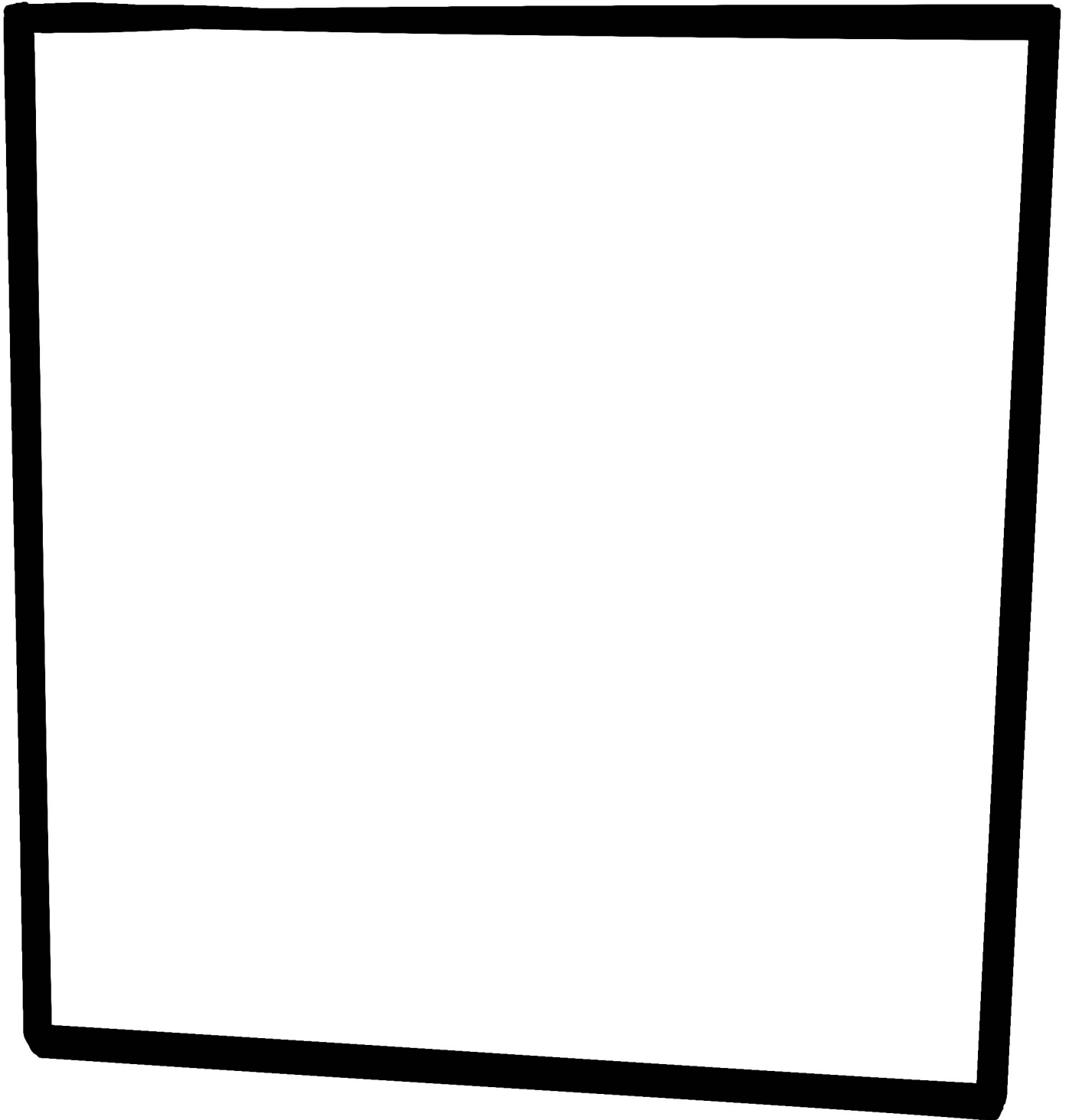


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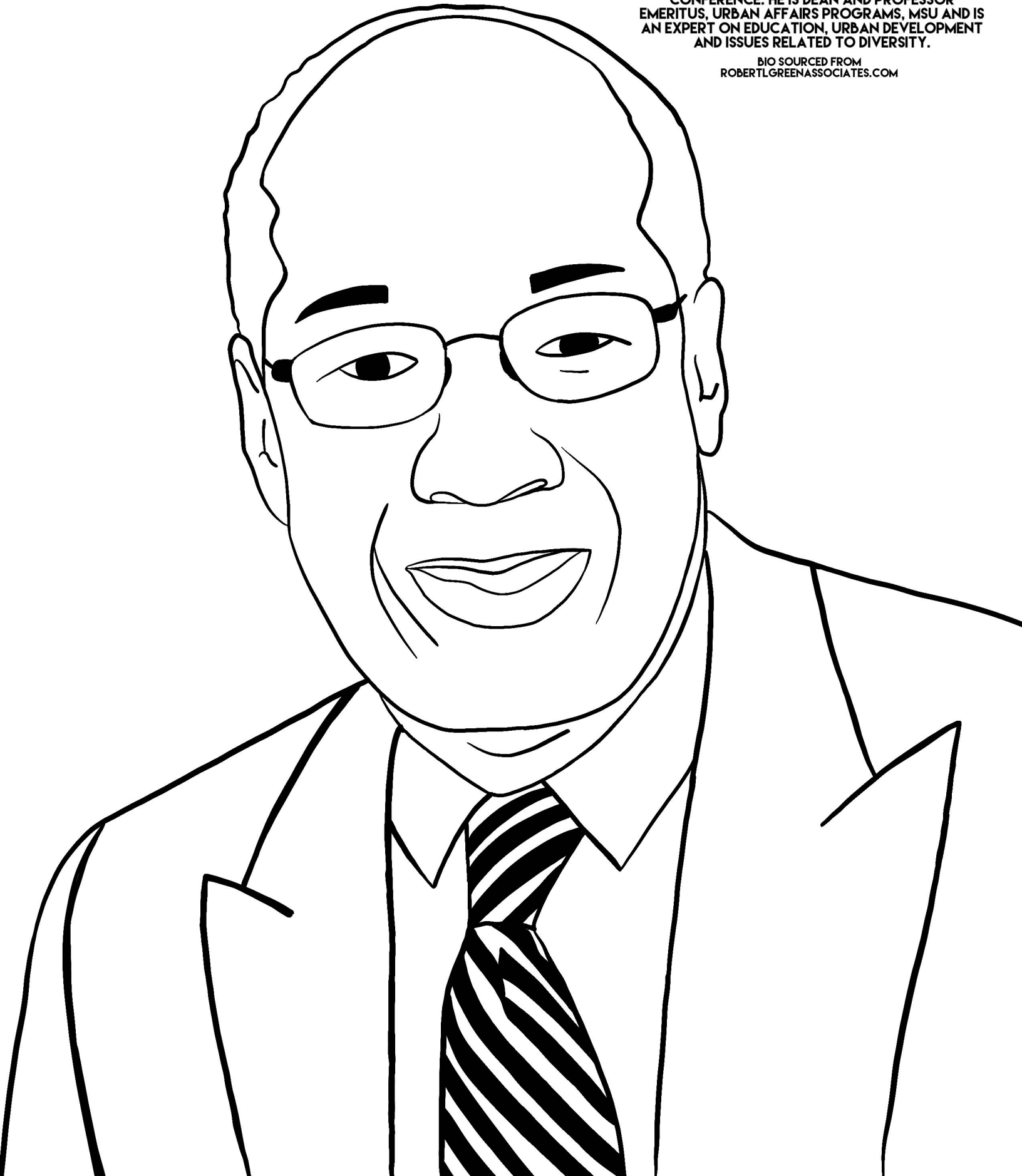


DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF!

ROBERT L. GREEN, PH.D.

DR. GREEN HOLDS A PH.D. IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FROM 1965-1966. DR. GREEN WORKED FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AS THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. HE IS DEAN AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS, URBAN AFFAIRS PROGRAMS, MSU AND IS AN EXPERT ON EDUCATION, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ISSUES RELATED TO DIVERSITY.

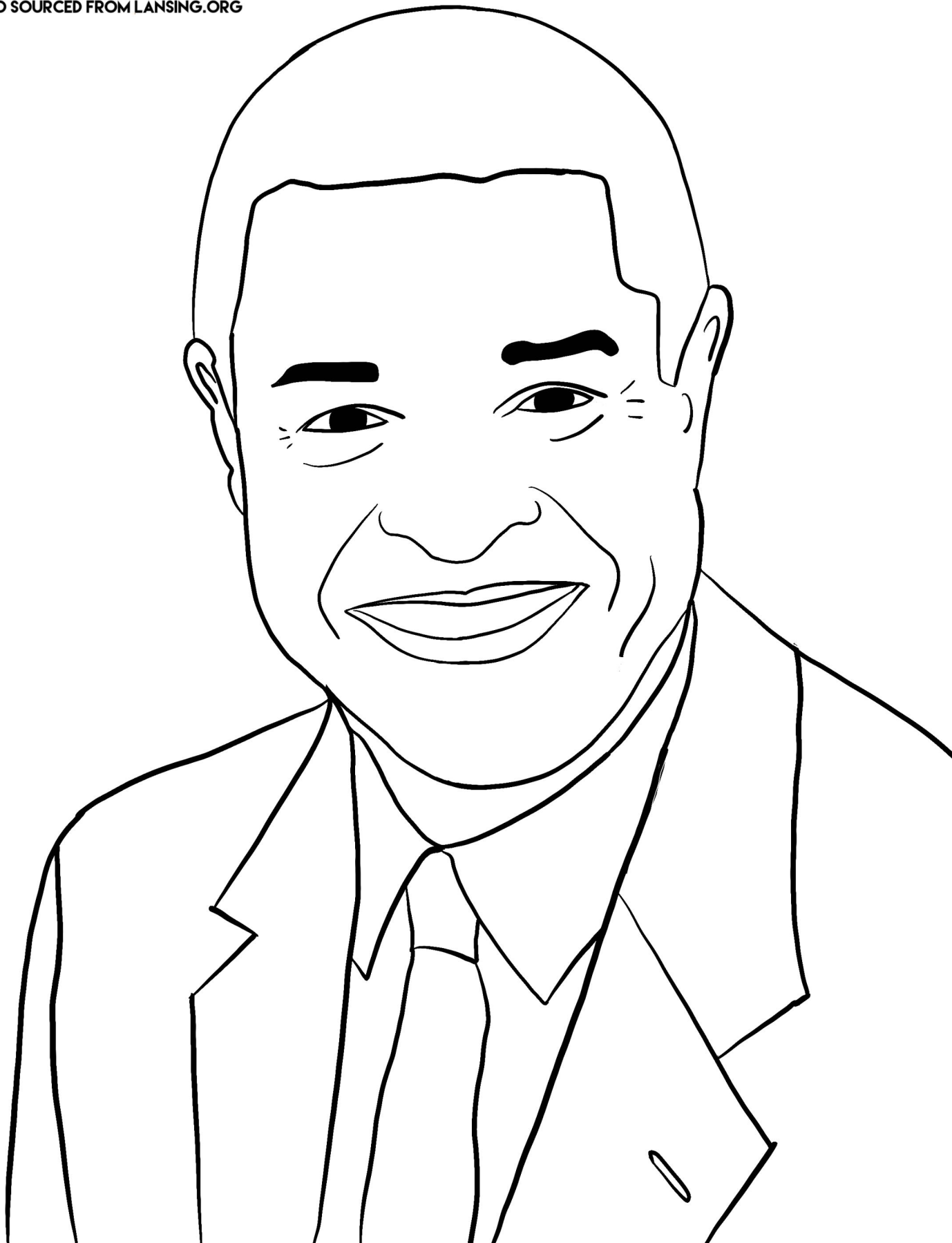
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CLIFTON WHARTON JR.

