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Advancing Macomb Hosts Third Annual Community Engagement Summit *Event Inspires Action, Builds Partnerships and Shares Best Practices for Community Engagement*

Mount Clemens, Mich. (Sept. 2, 2025) – [Advancing Macomb](#), a 501c3 that convenes resources to solve community challenges and enrich the lives of Macomb County residents, will host its third annual Community Engagement Summit, presented by First State Bank, on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the John Lewis Community Center at Macomb Community College in Warren, Mich.

The half-day event will bring together business, civic and nonprofit leaders for a morning of networking, collaboration and learning, aimed at inspiring action and building partnerships while exploring best practices for community engagement.

Event highlights include:

- Keynote address by **Nicole Sherard-Freeman**, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.
- Fireside chat with **Salvador Salort-Pons**, Mary Anne and Eugene A. Gargaro Jr. Director, President and CEO of the Detroit Institute of Arts, moderated by **Brooke Allen**, award-winning broadcaster and host of “Caffeinated Conversations with Brooke Allen.”

“Our goal is for leaders to leave this event with valuable insights, new connections and fresh inspiration to make a greater impact in their community,” said Phil Gilchrist, executive director of Advancing Macomb. “Anyone who cares about strengthening their community is invited to join us and be part of the conversation.”

General admission tickets for the event are \$50 and include a light breakfast. Tickets may be purchased at advancingmacomb.com.

The Community Engagement Summit is made possible by support from Consumers Energy, the Detroit Zoo, First State Bank, Macomb Community College, OneMacomb and SMART.



About Advancing Macomb

Advancing Macomb is Macomb County's conduit for resources that improve quality of life. The 501c3 organization provides the philanthropic model and leadership needed to cement partnerships between the nonprofit, public and private sectors, identify and attract resources to fund major projects and programs, and increase Macomb County's visibility. For more information about Advancing Macomb, visit advancingmacomb.com.

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