



Michigan Society for Respiratory Care

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MESSENGER

2022 HYBRID SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP

Spring Committee Co-Chairs: Carissa Novak and Erica Newton

Committee Members: Alicia Wafer, Jeanine Steinaway, Shawn Nicholson, Kelly Fiorino, Erica Basile, and Chris Culter



MSRC President Jon Vono with past presidents Chris Culter and Nick Prush with Presidential Award winner Kelly Long during the award ceremony

MSRC Spring Conference is Back!

As the fog clears from the pandemic, Respiratory Therapists from around the state gathered at the Kellogg Conference Center in Lansing, MI. The last time MSRC Spring Conference was in Lansing was 2007 and it was good to be back, for so many reasons.

We had great lectures by Joseph Piersante, Dr. Amreeta Vashti Sharma, Angela Sherman, Garry Kauffman, Leslie Yancy, Dr. Douglas Arenberg, Dr. Philip Choi, and Rena Laliberte just to name a few.



Breathing life into your career

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Current MSRC President, Jonathan Vono presented the Homer Engert Award to Kelly Long. Kelly is the Patient Navigator and Program Coordinator for the RT to Home Program. Kelly has 30+ years of medical experience, including Respiratory Therapist, Licensed Massage Therapist, and Registered Yoga Instructor.

Respiratory therapy students competed at Sputum Bowl, see more on that on Page 3 & 4. It was followed by a dance party with DJ Jon Anderson. A great time was had by all.

We are so grateful for all those that attended in person and virtually. Thank you to all the sponsors and exhibitors that packed the vendor hall. Thank you for taking the time to join us and giving yourself some time to relax, learn, and be social. See you next year in Kalamazoo!



The vendor hall at MSRC Spring Conference



Monday's Keynote Speaker: Joe Piersante, retired DEA

CONGRATS TO THE MICHIGAN SPUTUM BOWL WINNERS!

The Monroe County Community College Respiratory Program was the winner this year of the Michigan Sputum Bowl! This is the second year in a row that MCCC has won the Michigan Sputum Bowl. Congratulations to **Daniel Middlestat, Gina DiMaria, Darrian Pratt and Chase D. Hill**. Way to go!



From left, Instructor of Respiratory Therapy Helen Stripling; students Daniel Middlestat, Gina DiMaria, Darrian Pratt and Chase D. Hill; and Director of Clinical Education/Instructor of Respiratory Therapy Angela Prush.

PHOTOS FROM SPUTUM BOWL 2022

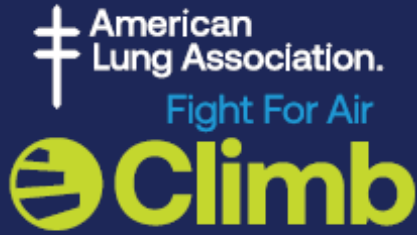


During a Sputum Bowl match



Sputum Bowl judges

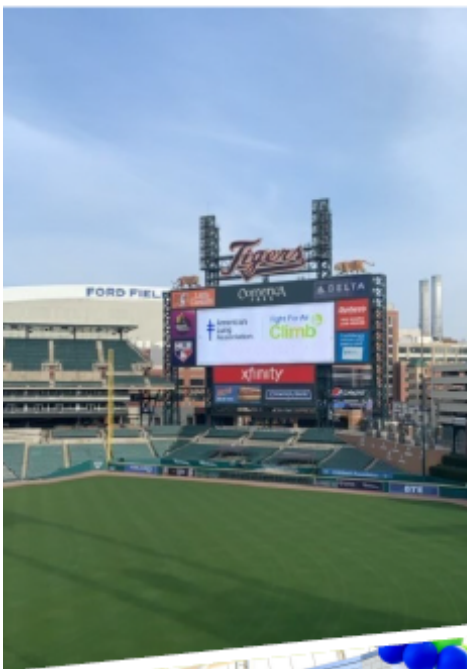
VOLUNTEER FOR THE FIGHT FOR AIR CLIMB!



May 1, 2022

Comerica Park | Detroit, MI

Climb Higher in '22!



Volunteer for the Fight For Air Climb

Make **Every Step Count** by volunteering your time and energy at the Fight For Air Climb to support those living with lung disease.

Volunteer shifts range from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Opportunities available for all ages with individuals and groups welcome! Contact us to learn more about additional pre-event opportunities.

To learn more or register to volunteer, visit FightForAirClimb.org/detroit or call 248-784-2000.



