

Arena District buildings to come down as Crew stadium deal nears

By Tristan Navera – Staff reporter, Columbus Business First

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As a land deal looks close for a new Columbus Crew stadium in Arena District, preparation work for the land is moving forward.

The Columbus Downtown Commission on Tuesday morning heard from the design team refining plans for the 20,000 seat, \$233 million stadium and outdoor public plaza. The entity, Crew SC Stadium Company LLC, says it's hoping to start turning dirt on the 28-acre site in September, even as a land deal has not been finalized.

"We're continuing to refine and working diligently to start the prep work for site construction," said Jeff Pongonis of architect MKSK.

Plans submitted to the commission show the stadium has been realigned so it's right along Nationwide Boulevard, which would be widened to a three-lane road. The riverfront area will feature the mixed-use development, to be refined later, but which tentatively calls for 120,000 square feet of office and 440 apartments surrounding a structured parking garage.

Pongonis said the project would rely on thousands of parking spaces in the Arena District itself. He also said the roads completed around the development will be similar in feel to those around Huntington Park and the areas west of Neil Avenue.

Columbus Development Director Steve Schoeny said some funding for roadwork has been baked into city budgets already.

The commission approved plans to demolish nine older unusable buildings on the eight-acre, city-owned site along the riverfront, which will be part of the mixed-use development next to the stadium. The stadium would be built on the 20-acre tract of land immediately to the east – where the team is negotiating with owner Nationwide Realty Investors Ltd. on plans for the stadium itself as well as the mixed-use development around it.

Connectivity is a concern, said **Steve Wittmann '67**, the commission's chair. Other than Nationwide Boulevard, access will come via a pedestrian bridge over the river to the west. There isn't immediately an easy connection to the \$65 million White Castle development across the highway to the north, though one could be considered in the future.

"Traffic is obviously a big part of the discussion, and we're working through it," Pongonis said.

The soccer team is owned by the Haslam family, who also own the Cleveland Browns, and the Columbus-based Edwards family, led by Dr. Pete Edwards, the longtime team physician, who acquired investor-operator rights prior to the current season. Pongonis said the management team's experience with traffic at the Cleveland Browns stadium is informing how they build the roadwork.

But an Arena District-wide mobility study hasn't yet been completed, he said.

Meanwhile, Crew spokesman Tim Miller said that while the previously established Aug. 15 milestone for the land deal has passed without an announcement, work on the deal is still going on behind the scenes.

"The deal is close," Miller said in an email. "NRI has been great throughout this process because they've allowed us access to the land which enables us to stay on schedule."

Pongonis said the stadium itself would come before commission next month for architectural approvals. It's on track to break ground in October with the stadium slated to open in July 2021. The rest of the mixed-use development will begin at a later time.

The development team also includes EMH&T, Henderson and Osborn Engineering. Earlier this year, the Crew tapped New York-based Legends, a planning, sales and hospitality agency, for help with project development and commercial sales rights.

[https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2019/08/27/arena-district-buildings-to-comedown-as-crew.html?ana=e\\_colum\\_bn\\_breakingnews&j=89873361&t=&mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWW1SbU1qSmtPVE5oTURGbClSnQjOiUUhphWEZyYUgyTmd4cyt1MU1oOEExjSTV2bWpFWG1rbVltaHNDMHdrYlwwvRHR2RKMFPgS0dBVEFkZkpKVGRWaGNKMEhzWmNOaHlManMrSG42dThVRGZKQmY3OWtnR3g3eXVoSmJOczdReDFpclRXa0d6QUgwS0hKOUYwS2dLK0sifQ==](https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2019/08/27/arena-district-buildings-to-comedown-as-crew.html?ana=e_colum_bn_breakingnews&j=89873361&t=&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWW1SbU1qSmtPVE5oTURGbClSnQjOiUUhphWEZyYUgyTmd4cyt1MU1oOEExjSTV2bWpFWG1rbVltaHNDMHdrYlwwvRHR2RKMFPgS0dBVEFkZkpKVGRWaGNKMEhzWmNOaHlManMrSG42dThVRGZKQmY3OWtnR3g3eXVoSmJOczdReDFpclRXa0d6QUgwS0hKOUYwS2dLK0sifQ==)



He's a gay geek avoiding thirty. She's a suburban divorcée embracing fifty. Together, neighbors Kev and Jan confront the city's daily disasters... with the help of a little bubbly from the bodega!

Coming off an award-winning summer release, 5A5B will premier a new episode at Film Festival of Columbus. The series, which expands upon Creator **Michael Cicetti's '01** debut Micro-Short, investigates the absurdity of urban living through the lens of a dynamic friendship. "My experience is that straight women and gay men bolster each other in this really ineffable awesome way. I wanted to make an aspirational comedy that speaks to both audiences, without the veneer of network TV," says Cicetti. Film Festival of Columbus will feature both 5A5B's Pilot and second episode.

Gateway Film Center - 1550 N. High St.  
Thursday 12th | 7PM  
for tickets [click here](#) | \$15

Background: 5A5B marks a first-time film venture for Chicago Executive Producers (Ella Harris, Jason Harris, Steve Elliott, and Bill Kolb), who discovered Creator, Michael Cicetti, through Chicago's Queer Bits Film Festival in 2017. The indie team's decision to enter in the episodic space –without agents, managers

or a major network studio's commission— exemplifies the Wild West terrain of independent voices producing high-quality content at a level that would have been inconceivable a decade ago.

“When I graduated in 2005 [Northwestern] actors weren't thinking, ‘I want to make a series.’ Series was not even a mode of production. Networks made ‘TV shows.’ But now, if you're not self-producing, you're not in the game.”

Upon release, the industry has taken note of 5A5B's subtle brand of wild farce, with invitations to screen at QueerX (Winner: Best Comedy Series & International Audience Choice Award); Lighthouse International Film Festival; Holly Shorts Monthly Screening Series; Rio Web Fest; Film Festival of Columbus; and The Windy City International Film Festival (Winner: Best Episodic Series). Plans to partner with a streaming platform and innovate 5A5B further are on the production company's nascent horizon.

For more information contact: Michael Cicetti, Managing Member 5A5B Productions LLC

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Q+A: What You Need to Know About Surcharging

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ETA The Electronic Transactions Association

The rules and requirements around cash discounting and surcharging can be confusing to navigate, and new pronouncements and clarifications from the entities involved – card brands, state legislatures – can raise new questions.

On September 5th at 1:00 pm ET, ETA will host a webinar which will explain how cash discounting and surcharging work (and how they differ from one another), what payments providers need to do in order to implement them, and how these products are affecting the payments industry. The webinar is free for ETA members.

The webinar presenters are:

Holli Targan, Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss (Moderator)

John Barrett, NXGEN

David Leppek, StatementIQ

**Jonathan Razi '08**, CardX

In advance of the webinar, Transaction Trends interviewed the webinar presenters to get their insights into the webinar's content and value.

Transaction Trends (TT): Why is surcharging a hot issue for payments professionals?

Holli Targan (HT): Surcharging and cash discounting are hot issues for ISOs, processors, ISVs, payment facilitators and banks because of the demand by merchants to accommodate some form of shifting the cost of card processing to consumers. There are multiple ways recognized by the card brands for doing this, all of which are generically known as “surcharging” but which are in fact different approaches with different compliance obligations. Technically, the four different “cost shifting” methods are surcharges, cash discounts, convenience fees, and service fees.

Industry players now appreciate that the different methods have various compliance requirements, and they are getting their arms around offering the programs while remaining compliant with state law and card brand rules.

David Leppik (DL): Surcharging as a pricing model is very attractive to select industries and specific merchants sensitive to the high cost of accepting credit cards. In an omni-commerce world, the payments professional needs to be able to support all product features, and intelligently explain the compliance requirements around this alternative.

John Barrett (JB): It is trending as all but 6 states have now allowed for surcharging and it is more and more becoming acceptable in key industries. Payment professionals see that it is a way to differentiate themselves, improve their margin, and provide a true value add to their merchants. It is a solution that is unique in how it can make more money for an ISO/Agent while drastically saving money for a merchant. It is also becoming easier for merchants with companies enabling surcharging in a turnkey, compliant manner.

Johnathan Razi (JR): The surcharging trend is being driven by great, and durable, tailwinds: merchant costs continue to escalate—interchange for rewards cards went up 24% over a recent four-year period—while acquirer margins on traditional processing are getting compressed by price competition. So merchants have increasing demand to use surcharging solutions, the payments industry has a rapidly growing interest in selling them, and all the while they are becoming available in a bigger market. The recent additions of California, Florida, Texas, and New York have made this model available across 93% of the United States by population, and we're actively working to bring this to 100%.

TT: What are the key challenges and opportunities in the surcharging space?

HT: A key challenge is understanding what the possibilities for cost-shifting are, how they are different from one another, and how to implement them while remaining compliant with state laws and card brand requirements.

DL: It can be difficult to assure the merchant does everything required to have a compliant surcharge solution. If the salesperson is successful in explaining the requirements and helping the merchant facilitate those tasks, then the surcharge pricing model saves the merchant money, and results in more margin for the account, and more commission for the salesperson. A merchant that is sensitive to the high cost of payments, would once seek a cost plus small per items fees, and the result was an undervalued account that made practically nothing in margin. But with surcharging, that same account can be even less expensive to the merchant, but make the sales rep a healthy residual stream. It is a win-win.

JB: Understanding the right markets to sell surcharging and training of sales people in how to present and overcome objections is key to success. The main objections we see are questioning the legality of surcharging and the fear of losing customers. Training reps on how to overcome those objections with documentation and focusing on the right markets is needed. It is not a mainstream solution today for retail/restaurants. But in the right markets, it is wide open and provides a solution that is still relatively new in the industry.

JR: Now that surcharging solutions are being successfully used at scale, the question of whether surcharging is here to stay has been settled and the conversation has shifted—what will differentiate

providers in terms of competitive excellence? The #1 barrier to entry is compliance: the contract rules with the card brands are onerous, there are still state laws on the books, and—for those who get it wrong—compliance enforcement will inevitably become more active as more merchants choose to surcharge. We predict the best surcharging providers will differentiate themselves by offering fully-compliant solutions for all environments, including the more complex areas of MOTO and eCommerce; enabling straightforward financial reconciliation for merchants; and delivering a frictionless experience overall.

TT: What will payments professionals take away from this upcoming webinar?

HT: The webinar will clarify the four different cost-shifting programs, and highlight the legal issues and compliance requirements of each.

DL: Complaint surcharging is complex, but can be accomplished, and successfully leveraged to complement their portfolio. Because it is difficult, less competitors offer the solution, or understand it sufficiently to win the business. This product /model is another tool in the sales persons' box of tricks, and will prove effective for the right customer.

JB: A better understanding of surcharging, i.e. where to sell, how to sell, why to sell. They will learn about the key differences between cash discounting and surcharging as well as get an overview of the trends in the marketplace. They will get an overview of the landscape and legality of surcharging. They will understand some of the key objections and how to overcome them and learn the keys to success in selling it.

JR: We hope the webinar will offer valuable insight into what's next for surcharging. We'll share recent takeaways from our meetings with the attorneys general of the five states that don't yet permit surcharging, our views on how surcharging makes card payments better for merchants and consumers, and the counterintuitive reason we're seeing surcharging lead to more card payment volume.

<https://www.electran.org/publication/transactiontrends/ga-what-you-need-to-know-about-surcharging/>

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CardX Secures \$2M in Growth Capital with Pace Financial Group

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CHICAGO, Aug. 26, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- CardX, a payment technology company, announced Monday that the company secured an additional \$2,000,000.00 in growth financing through Pace Financial Group, bringing CardX's total capital raised to date to \$8.62M.

