

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

John-10-10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

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**What makes Chris Nobbe smile?** "I love playing basketball and hanging out with my family," said the then 14-year-old Noblesville resident, a then freshman at Hamilton Heights High School in Arcadia. "I play for an AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) team, and I play for the freshman team at Hamilton Heights." He was named the 2022 Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville All Star Teen Basketball Contest Champion on President's Day in 2022 at the Club's Community Center. He won a really cool trophy and a \$100 gift card, plus two basketballs (one for winning a knock-out contest and one for winning a three-point contest) plus a \$50 gift card for each of the two contests. He is the son of Jered and Shelley Nobbe and is the oldest of four siblings. **Why basketball?** "I like basketball because I can play with my family and hang out with my friends while having fun." **Last year's season?** "We all played good together. We did good at the end of the season with a 20-point win against a JV team. I had eight points." **Favorite school subject?** "Math. I'm in Algebra II as a freshman, and I like doing math. So I think that'll help me when I get a job," he said in February 2022. He has also participated in a Noblesville Youth Baseball team at the Field of the Dreams and was looking forward to playing football at school. **What else?** "Thank you to my mom and dad for helping me prepare for everything in life." **This year's Boys & Girls Club All Star Basketball Contest is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday (Feb. 20) at the Club's Community Center and is open to Hamilton County teens.** For more information about sports programs, spring break camp and more at the Boys & Girls Club, visit <https://bgcni.org/>

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Chilly in Chile**

Chilean swimmer, Bárbara Hernández, has broken the Guinness World Record for swimming a distance of 1.55 miles in the frigid waters of Antarctica, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. And she did it wearing nothing more than a simple one-piece swimsuit in the 2.2 degrees Celsius waters off the coast of Greenwich Island. She had a purpose in mind when she decided to take a dip in some of the coldest waters on the planet. As she put it, "Swimming in Antarctica has been a dream I've had for years, and part of my longtime ambition to swim in parts of all seven of the world's oceans. Physically it has been incredibly tough, but all worth it if the message on the need for urgent action to protect these amazing waters reaches decision-makers."

**2. Woodpeckers**

Exterminators were called in when the owners of a home in Sonoma County, CA started seeing maggots and mealworms coming out of a bedroom wall. At first the pest control technician assumed that a small animal may have found its way into the wall. But he discovered that woodpeckers had been poking holes in the home's chimney stack to stash acorns, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. So, he went back inside and cut a hole in the wall and, sure enough, out came a lot of acorns-- an estimated 700 pounds of acorns. He figured the pesky woodpeckers had been at it for several years.

**3. A Funny Story**

Diana Shulman, also known as D'yan Forest, is a multi-talented performer; she sings and plays several musical instruments. But, says the Association of Mature American Citizens, the Guinness Book of Records picked her for being the world's oldest professional comedienne. At the age of 88, she's been at it for more than 20 years. When is she going to retire? As she put it in a recent TV appearance, "it ain't over until the fat lady is dead."

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Work continues as heavy equipment is moved in.

## Noblesville, Conner Prairie Partnership A Critical Step In Preserving Historic Bridge

Midland Bridge over the White River to be disassembled and stored at Conner Prairie as part of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project

The City of Noblesville and Conner Prairie have formed a partnership to store the historic Midland Bridge over the White River at the outdoor history museum, a critical step in Noblesville's efforts to preserve the bridge. The bridge is being removed as part of Reimagine Pleasant Street -- a transformative project that will enhance mobility through Noblesville and increase trail connectivity to create a safe, vibrant corridor for residents to drive, walk, or bike to the City's downtown.

Construction crews have begun the complex process of disassembling, inspecting and cataloging the bridge onsite in consultation

with Indiana's State Historic Preservation Officer and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Once this work is completed, the bridge will be transported to Conner Prairie for storage. Plans for the final destination of the refurbished, reassembled bridge are still being developed.

"We're proud to play a role in preserving the Midland Bridge over the White River," said Norman Burns, President and CEO of Conner Prairie. "This bridge is part of our shared history as Noblesville, Hamilton County, and the Conner House celebrate bicentennials this year. Being part of preserving our community's transportation and river history is an example of Conner Prairie's core values in action -- a heart for the past, head for the present, and an eye to the future."

The historic structure carried the Midland Railway over the White River. Portions of the bridge were fabricated by the Union Bridge Company of Buffalo, New York and Athens, Pennsylvania in 1893. The bridge was eventually used by the Central Indiana Railway Company. The two-span steel through truss bridge is approximately 200 feet long and spanned the White River just west of downtown Noblesville.

"Conner Prairie was a logical choice for storage as it is a special place dedicated to history," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "Not only is it in Hamilton County, but it will provide an up-close opportunity to see a historic railroad bridge. We're excited to partner with Conner Prairie to preserve this critical part of our shared history."

## Roberts Settlement To Unveil Future Legacy Walk During Black History Month



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

If you want a lesson in black history, visit or research the Roberts Settlement in northern Hamilton County.

It was great to hear the news on Tuesday that the Roberts Set-

tlement -- one of Indiana's early black pioneer communities and -- would receive \$75,000 from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

The Roberts Chapel and Cemetery are still located at 3102 E. 276th St., Atlanta, on the Roberts Settlement, founded in 1835 by free people of color of mixed racial heritage who migrated from Virginia and North Carolina to escape poor racial conditions. The grant will help fund an interpretive outdoor public exhibit -- a Legacy Walk -- that focuses on the legacy of Hamilton County, Indiana's black pioneers, according to a press release published in today's edition of The Times.

February is Black History

➔ See BETSY Page A5



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The unveiling of the plans for a future Legacy Walk at the Roberts Settlement in Arcadia is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Bethel AME Church, 17777 Little Chicago Road, Noblesville.