CLIFTON WAS PRESIDENT AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF A MAJOR U.S. UNIVERSITY. THE MSU PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WAS LATER NAMED THE WHARTON CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN HONOR OF HIM AND HIS WIFE DOLORES.

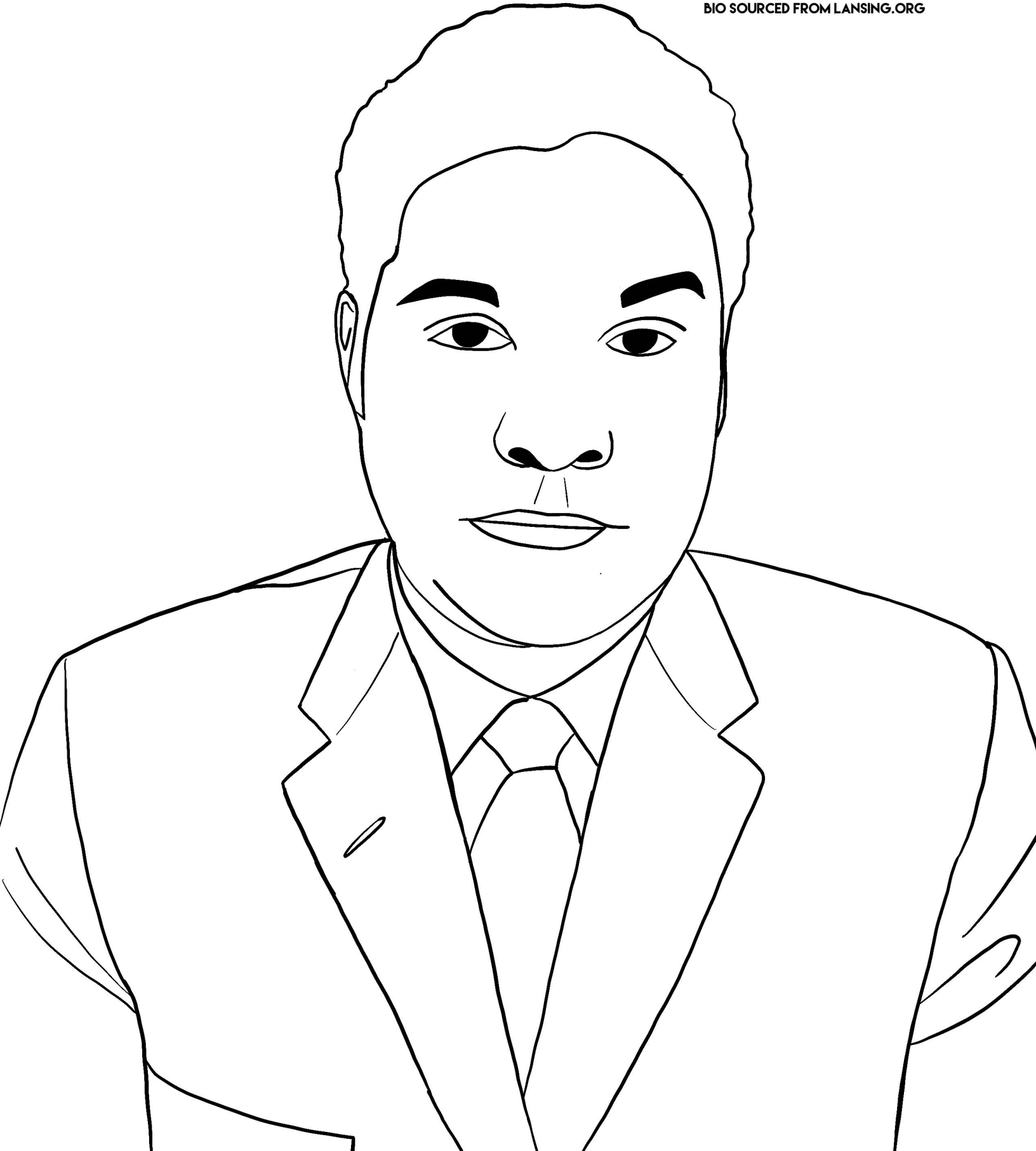
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RUDOLPH "RUDY" WILSON