Founded in 2013, CardX is led by Founder and CEO **Jonathan Razi '08** and COO Michael Tomko, both graduates of Harvard Law School. The company is a significant innovator in technology-enabled compliance for credit card surcharging.

"The CardX team has built a great company with incredible potential for continued growth. They have an excellent track record and we are very pleased to participate in funding their next stage of expansion," said John Carr, Managing Director of Pace Financial Group. "Our prior relationship and comfort with

Michael Tomko and the CardX leadership team helped facilitate the transaction," added Mike Wagner, Vice President of Pace Financial Group.

This round of non-dilutive capital will advance the ongoing development of CardX's next-generation digital products and accelerate hiring within the company's recently-expanded Chicago headquarters.

Michael Tomko, who spearheaded the financing as CardX COO, noted, "This funding will allow us to continue the remarkable success CardX has seen in 2019 and deliver on our exciting pipeline for new product and marketing. We have the perfect capital partner in Pace and look forward to working with them for years to come."

#### About CardX

CardX is a Chicago-based provider of technology solutions for credit card surcharging. A regulatory expert, CardX has served as amicus curiae in the US Supreme Court and continues to shape the compliance landscape. For more information about using CardX to accept credit cards at 0% cost, please visit [cardx.com](http://cardx.com).

[https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/cardx-secures-2m-in-growth-capital-with-pace-financial-group-300906905.html?tc=eml\\_cleartime](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/cardx-secures-2m-in-growth-capital-with-pace-financial-group-300906905.html?tc=eml_cleartime)

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Mixed-use development plans presented for Cooper Stadium site  
10TV.com

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - After sitting vacant for more than a decade, developers presented plans for a mixed-use concept at the Southwest Area Commission meeting.

Wednesday night, Arshot Development presented renderings and blueprints of plans for the 40-plus acres of land.

Developer **Bill Schottenstein '72** and zoning attorney **Jeff Brown '72** explained to a packed house that their plan is different and cutting edge.

The new plan calls for retail spaces - some constructed from shipping containers - combined with as many as 500 residential units. The developers say the goal is to create a tech-forward community where residents can work, live, and play near a booming downtown.

"We think it's a beta site for what will happen around the country," Schottenstein said.

Many people, both in the audience and on the commission, seemed excited by the pitch but some expressed concern regarding its perceived vagueness.

Commissioners ultimately passed the proposal 7-4.

Once the application meets all the requirements to appear on the agendas, one of the applications will go before Columbus City Council. The other will go before the Development Commission.

## Women in Analytics Announces 2020 Conference Dates and Keynote Speaker

Today, Women in Analytics (WIA), organizer of an analytics conference featuring women speakers, announced that Feryal Ozel, a professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Arizona and a member of the team...

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Women in Analytics (WIA) Prepares for Largest Event to Date in 2020, Partners with VentureBeat at Transform 2019 July 10-11

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 9, 2019 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ -- Today, Women in Analytics (WIA), organizer of an analytics conference featuring women speakers, announced that Feryal Ozel, a professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Arizona and a member of the team that captured the first image of a black hole, will deliver the opening keynote at its 2020 conference, June 3-5 at the Columbus Convention Center. Conference registration is now open.

WIA is also announcing a partnership with VentureBeat including a featured sponsorship of their AI conference, Transform 2019, July 10-11 in San Francisco. On July 10, it will co-sponsor the Women in AI Breakfast, an event featuring women shaping the future of AI. Rehgan Avon, founder of WIA, and **Lauren Burke '12**, director of operations for WIA, join the advisory committee that will select the recipients of the Women in AI Awards, recognizing women who have made outstanding contributions in five areas: Responsibility & Ethics of AI, AI Entrepreneur (2 awards), AI Research, AI Mentorship and Rising Star.

"WIA continues to grow its community, so we expect the 2020 conference to be our biggest yet," said Rehgan Avon, founder, WIA. "We're excited that one of the world's leading scientists, Feryal Ozel, is going to open the event. Her fascinating research on black holes led to the first documented image of one in April 2019, capturing worldwide attention."

Women in Analytics 2020 features 45 presenters and workshop instructors over three days. The conference has grown from its beginnings in 2016 with 1,200 attendees expected at next year's event.

As WIA prepares for 2020, it continues to support charitable causes for women in the analytics space. Its initiatives include:

Founding sponsor for the Translational Data Analytics Institute's free summer camp, Data Science for Women Summer Camp, that introduces 35 young women in grades 8-10 to data science and analytics. TECH CORPS, a nonprofit for which WIA sponsors and pilots a data science and analytics curriculum for elementary, middle schools, and high schools in Ohio.

Grant money donations to Ph.D. candidates to conduct selected research projects following the 2020 WIA Conference.

For more information on the Women in Analytics 2020 conference or to sign up to receive updates, visit <https://www.womeninanalytics.com/>.

## About the Women in Analytics Conference

The mission of the Women in Analytics Conference, launched in 2016 by founder Rehgan Avon, is to provide visibility to the women making an impact in the analytics space and offer a platform for them to lead conversations around the advancements of analytical research, development, and application. The speaker line-up is the only aspect of the conference dedicated exclusively to women. All other elements, from attendance to competitions and scholarships, are open to everyone regardless of gender identity or expression.

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/40759920/women-in-analytics-announces-2020-conference-dates-and-keynote-speaker>

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A secret data set to hack, mine, & model  
Denison University  
August 14, 2019

A secret data set, a weekend of hacking, mining and modeling data with your team, and the opportunity to present your work to professionals in the industry — that's DataFest, an annual event that takes place each year on college campuses all over the country, including Denison.

Data analysis — like in the book and movie “Moneyball” — is applied across a whole spectrum of businesses, organizations, and activities. During DataFest, students work with a real data set to figure out how to define and organize its most useful information.

Michael Brady, associate director of the Data Analytics Program, says, “A surprise data set and project like this is a really great test of students’ ability to learn about a topic in real time, flex their growing analytical toolkit, and showcase their ability to distill technical information into actionable suggestions to a non-technical audience.”

It's also a terrific opportunity to present findings to judges who work in the world of data, get critical feedback, and build a network for that future career. In fact, nearly 30 professionals with analytics experience from the Columbus region volunteered time over the weekend to consult with students as they worked on the project.

“DataFest is an excellent way for students to jump into analyzing real-world data,” says **Lauren Burke '12**, a judge and consultant for the event. “The data and problems are real, the topics are relevant to students and the process promotes creative problem-solving.”

“As a judge, I enjoyed seeing the different approaches each team took to working through and presenting their findings. The project encourages students to think about each aspect of the analytical process, where the goal isn't to deliver a singular insight, solution, or visualization - it's about telling a compelling story.”

The Canadian National Women's Rugby Team donated their numbers to the 2019 DataFest contest with a goal of finding a better understanding of player fatigue.

The Canadian team shared a wide variety of player data — including strength conditioning, biomechanics, performance analysis, physiology, nutrition, and mental performance. Internal factors were measured through questionnaires. External factors, like heart rates and blood oxygen levels, were determined through physical data.

Eleven teams of forty students from different academic disciplines competed in the contest. They learned how to work under time pressure, and to work together as a group, learning each other's strengths and weaknesses and sharing the work load. And they also learned the importance of content area knowledge. For example, some groups already knew about rugby, but many had to learn about the sport from the ground up.

"I loved working with data without worrying about my grade or GPA," says data analytics and communication double major Olivia Lueck '22.

Professional judges for the event were Lauren Burke, data scientist with Abercrombie & Fitch and director of operations of Women in Analytics; Dave Cherry, principal and executive strategy advisor with Cherry Advisory, LLC; and Asuman Turkmen, associate professor of statistics with The Ohio State University, Newark.

Cherry sums up the entire weekend, "I was very impressed with the overall quality of the analytics capabilities that the teams demonstrated. They brought creative approaches to solve a common problem and in doing so, showed outstanding visualizations and strong command of concepts. I think that the analytics program at Denison and the future of the students involved is definitely trending upward!"

"DataFest weekend was the best weekend of my LIFE," says "Jessy" Jiahui Niu '22, who is double-majoring in data analytics with a concentration in economics and mathematics. "I had so much fun."

A number of awards were given:

Best Use of Secondary Data is awarded to the team with the most creative and informative use of additional data beyond the provided data set.

The winning team: MS LiT (Jay Dickson '20, Sarah Li, Sueshin Moon '22, and Mengcen Yang '22)

Best Interdisciplinary Content is awarded to the team with the best use of knowledge from domain area of the data.

The winning team: 95% Confident (Bridget DiPalermo '21, Lueck, Kobi Ocran '21)

Best Visualization is awarded to the team with the best, most polished, informative, and creative visual.

The winning team: DataVizards (Ming Chen '21, Niu, Jingyi Wang '21, Ruijia Zhang '20)

Best In Show is awarded to the team with the most impressive and complete contribution in terms of statistics, approach, visuals, and oral delivery.

The winning team: The Four Horsemen (Logan Mallory '20, Quang Nguyen '21)

Most Valuable Participant is awarded to the individual who went above and beyond to help not only their team, but other teams, and the atmosphere of the whole weekend.

The winner: Jingyi Wang '21

<https://denison.edu/academics/data-analytics/feature/132170>

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Allon Advocacy, LLC  
Contact: Kerrie Rushton, (202) 365  
Monday, Aug. 26, Washington, DC

**Katherine Van Buskirk Flocken '06** Joins Allon Advocacy

Allon Advocacy, a global government affairs and consulting firm founded by Steve Boms, announced today the addition of Katherine Flocken as senior policy advisor. Flocken previously served as senior government relations specialist at Arent Fox, LLP where she launched the firm's financial technology practice group.

"Allon is a growing firm working with innovative new companies and advocacy organizations in the financial technology and financial services sectors," explained Flocken. "Together they are addressing some of the most complex policy issues elected representatives and regulators will have to tackle over the next several years, including financial data sharing, data ownership and consumer financial empowerment. I'm excited to join Steve and his team as they help policymakers address these critical issues."

Flocken was head of policy at the Financial Health Network, formerly the Center for Financial Services Innovation, before joining Arent Fox. At the Financial Health Network, Flocken created and implemented a government relations strategy for the Financial Solutions Lab, a \$30 million, five-year challenge aimed at finding and developing high-tech solutions to improve consumer financial health. She also worked closely with U.S. lawmakers to draft legislation on data sharing and consumer protection.

"We are excited and fortunate to welcome Kate to our firm," said Boms. "She is a recognized thought leader who understands what new innovation in the financial and technology sectors will mean for consumers and small businesses. Her experience and communications acumen will be extremely valuable as we work to articulate the value our clients bring to the global economy and consumers."

Flocken's work has been published in the Intellectual Property & Technology Journal and Law 360. After receiving her undergraduate degree from the London School of Economics (LSE), she began her career in Washington as a legislative aide in the office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) where she primarily handled issues on the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee before returning to London to earn a master's degree at LSE.

**ABOUT ALLON ADVOCACY** Allon Advocacy is a government affairs and grassroots advocacy firm founded by Steve Boms and based in Washington, DC that assists organizations of all sizes in working with policymakers in the nation's capital, in statehouses across the United States and internationally. The

firm specializes in helping fintech and financial services firms develop and execute holistic public policy strategies to achieve outcomes beneficial to their organizations and customers.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/o003nevpusshnij/Flocken%20Joins%20Allon%20Advocacy%208.26.2019.pdf?dl=0>

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Greater Columbus

On view 6.14.19 – 9.29.19

The annual Greater Columbus exhibition features work by outstanding artists based in Central Ohio and is a partnership between CMA and the Greater Columbus Arts Council (Arts Council).

