## Hats Off!

## They stood up for diversity

for all peoples.'

Some 26 people were recognized by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council at Monday's first-ever Rainbow Awards Break-fast.
They included city officials, educators, students, and foun-ders.

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"Thank you for sticking your neck out into unchartered territo-ry to make this area inclusive for all peoples," and Karen Bolsen, co-chair of the council's steering

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Educators and students honored include:

If flaroune Alameddine — He recontly retired as director of Bilingual Education for Farmington Schools. Alameddine was a representative on the community council from the onset.

Bichard Eston — He is a Farmington High social studies teacher, who has taught cultural awareness and offered it as an open topic of discussion to students.

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Yashiko Gingerich — She is a bilingual eide at Eagle Elementary. She is often the first centert Japanese families have when their children join Eagle. Gingerich offers a telephone "hot line" for incuming families. She is also a strategic member of the Eagle staff, lielping them understand Japanese culture and providing interpretation services when needed.

Be Carl Gippert. — He is the director of the North Farmington High band and orchestra. Gippert creates a respectful and warm environment for students, nominators said. He also uses music originating from diverse sources.

Michael Gruber — He is a Merchael — He is

Mildene Habib — She is coordi-mater of International Studies at Oaklant Community College Ore-rement of the Community College Ore-rement Hills. Habib has served as a friend, mentor and model for many international students at the college, nominators said.

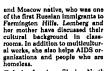
Marticle Jacan-Louis — She is a Farmington High sophomore and

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5 Jaclyn Lossia — She is a North
Farmington High senior and a
member of the school's Multicultural Round Table. Lossis has
also been a contributor as a student representative on the communtty multicultural council.

8 Sarai Martinez — She is a Harrison High senior and an aide end
guest epseker Spanish classes.
Martinez is considered an outstanding ambassador of Mexico,
nominators said.

8 Joette Morden — She teaches



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Joste Morden — She teaches "Life Management" courses at Harriaon High. Morden is involved in the school's conflict peer mediation efforts and heips students of every background feel equally appreciated, nominators said.

Donald Phillips — He is a serior at Farmington High and a two-year student representation on the community council. Phillips has been a consistent force in uniting different groups at the school, nominators said.

Sonnie Qualman — She teach-

school, nominators said.

Connie Qualman — She teaches fifth graders at Forest Elementary. Qualman helped develop a curriculum and bibliography, "Teaching Children to Be Paacemakers." She is also the co-founder of A Community Organization Recognising Diversity in Northvillo.

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Norma denkins, Barbara Johnson, Kristi Krupa and Pat Mebley — All four East Middle School staff and multicultural committee members created a



She's recognized: A happy Jaclyn Lossia of North Farmington High holds her award.







Rainbow speaker: The Rev. Nicholas Hood III: "I think it's great you are multicultural and multiracial, but we need to be multidimensional."

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The following city and school officials were recognized for their aupport of the Farmington area multicultural initiative:

Billi Costick — Farmington Hillia City Manager was one of the founding members of the community council. Costick has helped developed procedures and policies to embrace multiculturalism and racial equity in the city.

Mike Flanagan — The former Farmington Public Schools auperintendent was one of the district's first supporters of the community council. Flanagan, who is superintendent of the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency, holped developed the Farmington Glard collection of Education trustee was part of the core group that provided leadership to establish the community council. Putow was on the council's planning team at its inception and first chairwoman. She is still active in the community council.

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Shirley Richardson — As Farmington meyor, she gave her support and assistance in developing the community council. Richardson encouraged city officials to understand its diverse population and to get involved with the council.

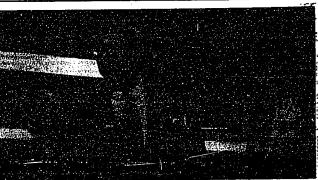
Three citizens were honored for their involvement during the council's formation. They in-

council's formation. They include:

If the Rev. Brewster "Budge" Gere — The pastor of the First Presbyterien Church of Farmington has been a longtime member of the council. Gere was instrumental in planning the council's first public forums on diversity. As president of the Farmington Area Ministerial Association, he coordinated that group's year-long study on valuing diversity. B. Larry Maloney — He has served on the council in numerous capacities, including the present position of treasurer. Maloney has been on the programming

ons capacities. In the programming of the position of treasurer. Meloney has been on the programming committee that presents monthly discussions as part of the council's community forum arries.

B Ann-Thorese O'Bullivan — She is a former chairwoman of the council who organizers sail has been a tirtless promoter of tolerance and understanding. O'Bullivan has been involved in increasing awareness about the many is accessed in the programming of the council's steering committee.



Smiling winners: The Rev. Brewster (Budge) Gere (center) receives his Rainbow award with Larry Maloney and Ann-Therese O'Sullivan.

## Celebration

tween rich and poor, Hood said. King would also inspire people to examine their values, Hood add-

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tion to our young so we can eliminate and reduce the disparities between people," Hood said.
"I think it's great you are multicultural and multiracial, but we need to be multidimensional.
"We have to say to ourselves, I have to do something more than paying my hills and keeping my body clean."
Detroit and the suburba depend on one another, especially economically.

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A new vitality exists in Detroit, he said.

More housing starts have curred in the past two years than in the 10 years previous to that, New development is also on the

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While recognizing past contributions to the multicultural council's cause, Tuesday's break, fast allowed for new members to join. Nineteen signed up, said steering committee co-chair Karen Bolsen.

"We were hoping for a few more," Bolsen said.

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Attendance at the first-cyke event exceeded expectations. Op-ganizors thought 75 to 100 would attend but we're pleasantly surprised that 250 turned out.

Said Hood: "I believe in what Margaret Meade said, 'You can transform the world with a hand; ful of people who have a common vision."



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