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

In addition to keeping track of what you eat, also determine how and why you eat to try and find ways to cut back.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [thetimes24-7.com](http://thetimes24-7.com)



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."

-Babe Ruth

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

Want to get rid of a snowman? Get into a heated argument!

**➔ OBITUARIES**

Jordan M. Jacobs



**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Happy 73rd birthday Dr. J, Julius Erving. I still remember you dunking the red, white and blue ball on our beloved Indiana Pacers in the old ABA!



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## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Jordan M. Jacobs

May 8, 1991-February 16, 2023

Jordan M. Jacobs, 31, of Westfield, passed away at his home on Feb. 16, 2023. Jordan was born on May 8, 1991, in Indianapolis. He graduated from Westfield High School in 2010, attended Vincennes University and proudly served in the US Marine Corp.



Jordan was the proud father of 4-year-old Lylah whom he adored. He loved being a daddy.

He worked in sales for HD Supply and was an avid sports fan, especially the Indianapolis Colts. Jordan loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting and was also a huge NASCAR fan.



Family and friends are invited to gather from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25th at Flanner Buchanan - Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters) in Westfield where a funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. After the service a gathering will be held at the VFW in Noblesville located at 654 S. 9th Street in Noblesville. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Washington, IN for family and friends.

Jordan is survived by his daughter, Lylah M. Jacobs; mother, Michelle R. and (bonus dad) Mark A. May; sisters, Amber M. Baire and Alexis K. (fiancée, Chris Stout) May; brother, Jacob A. (wife, Dzyana) May; nephews, Theo and Leo May; grandfather, Asil May. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael L. Jacobs; grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Memorial contributions can be made at the funeral home. In addition, a fund will be set up for his daughter Lylah at a later date.

## Virtual Suicide Bereavement Clinician Training

The suicide of a loved one can have a profound and sometimes devastating impact on those left behind, called suicide survivors. Bereavement after suicide may entail high levels of disorientation, guilt, regret, anger, shame, and trauma.

Survivors sometimes also find their relationships with other people changed, as they struggle with the social stigma often placed on suicide, and the altered family relationships that have been changed by the feelings of guilt, blame, and failure that suicide may engender.

Survivors may also be at risk for elevated rates of complicated grief and future suicidality themselves. All of this makes surviving the suicide of a loved one a potentially life-transforming ordeal that requires a level of support that goes beyond traditional grief counseling.

Yet very few mental health training programs devote any time to training clinicians about the challenging work of suicide postvention – helping survivors cope with the tragic loss.

This workshop will provide a focused overview of the impact of suicide on survivors, and the clinical and support responses that are needed after a suicide

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occurs. The workshop will include didactic presentation, group discussion, case examples from the presenter's practice, and video clips from grief therapy sessions.

These research-based techniques will help you gain confidence in working with survivors of suicide loss. You must attend the full day of training to receive a CE certificate.

- Topics will include:
- The psychological impact of suicide on survivors and common themes in the bereavement of survivors
  - The impact of suicide on family functioning
  - What research with survivors tells us is needed
  - The tasks of loss integration and recovery for survivors
  - Postvention options for survivors
  - Principles of postvention after client suicide
  - Principles of longer term clinical work with survivors
  - Examples of specific clinical techniques that can be of use in grief therapy with survivors

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# No Room At Inn, Or For Other Opinions



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

Are we obsessed with being right?

I only ask because it seems like there's a lot more "sides" than there used to be . . . more causes. And if you don't line up with that side or that cause, you are . . . what's the term today, canceled? Or maybe you're a hater? Dunno, but the idea that you were entitled to your own opinion seems as outdated as seersucker suits and Weejuns – both of which I have in my closet.

Figures, huh? Take the LGBTQ movement – and no, I'm not talking about the Let's Get Biden To Quit campaign. Seriously, who would want that? I mean are we really

thinking Kamala Harris is a step up?

Sorry, just kidding. Sort of.

If you are one of the regular eight or nine readers of these scribbles, then you've gotten my take on the LGBTQ folks. I've nothing against them, I just don't agree with their lifestyle. However, they are all big boys and girls and they have every right to make their own choices.

As do you. As do I.

And so long as none of us try to make our choices mandatory to someone else, all is well. I learned a long time ago that my rights go all the way to the point where your rights begin. And vice-versa.

Or at least it used to be that way.

Today, whether it's gay rights, the teachers' union protesting at the Statehouse, the gun argument or any number of other things . . . the battle lines are pretty rigid. Think not? Tell a group of liberals you're a conservative – or the other way around

– and see what happens next.

What happened to we'll agree to disagree? No, I don't mean that dripping-with-sarcasm-remission of agreeing to disagree. I mean the kind where we don't see eye to eye, understand that we don't have to and not let it boil over into a slugfest.

Are we that obsessed with being right, with our side winning?

Let's be clear. A lot of us walked to school. What're the next lines . . . uphill . . . both ways? Our memories tend to skew a bit. Perhaps we might 'member things a bit better than what they actually were? If that is so, forgive us.

But I don't think it's a stretch to say that in days' past, people could disagree without going to Defcon 2.

What's changed?

Am I sure my version of the world is right? I believe it is, but could I "prove" it in a court of law? Don't be silly. How do you "prove" love, faith, belief? How do I

"prove" the existence of God in heaven? How do I "prove" any of it?

Thing is, I don't have to. I believe and I believe with all my heart. That's all that matters.

But doesn't that also mean that I have to acknowledge and allow others to do the same, even if I think they are wrong, just as surely as they think I am?

Of course. I'm not sorry we disagree. It'd be a pretty sad world if we all thought exactly the same. But I am sorry that we live in a world where those disagreements have turned so ugly. All I can tell you is I'll try to do better on mine.

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at [ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com).*



Renderings courtesy of Dynamics Inc.

3-dimensional rendering of the Legacy Walk & Memorial as seen from a parking lot view.