On behalf of the Arts Council, a jury of distinguished arts professionals working outside the region awarded Individual Artist Fellowships to Daric Gill, Cameron Granger, Jared Thorne, and Ryland Wharton. Greater Columbus features their work alongside two additional artists, Cody Heichel and **Andrea Myers '97**, who were selected for residencies in Dresden, Germany as part of the Arts Council's Artist Exchange Program. Working in various media, these artists represent a diverse range of practices fostered within the region's artistic community.

<https://www.columbusmuseum.org/greater-columbus-2019/>

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Announcing the 2019 C-Suite Awards: Here are the most-admired executives in Central Ohio

By Doug Buchanan – Editor in chief, Columbus Business First

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Columbus Business First is back with our annual guide to the most-admired CEOs and other top executives in Central Ohio.

As we did last year, the 2019 C-Suite Awards were determined by a vote of their peers. We accepted nominations for top CEOs, COOs, CFOs, CIOs, and others this spring, then turned the voting over to them to find who inspires and encourages them.

The honorees were chosen in several categories, including for-profit companies, institutions and nonprofit organizations. Private companies were separated by size.

In addition, we asked nominees to vote on a lifetime achievement award and we are honoring two worthy individuals this year.

**Rick Ricart '98**



**COO/President or equivalent**

Rick Ricart  
Ricart Automotive Group

**Randy Schoedinger '86**



**CEO or equivalent: Companies with 101 to 500 employees**

Randy Schoedinger  
Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service

[https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2019/07/26/announcing-the-2019-c-suite-awards-here-are-the.html?ana=e\\_colum\\_bn\\_breakingnews&j=89663421&mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWmpBNFpqazVPV0poTXpRdyIsInQiOiJSUTd2RkxDN0xvbWZncGxTQjBzQUtLXC9UdEVsWWI6SStYYnRSOXJmcW90MDZQZDVwOG05RWNOelR0WFFoTzRucnlfZzNzMW02K0F5R0JUc0hXWHk1ZVV4SmU5ald3UmpHUG9ybnpwQkNJU3IMM1FWQjlnS0dGWlJ6OWt4RlYyMkkifQ%3D%3D](https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2019/07/26/announcing-the-2019-c-suite-awards-here-are-the.html?ana=e_colum_bn_breakingnews&j=89663421&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWmpBNFpqazVPV0poTXpRdyIsInQiOiJSUTd2RkxDN0xvbWZncGxTQjBzQUtLXC9UdEVsWWI6SStYYnRSOXJmcW90MDZQZDVwOG05RWNOelR0WFFoTzRucnlfZzNzMW02K0F5R0JUc0hXWHk1ZVV4SmU5ald3UmpHUG9ybnpwQkNJU3IMM1FWQjlnS0dGWlJ6OWt4RlYyMkkifQ%3D%3D)

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Newsmaker: Why Rick Ricart was so revved up to acquire a Harley dealership

By Dan Eaton – Staff reporter, Columbus Business First

Aug 29, 2019, 1:23pm EDT

When the Ricart family proclaims, 'We're dealin,' it usually means selling. But this summer was all about buying.

The long-time local auto dealers acquired the A.D. Farrow Harley-Davidson dealership group and its three Central Ohio locations. It's an opportunity for expansion and diversification, said **Rick Ricart '98**, president of the Ricart Automotive Group.

"The operations side of Harley-Davidson is exciting because of the evolution that company is going through," he said. "Over the next eight years, there will be 100 new products and 52 are 100% electric.

"That diversified portfolio gives us an opportunity to begin engaging and connecting with our best customers especially as alternative transportation and other mobility topics start coming to fruition over the next five years, 10 years."

While it's a clear business play, there's plenty of personal interest as well. Ricart sat down with Columbus Business First to talk about his nearly three-decade love of motorsports and Harley-Davidson.

How did you get into motorcycles? My dad rides, has always ridden. My uncles ride, have always ridden. It was that thing that bonded us outside the house. Didn't take much convincing.

The first real motorcycle I ever had, I was 9 years old. A Suzuki DS80. I wanted a smaller, easier one to ride, a beginner thing. The DS80 had a clutch. It was at least five- or six-speed. I remember my dad put me right on that bike. His theory was we'll put you on something that's too big for you, that's too hard for your age and you'll have to learn or you won't get to ride. That evolved to more dirt bikes through the teens, riding a lot of off road.

When did you ride your first street bike? I wasn't quite 16. Dad said I'm going on a ride in the country. Just stay in formation behind me. We rode many days, many miles like that. Every summer in August, they take a trip to Colorado. They ship their bikes out in a trailer and they fly to Colorado. They ride for a week. The pictures and the stories. What you hear when they come back, I couldn't wait for that right of passage, that summer bike trip.

What about it appeals to you? It's the feeling when you're riding a roller coaster, but you get to steer the roller coaster. You get to decide how exhilarating you want to make it. It creates this situation for me where the high level of concentration and focus blended with the freedom and relaxation actually helps me think and clear my head.

I can get on my bike and head out to the mountains of West Virginia for two days and have the same revived, decompressed feeling that most people get from two weeks at the beach. There's a great saying that I love. You never see a Harley parked outside a therapist's office. It has a soul reviving element to it.

Tell me about your first Harley. I was 19. I kinda claimed this 1200 Sportster that my dad got for my mom. There's always a few in the garage. I'd politely ask if I could borrow the bike for this Saturday or something. I'd end up staying on the bike for a while. But the bike that I rode the most, the first one that I really put my name on was the 2003 Anniversary Road King. Full-size bike. Silver and black. Had the 100-year logo on the tank. The Fatboy that Arnold (Schwarzenegger) rode in Terminator 2 had that complete bad ass Harley appeal. Imagine that times 10 and that's the Anniversary Road King. That's the coolest thing I've ever seen on two wheels.

Do you still have it? I don't. I'm three bikes past. I bought a new 2019 Road Glide, traded in my 2014 Street Glide.

Where have you ridden? I have a patch where I've colored in every state I've ridden in – 37 states. A lot of that is because it's a fun thing when you go on vacation. I had a business meeting with Ford dealers two years ago. It was March. It was Napa, California. I don't drink wine, so I found a Harley rental and rented a bike and rode up to the border of Oregon and back while others were taking wine tours.

Where do you like riding? Colorado, anything in the West between Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana. Obviously the different elevations create curves and twisties, as we call them, and canyon roads. When you're in the middle of the great wide open, you don't have as many automobiles around you. I prefer to ride away from the city.

West Coast, obviously. California, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico – those are always good climates. But what's really cool is Ohio has some of the best roads – 555 out of south Zanesville, 665, the Hocking Hills area, Wayne National Forest, there're 12 roads that rival most of those that are in these other states, but they just don't go on as long. It's concentrated.

Do you have a dream trip? I'd like to take the new Pan America and ride it all the way to the tip of Brazil and back. It'd be approximately six months. Trying to map it out could be a little dangerous, but to me, that would be absolutely fantastic.

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Pizzuti to spend \$33.7M on more Rickenbacker warehouses  
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Pizzuti Cos. is planning yet another phase for the gargantuan industrial complex near Rickenbacker International Airport.

Columbus City Council heard a first reading Monday night of a plan to extend incentives for the Rickenbacker West industrial park to cover two additional warehouses the developer plans on a speculative basis. A new warehouse at 1815 Beggrow St. would be 277,692 square feet on 16.1 acres and another at 1675 Beggrow St. would be 261,402 square feet on 21.1 acres near Norfolk Southern's intermodal terminal at Rickenbacker.

The city and Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority plan to extend the 15-year, 100% tax abatement to these new properties. The 1675 building is a \$16.5 million project and the 1815 building will cost \$17.2 million, according to City Council documents. Both buildings could begin construction as soon as August with completion dates of March 2020, according to the documents.

The company anticipates the warehouses to bring at least 10 new jobs and \$312,000 in payroll apiece, the documents say, though because of the projects' speculative nature it could be more. The documents also say the city expects the projects to generate \$10.4 million in new revenue for Columbus City Schools over a 30-year timeframe.

This is the second phase of the company's 1.5 million-square-foot Rickenbacker West expansion of CreekSide Industrial Center, a \$200 million master-planned development with 11 million square feet of industrial distribution facilities within Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park.

The developer first proposed the warehouses two years ago, pre-empted by the substantial 800,000-square-foot Rickenbacker West I building at 1827 Beggrow St., which began work a year ago. Quaker Distributing signed a deal to occupy the entire building, the company announced earlier this year.

At virtually the same time, the developer is extending its presence west of the city, with up to 2 million square feet of new space in a pair of new warehouses in West Jefferson.

"Industrial developments have played a key role in our company's growth over the past 40 years and we look forward to continuing to expand into new markets both inside and outside the state of Ohio," COO **Joel Pizzuti '90** said in a statement earlier this year.

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Congressional hopeful **Morgan Harper '01** on reshaping the city that shaped her

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Running against long-serving U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty in the 2020 Democratic primary, the Columbus-born Harper intends to focus on financial stability, housing, climate change and systemic reparations

The brick walls of Morgan Harper's Columbus apartment are decorated with maps and to-do lists. A massive calendar displays a sprawl of months, culminating in a circle around March 17, 2020. She's seated at a kitchen table that has been converted into a surface for strategy: papers, more calendars, a few schedules. To an outsider who doesn't know Harper, it all might feel overwhelming. But the outsiders who don't know Harper have begun shrinking ever since her 36th birthday on July 1, when she announced her intention to run for Congress as a challenger to ever-present U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty.

Beatty's hold on Ohio's 3rd Congressional District hasn't seen a Democratic primary challenger since 2012, but the city is a different place than it was seven years ago. As Columbus shifts (read: gentrifies), there are newer victims of its shifting. The concerns of the city aren't what they once were, in terms of economics, racial justice, social equity, and beyond. Harper is proposing a more progressive platform, one rooted entirely in her passion for the city she's from.

Harper was born in the Ohio State University hospital and then given up for adoption. She lived in a foster home for nine months before being adopted and growing up on the East Side in the '90s. She found refuge in the Livingston branch of the library, and eventually earned a scholarship to Columbus Academy. The navigating of different worlds raised a sharp awareness about social inequalities within the city.

"With my mom being a Columbus public school teacher, you are always traveling. She was an art teacher, and you're always going and getting transferred to different schools when you're an art teacher, especially," she said. "She was at West High, and then East High before I got the scholarship to go to Academy. I saw so much of the city and I got a glimpse at some of the inequities in the city early on. That had a lasting impression on me."

Harper's educational pursuits pulled her away from Columbus after high school. She went to undergrad at Tufts University in Boston, law school at Stanford University and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Later, she worked for three-and-a-half years at the Consumer Protection Bureau, rising to the position of senior adviser to then-Director Richard Cordray, the 2018 Democratic nominee for Ohio governor. All of it, though, was with a mission to come back to Columbus and attempt to reshape the city she'd loved and been loved by. "It just really bothered me at a young age that life could be so random," she said. "And we need to make a region, we need to make a city, we need to make a country where everybody has a fair shot. That's been one of the driving principles of my life."