RUDY WAS THE FIRST BLACK CHEMIST AND SALARIED EMPLOYEE HIRED BY OLDSMOBILE, IN 1955. HE NEGOTIATED CONTINUOUSLY OVER THE YEARS TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPANY FOLLOWED EQUITABLE HIRING PRACTICES. HE SERVED AS BRANCH PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL NAACP FROM 1977 TO 1986. HE WAS APPOINTED IN 1987 TO SERVE ON THE INGHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD.

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TASHMICA TOROK

LANSING RESIDENT, TASHMICA, IS THE FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FIRECRACKER FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION IS COMMUNITY-BASED, SURVIVOR-LED, TRAUMA-INFORMED AND FOCUSED ON HEALING AS THE MAIN PRIORITY FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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JAMES BUTLER

JAMES WAS A LONG TERM RESIDENT OF LANSING. HE WAS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMISSION OF MID-MICHIGAN, WHO WAS WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. HE ALSO LED MANY COMMUNITY BOARDS—INCLUDING THE LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SPARROW HEALTH SYSTEM.

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DR. ALANE LAWS-BARKER

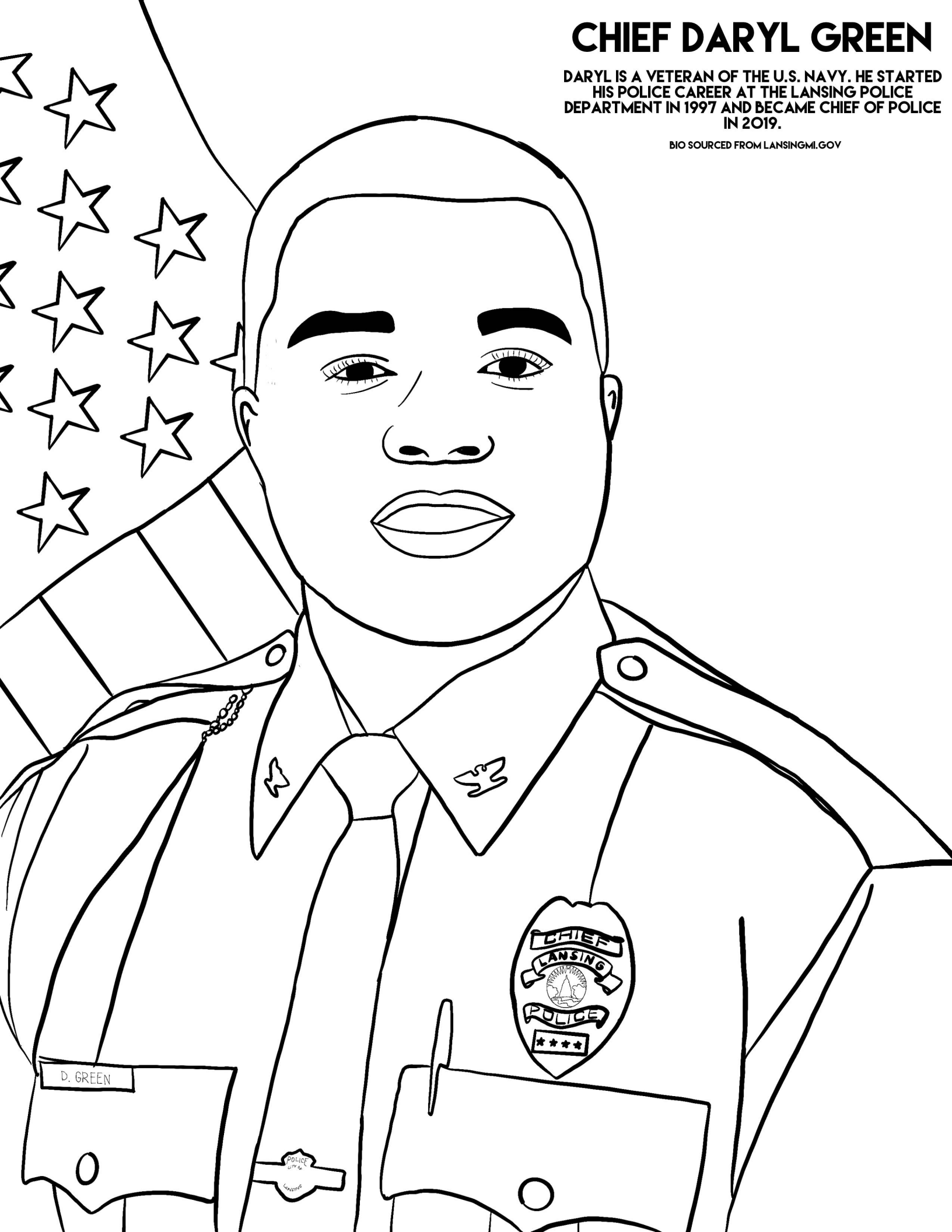
DR. LAWS-BARKER IS A GRADUATE FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND AN OBGYN AFFILIATED WITH SPARROW HOSPITAL. SHE IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK BUSINESS ALLIANCE OF GREATER LANSING WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES BLACK BUSINESSES.



