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People in the News

Hometown heroes

- Navy Seaman Apprentice **Rey-Joshua Parinasan** , son of **Sharon Parinasan** of Detroit, and **Rey-Joshua Parinasan** of St. Clair Shores, was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 2006 graduate of Cabrini High School in Allen Park.
- Army Pvt. **Kwame Willis** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Willis is the nephew of **Mary Willis** of Detroit.

School standouts

• **Lorri MacDonald** , an online forensic science instructor from Dearborn who teaches students throughout Michigan in a virtual classroom, has been chosen the first-ever Online Teacher of the Year by Michigan Virtual School, a division of Michigan Virtual University. MacDonald, a part-time teacher for Michigan Virtual School and an assistant professor in science education and research methods at the University of Detroit Mercy, was one of four finalists for the Online Teacher of the Year Award. MacDonald, who earned her doctorate in education and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University after receiving her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan, also has more than 20 years of experience in teaching and building administration at the middle and high school levels.

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Local standouts

• **The Unified Group** , a national network of independent mechanical contractors, honored **Tom Barker** , Guardian Environmental Services vice president, for his hard work and commitment on the 2007-2008 Board of Advisors. Barker was presented with an award during The Unified Group's 10th annual Owners' Forum in Puerto Rico Nov. 12-15. The 2007-2008 Unified Group Board of Advisors was comprised of four committees: membership, business opportunities, training and purchasing. Barker served on the purchasing committee.

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