As a community, we must transform our approach to learning to create the next generation of world problem solvers and critical thinkers. The project seeks to engage students on multiple levels, exposing them to areas of study that they typically do not pursue, and providing them with a foundation and proven path to college and ultimate career success in STEM-related fields.

Project Lead The Way is composed of:

- Gateway to Technology, which offers on independent, nine-week unit modules designed to help students explore math, science, technology and business concepts. This orientation program is taught in conjunction with a rigorous academic curriculum.
- Biomedical Sciences Program that addresses the human body, cell biology, genetics, disease and other biomedical topics in a sequence of four high school courses.
- Engineering, Design and Technology Program
- Computer Science, which prepares students for the postsecondary education and training necessary to qualify for a wide variety of positions, including physician, nurse, medical/paramedic, and technician.

“Project Lead the Way is a four-year high school sequence taught in conjunction with traditional math and science courses. It provides students with depth, hands-on knowledge of technology-based careers. We are fortunate for partners,” Luke said. “The opportunity for our students to be a part of this initiative can come in many different forms, including support in supplying materials, volunteering in classrooms, and financial resources. Project Lead the Way offers an opportunity for our students to be able to interact directly with teachers and scientists.

For more information, contact Luke at (269) 250-3416.

Art teacher Robin Reva of South Haven receives at the Youth Center School at the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home for her “Yes I Can!” award.

Filling out FAFSA
Students who wish to be considered for federal- and state-funded student aid must establish eligibility by filling out FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms. Kalamazoo Area College Access Network recently hosted several events to help with that. KACAN Coordinator Brenda Pileci said the service exists so that 90 percent of students who complete their FAFSA actually do go on to college. Here, Lillian Coy of Kalamazoo, left, and her daughter, Aruna Kerers, participate in the event at Kalamazoo Central High School. Information at: www.kacanonline.org.

People in the News

For “Leading Through Change,” the 2012 annual exchange of ideas, Kalamazoo RESA will honor Kalamazoo County Communications Manager Anne WoodsEdge. "You Are Not Alone," WoodsEdge said, "in the struggle of the outstanding communicators and community leaders who form the backbone of the Young Adult Program Competition.

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Rebecca Knecht for her work with "Healthy Children, Ready to Learn," Kalamazoo, Honorable Mention. Superintendont Ron Fuller's Last Chance Academy and the 2nd Annual Summit of the Kalamazoo County of Champions of Healthy Kids.

Erica Austin, who was performed in the Kalamazoo Public School District on Feb. 8 and 9 as part of a special tribute to legendary dancers and choreographers Martha Graham and Erick Hawkins.

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FIA instructor featured in N.Y. performance Education for the Arts dance director of Math, Science, and Technology in the Kalamazoo Public School District. "I believe that the arts are an important part of the educational experience of a lifetime." Her focus is: "What do we need to do to make these kids successful? It takes a community to help every kid with a severe impairment."

Y.O.U. marks 51 years of helping young people

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