CHIEF DARYL GREEN

DARYL IS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. NAVY. HE STARTED HIS POLICE CAREER AT THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1997 AND BECAME CHIEF OF POLICE IN 2019.

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JAMES BIBB

JAMES IS THE LONGEST TENURED TRACK AND FIELD COACH IN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S PROGRAM HISTORY. IN 1968 HE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK COACH AT MSU AND IN 1975 HE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK HEAD TRACK COACH IN THE BIG TEN.

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STUART DUNNINGS, JR.

STUART WAS LANSING'S FIRST BLACK LAWYER. HE OPENED A LAW PRACTICE IN 1950. DUNNINGS SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL NAACP AND WAS A CHAMPION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES.

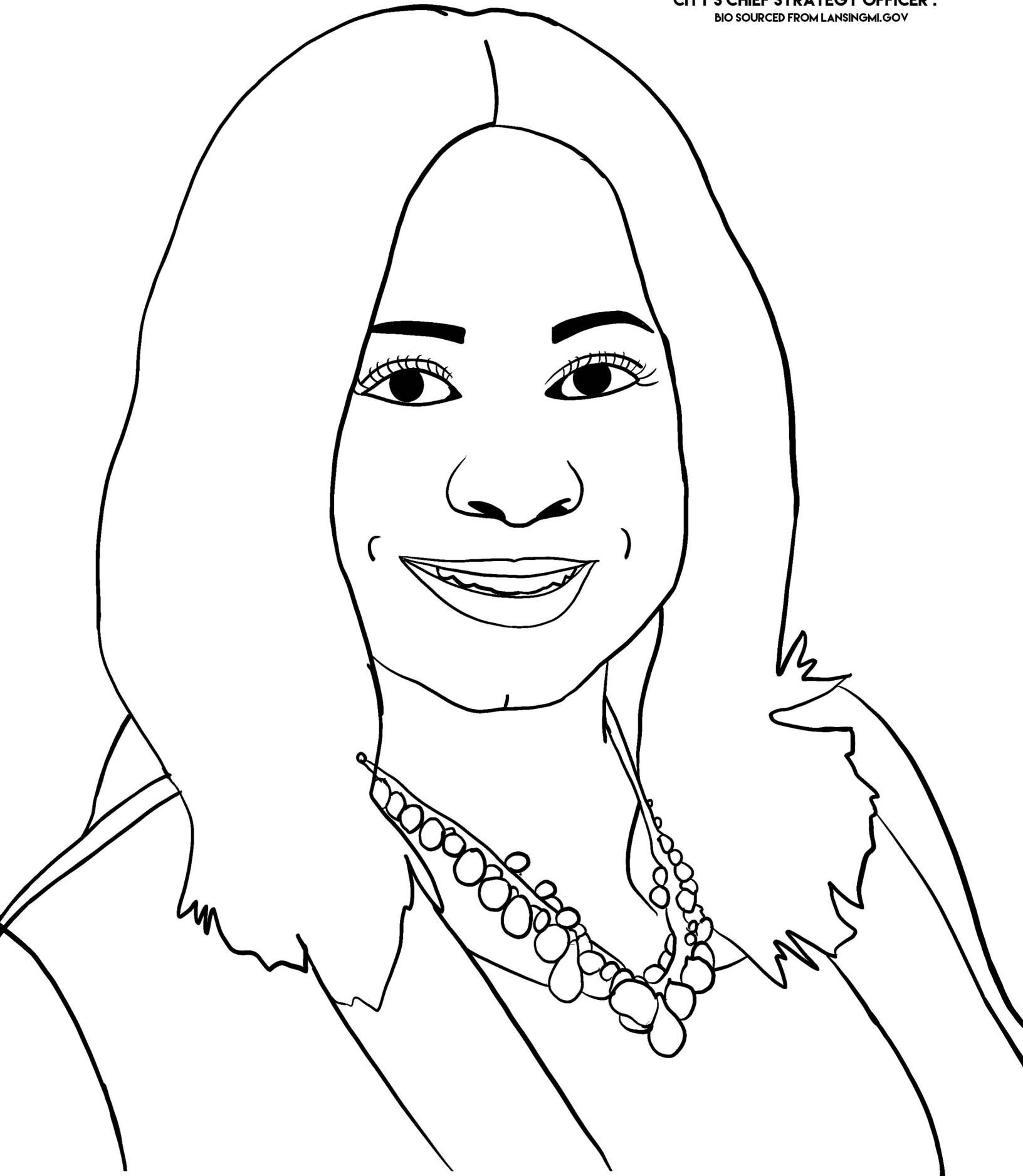
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JUDY KEHLER

BORN & RAISED IN LANSING. JUDY SERVED AS THE FIRST WOMAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN TREASURER & INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR DURING MAYOR HOLLISTER'S ADMINISTRATION. SHE IS NOW THE CITY'S CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER .

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OLIVIA LETTS

OLIVIA WAS THE FIRST BLACK FEMALE TEACHER TO BE HIRED IN LANSING. LATER, SHE WAS NAMED THE CITY'S FIRST BLACK PRINCIPAL AT POST OAK ELEMENTARY.

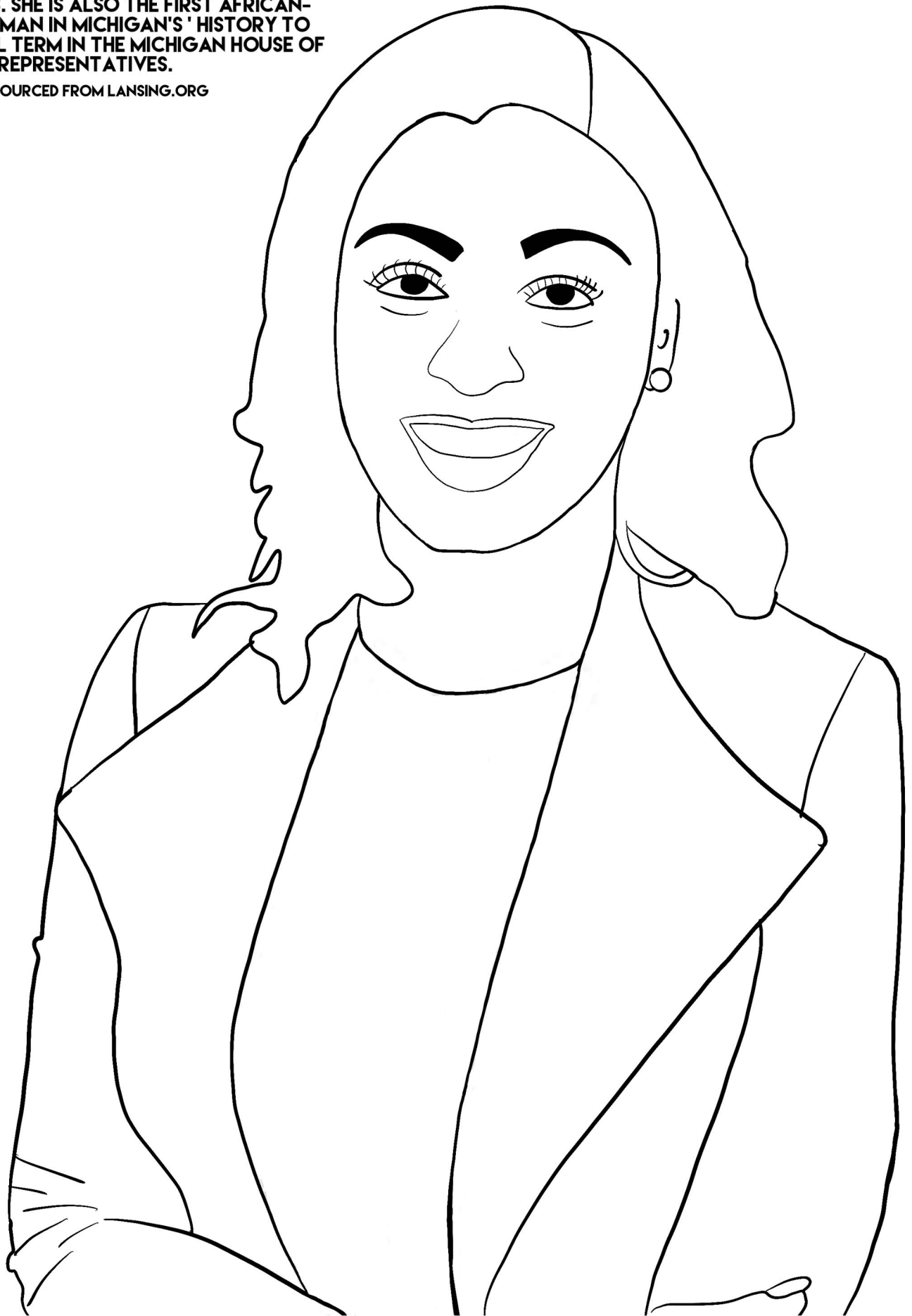
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SARAH ANTHONY

SARAH WAS ELECTED IN 2012 TO THE INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD OR ON ANY BOARD LIKE IT IN THE UNITED STATES. SHE IS ALSO THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN IN MICHIGAN'S ' HISTORY TO SERVE A PARTIAL TERM IN THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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JOEL FERGUSON

JOEL BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED TO THE LANSING CITY COUNCIL AND THE YOUNGEST PERSON, AS WELL. HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO SERVE ON THE INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. FIRST ELECTED TO THE MSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN 1986.

