

## Dow COP Pop Can Wall Build a Work of Collaboration

Recently WMFC Dow College Opportunity Program (COP) students collaborated with WMFC's younger summer program participants to attempt a grand feat. Building the Unofficial World Record Pop Can Wall! Accomplishing this required cooperation of both groups. Younger students brought in cans and practiced their wall building skills. COP students sorted washed returned cans and helped run the event.

Shouting encouragement Mike Sobolewski, Dow COP Director addressed the eager participants as they took turns placing pop cans one atop another. The stacking continued until there was a wall of 416 pop cans, which much to the delight of the young participants, promptly toppled to the ground! In all, 113 Summer Program campers and COP students participated in the build experience. After the build, 156 people (youth, parents and community members) enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic.

The event was held to support services for COP students. According to Mike Sobolewski, "This event will help COP provide activities and trips that introduce new horizons." We are grateful to our sponsors: Arbury Insurance, Brandle Roofing and Sheet Metal, Ben Dollard and Ameriprise Financial, Chemical Bank, MidMichigan Health, Wolverine Bank, prize providers Midland Center for the Arts and Little Caesars. Thanks go as well to radio station 93.5 CFX with on-air coverage by Angie Evans who added a delightful spin to the morning.

All these folks, along with the many individuals that brought in pop cans, helped to make the day brighter for all involved. In doing so, each planted an investment in the future - to the benefit of a very dedicated group of students!

