MCCA UPDATES

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. Consider using these resources to communicate to students that they may earn credit for their prior learning.

Department of Education Releases Transfer Data Including State Honor for Muskegon Community College: Congratulations to Muskegon Community College for being the state’s community college with the highest transfer-out rate for Title IV students! The Department of Education released groundbreaking data on transfers that spotlights the top two-year and four-year institutional partnerships in each state. Please click HERE for more information on the Biden-Harris administration’s Raise the Bar: Attaining College Excellence and Equity Initiative.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Michigan New Jobs Training Program extended: On Tuesday, Gov. Whitmer signed HB 4573, now PA 186, into law successfully extending the MNJTP sunset to December 31, 2033. Effective November 7, 2023 all new contracts will need to meet the ALICE wage requirement, rather than 175% of the state’s minimum wage. Please direct questions to Katie or Adriana.

Senate Resolution urges Congress to amend SNAP: Last week, the Senate adopted SR 83 sponsored by Senator Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing) urging the United States federal government to amend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the Farm Bill to simplify the college student exemptions to make aid more accessible for prospective and enrolled students who come from low-income families. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the President, Senators Stabenow and Peters and members of Michigan’s congressional delegation.

Legislature will adjourn for the year on November 14th: For the first time in memory, the legislature is set to adjourn early for the purposes of allowing bills that didn’t receive immediate effect to take effect earlier in the new year – 90 days after they adjourn sine die. Additionally, two House democrats were successful in their races for mayor meaning the House will be split 54-54 until special elections held at the decision of the governor.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 14: Digital Accessibility Affinity Group - November 2023 (3 PM to 4 PM)

Monday, November 27: DEIB Alliance Group Meeting - November 2023 (1:30 PM to 3 PM)

Monday, December 4: Gateway Faculty Roundtable 4 (4 PM to 5:30 PM)

Monday, December 4 - Tuesday, December 5: MCCA Trustee Institute

View the full list of upcoming events here.

IN THE NEWS

The Lakeshore: GRCC student's career reaches new heights through Pre-Lineworker Training Program (October 31, 2023)

WZMQ: Dr. Nerita Hughes inaugurated as Bay College’s sixth president (November 2, 2023)

Harbor County News: Lake Michigan College, Western Michigan University create transfer agreement (November 8, 2023)

WILX: LCC celebrates first-generation college students (November 10, 2023)

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