Since announcing her campaign, Harper has hardly been able to find a moment to rest. The early moments in any campaign are crucial, particularly a campaign like this one, where Harper is taking on an incumbent who is so deeply entrenched and long-tenured. Ohio's 3rd District has become overwhelmingly blue since 2012, voting at 29 percent for both republican candidates in the 2012 and the 2016 election. The entirety of the district is in Franklin County, encompassing parts of the South Side to parts of Worthington, and spreading from the heart of Downtown to Whitehall. It is a diverse district with diverse needs.

"There are only so many districts that are represented in a way that allow you to actually talk about progressive policies, which is what I care about," she said. "And it happens to coincide with the fact that

this is where I'm from. This is my context for thinking about these issues, and this is where I want to live and work on them."

So far, Harper has flung herself to every corner of the district, simply meeting people and hearing their concerns. She bikes nearly everywhere (including her temporary headquarters on Gay Street, for when she needs a break from her apartment). But when she isn't biking, she's using ride-share services, talking to the drivers (who are also residents of the city) about what they need and what they're lacking. She's been at festivals and gone to neighborhood meetings. On the day of our meeting, she's preparing to attend the Lights for Liberty vigil at the Statehouse. All of these things raise her personal profile, of course. But for Harper, the work is about being an effective listener, getting a clear read on people's needs, and seeing what can be done to bridge the gap between needs and resources. For Harper, it's not entirely about having every answer as much as it is about hearing every question.

"I want to make sure we're also getting the perspectives of everybody in the third district, and you can't shortcut that. So we're putting the work in, meeting people, being present and hearing from them. And that's where I'm coming from with this. I want to do whatever will help people the most. To do that, you have to be hearing from people directly," she said, pausing for a moment before recounting a story from a recent community encounter. "We were at this meeting in Linden and hearing from an older man who was living there. He was saying that he was only earning \$400 a month but cannot find housing that is less than \$800 a month. So, what are we going to do for that?"

Harper is a millennial, but she's on the cusp, which she thinks gives her a unique advantage in finding solutions. "We've lived in a world before the Internet and we understand people who are a little overwhelmed by the pace of change," she said. "We work with our parents to figure out their phones and all of these things. But I also am a person of the younger generation, as well, and able to navigate those worlds. It's also a theme for me that's just been navigating multiple worlds my whole life, really. And I'm drawing on all those experiences to represent what is a very diverse place in Columbus."

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Harper's campaign is multi-layered. She's going to focus on financial stability, housing, climate change and systemic reparations. She lays out clear plans for each of the first three, before going into her plan for systemic reparations, which is perhaps the most progressive aim of her campaign. She's clear with her language on reparations. These will, in fact, be systemic, and not simply cash payments, as has been the main way it has been framed in the discourse of the past few years.

"Black people in this country have been subject to discrimination for almost the entire time that we've been here," Harper said. "And a lot of that discrimination can be traced to policies at the federal level. I think the most recent discussions around that have been connected to housing policy, books like *The Color of Law* [by] Richard Rothstein. And I really challenge anyone after reading that book and knowing the facts that the average wealth of a black family in the US is \$9,000 dollars. For a white family, it's \$132,000. So knowing how much housing and home ownership is a key part of building wealth in this country, I challenge anyone after knowing that to not feel like we've got to do something."

The something, in this case, revolves around transforming the lives of black people for generations. Harper is considering ways to level the playing field — "especially in the entrepreneurial arena, where you don't necessarily have parents that can give you money to start a business," she said. "Receiving \$20,000 at birth that can grow over the course of a childhood could put someone in a position to have

the capital to use for whatever they want, from starting a company to going to school ... regardless of who their parents are.”

Harper insists that she’s going to remain unabashedly progressive, but also work to help people understand that these progressive stances are speaking to issues that, at the end of the day, will impact everyone. Climate change, she said, has to be fixed for everyone, not just the people who believe in progressive issues.

Harper is entering the political arena as a young woman of color in a time when young women of color are working to reshape Congress and, in doing so, finding themselves the target of a racist president. Harper dodges any comparisons to Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), the four congresswomen dubbed “The Squad,” and points out that no one asks white men if they feel a connection to every other white male politician. But their work is also the work that she sees herself aligned with.

“I do think it’s important for people to understand just how much people here are aligning with some of those issues that people are talking about in New York, in California,” she said. “Here in Columbus, Ohio, people believe that workers should be paid fairly. And we do think that the climate is in crisis, and we need to be very bold about how we’re thinking about fixing that. But I think maybe some people would be surprised to learn that if you haven’t spent time here with the electorate. But the electorate is there, and so we need to be representing that on the national stage and be part of the coalition building that’s going to be necessary to pass this legislation.”

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A city can give and a city can take. For Morgan Harper, Columbus has given her a great deal, and so she finds herself with no choice but to do the work of helping the city rise to its fullest possible potential. And it is hard work. Even as Joyce Beatty stumbles through awkward tweets or the occasional misstep, she is beloved in the community. She’s a familiar face. To challenge her presents a tall task that Harper is up for, propelled by her genuine gratitude for the city as it has been, and her dreams for what the city can become.

It is easy, of course, for politicians to speak on a love of place, or wherever they’ve been rooted. Everyone has some story of home, or how home has shaped them. But for Harper, there is an understanding of something greater: that place is worth celebrating, but is also entirely a matter of circumstance. And so every place people call home has to be furnished with the things those specific people need to survive.

“It sounds cheesy, but that’s just really important to me, that everyone get the chance to live their dreams,” Harper said. “The idea that you don’t get a chance to live out your dreams based on the circumstances of how you’re born is not acceptable to me. I think what I love about Columbus, and why I do want to put all this work in, is coming from a place of not only love but also immense gratitude to a place that took care of me and my family when we were going through real challenges. The fabric of this community is very strong. I know the people here. There are a lot of people who stay here. ... Even if they move away for a moment, nowhere else is quite home.”

At the intersection of love and ambition, Harper sits — joyful, eager and managing a hectic run of living. She has to remember to eat from time to time, and has to remember to see her family, her friends.

She's trying to stay grounded through it all, which, I suppose, is all one can ask of a person trying to change the course of their flawed, beautiful, beloved city. There is little room for moral victory, Harper tells me. She is glad to be organizing people, but she wants to win, of course. She was once packed into this city's libraries, once calling this city's radio stations to request Janet Jackson songs. To her, the city once felt limitless, and it surely can again.

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## HOW **MORGAN HARPER'S '01** OHIO PRIMARY CHALLENGE EXPLAINS THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC MELTDOWN

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WHEN MEMBERS OF the Congressional Black Caucus took aim last week at New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the organization that boosted her primary campaign, Justice Democrats, there was no mystery as to the motive: It's about the primaries.

Senior members of the CBC who have served in Congress for decades are suddenly facing challenges, or looking over their shoulders at one, disrupting the smooth, biennial tradition of effectively unopposed reelections.

On Friday morning, The Hill published a story quoting multiple members of the CBC, and anonymous staffers, accusing Justice Democrats of targeting members of color up for reelection.

That was followed Friday night with a controversial tweet blasting Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff, Saikat Chakrabarti, a co-founder of Justice Democrats. The tweet was sent from the account controlled by Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, who replaced his mentor, the ousted Joe Crowley, as chair of the House Democratic Caucus. Jeffries, a CBC member, has been the subject of a reported primary effort by Justice Democrats, but no one has yet to materialize (and the group denies it was recruiting anyone).

It capped off a week in which House Speaker Nancy Pelosi singled out Reps. Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, and Ayanna Pressley for criticism in an interview with New York Times opinion columnist Maureen Dowd, and followed it with a condemnation of Chakrabarti in a private caucus-wide meeting. Over the weekend, Democratic leaders leaked polling numbers purporting to show that Ocasio-Cortez and Omar were deeply unpopular with white, non-college-educated voters and putting the House majority at risk.

If Pelosi's goal was to diminish the Squad and elevate the rest of her caucus, it backfired. President Donald Trump picked up on the poll, and Pelosi's criticism, and suggested the four members of Congress all "go back" to a different country. "I'm sure that Nancy Pelosi would be very happy to quickly work out free travel arrangements!" he tweeted.

Party leaders who won back the House on a pledge to resist Trump are instead feeding him ammo to fire at members of their own party. The strange behavior is only explicable in the context of deep anxiety around the vulnerability of incumbency. To get a sense of just why incumbent Democrats are lashing out so wildly, the case of Columbus, Ohio, is instructive.

DURING THE 2010 tea party wave, Republicans won what was then a swing seat from freshman Democratic Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy. Republicans then gerrymandered the state, packing as many Democrats as they could into Ohio's 3rd Congressional District, which includes most of Columbus, and giving the Republican incumbent a new, safer seat. Kilroy and Joyce Beatty both ran in the redrawn 3rd District in 2012, with Beatty coming out ahead in the primary, with 38 percent of the vote to Kilroy's 35. She went on to easily win the general election.

Though it's a safely Democratic district, Beatty, who is a member of the CBC, became a fast ally of the banking industry after winning a seat on the House Financial Services Committee — known as a “cash committee” for its ability to raise corporate PAC money for its members. So far this cycle, the industries that make up her top five donors are insurance companies, commercial banks, real estate, securities and investments, and finance/credit companies, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics. She's taken more than \$2 million in corporate PAC money over her four terms.

Beatty's funding is part of a K Street strategy that exploits the large wealth gap persisting in many majority- or plurality-black districts — a gap that makes it much harder for CBC members to raise from wealthy donors the kind of money needed to safely stay in Congress. That, in turn, makes corporate PAC money attractive to fill the gap. CBC members privately bristle when Democrats from wealthy districts announce pledges to forswear corporate PAC money, but still fill their coffers with max-out checks from local millionaires and billionaires in San Francisco or Seattle.

By the old rules of Democratic Party politics, Beatty has done everything right. She got into Ohio politics in 1999, taking over her husband's seat in the state House, and steadily rose through the machine, becoming the first female Democratic House leader in the state's history. During that time, the Ohio Democratic Party largely collapsed, with the state moving from purple to red, but Beatty continued to rise, becoming a top official at Ohio State University, and by the time she'd arrived in the U.S. House, her seat appeared to be hers for life.

But now Beatty, who is 69, is facing a primary challenge from Morgan Harper, a 36-year-old progressive who leapfrogged the usual path to a seat, threatening the fragile machinery constructed in Ohio to guide and constrain party politics. If the elected official toward the top of the ladder isn't safe, all of a sudden the lower rungs start to seem less reliable. If the party machinery and its business allies can't deliver a House seat to a loyal politician who has paid her dues, the rationale for the machine itself begins to evaporate.

Harper is running on her own, without any assistance from Justice Democrats or other national progressive groups. But back in Washington, incumbent Democrats privately suspect that Justice Democrats and Ocasio-Cortez are behind it.

THE CHALLENGER IS a dangerous one for the machine. Born in Columbus, Harper spent her first nine months in foster care. She was eventually adopted and grew up in Berwick, a predominantly working-class, black Columbus neighborhood, and received financial aid to attend a local private school. Harper, who is black, would write later she “developed an intense commitment to fighting inequality after seeing how opportunities open up, no matter your upbringing, once you're equipped with resources.”

She left Ohio for college: With more financial aid, she went to Tufts, then attended Princeton for a master's in public affairs and Stanford for law school. She went on to become a senior official at the

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, whose first permanent head, Richard Cordray, is a protege of Sen. Elizabeth Warren and lost a bid for Ohio governor in 2018. Harper left the CFPB in February 2017 to take a job with Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national community development financial institution. This past December, she moved back home to Columbus.

She launched her campaign on July 1, her birthday, with a progressive platform that includes universal child care, tuition-free public college, Medicare for All, reparations, affordable housing, and a Green New Deal. Her website says she “care[s] about nothing more than ending economic segregation” and she’s “convinced we need a new generation of bold leadership in Congress” to ensure her story is not an anomaly.

