

Dolan supports taking a girl to work

Some Michigan women lawmakers are urging their colleagues to bring their daughters and other female relatives, students and friends, to the state Capitol Wednesday, April 28, in observance of the nationwide "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," announced state Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills.

"This may be the so-called 'enlightened '90s,' but girls still get contradictory and negative messages about their lives, their future and their self-images," Dolan said.

"This event was conceived to show young women that they mer-

it attention, that adults are interested in their opinions and participation, and that they are important enough to be given a "personalized" tour of the working world."

Originally planned only for New York, the observance quickly took on nationwide interest after it was publicized. It was organized in Michigan at the legislative level by a bipartisan coalition of women lawmakers.

The itinerary for the Capitol event includes visiting government offices, a building tour and visit to the House floor, career presentations from women in the

legislative arena and observing House session as guests of their legislators.

Dolan cited a survey by the American Association of University Women that revealed self-esteem, confidence and expectations of girls peak at age nine, but sharply decline by the time they reach high school.

"Additional research, including a television documentary, disclosed that many girls' early self-confidence erodes in part because they are not encouraged, listened to, or called on to participate in school as much as boys," Dolan said.

"Over time, this negative reinforcement sabotages self-image and confidence, and produces adult women who are unsure of their identities, capabilities, and goals."

"By encouraging everyone who has a job — mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles — to take a girl to work with them, young women will get the message that they count, and will see other working women in many types of occupations."

Dolan said the event also can help promote better parent-child understanding by de-mythifying the workplace.

"Young people often view work as the enemy, because it keeps their parents away from home every day," Dolan explained. "By accompanying their mothers and fathers to work, they may get a different perspective on what their parents do all day to help pay the bills — and see what make them so tired at night."

Businesses will be encouraged to invite in groups of girls who don't have a parent, relative or friend who can take them to work. Schools also will be requested to participate that day by talking to boys about issues involving girls and women.

Winning PR



Teacher's kudos: Margaret Culver, a teacher at Harrison High, has been awarded the prestigious E. Dale Kennedy Award for Public Relations. Culver is the public relations chairperson for the Farmington Education Association and also works with the 112,000 member Michigan Education Association on various PR activities.

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action and beat Plymouth Salem in the semifinals. Team members include: Ninth-graders Carrie Owen and Sarah Wayne; Juniors Amir Baghdadchi, Steve Hall, Russ Ming and Andy Wayne; and seniors Chand Anne, Eric Eslinger and Mike Fischer.

THE MASTERS
A team of nine students from

Eagle Elementary School scored 674 out of 1,000 possible points in the Ninth Elementary Knowledge Master Open March 24. The score ranked the Eagle "Great Auk" team third in the state. The academic contest featured students from all 60 states as well as Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. Students were tested on geography, art, literature and 11 other

areas of the elementary curriculum. Team members include: Nilsan Ben-Gal, John Cooper, Jared Goldman, Brian Lafer, Aaron Landman, Noam Oz, Daniel Shumer, Jacob Slutsky and Josh Wool. Key Carlson was a teacher sponsor and was assisted by parent coaches Barbara Shumer and Barbara Lafer.

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