

“Cycling for a cause”

By: Olivia Lambert, Schoolcraft College

<https://schoolcraftconnection.com/42271/news/cycling-for-a-cause/>

**Judge’s comments:** “Olivia, this story is one that resonates with people and pulls at their heartstrings. I couldn’t finish the story without tears in my eyes and without wondering how to join next year’s event. The writing was elevated, error-free, and inspiring. You’re an exceptional writer, so keep writing stories with heart like this one.”

“Empowering Through Dignity: Zaman International’s Expanding Impact”

By: Zayneb Ardaini, Henry Ford College

<https://mirrornews.hfcc.edu/news/2025/10-27/empowering-through-dignity-zaman-internationals-expanding-impact>

**Judge’s comments:** “Zayneb, this was a well-thought, well-written story filled with all kinds of voices that brought it all together. It was informative and left no question about who the subject was or what their purpose is or why readers should care about their impact. Your words are meaningful and beautifully put together in this story. Keep writing and keep journalism alive.”