

2020 MICHIGAN STATE OF THE STATE

SPECIAL GUESTS

COLONEL ALICE CLARK

Colonel Alice Clark, an Oscoda native, currently serves as the 127th Selfridge ANGB, Vice Wing Commander. The 127th Wing is home to 1,700 airmen and nearly 4,500 personnel from all branches of the military, including multiple Department of Homeland Security organizations. Colonel Clark ensures base programs, personnel and policies directly support and enable the Wing to optimize combat ready capabilities. Colonel Clark is highly decorated, having earned the Meritorious Service Medal with three devices, Air Force Commendation Medal with two devices, and Air Force Achievement Medal, among many others.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER-2 AMBER BURGESS

Amber Burgess is Chief Warrant Officer-2 in the United States Army and has over 16 years of military service to this nation. She began her military career by enlisting in the United States Army and serving eight years as a non-commissioned officer. In 2015, She earned a Warrant Commission through the Warrant Officer Candidate Program. CW2 Burgess is the Michigan Army National Guard General Douglas MacArthur Warrant Officer of the Year, and in her service to the nation has served a variety of military assignments, including crew chief, section chief and human resource technician. Her awards include the Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and more.

WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN JR.

Launched a commercial real estate career in Ann Arbor in 1987 and formed Milliken Realty Co. there in 1996. Member of the board of directors of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and serves on its executive committee. Served as 100th president of Michigan Realtors in 2013. Previously, worked in Washington, D.C. for NASA and the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Served three terms on the board of the CCIM Institute, and has held numerous Institute leadership positions; did trade missions to Taipei (2015) and Mexico (2016) and was a delegate on CCIM's trade mission to China in 2006. Currently chair of CCIM's International Activities Committee and a member of CCIM Foundation's board of directors.

Elected a trustee of Washtenaw Community College (2016). Board member of New Detroit (www.newdetroit.org) and Groundwork Center (www.groundworkcenter.org). Was president of Michigan Commercial Board of REALTORS®; a director of Republic Bancorp, and; board chair of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce. Graduated from Colorado College, has traveled to all 50 states and is a licensed private pilot.

MONTE SCOTT

Monte Scott is a 13-year-old boy from Muskegon Heights. When he is not busy playing football, he is helping his community. After watching his mother, Trinell Scott, spend hundreds of dollars fixing vehicle damage from a pothole, Monte wanted to protect others from vehicle damage, too. Monte used dirt from his own back yard to fill the potholes in his neighborhood. If you ask Monte what he wants to do when he grows up, he will say that he wants to make his community a better place to live, beginning with the roads. Monte's dedication to solving problems head on exemplifies what it means to be a leader.

2020 MICHIGAN STATE OF THE STATE

SPECIAL GUESTS

JOE COMARTIN

Joe Comartin is the Canadian Consul General for Detroit. A life-long resident of Windsor, Ontario, Joe understands the importance of strong US-Canada relations firsthand. Joe has been instrumental in obtaining Canada's pledge to completely finance the Gordie Howe International Bridge. With \$290 million worth of goods crossing the border daily, the Detroit-Windsor border crossing is the busiest commercial gateway in the nation. Joe knows that Michigan and Canada's economic success are interdependent on each other; Canada is Michigan's number one customer, with Michigan selling more goods to Canada than its next seven largest foreign markets combined which supports over 800,000 jobs in the Midwest. Canada is the United States' most treasured ally and partner, and Michigan plays a powerful role in this relationship.

DR. AUDREY GREGORY

Dr. Audrey Gregory is the Chief Executive Officer of the Detroit Medical Center. Prior to her position at the Detroit Medical Center, she served in a variety of senior leadership positions for Tenet Saint Francis Healthcare System in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Gregory has been recognized for her work in diversity and inclusion in healthcare. She has served as chairperson of the Tennessee Center for Patient Safety advisory council, where she helped improve the reliability, safety and quality of care received in Tennessee hospitals. Dr. Gregory's leadership in inclusion in healthcare will expand quality care and help save lives.

DR. RANDOLPH RASCH

Dr. Randolph Rasch is dean and professor of the Michigan State University College of Nursing. Dr. Rasch is the first African American male to hold a PhD in nursing and was the first African American male public health nurse in the State of Michigan. Dr. Rasch's expertise includes primary care, community health, and cultural diversity in healthcare services. Dr. Rasch was the first state-wide director of nursing services in the Tennessee Department of Corrections, where he designed and implemented a health care system and quality assurance program. Today, Black women are three times more likely than white women to die of pregnancy-related causes. Dr. Rasch's work in incorporating implicit bias training in medical schools' curriculum will expand quality care and help save lives.