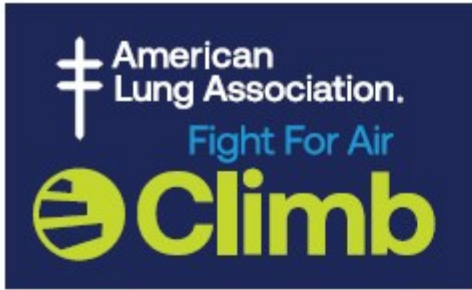
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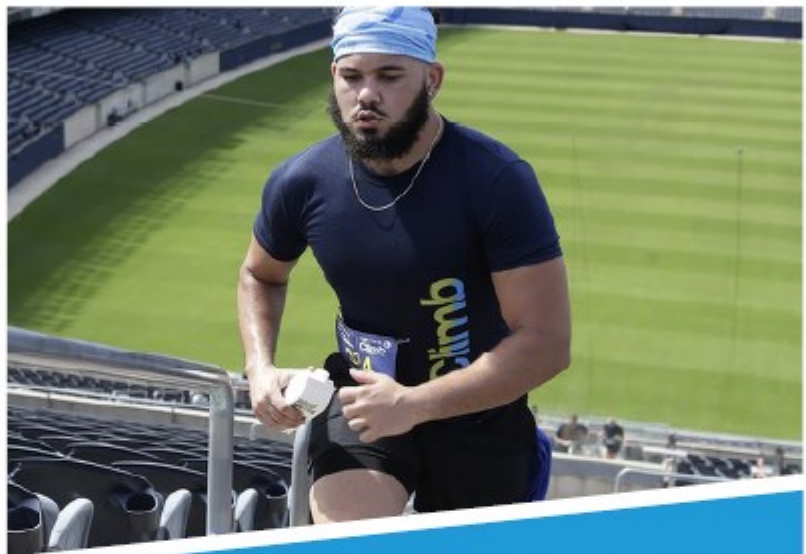
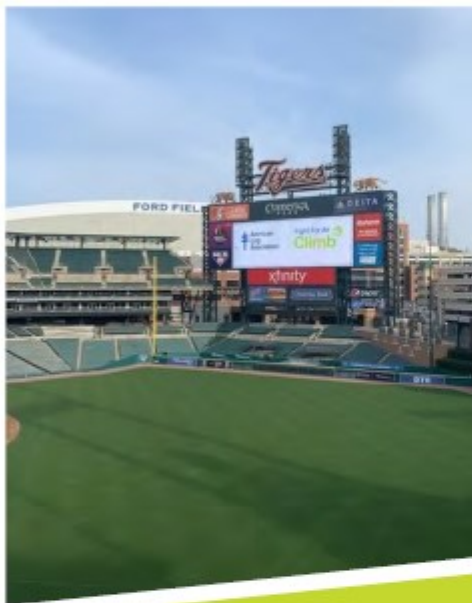
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Last year's outdoor Fight For Air Climb events were a hit, so we're staying outside in 2022. Support healthy lungs and clean air by taking the stairs and climbing higher in some of the country's most iconic venues. Whether you're new to stair-climbing or a veteran Climber, you can choose your adventure—how you climb is up to you.

You can also participate in our #ClimbYourWay program. Track your physical activity, compete with friends and family, through the Fight For Air Climb app. Save your spot at the starting line today!



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AARC UPDATES



AARC Virtual Lobby Week: April 25-29th!

MSRC Political Advocacy Contact Team (PACT) will be meeting with Congressional Representatives throughout the month of May and **we need your support!**

Please watch for emails /visit AARC Connect (Michigan Community) asking for you to contact your Congressional Representative to support important legislation.

For more information about this year's initiatives, please visit: <https://www.aarc.org/advocacy/congressional-legislation/>



AARC UPDATES

AARC celebrates 75 years!!!



Please click the link below to learn some history of the AARC!

<https://www.aarc.org/an-22-cheers-to-aarc-75/>



AARC introduces new Executive Director



Daniel D. Garrett, CAE

AARC American Association for Respiratory Care

<https://www.aarc.org/an22-aarc-board-announces-new-executive-director/>

LUNG FORCE WALK

American Lung Association.

Small Steps,
Bold Strides

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Save the Date

Royal Oak, MI | Oct. 2, 2022

Detroit Zoo | 7:30 a.m.

LUNGFORCE.org/detroit

 **American Lung Association.**

SAVE THE DATES!

MSRC Live Fall Conference

October 3rd-4th, 2022

Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

Registration will open in the summer– check the MSRC website for details!

https://www.michiganrc.org/2022_fall_conference.php

AARC Summer Forum

Save the date!

July 26-28th, 2022

Palm Springs CA



Registration to open soon:

<https://www.aarc.org/education/live-courses/aarc-meetings/>

Hope to see you there!

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Nichola Jenema, Niles	Rebecka Williams, Flint
Monica Jones, Waterford	Megan Yuhasz-Pratt, Ypsilanti

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UPCOMING MSRC EVENTS

Please see the website www.michiganrc.org for more details on the following events:

- Annual MSRC Golf Outing
- Live Fall Conference 2022