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MCCA UPDATES

NEW! Applications Open for Selected Sixty by 30 Grants: Sixty by 30 opened grant applications for some of the $45 million grants, specifically the Quick Start and the Barrier Removal – Direct to Students. Colleges are encouraged to:

- Review grant requirements and application information from Sixty by 30.
- Subscribe to MCCA’s Grant Opportunities listserv to receive the latest information on new grant opportunities.

Worthy Disruptions: Access for All Webinar: Join us on March 19 from 12 - 1 PM as we bridge equity gaps, champion inclusivity, and nurture a sense of belonging for students with disabilities. In this webinar, we’ll examine Michigan-specific enrollment, access, and disability data, while delving into strategies for cultivating inclusive campus environments. Joining us is Kristina Marshall, Director of DEIJ at Oakland Community College, to share insights into their accessible campus practices. Registration is open and you can contact Precious Miller with questions. See you there!

Spring 2024 Co-Req Deep Dive Workshop Series: During spring 2024, any full or part time math instructor in Michigan can participate in a virtual workshop series on math corequisites. Four 90-minute meetings will be held via Zoom on Fridays, each with a specific focus on an aspect of teaching corequisites. Multiple facilitators will run the workshops to give a variety of perspectives and experiences. Attendees will be actively working at each workshop, not just listening and looking at slides. Meetings will take place on Fridays from 12:00 to 1:30 PM ET on March 29, April 12, April 19 and April 26. More information is available here. Contact Jenny Schanker with any questions.

Food Insecurity Roundtable Conversation: Register to attend an advocacy event focusing on food insecurity among Michigan college students. With one in five undergraduates still struggling to access regular meals, we will discuss federal policy solutions to combat this serious problem. With 62,000 students facing unreliable access to food, this event will feature students, Michigan higher education leaders, and professionals examining barriers to SNAP benefits and exploring policy solutions. For any questions, please contact Precious Miller. Join us and register today!
When: Thursday, March 7 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.
Where: Grand Valley State University, 163 Madison Street, Detroit, MI

What’s new with the 2024-25 FAFSA? Keep up with all of the latest updates and resources related to the 2024-25 FAFSA at the FAFSA Resources Webpage. The information available includes:
- How to create a FSA ID
Michigan Justice Fund wants to connect with colleges about serving returning citizens: The Michigan Justice Fund (MJF) is a funders’ collaborative focused on addressing issues of mass incarceration across the state. The MJF team is interested in connecting with educational institutions to better understand what current opportunities exist for returning citizens, and what pathways exist for the development of partnerships to expand access to educational opportunities in community colleges across the state.

MFJ goals are:
- To strengthen Michigan’s funding, policies, and practices to support the economic mobility of people with criminal records.
- Reduce the reliance on confinement and adjudication.
- Build a movement for communities to shape justice policies and funding.

To learn more about the possible ways to partner with MJF, please contact justicefund@cfsem.org or fill out the following survey.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate and House Subcommittees hear testimony from MCCA: The MCCA testified in the Senate Subcommittee on Universities and Community Colleges and the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Community Colleges last month. President Johnson praised the legislature’s leadership last year for the appropriation to community colleges for Infrastructure, Technology, Equipment, Maintenance and Safety (ITEMS). She provided examples of projects planned and already underway on community college campuses around the state and requested members consider including ITEMS funding again in the FY25 budget. President Johnson provided an overview of the MCCA’s legislative priorities related to the budget and comments about the governor’s proposed Michigan Community College Guarantee, which would provide a tuition-free path to an associate degree at community and tribal colleges. President Johnson and Dr. Erica Orians also returned to the House Subcommittee on Thursday to continue discussions on the Community College Guarantee. Both committees have been meeting regularly as they work to craft their FY25 budget recommendations over the next several weeks. You can watch the Senate and House hearings on the Senate TV website and House TV website.

Action on Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act halted: All eyes were on Congress last week as the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act was closer than ever to receiving a vote in the U.S. House. Many MCCA members had been advocating for its passage with their members of Congress all the way up until the bill was pulled back. The American Association of Community Colleges provides background on the issues at play in this recent article. Please reach out to Brandy Johnson with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 5: Digital Accessibility Affinity Group (3 to 4 PM)

Monday, March 11: Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Banquet (10 AM to 1:30 PM)

Monday, March 18: DEIB Alliance Group Meeting (1:30 to 3 PM)

Tuesday, March 19: Worthy Disruptions- Access for All (12 to 1 PM)

Wednesday, March 20: MCC-SSEM Affinity Group Meeting (10 to 11 AM)
Thursday, April 11: Inaugural Government Relations Affinity Group Meeting (2 to 3:30 PM)

View the full list of upcoming events here.

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IN THE NEWS

9 & 10 News: Kirtland Community College brings back kick start program to help students prepare for college (February 20, 2024)

The Flushing View: MCC to receive funds to expand and improve registered apprenticeships (February 22, 2024)

ABC 12: Local students visit Delta College for the 'Semiconductor Experience' (February 27, 2024)

Inside Higher Ed: Lessons From Michigan's Continued Efforts to Make College Free (February 27, 2024)

Forbes: How Michigan Is Investing In Colleges As Economic Development Partners (February 29, 2024)

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