## Roberts Settlement Receives \$75K From Preserving Black Churches

Hamilton County church among 35 sites awarded national grant funding from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund (AACHAF), a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, announced its award of \$75,000 to Roberts Settlement for Preserving Black Churches.

Roberts Settlement is one of 35 organizations in 22 states to receive a total of \$4 million in grant funding to advance long-term and sustainable strategies that strengthen stewardship and asset management, interpretation and programming, and fundraising activities for historic Black churches across the country. This program works to uplift the legacy of often-overlooked Black churches, ensuring their legacy of spirituality, history, and democracy endures.

Located 30 miles north of Indianapolis, Roberts Settlement was founded in 1835 by free Blacks of mixed racial heritage who migrated mostly from North Carolina and Virginia to escape deteriorating racial conditions in the South. Their goals were the pursuit of economic, educational, and religious aspirations with greater freedom and fewer racial barriers. Today, set on a gently rolling landscape,

visitors will find a chapel and cemetery, representing a once thriving community that continued to grow through the late-1800s.

This grant will aid in the funding of an interpretive outdoor public exhibit that centers the legacy of Hamilton County, Indiana's Black pioneers and broadens visitors' understanding of the Midwest's diverse history. The plans for this project will be unveiled later this month along with a public fundraising campaign.

"We are honored and humbled to be chosen to receive this grant among more than 1,500 applicants," said Roberts Settlement President LaVella Hyter. "In assisting with the creation of this exhibit space, the grant helps ensure the legacy of the Roberts Settlement for years to come."

The Action Fund's Preserving Black Churches program is a \$20 million initiative funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., to help historic Black churches and congregations reimagine, redesign and deploy historic preservation to protect the cultural assets and legacies they steward, tell their stories of resiliency and hope, and carry their missions into the future. With more than \$85 million in funding, the Action Fund is the largest U.S. resource dedicated to the preservation of African

American historic places.

"Leaving an indelible imprint on our society, historic Black churches hold an enduring legacy of community, spirituality, and freedom that continues to span generations," said Brent Leggs, executive director, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund and senior vice president, National Trust for Historic Preservation. "The Action Fund created the Preserving Black Churches program to recognize and celebrate the Black church for its contributions on American life, culture, and history, while also investing in their physical permanence and financial sustainability into the future. We are honored to award our first round of grantees with the resources needed to ensure the Black church continues to stand in its fullest glory."

Since our nation was founded, the Black church has played a prominent role in advancing critical democratic and societal change. According to Pew Research Center, around three-quarters of Black adults say predominantly Black churches have helped advance the fight for racial equity.

"From one room praise houses to unprecedented metropolitan mega churches, Black churches since slavery times have been the heart and soul of the African American com-

munity," said Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., professor, historian, filmmaker, and national advisory council member for the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. "So, it is inspiring to see the Action Fund's commitment to preserving their history and their physical structures. After all, these are our sacred sites, which our ancestors built from the ground up, and we must do everything we can to ensure their survival. Preserving these structures is a visible way of preserving a crucial chapter of Black History."

Today Black churches are experiencing challenges like deferred maintenance, insufficient funds and threats of demolition. With leadership support from Lilly Endowment Inc, Preserving Black Churches will advance strategies that model and strengthen stewardship and asset management, interpretation, and fundraising activities of historic Black churches across the country. In addition to helping churches preserve their historic buildings, the program is designed to help congregations strengthen their capacities to serve the spiritual and social needs of their communities for years to come.

Learn more about the 2023 recipients of the Preserving Black Churches Fund at [SavingPlaces.org/BlackChurches](http://SavingPlaces.org/BlackChurches).



# Indiana Joins Suit Against EPA

Indiana joined 24 other states in suing the Biden administration earlier this week. Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said it was to protect Hoosiers' jobs, property and freedom from an overreaching U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule redefining "navigable waters" under the Clean Water Act. The lawsuit also names the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a defendant. The new Waters of the United States rule would force Indiana landowners to beg the permission of federal bureaucrats before using their own property in ways deemed to impact certain ponds, streams,

ditches or other wet areas of ground. "We all want to conserve and preserve our natural resources," Rokita said. "At the same time, exercising wise stewardship over the environment does not require citizens to surrender their legitimate liberties and rights to the federal government. And, in fact, we cannot tolerate edicts designed to subjugate free people in such a manner." The Biden administration's new final rule is the culmination of a decades-long rulemaking process to define the geographic reach of the EPA's

and Army Corps of Engineers' authority in regulating streams, wetlands and other water bodies under the Clean Water Act. It follows the Trump administration's 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule, which offered a more restrained vision of federal jurisdiction. If the final rule is left in place, the lawsuit states, "then ranchers, farmers, miners, homebuilders, and other landowners across the country will struggle to undertake even the simplest of activities on their own property without fear of drawing the ire of the federal government."

# Indiana Officials Celebrate National FFA Week With Proclamation And Resolution

In honor of National FFA Week, seven Indiana State FFA Officers and National Officer, MacKenna Clifton of North Carolina, met in the Statehouse to receive a proclamation and resolution declaring Feb. 18-25 Indiana FFA Week.



led by Sen. Jean Leising, Senate District 42 and Rep. Michael Aylesworth, House District 11.

Jenna Kelsay, 2022-2023 Indiana FFA Southern Region Vice President shared what this resolution means to her and the FFA Organization.

"Receiving the proclamation and house concurrent resolution today in the Indiana Statehouse was such an exciting way to kick-off National FFA Week," said Kelsay. "Indiana FFA and its members are so fortunate to have support and recognition from our states agricultural leaders and elected officials."

Tamara Ketchen, Director of the Indiana FFA Association, is looking forward to seeing all the work done this week at FFA chapters across the state.

