





Education

 [Williams back from China with 'handshake deal'](#)
Buffalo School Superintendent James A. Williams is back from China with a "handshake deal" to tackle an international partnership that will be even more ambitious than he originally envisioned.


 [Buffalo School Board seeks charter school moratorium](#)
Claiming that charter schools drain dollars and students from Buffalo's traditional schools, the Board of Education voted 6-2 to seek a state moratorium on new charter schools in and around the city.


 [Tower grants lift science programs](#)
Some 16 schools and school districts in both Erie and Niagara counties will benefit from a series of grants from the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation. The awards total \$97,048 and the "mini-grants" will be used to purchase science laboratory equipment at the middle school level.

Community Health


 [2 grants assist AIDS Community Services](#)
AIDS Community Services of WNY Inc. has been tapped for two government grants exceeding \$260,000 to upgrade its technology systems. The grants will be used to implement a new data-software package and implement a new electronic case-management system.


 [Trocaire, ECMC team on nurse training](#)
Trocaire College is teaming up with Erie County Medical Center to launch a new training program for nurses. The college's McAuley School of Nursing is working with ECMC's nursing department for a clinical education service partnership.

 [Roswell Park researcher analyzes cancer report](#)
An annual report says cancer death rates in the U.S. continue to decline. Top researchers say their optimism is due to better screening and treatment.


 [ECMC plans \\$22M renal center](#)
Erie County Medical Center has filed plans with the state for a \$22 million renal disease and transplant center. Aimed at improving outcomes for WNY residents with chronic kidney disease, the Center of Excellence for Renal Disease and Transplant will be a collaboration with the UB School of Medicine & Biomedical Science and the UB School of Pharmacy research programs.

Philanthropy/Grantmaking


 [Solutions for Impact Investors: From Strategy to Implementation](#)
Provides guidance on investing to maximize social and environmental impacts as well as financial returns. Illustrates organizational strategies and tools, implementation processes, investment opportunities, and challenges through case studies.

 [Study Says Few Foundations Use Data to Evaluate Themselves](#)
While many foundation officials say their grant-making efforts are achieving success, they rely heavily on anecdotal evidence and often fail to gather data about themselves and their work, according to a new report.


Not-For-Profit Management

 [2010: Daunting Challenges Face the Nonprofit World](#)
The nonprofit world is about to face the toughest year in its history. By every measure, 2010 could be far more painful for charities and the people they serve than any other they have known.

Regional Assets

 [Council will take time to review park requests](#)
Mayor Byron W. Brown released more details of the city's plan to retake control of its parks by Dec. 31. He sent the Common Council more than \$904,000 in budget transfers that would pay for equipment leases, machinery repairs, supplies and hourly workers.

 [Coverage on Parks on WBFO](#)

 [Buffalo News exec to head BNCVB](#)
Dottie Gallagher-Cohen was officially elected president and chief executive officer of the Buffalo Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau. Gallagher-Cohen, the current Buffalo News senior vice president, was named Thursday. She will begin her new job next month.