MCCA UPDATES

Congratulations to Community College Leaders on Recognition from Crain’s Detroit Business! Peter Provenzano from Oakland Community College (Crain’s subscription required) and Brian Singleton from Wayne County Community College District (Crain’s subscription required) were recently named Notable Leaders in Higher Education by Crain’s Detroit. Crain's recognizes those who are advocating for and implementing changes that diversify their schools and provide safe spaces to students and community members.

Industry Credentials Marketing Materials: The Michigan Transfer Network now features a new tool for students, advisors, and industry partners to view how colleges and universities award credit for industry credentials. Institutions are encouraged to use customizable marketing materials including a customizable news release, flyer, postcard and social media posts. As we welcome students to campus for orientation and onboarding this summer, consider using these resources to communicate to students that they may earn credit for their prior learning.

LCC director appointed to Michigan Veterans’ Memorial Park Commission: Andrew Cosgrove, director of the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs at Lansing Community College, was recently re-appointed by the Governor to serve on the Michigan Veterans’ Memorial Park Commission. He served with the Michigan Army National Guard, and he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Michigan State University. The Michigan Veterans’ Memorial Park Commission advises on the development, management, and maintenance of the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Park in Lansing, the operation of programs exclusive to the park, and the security services and enforcement of rules for the care and preservation of the park. If you are interested in serving on a state board or commission, more information is available here.

Michigan Center for Adult College Success Job Postings: The Michigan Center for Adult College Success is hiring two positions. For more information and to apply please visit the postings for Research Director and Postsecondary Education Partnership Manager.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, August 25: Executive Committee (10 AM to 12 PM)

Monday, September 11: Legislative Committee (10 AM to 11:30 AM)
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Funding for Training Programs: The U.S. Department of Labor announced Thursday the availability of $65 million in funding to increase community colleges’ ability to provide equitable access to training to meet employers’ and workers’ skill development needs for in-demand industries. The department will award initial grants of up to $1.75 million for single institutions and up to $5.75 million for consortium applicants. More information and the application portal can be found here.

FY24 Boilerplate Reporting Requirements: A breakdown of the boilerplate reporting requirements for FY24 is available on the MCCA’s Appropriations and Reports website. Please contact Katie Witkowski with any questions.

Governor’s Higher Education Summit: Higher education leaders from around the state gathered at Henry Ford College for the Governor’s Higher Education Summit earlier this month. Before hearing remarks from Gov. Whitmer, attendees received an update on the Sixty by 30 attainment goal from Susan Corbin, director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. A student panel also shed light on life between application and graduation and how state and institutional support have been key to continuing their education. During the summit, feedback was sought on the role and responsibilities of the state’s new Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential (MiLEAP).

Mayoral primaries make House split 54-54 a possibility: All eyes will be on two mayoral races this fall as two Democratic state representatives each placed second in their primaries this month, earning them a spot in the November run-off elections. Rep. Kevin Coleman (D-Schoolcraft, Wayne) and Rep. Lori Stone (D-Macomb, Wayne) are each running for mayor of their respective hometowns Westland and Warren. If both are successful, the state House would be split 54-54, and it’s anticipated the governor would call special elections as soon as possible.

IN THE NEWS

Taubman College Newsroom: Aaron Comstock Combines Interests in Architecture and Firefighting at FIREHOUSE Station Design Conference (July 19, 2023)

The Oakland Press: Expanded age range for Michigan Reconnect could see more get degrees (August 7, 2023)

WILX: Senior citizens go back to school in Jackson (August 15, 2023)

WLNS: Lansing Community College ranks in top 12% in nation (August 15, 2023)

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