"National FFA Week is a time for local chapters to highlight their programs showcasing their success and passion for agriculture," Ketchen said. "We also use this as an opportunity to recognize community supporters and broadcast the mission of the organization."

"It was a pleasure to have these outstanding young professionals representing the State of Indiana and agriculture so well in the Statehouse today," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "FFA is a dynamic youth led organization and I am excited to celebrate National FFA Week this week and agriculture year-round."

Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the proclamation to name this week FFA Week in recognition of all the work the Indiana FFA Organization, agriculture educators and FFA advisors do to cultivate the next generation of agriculturists for our state.

During the week, chapters across the state and nation will host a variety of events to educate, advocate and

celebrate the agricultural industry. From a school animal experience to a farmer's breakfast, these activities pay homage to the dedication and commitment of today's agriculturalists. Throughout the week, the Indiana FFA State Officers travel the state to participate in activities alongside local FFA chapters and their communities.

The Indiana FFA Association also received a Senate Concurrent Resolution highlighting the impact of the FFA Organization, which is preparing more than 13,000 members in 90 of Indiana's 92 counties for the over 250 unique careers in the food, fiber and natural resource sectors. The resolution was

# Local Teachers Receive Appreciation Gifts From Verizon Retailer

TCC, one of the nation's largest Verizon authorized retailers and a subsidiary of Round Room, LLC., recently conducted its 10th annual Teachers Rock initiative, where the company gives back to and shows appreciation toward teachers who make invaluable impacts on the lives of students each year.

During the week of Feb. 13-17, TCC allocated funds to store locations nationwide to shower local teachers with love and support during the middle of a busy academic year. Each store selected a group of teachers to give back to, with appreciation efforts including providing

catered meals, gift cards, an assortment of sweets, school supply kits and more.

"The Teachers Rock initiative has become one of the more special events we hold each year, and we're proud to support teachers nationwide for 10 consecutive years," said Scott Moorehead, CEO of Round Room and TCC. "We've all been positively impacted by teachers at some point in our lives, which was one of the main reasons we created Teachers Rock, to give back to these hardworking people who give so much to their students. It's amazing to see how much the program has grown in 10 years."

Additionally, through

TCC's Big Impact, the company is giving away 10 \$1,000 Amazon gift cards for teachers to enhance their classrooms and student experiences. Teachers nationwide are eligible to enter the Big Impact sweepstakes and are encouraged to follow TCC on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for more information on where and how to enter. Teachers can register for a chance to win from now until Tuesday, Feb. 28.

To learn more about TCC, visit [www.TCCRocks.com](http://www.TCCRocks.com). Customers can also connect with the company at [www.facebook.com/tctalk](http://www.facebook.com/tctalk) and [www.twitter.com/tctalk](http://www.twitter.com/tctalk).



Photo provided by Trevor Hash Division Chief, Prevention and Public Relations

Over the last week, IU Health recognized eight members of NFD for outstanding service on particularly difficult runs over the past year.

Firefighter Steve Honeycutt, Lt. Paramedic Craig Bowyer, Engineer Josh Hittle, FF/ Paramedic Ryan Haboush, Engineer Tim Recker, Engineer Brad McLaughlin, Firefighter Kevin Hast, and FF/Paramedic Todd Watson were presented the Distinguished Service Award by members of IU Health.

These eight firefighters embodied NFD's Pillars of Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion while advocating for the best possible outcome for their patients. Congratulations and well deserved!

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# State Lawmakers Advance Bill Banning Education On 'Human Sexuality' Through Third Grade

By Casey Smith

More than four hours of "We say gay!" chants echoed through the Indiana Statehouse Monday as hundreds rallied against a bill that would prohibit Hoosier educators from talking about "human sexuality" through 3rd grade.

The latest draft of the proposal also targets transgender students by prohibiting school employees from using a name or pronoun that is inconsistent with a student's sex without a parent's written consent.

Schools would additionally be required to notify parents if a student requests to change their name or pronouns.

The bill advanced along party lines 9-4 to the full House. The chamber must approve the bill and send it to the Senate by Feb. 27, or it dies.

Lawmakers on the House Education Committee met Monday to debate House Bill 1608, authored by Rep. Michelle Davis, R-Greenwood. The proposal is reminiscent of Florida's "Don't Say Gay" law that has been described by some as one of the most "hateful" pieces of legislation in the country.

"The goal of House Bill 1608 is to empower Hoosier parents by reinforcing that they're in the driver's seat when it comes to introducing sensitive topics to their children," Davis said, noting that the bill is a response to "numerous concerns of parents in her district.

"Parents know what's best for their children, and their authority should not be superseded by teachers and school administrators," she continued.

Earlier language in Davis' bill banned K-3 classroom instruction or discussion about sexual orientation, gender fluidity, gender roles, gender identity, gender expression and gender stereotypes.

The committee nixed that list of topics and instead changed the bill's language to bar younger kids from being taught

about "human sexuality."

Davis said that encompasses "the way people experience and express themselves sexually." She noted that the change intends to prevent sex education from being taught to younger Hoosier students.

Davis conceded that Indiana schools do not currently teach sex education to students that young. The introduction of those concepts usually starts in the fourth grade, according to state standards.

Bill targets pronouns Education advocates argued Monday that the bill, as amended, is an "attack" on LGBTQ Hoosier youth — especially transgender students.

A provision to the legislation prohibits schools and teachers from using "a name, pronoun, title, or other word to identify a student that is inconsistent with the student's sex" assigned at birth unless a parent requests the change in writing.

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Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said that the pronoun language, specifically, "makes the bill far less palatable."

Still, Republicans on the committee maintained that the bill would not apply to curriculum for academic standards or prevent students from having private, one-on-one conversations with a school counselor, social worker or therapist.

But the bill isn't so cut and dry.

