek: Annual Women's Retreat*

## **WOMEN WHO LEAD: RESISTING GRIND CULTURE**



**SAMANTHA CHIPPEWAY**  
SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE  
COUNCIL MEMBER



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CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
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HISPANIC-LATINO COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Join Us!

REGISTER TODAY TO ATTEND THE STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

# MI-ACE Women's Network Annual Conference

EmpowerED: Break Barriers and Influence Change

June 16 – 17, 2025

Kellogg Center, 219 South Harrison Road  
East Lansing, Michigan 48824

*Hosted by Lansing Community College*

REGISTER NOW



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**MI-ACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
"EMPOWERED: BREAK  
BARRIERS AND INFLUENCE  
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Stay Connected!

**IDENTIFY, DEVELOP, ENCOURAGE,  
ADVANCE, LINK, SUPPORT**

We hope you find what want and need in the variety of initiatives we offer. Please feel free to reach out to CMU's IRs or any Advisory Board member to share feedback, ideas, and/or concerns. We're here to support you!



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