



**Michigan Student Success Network Meeting
Topic: Using Financial Aid to Promote Student Success**

**Lake Michigan College – Bertrand Crossing Campus
April 11, 2013**

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview – Chris Baldwin**
- 10:30a.m. Rethinking Pell Grants – Presentation & Discussion**
Dr. Jim Jacobs, President, Macomb Community College
Dr. Jacobs was part of group convened by the College Board to make recommendations for improving the Pell Grant program for young people growing up in low- and moderate-income families, while also better serving older adults returning to school to improve their labor market opportunities. In 2013, this group released a report entitled *Rethinking Pell Grants*. This session will include a presentation of these recommendations and discussion with the attendees about the implications.
- 11:30 a.m. Networking Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. Aid Like A Paycheck - Presentation & Discussion**
Evan Weissman, Operations Associate, MDRC & Patricia Zinga, Director - Financial Aid, Triton College
Aid Like A Paycheck (ALAP) is a new program based on a simple yet potentially transformative idea: after tuition and fees have been paid to the college, disbursing remaining financial aid to students every other week — like a paycheck — rather than in one or two lump sums. Building on pilots at Triton College (IL) and Mt. San Antonio College (CA), MDRC will soon be launching a large-scale evaluation of ALAP. This session will highlight the lessons learned from the pilot sites and explore the opportunities for wider adoption of this program.
- 1:45 p.m. Break**
- 2:00 p.m. Paying It Forward: Performance Based Scholarships - Presentation & Discussion**
Evan Weissman, Operations Associate, MDRC
Performance-based scholarships (PBS), which are designed to simultaneously address the financial and academic challenges that many low-income students face, is a promising strategy that may help to boost rates of academic success and graduation for low-income students. This session will include a discussion about PBS and provide an overview of the technical assistance guide – *Paying It Forward* – MDRC recently released to help with the development and implementation of performance-based scholarships.
- 2:45 p.m. Wrap-Up – Chris Baldwin**
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn**