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## Southfield-Lathrup alum gets service award

### Wide volunteer work recognized

A national spotlight is shining on Michael Estimé, and that's just the way this international volunteer likes it.

The 22-year-old Central Michigan University senior and Southfield-Lathrup graduate recently received the Kathy Shepherd Community Service Award. It comes from the Emma L. Bowen Foundation, which fosters career opportunities for minority college students.

Estimé, son of Kathleen McNelis of Southfield and Rodrigue Estimé of Berkley, received \$500 from the foundation and \$500 from the Tribune Co. to make a charitable contribution

Estimé chose his university's Volunteer Center.

### QUESTION: Where have you gone to provide service?

**ANSWER:** I've participated in three Alternative

Breaks program trips through the Volunteer Center. In December 2006, I traveled to Mobile, Ala., and helped with cleanup efforts following Hurricane Katrina. In March, I worked with the Galveston Bay Foundation in Galveston, Texas, on a variety of activities dedicated to protecting the local environment. This past May was a highlight -- I volunteered for 16 days with an orphanage outreach program in Cuzco, Peru.

### Q: What attracts you to volunteering abroad?

**A:** CMU's Volunteer Center has exceeded my expectations in providing me with an invaluable, compelling and humbling experience. I discovered, and now fully understand, how much I have to be thankful for.

### Q: What else are you involved with at college?

**A:** I am pursuing a degree in meteorology with hopes of becoming a broadcast meteorologist for a commercial television station. I'm the weather forecaster for our student-produced news show ... and I'm active in campus Minority Student Services programs.

### Q: How has your summer gone?

**A:** This is my fourth summer as a Bowen Foundation work-study student at the local CBS television stations. I'm working in the commercial productions department and have the awesome assignment of writing and producing our on-air Community Calendar, plus writing, producing and publishing Events on the CBS and CW50 Web sites. I've had the opportunity to network with industry executives in New York City and sharpen my career-development skills in Chicago.

### Q: What else interests you?

**A:** I enjoy spending time with family, especially my identical twin brother, David (a student at Western Michigan). I love Thai food. This summer, I've rediscovered my passion for suspense novels. •



Michael Estimé