JUNE 25, 2024

MCCA RESOURCES

Summary of Mental Health and Basic Needs Surveys and Resources: View this MCCA Summary of Current Surveys and Resources that can be used to assess and enhance student wellbeing and success across campus. Current efforts include Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3), Michigan’s Basic Needs Task Force through the office of MiLEAP, Hunger Free Campus legislation, and Mental Health Improvements through Michigan Community Colleges at the University of Michigan.

Academic Catch-Up Report and Case Studies: During the summer of 2023, 1,442 students participated in Academic Catch-Up programs at 25 public community colleges and two tribal colleges. Of these students, colleges reported that 73 percent enrolled during the fall 2024 semester, earning an average GPA of 2.5. To learn more about Academic Catch-Up on campuses, MCCA commissioned a mixed methods study. The program overview, full report, and four college case studies can be viewed on the Academic Catch-Up Report page.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

Budget Update: The Michigan Legislature and Governor are seemingly on track to finalize the state’s fiscal year 2024-2025 budget within the next few weeks. A budget summary will be posted on the MCCA’s website under Appropriations and Reports when details become available.

Changes to Promise Zones moving ahead: On Thursday, the House approved SB 555 sponsored by Sen. Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing), which would allow a promise of financial assistance to include expenditures on success programming designed to increase student degree or certificate attainment. The House is expected to consider SB 350 this week sponsored by Sen. Rosemary Bayer (D-Oakland, Schoolcraft) to allow Promise Zone boards the option to allow scholarship funds to be used to assist students with the cost of housing and food, transportation expenses and more. Upon passage, the bills head to the governor’s desk for her signature.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Medication Aide Training Webinar happening TODAY: Last year, legislation was approved in Michigan to allow certified nurse aides (CNA) to receive additional education to work as a medication aide in nursing facilities. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) recently completed their work to set up the certification and is ready to get started. Interested colleges may be at different planning stages, but all are welcome to join Larry Horvath, Director of Community and Health Systems at LARA and the Health Care Association of Michigan for a webinar today, **Tuesday, June 25 from 2 to 3 PM**. They will provide background on the new certification and answer your questions. Please register in advance to attend and/or receive the recording.

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**NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Preparing for the Basic Needs Grant: ACCT and The Hope Center are hosting a webinar on Tuesday, June 26 from 2 to 3 PM aimed at helping institutions apply and leverage the Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program (Basic Needs Grant). This federal grant aims to bolster student success by addressing student basic needs including housing, food, transportation, childcare and health care. Applications are due August 5, 2024. Please register to attend.

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**MCCA EVENTS**

Tuesday, June 25: [OER Stakeholders Virtual Coffee Hour](#) (12 to 1 PM)

Tuesday, June 25: [Medication Aide Training Webinar](#) (2 to 3 PM)

Tuesday, June 25: [Student Success Committee](#) (3:30 to 4:30 PM)

Friday, June 28: [Legislative Committee](#) (10 to 11:30 AM)

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**COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE NEWS**

WZZM: [GRCC opening AI Incubator later this month](#) (June 4, 2024)

WILX: [‘Ready, Set, Jet’ program offers support for students transitioning to college](#) (June 13, 2024)

KVCC: [Wind Turbine Technician Academy Celebrates Graduation](#) (June 14, 2024)

Crain’s Grand Rapids Business: [Commentary: Community colleges cultivate Michigan’s future talent](#) (June 17, 2024)

WCMU: [NMC to break ground on technical education expansion](#) (June 18, 2024)

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