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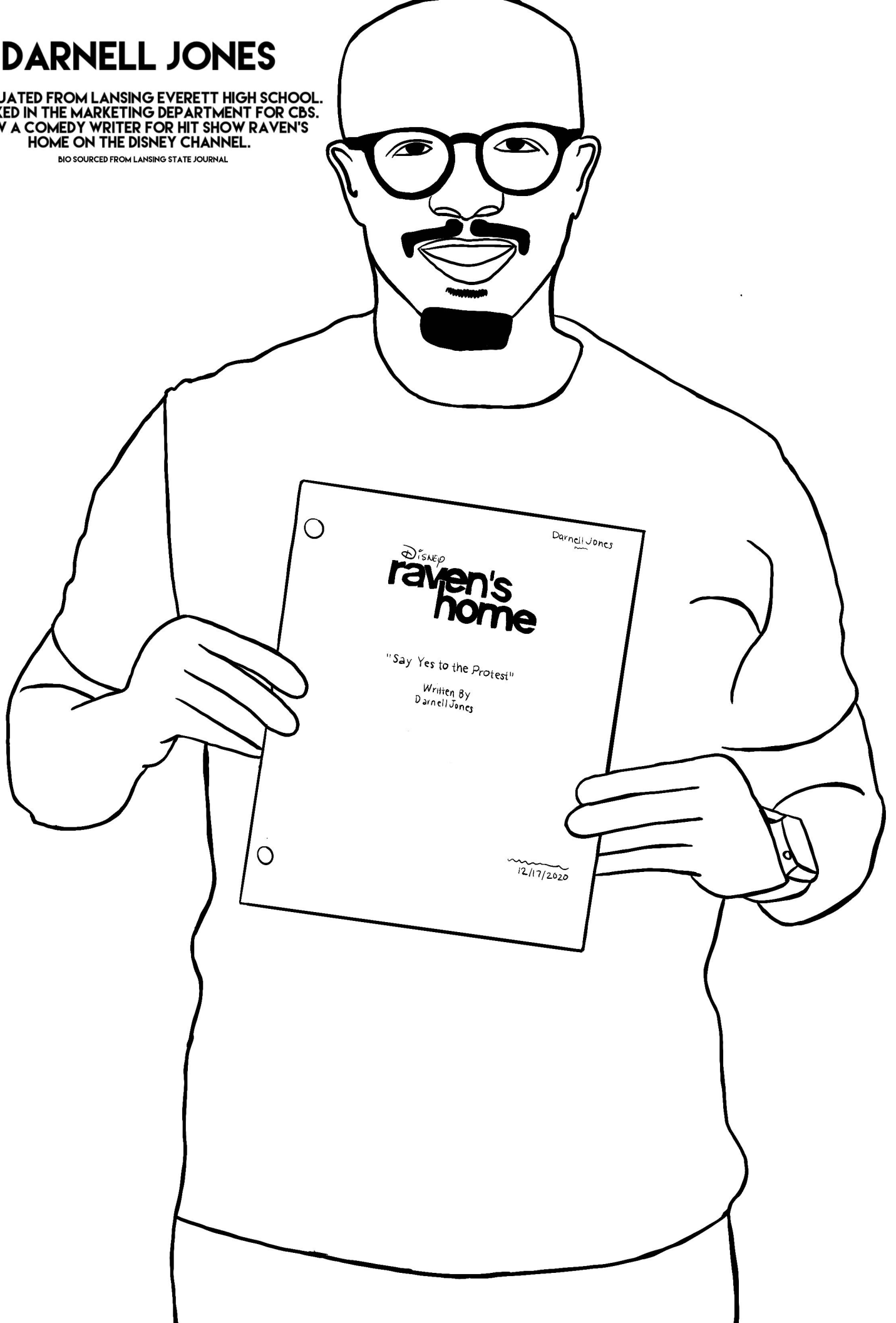


MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

DARNELL JONES

GRADUATED FROM LANSING EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL.
WORKED IN THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT FOR CBS.
NOW A COMEDY WRITER FOR HIT SHOW RAVEN'S
HOME ON THE DISNEY CHANNEL.