Harper said that her platform is driven by her experiences as a child in Columbus. “When you have experiences early in life when you see how much your parents are stressed for money, juggling bills, it doesn’t really leave you,” she said.

“It’s hard to ever feel like you’re all good when it’s a single parent who’s a public school teacher and there’s two kids involved,” she said of her mother, who raised her and her brother. “But my mom worked very hard with that income to try to make opportunity for us and sacrificed quite a bit, prioritizing education so that we could get scholarships, but also she could contribute to send us to private school.”

Harper wasn’t recruited by local or national groups, and while her campaign has reached out to Justice Democrats, no decision on an endorsement has been made. Other local progressive groups like Yes We Can: Columbus Working Families and Democratic Socialists of America haven’t endorsed Harper, though are considering it.

Tammy Alsaada, a top organizer with the Columbus-based People’s Justice Project, said that when Harper announced, political figures from around the city called to see what they could find out. “This was really surprising to a lot of folks,” she said. “I’ve been getting a lot of calls from folks saying, ‘Did I know this was happening?’”

Alsaada said that one of the group’s co-founders, Aramis Sundiata, was supporting the Harper campaign, but that she herself was taking a wait-and-see attitude and planned to meet with her soon. Neither Beatty nor Harper have been outspoken yet on policing, she said, which, along with community investment, is the issue she hears about most from the public.

Beatty, Alsaada added, has deep connections in the community, while Harper has been away and is largely unknown. “She’s very young, very new, and a lot of people don’t know her. ... That’s gonna be something she’s gonna have to overcome. This district is a district of relationships that are long established,” Alsaada said. “Joyce has supported a lot of things in our community and built lots of strong relationships.”

But, Alsaada continued, things are in flux, and Columbus could be open to somebody new who’s willing to fight. “Joyce Beatty is from this community; I have to say, personally, that she has been a person in the community that’s been respected, but we need people who will take a bold stand,” she said. “You can’t count on folks to blindly vote party line.”

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY Democratic Party, which overlaps with the 3rd Congressional District, has been chilly to progressive challengers in the past. In 2017, when a slate of candidates aligned with the Working Families Party ran for City Council and school board, Jen House, the chair of the county party's endorsement process, told the Columbus Dispatch the candidates were trying to undermine the work of the local party. She later expressed frustration to The Intercept at those "who call themselves Democrats standing out there and refusing to acknowledge" the positive work Democrats are achieving. She added that "being constantly negative" contributes to an attitude, prevalent in Columbus and throughout Ohio, that government can't succeed.

That leftist uprising fell far short of its goals, with incumbents easily reclaiming their seats and progressive challengers attributing their losses to lack of funding. "The incumbents raised over a million dollars for this race," a spokesperson for the Yes We Can slate said in the days following the election. "We were outspent 10-to-1. And yet we still garnered tens of thousands of votes across the city."

But the progressive movement in Columbus has grown stronger over the last two years. Yes We Can continued to build its base and the Columbus DSA chapter significantly grew its membership, now claiming a much more robust electoral organizing component. The Columbus teachers union, under new leadership, has also been taking more vocal, progressive stances and recently threatened a strike. In 2017, the union took a vote of "no confidence" in the city's seven-person Democratic school board.

During the 2016 primaries, Hillary Clinton beat Bernie Sanders in the district, 60,000 to 44,000. Beatty ran unopposed, and only about 80,000 people bothered to fill in her bubble. The March 10, 2020, primary is a ripe opportunity for Harper, given the stakes of the presidential contest; presuming Sanders and Warren are still in the race, progressive turnout could be especially high.

The Harper campaign believes it can win by turning out 100,000 voters — which would be a significant increase in the number of votes cast in the district — through a volunteer-fueled ground game. Ohio's 3rd Congressional District is more than one-third African American. As Harper recently noted, the median age in the district is 32, with many people moving into the city from other places. Already around 200 people have signed up to volunteer, and the local press has been closely following the campaign: a break from the traditional media blackout that often greets primary challengers in other districts. "We're getting a lot more coverage of it than we expected," Harper told The Intercept.

The coverage is driven partly by an unexpected shake-up to what was to be a sleepy congressional primary and Harper's compelling life story. But the attention is also likely related to her ability to operate fluently in elite spaces, something an insurgent like Ocasio-Cortez, who was a full-time bartender, initially lacked. Harper's time at elite colleges and universities, as well as her successful career, coupled with her fiancé's political background and his job with the Clinton-connected global consulting firm Teneo, gives her access to a universe of contributors that may help get a campaign off the ground fast, before a small-dollar network can be built. Where Ocasio-Cortez was on a shoestring budget until just weeks before the primary, Harper's campaign expects to raise more than \$250,000 this quarter.

The combination of her potential resources, connections, and progressive policy platform, which could activate a local grassroots army of support, makes Harper's challenge highly credible. It also makes it all the more threatening to incumbents in Washington — not because it's being driven by national agitators like Justice Democrats, but precisely because it isn't.

Ocasio-Cortez's victory has created a permission structure that Harper is relying on to launch her bid, but otherwise, she sees the opening, and she's doing it herself. "No one put me up to this," Harper said.

HARPER SAID THAT she sees elected officials like Pressley, Omar, Ocasio-Cortez, and Tlaib as role models. "I most closely identify with the women who are pushing for the bold policies that we're going to need to make sure people are OK, and we build a United States that works for everyone," she said.

But, as Pelosi frequently notes, their numbers in the House are small. Expanding to a size where they can be more than a leadership punching bag will require bringing a dozen or two Morgan Harpers to Congress. They'll have to fight the CBC to do it.

In 2018, when Pressley, D-Mass., now a Black Caucus member, ran against white Democrat with the endorsement of Justice Democrats, prominent CBC members got behind the white incumbent. Over the weekend, Pressley took what some saw as a veiled shot at the CBC while at Netroots Nation, a progressive political conference, telling aspiring candidates there that if they get to Washington, they need to be true to what brought them there:

I don't want to bring a chair to an old table. This is the time to shake the table. This is the time to redefine that table. Because if you're going to come to this table, all of you who have aspirations of running for office, if you're not prepared to come to that table and represent that voice, don't come, because we don't need any more brown faces that don't want to be a brown voice. We don't need black faces that don't want to be a black voice. We don't need Muslims that don't want to be a Muslim voice. We don't need queers that don't want to be a queer voice. If you're worried about being marginalized and stereotyped, please don't even show up because we need you to represent that voice.

Omar, D-Minn., who was also supported in 2018 by Justice Democrats, distanced herself from the CBC's recent attacks. "I have not seen a collective statement from the Congressional Black Caucus. As you're aware, I'm a member," she told The Intercept. "Individual members can and are free, I suppose, to share their opinions on how they feel about things, but that really is not in line with how I think about the statements [Ocasio-Cortez] has made. And I really think that this back and forth is a hindrance to the integrity of our caucus as we work to resist detrimental policies that are coming from this administration."

She added that the House Democrats tweet targeting Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff was "bizarre."

No matter how clear it is that Harper's choice to run was all her own, some incumbents and local party leaders will see a nefarious national plot, another orchestrated attempt to knock out a veteran black lawmaker.

"It just seems strange that the social Democrats seem to be targeting members of the Congressional Black Caucus, individuals who have stood and fought to make sure that African Americans are included and part of this process," Rep. Greg Meeks of New York, who replaced Crowley as chair of the Queens Democratic Party, told The Hill. (Meeks is facing a primary from first-time candidate Shaniyat Chowdhury.) Beatty was mentioned by CBC members in The Hill's article last week as somebody Justice Democrats may target, along with Anthony Brown, D-Md., and Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y.

"I don't know if Beatty is like a [Joe] Crowley in Washington but she's certainly one of a handful of people who are a party boss in local politics," a Columbus progressive told The Intercept. They suspect

the reaction from establishment Ohio Democrats will be similar to the recent protests against primarying 10-term Rep. Lacy Clay, a CBC member from Missouri who was also challenged by a black woman, Cori Bush. Bush fell short in 2018 but is running again.

A spokesperson for Beatty did not return The Intercept's requests for comment, and Michael Sexton, the executive committee chairman for the Franklin County Democratic Party, also did not return requests for comment about Harper's candidacy.

In the meantime, Harper said she's run up against some challenges already. "It's been tough to find a compliance firm," she said, referring to the consultants who help campaigns file disclosure forms with the Federal Elections Commission. "People are nervous about being associated with a primary race. We had one and then we lost it."

But she found a new firm and is plugging ahead. "This is a country that's been based in competition," she said, "in having open voices and people being able to express their opinions. To think that in our politics we wouldn't give room for that, and space for that, to people who are trying to represent different perspectives — I don't really understand it, and I think any attempt to try to suppress that is only going to backfire."

Correction: July 16, 2019, 4:10 p.m. ET

An earlier version of this story incorrectly referred to Morgan Harper's fiancé as her husband. It has been updated.

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Former Richard Cordray Adviser to Challenge Joyce Beatty in 2020

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Rep. Joyce Beatty, who's represented Ohio's third congressional district since 2013, faces a challenger in the upcoming 2020 election. **Morgan Harper '01**, a 36-year-old former adviser of Richard Cordray, says she'll run a grassroots campaign against the incumbent, prioritizing racial justice, affordable housing, and climate change.

Harper, a Columbus native, was raised by an immigrant and Columbus public school teacher on the east side of the city. She received financial aid to attend Columbus Academy, Tufts University, Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School and Stanford Law School. Harper served for three years at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as a senior advisor. Most recently, she was Vice President at Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a nonprofit supporting community development initiatives across the country.

Harper made announced the kickoff of her campaign on Monday, July 1, at the Social Justice Park Downtown. There she described her goal to support the working class people of central Ohio.

"Working people are finding it more and more difficult to get by," she says. "We're struggling to be financially stable, access affordable housing and live in a clean environment. And we are still dealing with the effects of centuries of racial injustice."

Harper's platform includes policies guaranteeing universal childcare and early learning, tuition-free public college, a universal income, Medicare for All, rent stabilization policies, increased affordable housing opportunities and a Green New Deal.

Beatty has represented Ohio's third district since her narrow defeat of Mary Jo Kilroy in 2012. She's been up for reelection twice since then, in 2016 and 2018, sailing to victory each time.

Harper says she will challenge Beatty with a grassroots campaign that rings in a younger generation of elected leaders.

"That's why I am launching this campaign today, because we need a new generation of leadership ready to fight for full policy that will actually have an impact on working people's lives, policies that ensure my story is every child's story," Harper says.

For more information, visit [morganharper.org](http://morganharper.org).

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**Morgan Harper '01** says she's ready to take on Beatty in 3rd District

By Ben Deeter

The Columbus Dispatch

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A Democrat almost certainly will end up winning the 2020 race for Ohio's 3rd Congressional District, which encompasses much of Columbus.

Rep. Joyce Beatty, the incumbent, has won every election in the district since she first ran in 2012 with more than 60%. The 2018 midterm election saw her largest margin of victory to date when she garnered nearly 74% of the vote. Such large margins are due to the heavily gerrymandered Ohio congressional map. The four Democratic districts in Ohio have Democratic voters "packed" into them, meaning they have a much higher number of Democratic voters than needed to win the seat.

This means the winner of the 3rd District's primary election will almost certainly wins in the general election. Beatty has run unchallenged in every primary since 2014.

Until now.

