The 17th Annual Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Conference: A Bioneers Pollinator Event
October 14-15, 2022
University of Detroit Mercy
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Earth is our Measure, Mentor & Guide: Strategies for Reconnecting with Nature & Community

Welcome to the 17th Annual Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Conference!

Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit holds an annual conference that provides a platform for community members to network and to highlight innovative solutions to environmental and social problems, with a focus on Metro Detroit and all Michiganders. We are “a Pollinator Event,” rooted in the national Bioneers organization. Our mission is to promote a sustainable community that fosters life-giving relationships, creates connections and celebrates solutions for restoring and healing Earth's communities.

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We desire this conference to be an opportunity for the community to share experiences and strategies to ensure that we are building a positive force in our world by community action and advocating for the critical issues of environmental degradation, systemic racism, and national health.

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#### Adult For These Unrotated Tours

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.1**

**Educational Tour**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.2**

**Educational Tour**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.3**

**Educational Tour**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### From Racialization to Segregation

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.4**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.5**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.6**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### Understanding the Future on the Plant Level

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.7**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.8**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.9**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### Focus on the Future and the Past: A Younger Generation's Vision

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.10**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.11**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.12**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### Peering into the Future and the Past: A Younger Generation's Vision

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.13**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.14**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.15**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### Peering into the Future and the Past: A Younger Generation's Vision

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.16**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.17**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.18**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### Peering into the Future and the Past: A Younger Generation's Vision

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.19**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.20**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.21**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

### Conference Sessions A - Continued

#### Peering into the Future and the Past: A Younger Generation's Vision

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.22**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.23**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]

**9:10 to 10:00 Session A6.24**

**Workshop**: [Names and Details]
Five tours will be offered Friday Morning.

This tour features Wayne State University’s One Health Initiative and Healthy education, context and ideas/opportunities for taking positive action.

12 years he has been an assistant professor at Madonna University in Religious

The tour will include the solar array that powers the Montessori School importance of agriculture in an urban setting.

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Jake Houghton is passionate about animal rights, environmental protection and

Pamela Sparks provides background information about the geography, history

Bethany Howard and Ian McCain are both Detroit Mercy students in the Masters

Detroit has seen its share of climate change, as shown by power outages,

Continental breakfast, and Bioneers keynote videos

Learn about native backyard birds and

Kenny Ausubel outlines some of the issues we face and the movements

We can’t talk about a fair, just and equitable food system without radical new

2:40 to 3:50 Concurrent Session C

1:45 to 2:30 Plenary: Students Report Experiences

Students share reflections at our 2019 conference.

2:30 Students return to their schools via their buses

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Conference Registration Information

An event is scheduled to create Great Lakes Bioneers in an area that interests you in attending. Our registration fees reflect this. Reduced rates are available for activists, seniors, teachers and students. We have assigned in order of registration. This is an opportunity to re-imagine your own community nutrition and health.

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