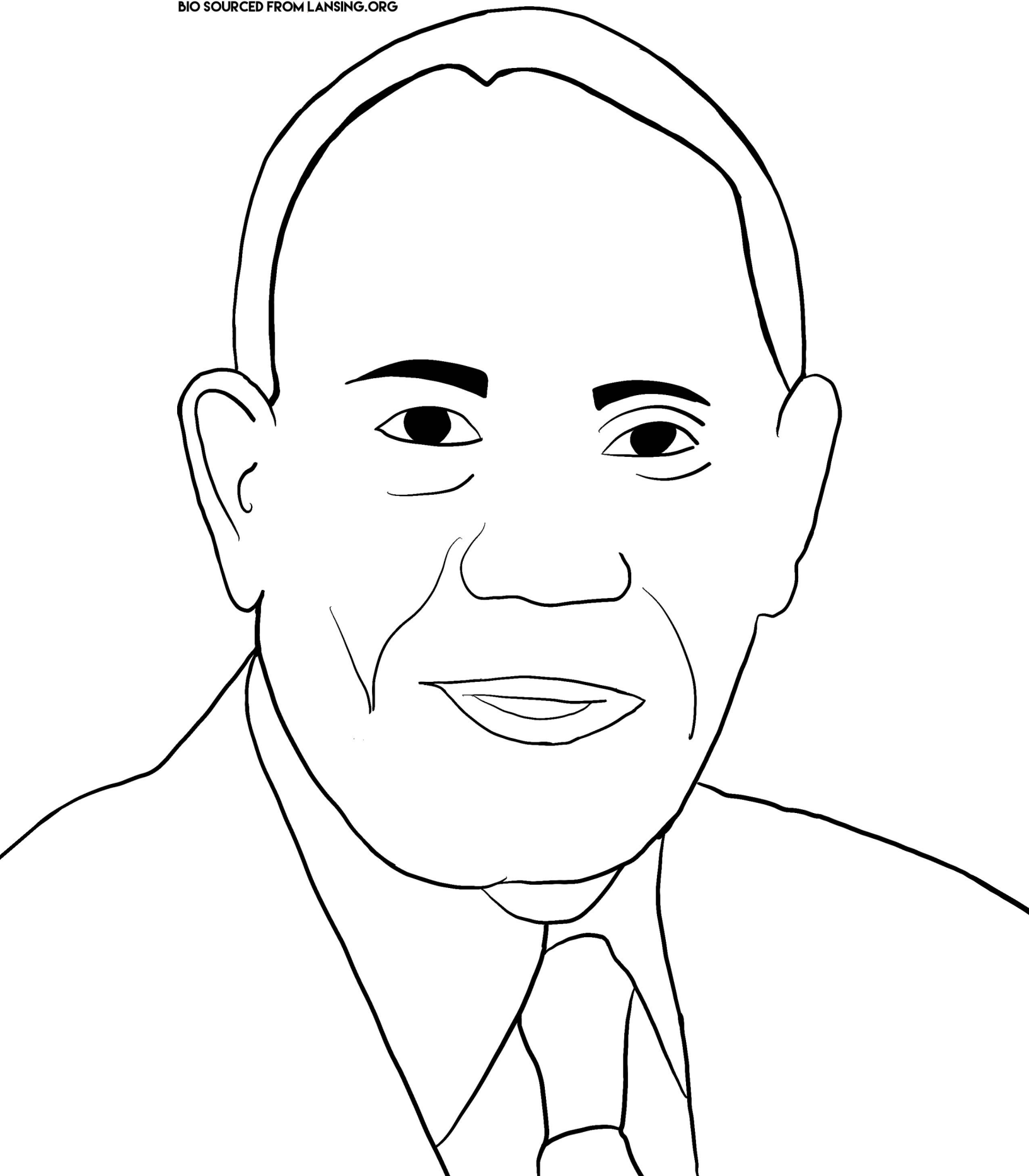
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JAMES RILEY

**JAMES WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND FOUNDED
THE RILEY FUNERAL HOME IN 1957. IT IS THE OLDEST
BLACK-OWNED BUSINESS IN LANSING.**

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GREGORY EATON

GREGORY EATON BECAME MICHIGAN'S FIRST BLACK LOBBYIST IN THE MID-1960S. HE IS ALSO THE OWNER OF GREGORY'S SOUL FOOD RESTAURANT.

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DR. ALEXA CANADY

BORN IN LANSING, MI. DR. ALEXA CANADY BECAME
THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO BECOME A
NEUROSURGEON IN THE USA.

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PAULA CUNNINGHAM

PAULA BECAME LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT IN 2000. IN 2006, SHE BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CAPITOL NATIONAL BANK. WAS ALSO THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO CHAIR THE BOARD OF THE LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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MAGIC JOHNSON

BORN AND RAISED IN LANSING. SELECTED FIRST OVERALL IN THE 1979 NBA DRAFT BY THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS. HE WON A CHAMPIONSHIP AND AN NBA FINALS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD IN HIS ROOKIE SEASON, AND WON FOUR MORE CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH THE LAKERS.

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OZAY MOORE

LANSING RESIDENT & HIP HOP ARTIST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALL OF THE ABOVE HIP HOP ACADEMY WHICH IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF ARTISTS, EDUCATORS, AND ADVOCATES THAT MENTOR YOUTH, SUPPORT ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND SERVE COMMUNITIES AS A HIP HOP CULTURAL RESOURCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

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ROBERT BUSBY

BELOVED COMMUNITY LEADER AND BUSINESSMAN IN LANSING. HE WAS AN ARTIST AND BOUGHT AND REHABILITATED 5 BUILDINGS ON TURNER STREET. ROBERT PRESIDED OVER THE OLD TOWN BUSINESS AND ART DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION AS IT GREW TO DEVELOP OLD TOWN JAZZFEST AND OTHER EVENTS. HIS PERSISTENCE LED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S REVITALIZATION AND EARNED HIM THE TITLE OF "THE MAYOR OF OLD TOWN."



DESMOND FERGUSON

GRADUATED FROM LANSING EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL.
WAS DRAFTED TO THE NBA PORTLAND
TRAILBLAZERS. LATER RETIRED AND STARTED
MONEYBALL SPORTSWEAR IN 2002.



MALCOM X

RAISED IN LANSING. MALCOM X HAD BECOME AN ELOQUENT SPOKESMAN FOR BLACK PRIDE AND THE OPPRESSED EVERYWHERE. HIS INFLUENCE CONTINUES THROUGH HIS RECORDED SPEECHES AND THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X.

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