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TODAY AT CMC

APRIL 30

An Interview with Dennison Griffith

A conversation with the Central Ohio's most creative CEO, CCAD president Dennison Griffith

Interviewed by: Gail Hogan, host, Showcase Columbus

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Upcoming Conversation

May 14

An Overlooked Asset: 100,000 College **Student in Columbus**

How do we keep this talent here!? Doug Kridler, President and CEO. Columbus Foundation Todd Hoffman, Collegia Dan Sharpe, Recent Ohio Wesleyan



Doug Kridler

A Special Friday Forum *May* 16

University graduate

Jack and Jerry and the **Zoo...** What a Ride!

Jerry Borin, Executive Director Columbus Zoo and Aquarium **Iack Hanna**, Director **Emeritus of Columbus**





May 21 Fueling Ohio's Future: America's Battelle



Chief Economist, American Petroleum Institute Program presented in

Partnership with: OSU Institute for Energy and the Environment Series Underwritten by: Battelle

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May 28

Developments on the Urban Frontier

A panel discussion about downtown housing, urban development and residential living in downtown Columbus in advance of this year's City Hop.

John Felmy

Presented in partnership with: Columbus Landmarks Foundation

Join Today!

Call CMC at (614) 464-3220 for more information.

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May 22 5-7 pm

Art Collecting on a Budget



Collectors Panel: Haley Boehning, Limited Brands ellen glimcher Katie Lucas, GCAC

Moderated by: Melissa Starker, columbus alive!

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

Creating a Portfolio of High Performing Schools

What Columbus is Doing and What We Can Learn from Other Communities

In the last six years, Columbus City Schools have seen substantial improvement in a variety of categories on the state report card.

Jeff Warner, a spokesman for the school district told the Dispatch on the heels of a recent national dropout report that many systemic changes have been made including increased afterschool and weekend tutoring programs, coordinated literacy initiatives in the elementary schools and bolstered English-as-a-Second-Language offerings, all of which have led to the district's continuous improvement. In addition to the progress made

in the public schools, the district's Successful alternatives, schools such as the nationally acclaimed Columbus Alternative High School

and Ft. Haves High School, continue to bolster student achievement. Columbus City School students are fortunate to have a number of options for education. Students can attend the district's traditional public schools; district alternative schools; charter schools, which are free because they are publicly funded; or students assigned to persistently underperforming district schools, can apply for state vouchers that pay for private school tuition.

Though the district still has opportunities for further improvement, the city has a number of stellar education options, and the question is, how can ALL schools work to develop an effective portfolio for the entire district? Most important,

Creating a Portfolio of High Performing Schools

What Columbus is Doing and What We Can Learn from Other Communities At the Hyatt Capitol Square

Panel discussion moderated by:



Abigail Wexner Chair of KidsOhio.org

Program presented in partnership with:



David Ferrero, Sr. Education Officer, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation



Josh Edelman, Director of New Schools, Chicago Public Schools

KidsOhio.org how can we replicate the efforts of

our best schools to benefit our children? Join KidsOhio.org board chair Abigail Wexner as she moderates a panel of the country's leading education experts in a discussion about what it takes and what can be done to ensure our schools continue to improve.

RECAP - APRIL 23

Has Funding the Arts Become Unfashionable!?

Wow, what a question! Once again our Dispatch Chats Series brought together some of the most influential members of our community for a discussion about Central Ohio's arts funding dilemma. In the wake of news reports about the difficulties many local

arts organizations are having, a mixed panel addressed the concerns our community has about developing a thriving and sustainable arts community.





CMC Member Matthew Arnold asks a question of the panel.



From left to right: CMC President Dr. Shah Hasan, Michael Reed, Nancy Gilson, Bryan Knicely, Bob Milbourne, and our sponsor, the Dispatch's Jon Schwantes

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New Mission: To connect people and ideas through community conversation

An informed and engaged community

Dear CMC Friends.

I am writing to announce our new CMC Vision and Mission Statements (see box above). Concluding a set of wider conversations that began over a year ago, the CMC Board of Trustees has adopted these new statements. The new statements reaffirm and remember more boldly the founding purpose of the Columbus Metropolitan Club as a coming together of engaged community leaders.

Community conversation about what matters is why our members join CMC. Our gatherings for learning and discussion are part of a proud American tradition of civic engagement in a democracy. While we might despair about how our political discourse sometimes devolves into missile exchanges of messages, for over thirty years the Columbus Metropolitan Club has hosted spirited discussion and debate about issues relevant to our central Ohio community.

Community conversation today continues to evolve beyond Wednesday Forums. We have experimented with alternative formats such as the World Café. We now experiment with discussion blogs before and after

Forums. And we continue to innovate with lines of programs such as CMCpm and CMC-on-Site. Our most important work in the next decade must widen and diversify space for conversation, so that we can include and connect more people, and so that we can listen more and learn more from each other.

Three decades ago our Founders sought to more inclusively gather CMC members for informed and pointed conversations - discussion, debate, and diversity. Our revised vision for these conversations is more capacious, and our revised mission more intrepid. The language may have changed but our work remains faithful to our mandate – to bring people and ideas together about what matters to us. This is the true work of the inspired

community leaders who are CMC. Thank you for

your continuing

leadership in the Columbus Metropolitan Club!



Shah M. Hasan President

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