JULY 25, 2023

MCCA UPDATES

Registration OPEN! Registration is officially open for the 2023 Student Success Summit! Join us on October 12 and 13 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids where we will create, connect, and commit to student success. We’ll see you there!

Higher Education Summit Hosted by Liaison: The Michigan Higher Education Summer Summit on Thursday August 3rd from 12pm-3:30pm at the Wharton Center for Performance Arts (East Lansing) is being hosted by Liaison, an education technology software company with products focused on the enrollment and retention of students. They are also one of our 2023 MCCA Summer Conference sponsors; however, there are no formal requirements or financial support from the MCCA. There is no cost to attend. For more information and to register, click here.

New Michigan PTK Regional Coordinator Announced: Nicole Cossum-Ready from the Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Jackson College, Central Campus, has been named the Michigan Regional Coordinator. Nicole’s Phi Theta Kappa journey began as a student attending Jackson College in 2014. As Chapter President, Nicole worked with her advisors to induct over 300 incarcerated members and was a regional campaign manager for an International Officer candidate. After graduation, Nicole became an employee of Jackson College. She continued to work with the Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter and PTK as an Alumni Officer, Alumni Advisor, and Michigan representative on the Alumni Advisory Board. In 2020, Nicole’s chapter advisor retired, and she was appointed as the new chapter advisor at Jackson College. Nicole served as an Associate Regional Coordinator and is excited about all the new experiences that being the Michigan Regional Coordinator will bring.

Registration Open for PromiseNet: PromiseNet 2023 will be October 1-3, 2023 at MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit. The event will focus on improving college access, affordability, readiness and success. Early bird registration ends July 31. For more information and to register, click here.
James Jacobs Scholarship Award: The National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) Awards Committee is seeking proposals for the James Jacobs Scholarship Award. The James Jacobs Scholarship Award honors the outstanding scholarly contributions made in the area of workforce education by Dr. Jacobs. This award supports and encourages doctoral research in areas such as Career Pathways, Workforce Development, Adult and Continuing Education and Career/Technical Education. Applications for this award are due no later than Friday August 11, 2023 – 4p EDT. Click here for more information.

NCCBP Discount Available: We had several colleges interested in utilizing the National Community College Benchmark Project which allows us to offer a discount. To take advantage of the discount please visit https://nccbp.org/ and join or renew. During the process there will be a box for an offer code on the signature page to enter MCCA2023 and that will provide the discount. For colleges who have already joined, NCCBP will issue a $250 refund to allow them to also take advantage of the discount. The discount deadline for signups is August 15, 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 25: Communications and Marketing Affinity Group Meeting (1 PM to 2:30 PM)
July 26-28: 2023 MCCA Summer Conference
Monday, July 31: 2023 Michigan Transfer Expansion Retreat - VIRTUAL (2 PM to 4 PM)
Monday, August 7: Gateway Faculty Roundtable 3 (4 PM to 5 PM)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State budget signed into law: On Thursday, the governor signed the education omnibus budget bill, SB 173, into law as passed by the Legislature in June. The budget will go into effect October 1st.

Gov. Whitmer establishes new state department: Gov. Whitmer announced earlier this month the creation of the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) by executive order. The new department will seek to improve outcomes for students from Pre-K through postsecondary through a coordinated strategy. The order will go into effect on December 1, 2023.

MiLEAP will be led by a director appointed by the governor and will include the Office of Early Childhood Education, Office of Higher Education and Office of Education Partnerships.

Specifically, the Office of Higher Education will do the following:
- Lead statewide efforts to ensure that every Michigander has the skill certificate or degree they need to prosper, and employers can hire the talent they need to succeed.
- Lead administration of state student financial aid to lower the cost of college and assist prospective students in making decisions about postsecondary education.
- Collaborate with elected and appointed governing boards of postsecondary institutions and other key stakeholders to increase college enrollment, graduation, and attainment rates.
- Collaborate with Treasury and MEDC to coordinate services and supports for workforce development.

Key transfers from existing state departments affecting postsecondary education include:
- Office of Sixty by 30
- Responsibility for Michigan’s Sixty by 30 initiative
- Responsibility for the Michigan Reconnect Program
Responsibility for the Futures for Frontliner Program
Scholarship Administration
Responsibility for administration of all scholarships located within the Office of Postsecondary Financial Planning (MI Student Aid) and all related authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities.

- Maintenance of the “Paying for College in Michigan” website.
- Michigan Student Scholarship and Grants (MiSSG)
- Responsibility for the MiSSG and all related authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities.

The EO reserves authority of the boards of institutions of higher education to supervise their respective institutions and control and direct expenditure of the institution’s funds.

Read the full text of the EO No. 2023-6 [here](#).

**Growing Michigan Together Council Higher Education Workgroup:** The Governor recently established the Growing Michigan Together Council, which is charged with developing a statewide strategy to grow Michigan’s population and economy. Gov. Whitmer also announced the council’s four workgroups: 1) PreK-12 Education, 2) Higher Education, 3) Infrastructure, and 4) Jobs, Talent, and People, and the chairs of those workgroups. HFC President Russ Kavalhuna will co-chair the council’s Higher Education workgroup alongside Dr. Bill Pink, President of Ferris State University. To learn more about the Council, visit their new [website](#).

**IN THE NEWS**

**MLive:** [2 Michigan colleges are teaming up to strengthen the state’s nursing system](#) (July 12, 2023)

**Grand Blanc View:** [MCC kicks off ‘Reconnect on Campus’ events for working adults](#) (July 13, 2023)

**MLive:** [Poor students and Black students are disappearing from Michigan colleges](#) (July 17, 2023)

**The Detroit News:** [Community, tribal colleges to host events for adults interested in free tuition program](#) (July 17, 2023)

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