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Human Services

- The Michigan Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies presented **Kathleen Rager**, executive director of Fraser-based Community Assessment Referral & Education (CARE), the Gary Pepe Prevention Award at the Michigan Substance Abuse Conference held in Lansing. The award recognizes Rager's 23 years of service in the field of prevention.



Tom Conlin

Travel

- The American Society of [Travel Agents](#) presented **Tom Conlin**, founder of Ann Arbor-based Conlin Travel, the Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the highest honors that ASTA presents to individuals. Education

- Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) has selected the first two students to

receive the Nanci S. Klein Memorial Scholarship. **Nora Ereifej** of Warren and **Eric Scott Westenberg** of Madison Heights will each receive \$500 scholarships. Ereifej is a Wayne State University student pursuing a master's degree in dispute resolution. Westenberg is pursuing a juris doctorate at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. The scholarship provides [financial](#) assistance and support to students in the field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) who are committed to a career using mediation. The scholarship was developed to honor the legacy of the late Nanci S. Klein, who served as executive director of OMC from 1999 to 2005.

Medical

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• **Dr. B. Joseph Elmunzer** of the University of Michigan was recently awarded a research grant from a national consortium for the emerging transdisciplinary therapy known as Natural Orifice Translumenal Endoscopic Surgery, an approach that could ultimately represent a major paradigm shift in minimally invasive therapy and patient care. The Natural Orifice Surgery Consortium for Assessment and Research (NOSCAR) is a joint effort of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.

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