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## Lakewood Resident Accepted Fellow to LeadingAge Ohio Leadership Academy

by Nancy Freed

Michele Tarsitano-Amato, Director of Creative Arts Therapy at Kendal at Oberlin, was recently accepted into the LeadingAge Ohio Leadership Academy, an innovative collaborative program beginning in February and running through August. The program is designed to develop the next generation of leaders in the senior services profession.



Michele Tarsitano-Amato

The Leadership Academy class will attend four two-day sessions held in various locations throughout the state. Each two-day retreat will feature personal coaching, interactive site visits to host facilities and ongoing mentorship through assigned course work and online discussion forums. Stacy Terrell, Chief

Health Officer of Kendal at Oberlin, is serving as a Coach and Lynne Giacobbe, Executive Director of Kendal at Home, serves as Lead Facilitator. The class will finish the program at the LeadingAge Ohio Annual Conference in Columbus in late August.

"This is a very unique opportunity for me to advance my skills in becoming a leader in the nonprofit senior services field," said Michele. "I look forward to working with some of the current leaders of our profession in Ohio and in working with my peers in the Academy to prepare to help lead our profession in the future."

Michele has a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art Therapy degree from Ohio University and obtained her Master of Arts, Art Therapy degree from Ursuline College. She is a Board Certified Art Therapist and a Certified Dementia Practitioner. She serves on the Buckeye Art Therapy Association Board, as well as facilitating art therapy workshops and seminars. Michele was also one of the founders of LeadingAge Ohio's annual regional and state art and writing contests. Michele oversees the Creative Arts Therapy Program for Kendal's Stephens Care Center and programs with Oberlin College students and community volunteers.

Kendal Northern Ohio is the supporting entity for two nonprofit organizations, Kendal at Oberlin and Kendal at Home. Kendal at Oberlin is a campus-based continuing care retirement community and Kendal at Home is a unique model of continuing care without walls. Continued learning civic involvement, social relationships and excellence in health care are hallmarks of both programs.

Founded in 1937, LeadingAge Ohio is a not-for-profit association representing approximately 400 not-for-profit senior service organizations located in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities, as well as those providing ancillary health care and housing services. Members are sponsored by religious, fraternal, labor, private and government organizations committed to providing quality services for their residents and for older persons in the community at large.

Michele lives in Lakewood with her husband Mike and two children. They are active in the Lakewood City Schools.

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**Most recent question:** Is the sign at Lakewood Park (see Deck) a Brand Builder or Killer?

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LAKWOOD WEATHER

Lakewood, OH



At 6:51 PM EST  
Partly Cloudy  
25°F  
SSW 16 MPH

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EVENTS CALENDAR

February, 2014

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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February, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 24:

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[11:00 AM - 11:00 PM - Sit, Stay and Dine for Lakewood Dog Park](#)

[12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Dine & Donate to Lakewood Dog Park](#)

Tuesday, February 25:

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[6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Hypnosis for Those Touched by Cancer](#)

Saturday, March 1:

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[9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Hospice Volunteer Education](#)

[9:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Rejuvenating Your Being for those Touched by Cancer](#)

[2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Arty Gras](#)

Sunday, March 2:

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[11:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Gospel Brunch to benefit North Coast Health](#)

[2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Some Like It Spicy: Mardi Gras at Indigo Perfumery](#)

Wednesday, March 5:

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[5:30 PM - Content Marketing 2.0 – Beyond the Basics](#)

[7:00 PM - Lakewood Chamber, Lakewood Public Library Host Chief David Oliver of Brimfield Police Department](#)

Saturday, March 8:

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[9:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Tools for Survivorship for those Touched by Cancer](#)

Sunday, March 9:

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[11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Pre-Purim Community Day](#)

Monday, March 10:

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[9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Hospice Volunteer Education](#)

Tuesday, March 11:

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[11:30 AM - 11:30 PM - Pay It Forward at Jammy Buggars - Support Lakewood Animal Shelter](#)

[6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Survivorship Support Group for those Touched by Cancer](#)

Wednesday, March 12:

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[6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - "Handheld Technologies"](#)

Friday, March 14:

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**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale**

**12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - NEW Cleveland Home + Remodeling Expo presented by Carrier®**

**Saturday, March 15:**

**10:00 AM - 9:00 PM - NEW Cleveland Home + Remodeling Expo presented by Carrier®**

**Sunday, March 16:**

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - NEW Cleveland Home + Remodeling Expo presented by Carrier®**