Language in the bill reads that "a school, an employee or staff member of a school, or a third party vendor used by a school to provide instruction" cannot provide any instruction on "human sexuality."

Additional amendments adopted to the bill on Monday clarify that teachers — if asked — are allowed to answer students' questions about "human sexuality" and other topics. It's not exactly clear what educators are or are not allowed to say,

however.

"(A teacher can respond) any way that is the correct answer ... You can have two moms, you can have two dads, you can have a mom and a dad. The rest of the discussion should be with the parents," Davis said, when asked what a teacher would be able to say to a first grader who asks why a peer has two moms.

Private schools were also carved out of the latest draft of the bill. Majority of testimony in opposition

Only a handful of people testified Monday in support of the bill.

That included Micah Clark, executive director of the American Family Association of Indiana, who said K-3 teachers should be focused on improving dismal math and literacy scores, not "unnecessary controversies."

"Parents are free to talk to children about these issues. But when the teacher, counselor or guest speaker does it, all that will do is cause heartache for school administrators and the school board, at some point," Clark said.

Damon Clevenger, a music teacher in Lawrence Township in Indianapolis, said, "As a young LGBTQ+ child, I was constantly a target for bullies and close-minded people who would rather isolate me than accept me for who I am. I honestly don't believe I wouldn't be standing here today if it had not been for my teachers who saw me accepted me, and the proud, out educators who let me know that I was not alone in this world. This bill would take that away from our children today."

He also promised that students will always have a safe space in his classroom.

Jennifer Laughlin of the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) said current state law already protects students of all ages from "obscene materials" — which is what some of the bill's supporters say they want erased from classrooms.

"This bill is about scoring political points, rather than addressing the real issue," she said. "Regardless of this bill's merit, it's based on a bad faith argument from the start. This bill brings to light issues that are a part of a national trend designed to sow doubt and further a false narrative of our great public schools."

Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary, held that state lawmakers should not "create a universal standard" that imposes Christian values and beliefs on all Hoosiers.

"The bottom line is that we're here in education and in government to serve people ... and to get so upset about pronouns ... that we lose the educational focus — we're here to educate children, not to sanctify them," Smith said. "We need to make schools inviting ... we're creating a problem that we don't need to create."

Paula Davis, mom of three school-age children, an educator, and a chapter president of Moms for Liberty, disagreed.

"This is not about whether or not I agree with homosexual lifestyle. This is about my right as a parent to guarantee my children are not being told the morals and values of their parents are wrong."

She added that the bill "is guaranteeing that my children do not have an educator introduce them to a topic that I do not believe should be discussed outside of my presence. It is creating a neutral space so children are not forced to participate in something that is so divisive, especially when they may not feel like they have a voice or the power to challenge the teacher."

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## Commercial Dog Breeders Win Out As Senate Passes New Pet Store Measure

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Indiana's senators approved a bill Wednesday blocking cities and towns from banning the retail sale of dogs by state-approved sellers. It was a win for a frustrated national pet store chain but went against the wishes of animal welfare advocates.

The 29-18 vote was close for a chamber that usually has larger margins.

Ordinances in communities like Crown Point and Columbus prevent pet shops in those municipalities from selling dogs, and sometimes other animals, sourced from breeders and brokers. Instead, pet stores can only collaborate with animal care or rescue organizations to show adoptable pets.

"If the pet store meets or exceeds these standards, their business is protected from local regulations," said author Sen. Blake Doriot, R-Goshen. He's maintained that the bill would still let communities crack down on abusive puppy mills while freeing compliant sellers to do business.

Bill gets pushback But other lawmakers said Senate Bill 134 still goes too far. It's retroactive to Jan. 1, 2023, so that it would invalidate any local bans passed on or after that day.

The bill would originally have taken effect at the beginning of 2024, but Doriot said that once the draft was public, communities "rushed in to ban the sale of dogs, thereby restricting free commerce." The deadline was instead bumped up but still grandfathered bans adopted earlier.

A proposal banning dog, cat and rabbit sales — introduced just this month — is making its way through the Indianapolis City-County Council, for example.

"This bill preempts local control and interferes with market economics," said Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis. "... In this instance, the market is working. Communities that like to have these pets for sale from puppy mills, they're doing it. And communities that do not like it, it has been banned."

The bill would introduce new quality standards for pet stores to meet — if not,

local ordinances passed even after the cutoff would still apply.

A pet store would have to source from dog brokers and breeders that are:

- Registered with Indiana's Board of Animal Health;

- Certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with a clean record for at least two years;

- Certified by a national "science-based" breeder standards program; and

- Audited by an independent firm following specific international standards.

A pet store would also have to tell customers full, fee-inclusive prices, information on vaccinations and other medical treatments, breeder or broker information and other basic information on dogs for sale.

And a pet store would have to pay up for consumers who unknowingly buy sick or dying dogs. Customers could return the dogs for full refunds, exchange them, or get reimbursement for medical expenses.

Not enough Some opponents wanted more.

"I have received multiple calls from constituents, animal rights activists, that have extreme concern about the lack of safeguards in this bill on ... ensuring health and safety for animals," Sen. Eddie Melton, D-Gary, said.

Multiple advocates testified in committee that shelters are overflowing with adoptable dogs.

But Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, said the bill is about "choice," adding that people who want to know dogs' histories or want specific breeds may live too far from breeders.

"Give Grandma a choice," she said. "Because grandma might not be able to travel all the way down here ... to select that little puppy that she always wanted."

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# Dear EarthTalk: What's The '30x30 Initiative' For Conservation?



Put simply, the goal of the 30x30 Initiative is the conservation of 30 percent of terrestrial and marine habitat across the globe by 2030. The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, an intergovernmental organization for the protection of nature, first proposed the initiative in 2020 and got 50 nations including the U.S. to sign on. Since then, the 30x30 Initiative has grown rapidly, with 100 signatories in 2021 (when it was signed at the COP 15 Convention on Biological Diversity). By the end of 2022, over 190 countries were enlisted in the battle for conservation.

