



THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS

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SAAABA MEMBERSHIP

This is a friendly reminder to renew your SAAABA membership. **Keep in mind that anyone who refers a friend to join SAAABA receives a free luncheon!** Membership forms are available at SAAABA.com under membership application. The membership fee is \$25 which offers a discount on the six monthly luncheon meetings. SAAABA represents professionals employed primarily by the State, county, or local governmental units, who serve in accounting, auditing, business administration and related activities. If you have any questions regarding membership please contact Vanessa Trinh, Director of Membership, at TrinhV@michigan.gov.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON RECAP

Craig Thiel, Senior Research Associate at Citizens Research Council of Michigan, presented to SAAABA at the October luncheon on School Finance in Michigan: Opportunities and Challenges. Craig discussed recent trends in school finance and the financial challenges public schools are facing. Since fiscal year 2011, state funding has increased approximately \$1 billion. However, the majority of that increase is used for retirement. Some current fiscal challenges that public schools are facing include changing demographics, slow recovery from the Great Recession, and growing legacy costs. However, taking the opportunity to re-examine the structure of school finances can address some of the financial challenges that public schools are facing.



SAAABA'S SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO...

Congratulations to Breann Klein, the recipient of the 2016-17 SAAABA Scholarship. Breann Klein will be attending Lansing Community College; a College that is dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience for students by providing opportunities to earn a degree, certificate or additional education that can be applied to a student's professional or personal life. Congratulations again to Breann Klein!

NEXT EVENT:

Tax Luncheon
1/23/2017
11:45 AM -1:00 PM
Michigan Library Auditorium
702 W. Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, MI 48915

Hurry! Deadline to register is
1/17/2017

TOPIC REQUESTS:

If you have a luncheon topic or speaker idea, please contact Deb Anderson at AndersonD11@michigan.gov

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO SAAABA'S 10/01/16 – 9/30/18 BOARD MEMBERS:

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