

Michigan Tech Panel Discussion



“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but building the new.”-Socrates

Agenda

- Welcome
- Background
- Introductions
- Ground Rules
- Panel Questions
- Final Thoughts & Closing

Background

- Offensive Halloween Costumes
 - During Halloween, students experienced offensive costumes being worn. Students were seen with painted “Black Faces,” illegal immigrant costumes, and confederate flags worn as capes.
- Yik Yak Threat
 - On Thursday, November 12th, a threat was posted on Yik Yak by a Michigan Tech student saying “Gonna shoot all black people”
- Insensitive Daily Bull Jokes
 - The Daily Bull posted

Meet Your Panel



Bonnie Gorman

Darnishia Slade



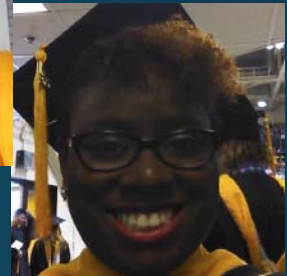
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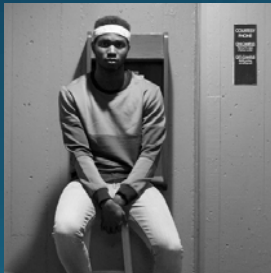


Wesley McGowan

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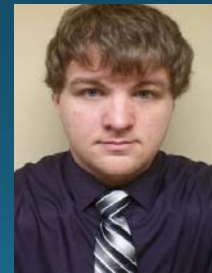
Chelsea Nikula



Nathan Shaiyen



Josh Krugh



Jacob Cavins

Discussion Ground Rules

- **Listen actively** -- respect others when they are talking.
- **Speak from your own experience** instead of generalizing ("I" instead of "they," "we," and "you").
- Do not be afraid to respectfully challenge one another by asking questions, but **refrain from personal attacks** -- focus on ideas.
- **Participate** to the fullest of your ability -- community growth depends on the inclusion of every individual voice.
- **Instead of invalidating** somebody else's story with your own spin on her or his experience, **share your own story and experience**.
- **The goal is not to agree -- it is to gain a deeper understanding.**
- **Be conscious of body language** and nonverbal responses -- they can be as disrespectful as words.

Final Thoughts & Closing

“You can’t fix education until you fix the community, education is not a building but a lifestyle and an environment.”

-Robert John Meehan