But why the sudden focus on conservation? "Biodiversity is essential for the processes that support all life on earth, including humans," reports the Royal Society, the UK's independent scientific academy. If one species dies off, others that feed on it will go hungry, and this withering works its way along the food chain until it reaches us, humans. And it won't only affect our health. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), biodiversity loss can "affect livelihoods, income, local migration and ... may even cause or exacerbate political conflict."

Wildlife conservation can be as simple as introducing legal protection of the land, halting excessive human activity, and a large helping of what the Rewilding Institute calls "benign neglect." In other areas, the process is more intensive, requiring the reconstruction of land, and the (re)planting of flora. The larger the mass of land for conservation, the more complex it becomes, encompassing land politics and ownership rights as well as purely logistical hurdles.

In America, adhering to the 30x30 framework would mean saving an area twice the size of Texas. As a step towards this goal, Biden's administration has deployed the 'America the Beautiful' program. The importance of getting landowners engaged is clear, with the

initiative's pledge of "listening and learning from the families and communities that know and care for American lands."

Scaling this kind of planning and implementation across more than 190 countries will be quite a daunting task. In the U.S., 80 percent of voters were behind Biden's 'America the Beautiful' initiative, whereas public support for such initiatives in less developed, less wealthy nations is another matter entirely. To wit, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a country that contains natural diversity of vast importance to global conservation efforts, biodiverse forests provide sustenance and security for over 40 million of its inhabitants. Conserving these forests in DRC, one of the five poorest nations on the planet, is quite a challenge when so many locals derive their livings from it.

While, for some, the complexity of the issues the 30x30 initiative has confirms its ambitiousness, it also has its skeptics. For Brian O'Donnell, the director of the Campaign for Nature, 30x30 should be considered a "floor not a ceiling." Likewise, the large group of scientists following biologist E.O. Wilson's theory believes that half of the earth should be protected to stifle the downward spiral following biodiversity loss. The jury remains out on whether or not 30x30 will be enough to protect our climate, but what they all agree on is the importance of conservation for the survival of life on Earth.

CONTACTS: The Royal Society, royalsociety.org; Campaign for Nature, campaignfor-nature.org; Half-Earth Project, half-earthproject.org; Rewilding Institute, rewilding.org/what-is-rewilding/.

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# Dear EarthTalk: What Are The Best Ways We Can Harness The Power Of AI To Fight Climate Change?



No doubt, artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to play a significant role in addressing the challenges posed by climate change. One way that planners are already utilizing AI is for so-called predictive modeling about the potential impacts of climate change on different regions and ecosystems to help identify areas that are most vulnerable and prioritize mitigation and adaptation efforts. AI algorithms' ability to process decades of historical weather and climate data and crunch the numbers make it far superior at predicting the future than a few humans could ever be. (But at least we still need to be here to program the AI and interpret the results.)

Another way AI is already playing a role in reducing emissions is by helping optimize energy use and other systems in buildings, transportation

systems and industrial processes. To wit, optimized manufacturing processes have led to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions at individual factories and other industrial facilities by as much as 40 percent. Direct carbon emissions from the manufacturing sector account for almost one-quarter of all U.S. greenhouse gas output; finding ways to trim back emissions therein could mean significant reductions in our overall national carbon footprint.

The ability of AI software to continuously optimize industrial processes means that the companies that employ such technology can reap a whole host of benefits beyond greenhouse gas emissions reductions, including increased yields, reduced waste, faster design iteration and less energy consumption—all which result in lower costs and higher profits. Meanwhile, AI is

also in use to help industrial facilities still burning fossil fuels to monitor and optimize carbon capture and storage systems to make our dirtiest facilities do less damage.

AI is also optimizing our capture and storage of energy from renewable sources. Hydroelectric systems are using AI tools to optimize water levels according to seasonal needs and other factors. Wind farms and solar arrays are employing AI systems to improve their efficiency and reliability which in turn makes them easier to scale as market demand dictates.

And yet another recent application of AI in the fight against climate change is monitoring and tracking deforestation by analysis of satellite imagery; this kind of climate surveillance can help detect and prevent illegal logging—and the loss of critical carbon sinks—in

real time. Conservation groups like Global Forest Watch, Conservation International and World Resources Institute have pioneered various uses of AI to analyze satellite and/or drone imagery to map and monitor forests "on the fly" so to speak.

While the climate crisis is more dire than ever these days, environmental advocates and others are keeping their fingers crossed that we can realize the potential power of AI to rein in emissions in time before things get outright cataclysmic.

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Month, which annually for the past 53 years has paid tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in America, according to blackhistorymonth.gov.

In Hamilton County, there are all kinds of ways and things happening to celebrate Black History Month.

On Saturday, Noblesville and Fishers libraries will celebrate African American books and authors with an African American Read-in, by listening to or reading aloud books written by black authors. The community can sign up to read

excerpts from books or drop in anytime to listen, 10 a.m. to noon at Noblesville Library and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Fishers Library. People are encourage to choose a selection that they have a connection with.

Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's Wednesday luncheon, besides recognizing City Council candidates, also offered a Legacy Walk at Roberts Settlement, a program timed for Black History Month and Hamilton County's Bicentennial.

Also, Hamilton County Community Foundation and Northern Hamilton County Foundation award-

ed Roberts Settlement a grant for the conceptual design of an outdoor exhibit, which will educate visitors about the Legacy of the Roberts Settlement.

The Roberts Settlement Legacy Walk, "a public space that will break ground during the Roberts Settlement Homecoming June 30-July 3, will be an accessible self-guided walking path that loops through the west side of the chapel. The structures for the walk and memorial will be fabricated with two main materials, Cor-Ten-type steel and faux stone/concrete.