Morgan Harper declared her candidacy for the seat early last week. A Columbus native, Harper worked for three and-a-half years at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, first as legal counsel and then as a senior adviser to then-Director Richard Cordray, the Democratic nominee for Ohio governor in 2018. After that, she worked with the Local Initiatives Support Corp. before moving back to Columbus in December 2018.

In an interview with The Dispatch, Harper discussed why she's running, the challenges faced by many people in central Ohio and what she gained from her time outside Ohio.

This interview has been condensed and edited.

Was elected office always the plan for you?

In a way. Growing up in Columbus, I had the experience of getting financial aid to go to Columbus Academy, and at a pretty young age, I caught on to this idea that your life could be drastically different based on the neighborhood that you're in. When I was younger, I would say that manifested as addressing what I perceived to be inequality through things like volunteering. But then by college, I started to connect the dots and realized there's a system that is driving a lot of these outcomes that we're seeing in inequality, and the system is driven by public policy. And that led me to study some of that in undergrad and then also go to work in Washington, D.C., after college. And that's where I saw that people in political positions are actually the ones that are often driving public policy.

Why are you running, and why this election?

It really connects to my personal story. So you know, that I was born here, given up for adoption, lived in a foster home for nine months and was adopted by my mom on the east side of Columbus. And I saw at an early age that a lot of the outcomes for people in our communities are driven by who their parents happened to be or the circumstances of their birth. And for me, that just wasn't something that I felt was okay. I've been on this mission ever since to gather this skill set and be able to do something about that, with the vision of wanting to come back here and work on it in Columbus, Ohio. We've seen that people are fundamentally struggling to get by. And once you start seeing that scenario play out all across the country, and we see those same issues here in central Ohio, then we need federal policy to step up.

Why you and not Joyce Beatty? What's missing from the 3rd District's current representation?

I would point to what we're seeing in the 3rd District. We know that we have 30% of the population that's living in poverty. We know that we have people that are not earning enough to necessarily afford housing. We know that we're seeing a lot of children that are living in poverty, with higher rates among black people. I would say that these issues are driven by systemic problems that are happening here in central Ohio, but also we're seeing it in other places. It's federal policy that can help to solve some of them. And because people are experiencing these things right now, I think we need people that are advocating for the solutions as soon as possible.

By the time of the primary, Beatty will be well into her fourth term in Congress. Do you think the kind of grassroots support you talk about will be enough to overcome all the advantages she has with incumbency, including her good relationship with Speaker Nancy Pelosi?

I think we have built a very broad coalition of support so far. I think that will continue to grow. In terms of demographics, the median age in the district is 32 and I think we're seeing a lot of people that are moving to Columbus from other places. I've had a lot of unique experiences throughout the 3rd District, and I understand a lot of those diverse experiences. And I feel like I'll be able to connect with a lot of people in the 3rd District.

How do you define your coalition?

I think you see our coalition in the platform we've put forward. They're really issues for working people. And in my opinion, if you need another paycheck to be able to continue to live, you are a working person, and I put myself in that category. So the issues that we're talking about are issues that a very broad set of people are experiencing. I think we're presenting issues in a way that will appeal to that

broad coalition of working people throughout the 3rd District in a way that will be compelling. And we have to turn out new voters. There's a lot of people that are not voting in the 3rd District.

Do you think you'll be able to raise \$1 million?

I'm very sure that we'll be able to raise enough money to execute our strategy. And I think with the platform that we're talking about with the different demographics and communities that are in the 3rd District, it's going to be appealing to them, and we'll be able to raise enough money to win.

Your policy platform sits pretty far to the left with things like tuition-free public college, a jobs guarantee and a green new deal. Are these kinds of big, national proposals the things that are going to solve local issues?

I think everything that's happening at the local level is really important. Take something like the minimum wage. The state minimum wage is \$8.55 an hour. We know that you need to earn over \$17 an hour to be able to afford housing in Columbus. And that's a gap that you're not necessarily going to be able to solve at the local level. So you kind of need federal policies that are going to, in some cases, be more aggressive, but also just put more resources behind the particular issue at play.

You've been away from Columbus for your entire career. Why do you think you're qualified now to represent central Ohio in Congress?

I have always considered Columbus home. It's always been the vision to come back here. And I now have that skill set to be able to work on the issues around inequality and try to make central Ohio, a place that has given me so much, even better. I'm immensely grateful to the community and the people here. This is where my family is. My brother's in Gahanna, my mom's on the east side in the house I grew up in, and that's always been my North Star. And so I've gone away to get these experiences, but in a way I never really left.

During your time at the CFPB, you were a senior adviser to then-Director Richard Cordray. Do you expect an endorsement from him?

I hope so. But you'll probably have to ask him.

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See inside this Central Ohio brewery's newly opened taproom

By Logan Moore – Intern

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Outerbelt Brewing offered its craft beers to the public in its own taproom for the first time late last week.

Beer from the young brewery has been available at taps in and around Central Ohio for about a year now. But owner **Dan Griffin '07** is excited to start pouring it in his own taproom, located at 3560 Dolson Ct. in Carroll.

"We don't want to be a brewery that just crams beer out that people really don't want to drink," Griffin said. "We are going to wait and see what our taproom customers are like."

He hopes to have cans in stores by July 4, but doesn't know for sure when the dates will be finalized.

The brewery has two large brewing systems that can potentially make up to 900 gallons of pre-fermented beer.

"Right now, there's a big trend toward IPAs," he said. "Our (brewing) choices are going to be really sales and data driven, but if we get a few regulars who really suggest something we will take it into consideration."

Since talking to Columbus Business First in September, Griffin has added a couple of bourbon barrels that once housed maple syrup, and hopes to add more.

"(The barrels) really add a whole other variable to the brewing process, but it's cool because it's a very natural process," Griffin said.

The taproom alone is about 3,500 square feet and the bar seats about 30 people, he said. The remainder of the taproom is full of long picnic tables for extra seating. There's also an outdoor patio.

Check out the slideshow with this story to see inside the brewery.

The brewery is in a prime location, Griffin said, given the fast population growth in the surrounding areas.

Opening the taproom hasn't been an easy road, Griffin said. The building has been through a lot and was built in the 1970s.

"Construction was so hard," he said. "I was really expecting some bad things to happen."

The building is a 25,000-square-foot former Lowe's Home Improvement store. It was a 1980s-era Lowe's, back when the store was used for contractors and professionals, rather than a retailer for the public. The building later housed a furnace filter manufacturer and a cardboard bundling business.

The brewery is currently using additional space in the back of the building for storage, but Griffin said he might rent that area out for events in the future.

Outerbelt has 12 employees, including sales and bar staff, but Griffin said he plans on hiring more in the next few months. He's one of two brewers on the team, but he plans to hire another brewer as well.

"Luckily this is an industry everyone wants to be involved in and a lot of people want to work in it," he said.

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## Zebrafish Models in Behavioral Neuroscience

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By **Grant Berliner '17**

### Introduction

Research in the behavioral neurosciences often uses nonhuman models to study the biological mechanisms of behavior. The most commonly studied animals, rats and mice, have generated new insights into the biology of cognition, emotion, learning, social interaction, and more. While mammalian models have traditionally been preferred for their similarities to humans, there are many benefits to using fish as a model organism.

Zebrafish, or *Danio rerio*, are small freshwater fish commonly found at pet stores. This species in particular appeals to scientists for a variety of reasons. For one, zebrafish embryos are transparent, allowing researchers to easily study internal functions such as cardiac activity and blood flow. Zebrafish also develop rapidly, making it easier and cheaper to study behaviors across the lifespan. And finally, zebrafish are amenable to genetic manipulation studies that make it possible to tease out genetic and environmental influences on behavior. Altogether, these advantages have led to the increased use of zebrafish in studying the biological basis of behaviors (1).

A number of studies have explored and validated the significance of zebrafish for behavioral studies. Similar to research with rodents, a variety of tasks and apparatuses have been developed to assess zebrafish behavior. Through repeated testing and validation, studies support the claim that zebrafish are a good model for studying behavior. For example, the T-maze has been used to show the ability of the zebrafish to reach a habitat containing rewarding stimuli. Similarly, the place preference test has been used to validate that zebrafish express a preference for a particular chamber after being exposed to a rewarding conditioned stimulus. Versions of these tasks and many others have been widely used to study the behavioral capabilities of zebrafish and to determine their behavioral similarities and differences to mammals.

### Examples of Zebrafish in Behavioral Research

An advantage of the zebrafish model is that it lends itself to pharmaceutical studies because drugs can more easily be administered compared to other models. Many compounds can be simply added to the water. In one study, newly hatched zebrafish were exposed to chlorpyrifos, a commonly used insecticide, to determine its effect on motor skill development. The distance swam over a certain time interval was measured and it was found that there was a statistically significant reduction in mobility observed in the fish exposed to the insecticide versus those that were not (2).

Another experiment was done to determine the effects of scopolamine on habituation and short-term memory. Fish were systematically exposed to a number of taps on their container and the distance swam after each tap was recorded. Both the control and drug-exposed fish showed habituation with a decreasing swim distance, but the control fish showed a brief recovery during the main interval between two sets of tapings. This led to the conclusion that scopolamine has a disruptive effect on short-term memory in zebrafish (3).

An experiment using a model of the place preference test looked at cocaine sensitivity in zebrafish. Subjects were exposed to cocaine in only one chamber of the apparatus and subsequent tests showed a preference for the same chamber (4).

Anxiety and stress response were tested in zebrafish by observing the initial time spent at the bottom of a tank. The response of the fish to immediately swim down is a defensive mechanism suggesting higher stress levels. It was found that nicotine exposure reduced the time at the bottom and once a certain potency was reached, there was no preference seen at all for the bottom (5). This was not thought to be a result of disorientation because another test on the fish showed that acute nicotine exposure improved accuracy in a memory-based maze test (6).

### Conclusions

In behavior research, it is important to have multiple, complementary models that take advantage of interspecific similarities and differences. The studies mentioned above reveal the complexity of zebrafish behavior and help show their value as a model for the study of learning, memory, and cognition. Zebrafish are cheap, provide a good platform for studying the effects of drug administration or genetic manipulation, and allow for a more direct way to observe certain developmental processes. Zebrafish have great potential as a complementary model in behavioral neuroscience.

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Wolverine Decathlete Lint Voted Big Ten Field Athlete of the Year  
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ROSEMONT, Ill. -- Decathlete **Jack Lint '14** of the University of Michigan men's track and field team was voted the Big Ten Field Athlete of the Year as the conference announced its year-end awards on Wednesday (June 12).

Lint, a graduate transfer from the University of Virginia, had just a single academic year of eligibility for the Wolverines in 2019, but he made the most of it by earning the conference's top honor for field event athletes.

He is the first man in program history to earn Big Ten Field Athlete of the Year during the outdoor season, and is just the second to earn it either indoors or outdoors. Current volunteer assistant Grant Cartwright claimed the honor indoors in 2017.

Lint, a data science master's student from Westerville, Ohio, saved his best for last, as he was the highest-finishing Big Ten field athlete at the NCAA Outdoor Championships last week in Austin, Texas. Entering as the No. 11 seed in the decathlon, he posted a career-best score of 7,738 points in the two-day, 10-event national competition to finish fourth overall.

His overall placing matched Steven Bastien from 2017 as the best NCAA Championships decathlon finish in program history.

Along the way, Lint posted career-best performances in the long jump (7.11m/23 feet, 4 inches), shot put (13.66m/44-9.75), the 400 meters (48.60), the 110-meter hurdles (14.49, -0.2m/s), the pole vault (4.71m/15-5.5) and the 1,500 meters (4:35.22).

