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FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings!

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Young Educators Society of Michigan I welcome you to the 2006 Spring Conference. This year's theme, **YES...You Can Make A Difference!** supports our mission to nurture and prepare the next generation of urban educators. We are dedicated to improving the quality of education available to all learners and are especially committed to preparing teachers who will become "dreamkeepers". When we say "dreamkeepers", we mean real life heroes who use their power as teachers and educators to keep the hopes and dreams of their students alive.

I want to extend a sincere appreciation to our host institution, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, School of Education. They have planned an informative and enjoyable conference for all participants. We hope you take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet and greet K-12, Community College and Higher Education educators from across the state who are collaborating to promote access, equity and excellence.

Lastly, a proud congratulation to the 2006 YES Scholarship recipients! You represent the best and brightest in our state who are ready to assume leadership roles in education. You are to be commended for your academic achievements and commitment to the most noble of all professions....teaching.

Sincerely,

Sonya R. Gunnings, Ph.D.
Chairperson
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Executive Board

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TO HOST 19TH ANNUAL YES CONFERENCE

Dr. Sandra J. Harris to Provide Keynote Address

The School of Education at the University of Michigan will host the Young Educators Society (YES) 2006 Annual Spring Conference on Friday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Michigan Union. The agenda will include informative workshops covering financial aid, admissions requirements, academic preparation for college, common myths of the teaching profession, and a student panel presentation.

Focused largely on urban school districts, YES is a rejuvenation of the Future Teachers of America and is particularly interested in attracting prospective teachers from under-represented backgrounds.



Dr. Sandra J. Harris,
Superintendent
Oak Park Public Schools

More than 300 participants in grades 7-12 from YES chapters throughout the state will convene to learn about opportunities and responsibilities young people will have as educators, to make a difference in the lives of tomorrow's youth and the future of our nation. With this goal in mind the theme for this year's conference is **YES.... You Can Make A Difference!**

Delivering the keynote address at the conference will be Dr. Sandra J. Harris, Superintendent of Oak Park Public Schools. Dr. Harris began her career as an educator in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. As a teacher for 22 years, she worked her way through the ranks to an administrative position of Director of Personnel. Her reputation is one of a caring worker who provides support for all students, particularly those who are less fortunate than others. By providing effective communication, leadership, and organizational skills, Dr. Harris has been successful in implementing many innovative strategies that has positively impacted

the work place. She is an advocate of the presidential initiative of **No Child Left Behind, Education YES** and is actively involved in various civic and community affairs.



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**YES EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCE
2006 AWARD WINNERS**

After careful review, the members of the scholarship selection committee are pleased to announce the 2006 YES Scholarship Award Winners. The criteria for selection are based on academic achievement, school and community involvement, and a desire to enter the teaching profession. In addition, each applicant is required to submit an essay and two letters of recommendation. Recipients may use the \$1,000 scholarship funds to off set the cost of

college expenses including tuition, fees and books. The YES Scholarship Award will be made payable jointly to the recipient and college or university.

In order to apply, eligible students may obtain an application online at www.youngeducatorsociety.org. The application period begins December 1, and end March 1, of each academic year.



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Chris Timberlake
YES Newsletter Editor

**TIMBERLAKE BIDS FAREWELL
TO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Since 1994, Chris Timberlake has been actively involved in the programs and policies of the Young Educators Society Executive Board. He has been successful in organizing and promoting YES activities and chapters in colleges and school districts including Mt. Clemens, Chippewa Valley,

Roseville, Macomb Community College, Wayne County Community College District, and Baker College of Clinton Township. Dorian Hall, University of Michigan will serve as editor of the YES NEWSLETTER while Chris will remain active in a consultant's role for the Board.



WHAT TEACHERS MAKE...

The dinner guest was sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers: "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach."

To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Susan. Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation for honest and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?"

"I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ student feel like the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence.

"You want to know what I make?"

I make kids wonder.

I make them question.

I make them criticize.

I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them write.

I make them read, read, read.

I make them complete all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English.

I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you must pay no attention because they just didn't learn."

Susan paused and then continued.

"You want to know what I make?"

'I MAKE A DIFFERENCE.' What do you make?"

-Author Unknown-

We Learn

10% of what we read

20% of what we hear

30% of what we see

50% of what we both see and hear

70% of what is discussed with others

80% of what we experience personally

95% of what we teach someone else

William Glasser

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