A pioneer silhouette will

be the main visual and focal point that attracts and welcomes visitors to the Legacy Walk, which extends a lantern toward Central Indiana, highlighting the importance of the location.

Because the Roberts Settlement chapel has no heat, the unveiling of the plans for the future Legacy Walk is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Bethel AME Church, 17777 Little Chicago Road, Noblesville.

Let's celebrate black history month!

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## Did You Know?

- Elkhart County was founded April 1, 1830 by immigrants from New England.
- The St. Joseph River is the main waterway in Elkhart which creates 4.8 square miles of water in the county.
- There are 7 public schools in the county, 8 private schools and 6 institutions for higher learning.
- The total amount of land in the county is 467.97 square miles with a population of 197, 559 residents.
- Goshen, the county seat, is the location of Goshen College, which has an enrollment of 800 students.

## Got Words?

Elkhart County contains 8 different museums that offer learning experiences about topics such as the 19th century and central railroad systems. Why do you think individuals still invest in and visit museums that share information from earlier times?

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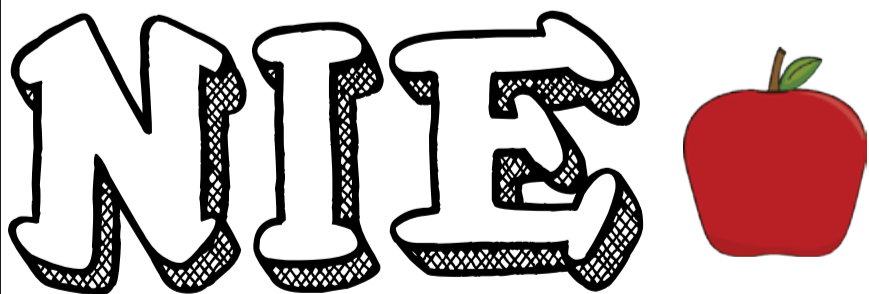
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## \$10 Million USDA Grant Targets More Midwestern Seafood Production And Consumption

Purdue University has received a five-year, \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase the production of seafood, also known as “blue food,” which is healthier and more sustainably produced than land-based foods.

“Many studies indicate the importance of increasing seafood consumption in U.S. diets,” said Jen-Yi Huang, project director and associate professor of food science at Purdue University. Those studies show that seafood can boost intake of healthy omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins and minerals while also reducing more harmful substances such as cholesterol and saturated fat.

A 2021 blue food assessment published in the journal *Nature* found that a 15.5-million-ton increase in aquatic animal-source food by 2030 would decrease the price of such food by 26%. The resulting increase in blue food consumption would result in preventing an estimated 166 million cases of inadequate intake of micronutrients such as vitamin A, calcium and iron worldwide.

Seafood is readily available in local grocery stores, but most of it is imported from Asia and elsewhere. Such long-distance supply chains recently have proven vulnerable to volatile markets, fluctuating fuel costs, the COVID-19 pandemic and regional war, said Huang, who also holds a courtesy appointment in Environmental and Ecological Engineering.

About 90% of U.S. seafood comes from abroad, resulting in a \$17 billion trade deficit. U.S. fisheries are not sustainable because of overfishing concerns, Huang noted.

Aquaculture — growing aquatic organisms under controlled conditions — offers an alternative.

Aquaponics is a combination of aquaculture and hydroponics (growing plants in water) that offers the advantage of intensively producing seafood and plants using less land and water than conventional food production.

The Midwest especially could benefit from aquaponics. The region suffers high obesity rates, operates the fewest aquaculture farms and consumes the least amount of seafood.

“It can increase production yields, but aquaponics production hasn’t been widely adopted, especially in the Midwest,” Huang said. Energy use in the required greenhouse environment is one key reason.

Aquaponics operations require the daily discharge of up to 20% of wastewater into the environment. For large farms, that becomes a maintenance cost because they need permits to treat their wastewater before discharge.

“The smaller farms don’t need permits,” Huang said. “They can discharge whatever they generate, which can cause environmental issues.”

With the USDA funding, Purdue researchers will build a pilot-scale integrated aquaponics system on campus, where some lab-scale components already exist, to produce tilapia and lettuce.

Paul Brown, professor of forestry and natural resources, operates experimental aquaponics systems in the Aquaculture Research Lab. Halis Simsek, assistant professor of agricultural and biological engineering, maintains bioreactors in his laboratory for algae

cultivation. Jiqin Ni, professor of agricultural and biological engineering, works with anaerobic digesters, which use microorganisms to break down biodegradable matter in an oxygen-free environment.

Additional Purdue researchers collaborating on this research are Natalie Carroll, professor of agricultural sciences education and communication and agricultural and biological engineering; Abigail Engelberth, associate professor of agricultural and biological engineering and environmental and ecological engineering; Betty Feng, assistant professor of food science; Andrea Liceaga, associate professor of food science; Lindsey Payne, assistant professor of environmental and ecological engineering; Kwamena Quagrainie, professor of agricultural economics and forestry and natural resources; and George Zhou, associate professor of civil engineering and environmental and ecological engineering.

Also on the team is Nicole Wright, aquaculture extension educator at The Ohio State University.

“Algae cultivation and anaerobic digestion are two of the most important components in Purdue’s integrated aquaponic system,” Ni said. “We use the algae to treat the wastewater and also anaerobic digestion to treat the algal biomass and other waste streams like fish processing wastes.”

The Purdue system will direct the aquaponics wastewater discharge into algal bioreactors, where algae can feed on its nutrients. The next step is anaerobic digestion, which generates biogas fuel as one of its products.

“That energy can be sent back to the aquapon-

ics system to offset the energy requirement of the indoor facility operation, at least partially,” Huang said. The system is designed to generate zero waste and to operate independently of the power grid.