His overall score was the fourth-best in school history, propelled by a second-day score of 3,741 points that was second in school history only to Bastien in 2016.

The NCAA finish came on the heels of a runner-up finish in the decathlon at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships, where he tied as Michigan's top performer at the meet.

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Wolfe family selling WBNS, other broadcast properties for \$535M

By Tristan Navera – Staff reporter

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The Wolfe family is selling off its broadcast properties, including WBNS-TV, for \$535 million.

Tegna Inc. announced Tuesday morning it has reached an agreement to acquire Indianapolis NBC affiliate WTHR as well as Columbus CBS affiliate WBNS. The deal also includes WBNS Radio, 1460 AM and 97.1 FM.

The group already owns WKYC, the NBC affiliate in Cleveland, and WTOL, the CBS affiliate in Toledo, and says the acquisition will expand it to two-thirds of all television households in Ohio.

The cash deal will be a stock purchase, with a purchase price multiple of 7.9 times expected average earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA.

“We have long admired the talented and award-winning teams at WTHR and WBNS’ television and radio stations and are honored that the Wolfe family has entrusted us to build on each station’s commitment to high-quality journalism and serving the greater good in their community,” Dave Lougee, president and CEO of Tegna, said in a statement.

WBNS serves 896,980 TV homes in 21 counties in Central Ohio. The Wolfe family founded the station in 1949 and has controlled it through Dispatch Broadcast Group, part of Dispatch Printing Co.

Tegna was created in 2015 with the spinoff of television properties from Gannett Co. Inc.. Today it owns 49 television stations in 41 markets with an audience of about 50 million on air and 35 million in digital platforms.

“These stations are an excellent strategic and financial fit with our portfolio of leading big four affiliates and brands in top markets. We continue to invest in growth and remain true to our track record of acquiring highly attractive assets that create immediate value for shareholders,” Lougee said in the statement.

This also continues the Wolfe family's divestment from the media business. **John F. Wolfe '61**, the family patriarch and longtime publisher of The Columbus Dispatch, died in June 2016 at the age of 72. He sold the flagship paper and other affiliated products to Gatehouse Media in 2015, and they're now published by Gatehouse's Dispatch Media Group.

Subject to regulatory approvals, the transaction would close in the third quarter of the year. Greenhill & Co. is financial advisor and Nixon Peabody LLP is legal counsel to Tegna in the deal.

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IU students place second, third at Hearst competition

BY ELLEN HINE

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The IU Media School is celebrating after successful week at the 2019 Hearst National Writing Championship in San Francisco.

Junior **Caroline Anders '17** place second, and senior Lydia Gerike placed third in the competition, earning \$7,500 and \$5,000 scholarships respectively.

Anders also won \$1,000 for a Best Writing Technique Award for her work reporting on sexual harassment allegations against former Monroe County commissioner and Bloomington mayoral candidate Amanda Barge.

Senior Sarah Verschoor and 2019 graduate Laurel Demkovich were finalists and received \$1,500 scholarships each. IU placed first in the intercollegiate competition for its sixth straight year.

Both Anders and Gerike said they were surprised by the results.

"I was shocked," Gerike said. "It doesn't feel real."

Anders said she was worried about her submissions.

"I didn't think I was going to place at all," she said.

Competitors had three days to write three stories, starting on Sunday. Each journalist had to write a profile of venture capitalist John Doerr and cover a press conference Doerr gave to the Hearst competitors. The competitors also had to write a story on an unintended effect of the California housing crisis.

Gerike's piece focused on how rising housing costs made it difficult for families to afford child care. She looked into Children's Council San Francisco, which subsidizes child care costs for families struggling to afford it.

Anders said she decided to focus on the effects costly housing on pets. Some people remain in homeless camps so they won't be separated their pets at homeless shelters. The rise in rent, particularly in pet-friendly housing, has flooded shelters with animals people can no longer afford to keep.

"I've never written with so little time on so little sleep," Anders said.

Winners were announced Wednesday evening. Anders said she didn't think she had placed because previous announcements had gone in alphabetical order and her name was not called. But eventually both she and Gerike were named.

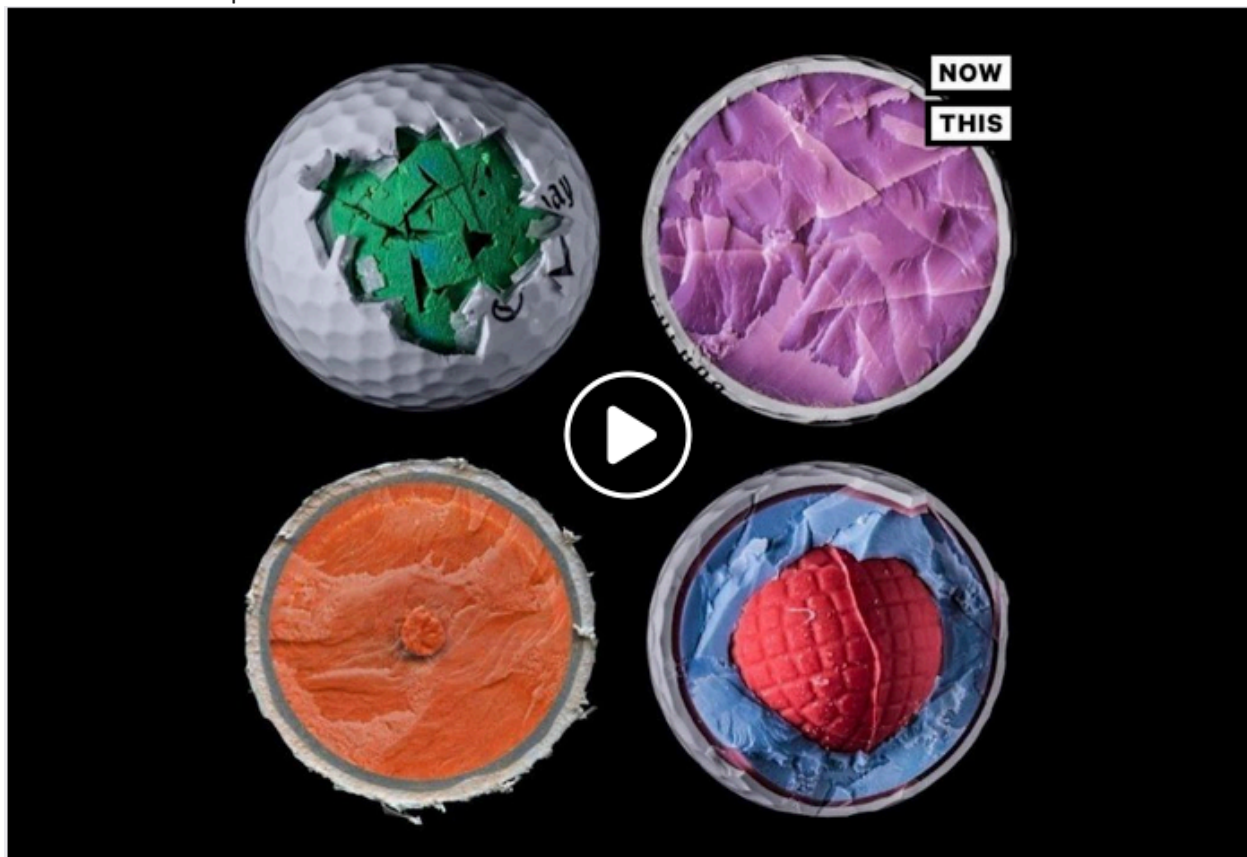
"I didn't believe it at all," she said.

Both said they were relieved the competition was over.

With the competition behind her, Gerike will return to Hartford, Connecticut where she is a summer intern for the Hartford Courant. Anders will begin interning for the Boston Globe in July.

<https://www.idsnews.com/article/2019/06/iu-students-place-second-third-at-hearst-competition>

*NowThisNews* created a video about **Jim Friedman's '68** photographic project *Interior Design* for its Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/NowThisNews/videos/1809645992471277/>) and all of its other social media platforms. *NowThisNews* has more than 16 million Facebook followers.



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**Barton Hacker '89**, President and CEO of the central Ohio chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. discusses the opening of the Ohio Construction Academy.

# Academy builds skills, career paths

By KEVIN CORVO  
THISWEEKNEWS.COM

Building, destroying and rebuilding structures with Lego blocks once was a favorite activity for 17-year-old Taliyah Gould.

"I remember when I was about 5, getting up early in the morning and starting right in," said Gould, a north Columbus resident who since has parlayed the skill into more-fulfilling outlets.

Gould is further developing her manual skills at the Ohio Construction Academy, 1725 Jetway Blvd. in Columbus, near John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

"Not only am I continuing to learn skills, but it has also boosted my self-esteem so much," said Gould, who most recently attended Northland High School before discovering the Ohio Construction Academy, a community school managed by the Akron-based Educational Empowerment Group and funded through the Ohio Department of Education.

Community schools in Ohio, known nationally and in other states as charter schools, are tuition-free for Ohio students, according to the Ohio Department of Education. They're public, nonprofit, nonreligious schools that receive state and federal funds but are independent of traditional school districts.

The oldest of eight siblings, Gould said, she and her family were at a library last year when she spotted a flyer for the academy.

## Video online

*Barton Hacker, president and CEO of the central Ohio chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors Inc., explains the founding and mission of the Ohio Construction Academy, and student Taliyah Gould and the school's principal, Jennifer Johnston, discuss Gould's experience there on the **ThisWeekNews** YouTube channel.*

emy.

Gould said she was skeptical at first, but her mother called the academy and soon received a visit from principal Jennifer Johnston.

"I was so surprised. A teacher had never come to my house before, but here was (Johnston) coming to see me," Gould said. "That made me want to go."

Johnston said she was equally impressed with the homemade trellises and lattices Gould had exhibited.

"I knew she belonged at our academy," she said.

Gould is one of 42 students who completed the 2018-19 school year at the academy, which will begin its seventh year Aug. 22.

The Ohio Construction Academy is open to students in grades 9-12, or from the ages of 14-22, who reside in Franklin County and do not possess a high school diploma or the equivalent, Johnston said.

The central Ohio chapter of the Associated Builders and

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Contractors Inc. opened the Ohio Construction Academy six years ago.

Barton Hacker, president and CEO of the chapter, said the academy was opened in 2013 in response to an "extreme fear of a future shortage in the skilled trades."

"We decided to take a hands-on approach" and open an academy, dovetailing on an adult apprenticeship program that the Associated Builders and Contractors already operated, Hacker said.

"We struggled for the first few years," he said, with 20 or fewer students each year and requiring subsidization from the ABC, Hacker said.

The academy was established to accommodate 75 students, but "we languished for the first three years and did not see the growth we anticipated," he said.

The academy partnered with several management companies before pairing with Educational Empowerment Group two years ago.

"Since then, we have continued to grow," Hacker said.

Matthew Demosky, dean of students at the Ohio Construction Academy, said enrollment is expected to rise next school year.

"We're getting calls almost every day," Demosky said, adding that 60 or more students could attend next year.

The academy currently provides carpentry and electrical training, but leaders want to expand to include masonry, plumbing and HVAC, Demosky said.

For now, the academy has two carpentry instructors and is seeking to identify a new electrician to train students.

During the school year, students spend part of the day working online to satisfy the Common Core academic requirements of the Ohio Education Association, Johnston



**Jennifer Johnston (left), principal of the Ohio Construction Academy, 1725 Jetway Blvd. in Columbus, and Matt Demosky, dean of students, expect to oversee a record number of students when the academy begins its seventh school year in August. Students spend parts of each day on academia and in a workshop learning trade skills. The academy finds each student a job after graduation.**

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The remainder of each day is spent honing a trade skill in a workshop adjacent to the classroom areas.

Last month, the students completed construction of a storage shed at the back of the workshop. Each student signed rafters in the structure.

With the assistance of ABC, the academy finds those students postgraduate employment.

Chinue Titus, 17, graduated June 13 from the Ohio Construction Academy and will work as an electrician for the Romanoff Group.

"I always wanted to work with my hands," said Titus, who

was homeschooled before enrolling at the academy.

Current students say the academy is helping them find direction and purpose.

Skye Brafford, 16, of west Columbus said she did not thrive at a large urban school and was taking classes online before enrolling at the academy.

"Our academy is designed to provide the same pathway to graduation as for other students, all while providing them hands-on training (in trade skills) and a career," Johnston said.

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## Correction

The city of Westerville's police operations and mayor's court are at 29 and 21 S. State St., respectively. The police investigations bureau is housed at 28 S. State St. If a city bond issue is approved and a new police/court facility is completed, city staff at 64 E. Walnut St. would move into the current police headquarters and the investigations bureau would move to the new facility. The properties of 28 S. State St. and 64 E. Walnut St. would be sold.

Because of an editor's error, addresses were listed incorrectly in the June 27 edition of *ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion*.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

## Alice Schille and the Watercolor Movement

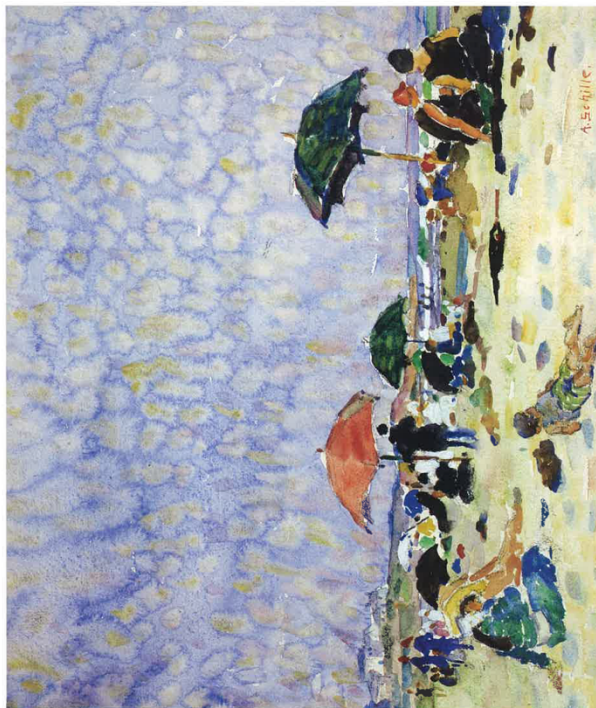
by Tara Keny

A celebrated American watercolorist of the twentieth century, Alice Schille was reviewed and praised by critics and artists across the United States and Europe. She was hailed as "undoubtedly unique" by Edna Owing in *The International Studio* and named a "many-sided genius" in the *Five Arts Journal*. Schille's

*In a New Light: Alice Schille and the American Watercolor Movement* is on view through September 29, 2019, at the Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, 614-221-6801, [www.columbusmuseum.org](http://www.columbusmuseum.org). The exhibition is accompanied by a 100-page catalogue authored by Tara Keny, James Keny and Kathleen A. Foster, a watercolor expert and senior curator of American art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

work and lifetime of success expands the understanding of the development of watercolor, its relationship to the evolution of modernism in the United States, and the overlooked role that women artists played in that history.

Born in Columbus, Ohio in 1869, Alice Schille completed her studies at the



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RIGHT: *Garden Scene*, 1914, w/c, 9 x 11, Anne S. Davidson.  
BELOW RIGHT: *Mother and Child in a Garden*, 1911-12, w/c, 23 1/2 x 19 1/2, Ann and Tom Hoaglin.  
LEFT: *Madame Day*, c. 1916, w/c, 11 1/2 x 13 3/8, Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio, gift of Ferdinand Howald.

Columbus Art School in 1893. Ambition was required of all artists who wished to succeed on a national scale, but particularly an unmarried woman from a small Midwestern city: "With my meager salary, the Emerson McMillan prize of \$100 won at the Art School, money my grandmother had given me, and the returns from 2 large panels (murals) a decorator persuaded me to do... I decided to go to New York to study." She attended both the Art Students League and the Chase School of Art, studying figure drawing with Kenyon Cox and painting with William Merritt Chase.

Schille's early work so impressed Chase that he exchanged a painting of his own for one of hers, *Boating Days*. He later purchased her watercolor *Interrupted Work* from the 15th Annual exhibition of Watercolors and Pastels at the Art Club of Philadelphia. In 1899 she received a scholarship to attend his venerable school in Shinnecock Hills, New York. The Shinnecock Hills Summer School of Art was directed by Chase and located on the South Fork of Long Island, New York. It was the largest and best known of America's late nineteenth-century plein-air summer schools. Schille may have studied watercolor painting here under Rhoda Holmes Nicholls, a noted British-American watercolorist and art instructor. By 1900, she was exhibiting her work professionally.

Determined to advance her skills as a driftswoman, Schille moved to Paris in 1903 and enrolled in courses at the Académie Colarossi, one of the few schools that admitted women and permitted nude figure drawing of both male and female models. While at the Colarossi, she also took private lessons with the painters Raphael Collin, René-Xavier Prinet, Gustave Courtois, and once again with Chase, who was then in Europe. Established in the nineteenth century by the Italian sculptor Filippo Colarossi, Académie Colarossi was a popular alternative for French and foreign students to the government-sanctioned, conservative École Nationale des



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## NEWSMAKERS

# How peeling back the years gets Mike Tomko primed for projects

DEVELOPER SAYS IT'S HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO RESCUE HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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**M**ichael Tomko says he learned everything he needed to know about development swinging hammers in Clintonville.

The 29-year-old was his own general contractor, cutting his teeth on small apartment buildings in the neighborhood where he grew up.

"Being hands-on in those early years gave me an appreciation of the challenges of construction," said Tomko, president of the eponymous development company. "It's easy in development to focus on a spreadsheet, but there are so many decisions on the ground made by the contractor.

"The people actually working on the site are making a thousand small decisions that determine if the buildout will be polished or if it'll be at odds with the building's character."

As Tomko walked through his largest-yet redevelopment project downtown, he reflected on the nature of his business and the responsibility he feels for maintaining the city's architectural history.

"In those historic buildings, if you want to take down a wall, you have to mean it,"

he said, competing with the clank, clank, clank of his construction team working downstairs. "It's not like drywall. These buildings are sturdy. You really have to go after it."

Columbus' real estate and development scene is heavy on established, multi-generational families. Tomko, a relative newcomer, was educated at Harvard University, found his way back to Columbus and quickly found success overseeing a dozen apartment redevelopment projects in the city.

But it was the childhood he spent in a historic home, he said, that really inspired him to find a career in saving and rehabilitating pieces of the city's past.

The Hayden is a good example – the vacant buildings are the oldest on Capitol Square, dwarfed by some of the tallest buildings in the state.

But they were among the city's first tall buildings, and at one time housed the NFL's headquarters.

Tomko's company is in the midst of a \$20 million rehabilitation that will put the buildings back to work as an office complex.

Admiring a brass spiral staircase, embossed with the name of architect Peter Hayden, Tomko recounted its history – the building opened to glowing reviews of its

"Marble Palace" ground floor bank branch. Hayden, who built a penthouse with a top-floor balcony, was so prominent in Ohio that a town was named for him – Haydenville in Hocking County.

Tomko said that history should be important to Columbus.

"That legacy has been erased in some ways," he said. "Getting to bring it back means something. It's easy to take Columbus for granted – you see other cities and we have a historic fabric they don't.

"So many neighborhoods and a downtown where centuries-old buildings mesh with ones that are a few years old, the quality of the development and the materials and all of it."

Tomko said although he has more work to do in Central Ohio, he could be drawn to do similar work in other cities.

For now, his favorite part of the process is erasing recent mistakes – in other words, "the demolition."

"This was last built out in the '80s and the ceilings are all 7 1/2 feet tall, the windows all cut off, the carpet was terrible," he said of the Hayden. "Wood paneling everywhere. Actually taking it down to the base condition and seeing what it was like 150 years ago is really rewarding."

**Tyler Schlonsky '19**, is highlighted as a member of the U.S. gold-medal-winning soccer team competing in the 2019 Pan-American Maccabi games.

## Schlonsky's team takes gold at Pan-American Maccabi games

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New Albany resident Tyler Schlonsky, 18, was a member of the U.S. gold-medal-winning soccer team competing in the 2019 Pan-American Maccabi games in Mexico City from July 5 to July 15.

Schlonsky, whose family are members of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Columbus and Congregation Agudas Achim in Bexley, played wing and attacking position for the U.S. soccer team. Schlonsky and his teammates played a total of six games, with a final tournament record of 4-1-1, with the loss coming in the round robin portion of the tournament.

"(The games were) awesome," Schlonsky said. "My teammates were awesome, my coaches were great. I made a lot of really good friends. Playing soccer is awesome, we won the gold. Nothing to complain about."

Schlonsky, who graduated from Columbus Academy in Gahanna in the spring and plans to attend Tulane University in New Orleans in the fall, said the experience made him realize there were a lot of other Jewish athletes and students out there like him.

"It was really easy to get to know them," he said. "I think being Jewish obviously brought us all together; that's how we met, but I thought it was really easy to bond with them because we're all Jewish."

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### In Memory

**Thomas Gates Moore '56**, assumed room temperature on March 5, 2019 at the age of 80 in St. Charles, MO. Tom was born in Columbus, OH on August 25, 1938. He lived in Canal Winchester and graduated from Columbus Academy in 1956 with a letter in cheerleading. In 2004, Tom was ordained as a minister in the Universal Life Church. No one was reckless enough to ask him to officiate at any ceremonies, but he did get a t-shirt and a special placard for his Lincoln. He was preceded in death by parents Warren and Ora Gates Moore of Canal Winchester. He is survived by his wife, Judy of St. Charles, MO and daughter, Anna L. Moore, of Columbus. His two ex-wives won't miss him at all, but are more than welcome to attend the memorial service. Services will take place June 14 in Canal Winchester. In lieu of flowers, Tom requested donations to the Hope United Methodist Church, <http://www.hopemethodist.org/> or the American Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), <https://www.asPCA.org/ways-to-give> .

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-moore&pid=193080982>

**Roger Price Chapin '78**, 59, passed away on June 6, 2019, in Arlington, Texas. He was born on October 16, 1959, to Maurice Chapin and Gretchen (née Mumma) Chapin in Columbus, Ohio. Roger was a petroleum engineer and graduated from Texas Tech University. Roger was a loving father, partner, and son. He enjoyed sharing his passion for engineering with others and – like a true Ohio native – was an avid Buckeyes fan. Roger also loved history and the outdoors, and he inherited his family's devotion to animals. He is survived by his daughter Allison and girlfriend Angie. He will also be remembered by his father Maurice, his step-mother Dianne, his siblings Mike, Jimmy, and Becky, his aunt Lyn, his uncles, his cousins, and the many friends and colleagues with whom he forged meaningful relationships throughout his career. A family service will be held at a later date. In honor of Roger and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) at the following website: <https://secure.asPCA.org/donate/memorial>. Details regarding a memorial scholarship in Roger's name will also follow.

<https://www.rpchapin.memorial/>