MCCA UPDATES

New Resource Bolsters Student Success: We are so excited to bring you the Professional Learning Space — an online resource with tailored lessons aimed at addressing the key areas that matter most to community college professionals. Topics range from student basic needs to transfer to career exploration and more. And the best part… It's completely FREE! Start learning today at https://www.mcca.org/PLS.

UPTLC 2024: The 2024 Upper Peninsula Teaching and Learning Conference (UPTLC) will be hosted by Bay College in Escanaba, Michigan, May 13-14, 2024. This year's theme is Embracing Change: Meeting the Needs of Modern Learners. This theme captures the ongoing challenges wrought by the pandemic, the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and increased awareness of the diverse academic and mental health needs of today's learners. This conference will create a community of educators invested in honing human and technological skills for successful, sustainable teaching and learning. Bay College is excited to host this year and we encourage you all to submit a proposal (by Feb. 15th), register, and review the preconference at the convening link to the Upper Peninsula Teaching and Learning Conference.

This Week! Math Redesign Evaluation Series: Throughout spring 2024, colleges are invited to bring a small team to work through activities to evaluate your math redesign’s implementation and effectiveness. Consultants from Almy Education will guide the work. All Michigan community and tribal colleges, no matter how far you are in the math redesign work, are encouraged to attend. This intensive will make clear where there are strengths and successes as well as where challenges exist. Registration is open for the kickoff event on
Kirtland Community College's Director of Financial Aid Services Attains Prestigious Certification as a Nationally Recognized Financial Aid Administrator:
Kirtland Community College’s Director of Financial Aid Services Kemmoree Duncombe earned the FAAC designation from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators’ accredited Certified Financial Aid Administrator (CFAA) Program. The CFAA Program is a first-in-the-industry effort launched in 2019 that validates the skills and knowledge of financial aid professionals at postsecondary institutions nationwide. Duncombe joins the ranks of an elite group of more than 300 other financial aid professionals who earned the FAAC designation after successfully passing a comprehensive knowledge exam and affirming commitment to the standards of ethical behavior that have long been a hallmark of the financial aid profession.

Registration for CCBA Webinar: The Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA) is hosting a webinar today at 1:30pm. The webinar is titled Tracking the Growth of Community College Baccalaureate (CCB) Degrees in the US: New Results and Important Perspectives. For more information and to register please visit: CCBA Webinar Registration Link

Center for Student Success Year in Review: The Center released a video reflecting our initiatives in 2023. The video is packed with resources and a good reminder of priorities you may want to return to in 2024! Don’t hesitate to share this video with your colleagues and you can always invite the Center staff to present on any of our work at your meetings and convenings. Contact Erica Orians to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE
2024 Student Success Summit
September 26-27
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center | East Lansing, MI

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Gov. Whitmer transfers more offices to MiLEAP: Last week, the governor announced additional functions of state departments will move into the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP). These include the Office of Postsecondary Educational Attainment would be moved out of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) and the Indian Tuition Waiver would be moved out of the Department of Civil Rights. The changes take effect March 18, 2024.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 23: Digital Accessibility Affinity Group (3 PM to 4 PM)

Thursday, January 25: Math Redesign Evaluation Intensive Kickoff (2 PM to 3 PM)

Monday, January 29: DEIB Alliance Group Meeting (1:30 PM to 3 PM)

Tuesday, January 30: Student Success Committee (3:30 PM to 4:30 PM)

Monday, February 5: MCCA Reception at the National Legislative Summit (4 PM to 5:30 PM)

View the full list of upcoming events here.

IN THE NEWS

The Ticker: NMC Unveils New Neurodiversity Support Center (January 9, 2023)

The Herald-Palladium: Southwestern Michigan College grant hopes to increase bachelor-prepared nurses (January 12, 2023)

WWMT: Kellogg Community College offering 50-hour Pharmacy Technician program (January 18, 2024)

MLive: Want to support Flint-area dental hygiene students? Mott Community College’s clinic now open (January 18, 2024)

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