The system also includes a biorefinery subsystem to convert algae and fish byproducts into high-value nutraceuticals such as bioactive peptide and phenolic compounds. The biorefinery can turn the algae into fish feed for the aquaponics operation as well.

“By integration with the biorefinery, we can have additional revenues for aquaponics farmers so that they can improve their economic viability,” Huang said. “We will develop multidimensional sustainability metrics for system assessment and management to make sure that this kind of integration is technically feasible, economically viable and environmentally friendly.”

The project will further include stakeholder education and outreach components. The research team will survey farmers and suppliers about the barriers and opportunities for blue foods and aquaponics. The team also will develop workshops to help interested farmers build aquaponics systems or improve their existing operations.

In addition, the grant will foster a workforce that can support blue food production by funding the creation of educational materials for high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

“We also want to educate consumers on the benefit of blue foods so that they can diversify their dietary pattern to include more blue foods and ultimately improve health,” Huang said.

## IDEM, IDHS, IFA Exceeds PFAS Foam Collection Goal

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) announced the collection of more than 30,000 gallons of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) firefighting foam from Indiana fire departments. Since April 2022, this free program, provided by IDEM, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), and Indiana Finance Authority (IFA), has collected and safely disposed of foam from more than 220 Hoosier fire departments across the state.

“When we first began collection, we set a lofty goal to collect 30,000 gallons of PFAS foam,” said IDEM Commissioner Brian Rockensuess. “We have exceeded that goal in less than a year’s time and are still scheduling more pick-ups. This is a major accomplishment in protecting the environment and the health of our bravest Hoosiers.”

PFAS foam is used to suppress or extinguish Class-B (toxic chemical) fires. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that exposure to PFAS can lead to ad-

verse health outcomes in humans. PFAS foam has been linked to four of the top eight leading causes of cancer in firefighters: testicular, prostate, mesothelioma, and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

In 2020, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1189, prohibiting the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS for training purposes.

Indiana is one of only a handful of states in the country to create a PFAS foam collection and disposal program. This program allows the state to offer a free pick-up and environmentally safe disposal service, which saves fire departments thousands of dollars in disposal costs while protecting Hoosiers and the Indiana environment.

Fire departments across the state can voluntarily register for this free program by visiting the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) website at [dhs.in.gov](https://dhs.in.gov). Real time collection data can be viewed via the PFAS Collection Status Map on the IDHS website.

## State Accepting Nominations For Governor’s Century, Half Century Business Awards

The state of Indiana is now accepting nominations for the Governor’s Century and Half Century Business Awards, which honor Hoosier businesses that have remained in operation for at least 100 or 50 years, respectively, and have demonstrated a commitment to serving the community.

Qualifying criteria are as follows:

- The business must have had continuous operations in Indiana for 100 or 50 years by Dec. 31, 2022.
- The business must have participated in the same line of work for the duration of its operations. If different, an explanation of the evolution into the current business must be

provided on the nomination form.

- The business must have had its base in Indiana since it was founded.

- The business must recognize, acknowledge and agree that it is in full compliance with the Indiana Secretary of State.

- The business must not have previously received a Century or Half Century award from the state of Indiana. Previous Half Century award recipients may qualify for a Century award.

Eligible companies are encouraged to complete the online application by April 14, 2023. Please visit the Indiana Economic Development Corporation website for additional details.

## Ivy Tech Foundation Invites The Community To Join First Day Of Giving

Ivy Tech Community College has positioned countless healthcare professionals, manufacturing specialists, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and other leaders to thrive professionally and help drive Indiana’s economy for nearly 60 years. On April 11 alumni, friends of Ivy Tech, and all Hoosiers can help the College develop a new generation of leaders by contributing to Ivy Tech Day, the College’s first-ever Day of Giving.

Starting at midnight on April 11 – for 24 hours – people everywhere can support the College’s 19 campuses and the 150,000 students who are building brighter futures for themselves and for those around them. The goal is to reach 600 gifts in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the College.

“A day can mean

everything, and April 11 will be an extraordinary day for Ivy Tech. We are creating a fun, memorable way to come together and show our collective passion for the College community,” said Ivy Tech Foundation President Courtney Roberts. “The goal at Ivy Tech isn’t graduation day – it’s a better every day after. We are proud of the many ways the graduates of Ivy Tech contribute to our communities across Indiana, and our first Day of Giving is one more way we can come together for the good of our students and the future of our state.”

Ivy Tech Day is part of the Foundation’s 5-year, \$285 million campaign. Leading up to the Day of Giving, the Foundation will share stories of impact across the College with the community that

capture how Ivy Tech is changing the lives of Hoosiers across the state. Participants can give to the College through the Ivy Tech Foundation – whether it’s \$5 or \$5,000 – starting at midnight on April 11 by visiting [ivytech.edu/giveday](https://ivytech.edu/giveday).

Ivy Tech, founded on March 15, 1963, is the largest singly accredited community college in the U.S. and has been an indispensable lifeline to Indiana communities for nearly 60 years: 8 of 10 people who graduate from Ivy Tech do so without student debt, and 93 percent of graduates stay in Indiana to work in industries that help drive the state’s economy. From the nation’s largest 2-year nursing degree program to tens of thousands of alumni who are non-profit leaders, manufacturing technicians, and small

business owners, the college shapes and positions talented leaders who contribute to the state’s thriving ecosystem.

Ivy Tech contributes \$3.9 billion annually to Indiana’s economy – including a net impact of \$3.6 billion from alumni alone. Ivy Tech awards more than 20,000 degrees and certificates each year.

“Everyone at Ivy Tech is proud of how our graduates have contributed to communities across the state, and we are equally excited about the possibilities ahead,” Roberts said. “We live in an evolving environment that requires us to quickly fill gaps in industries everywhere. Our community of alumni, students, faculty, and partners collectively make it happen.”

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