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## Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter partners with Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology for informative conference



Health care professionals, caregivers and those living with Alzheimer's will learn about treatments, technology and caregiving options at the 12th Annual Fall Conference: A Meaningful Life with Alzheimer's presented by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter and the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology Sept. 18 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia. (MACOMB DAILY FILE PHOTO)

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What treatments are available for Alzheimer's Disease?

Has there been any new technology developed?

What caregiving options are available for those living with cognitive decline?

These are a few of the questions that will be addressed during the 12th annual Fall Conference: A Meaningful Life with Alzheimer's Disease being presented by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter and Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology.

The conference for health care professionals, caregivers and those living with Alzheimer's will be held Sept. 18 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

"We are so pleased to offer our annual Fall Conference with the Wayne State Institute of Gerontology," Jean Barnas, director of program services for the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter, said in a news release. "This event helps those impacted by Alzheimer's – whether through their employment, through a family member or through living with the disease – access a wealth of information, understand more about Alzheimer's and know that they are not alone. The day will feature inspirational presenters with extensive knowledge and experience."

Sessions from distinguished speakers include:

- Caregiving Challenges in Alzheimer's Care in the African American Community presented by Dr. Florence Johnson. The award-winning, highly experienced nursing professional holds many degrees, certificates and licenses and has worked as a consultant, instructor at the collegiate level and director of quality.

- Technological Innovations in Dementia Care: Enhancing Lives and Enabling Independence will be discussed by Dr. Maureen Mickus, Alzheimer's





Dr. Florence Johnson

“Learning From the Dementia Journey” by Jim Mangi, a retired business owner and environmental scientist who presents educational talks throughout Southeast Michigan, including “Alzheimer’s: It’s a Disease Not a Disgrace.”



“We are happy to continue programming that informs the community and brings awareness to Alzheimer’s disease,” said Jennifer Lepard, president and CEO of the Alzheimer’s Association Michigan Chapter. “The Alzheimer’s Association is working hard to provide the latest information to families so they can get information they need and make confident decisions as it relates to their loved ones.”

Cost for the conference is \$35 for health care professionals and free for caregivers and individuals with a dementia diagnosis. The conference provides 3 CEs for healthcare professionals.

For more information about the conference or to register, visit [shop.prod.wayne.edu/iog/iog/](http://shop.prod.wayne.edu/iog/iog/). For questions about the conference, contact Barnas at 248-996-1033 or [jbarnas@alz.org](mailto:jbarnas@alz.org). For questions about continuing education, contact Donna MacDonald at Wayne State University at 313-664-2605 or [donnamacdonald@wayne.edu](mailto:donnamacdonald@wayne.edu).

To learn more about the Alzheimer’s Association visit [alz.org/gmc](http://alz.org/gmc) or call 800-272-3900. The VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Rd., in Livonia.

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