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MCCA UPDATES

SAVE THE DATE

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

Mark your calendars for next year's Student Success Summit! We hope that you'll join us September 26-27 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Register for virtual Faculty Roundtable: Data-informed Instruction and Equity Sense-making: The upcoming virtual Gateway Faculty roundtable on Monday, December 4th from 4:00-5:30 will focus on using data to inform instruction and increase equity. Please join our partners from Achieving the Dream to explore how to use easily available data tools to go beyond a checkbox mentality in increasing equitable student outcomes in your classroom. Registration is open now. Contact Jenny Schanker with questions.

Apply to Join the Child Care for Student Parents Project: New America is accepting applications for two grant opportunities – child care for student parents at community colleges cohort and community of research and practice on barriers to supporting student parents. Applications are due December 15, 2023. Click here to learn more.

Creating Accessible Content Webinar Recap: On Nov. 7th, 2023, Disability Network of Southwest Michigan, in collaboration with the Digital Accessibility Affinity Group, led a dynamic workshop on creating accessible content. Access the recording and related documents on our website. Contact Precious Miller with questions.
Developing Future Biologists at the University of Michigan: Share with your faculty! The Developing Future Biologists (DFB) program consists of a week-long course on May 29-June 5, 2024 for undergraduate students interested in careers in biological sciences. Applications for the 2024 course are being accepted until February 7, 2024.

Building Back College Enrollments Dashboard: Did you know that 47% of men and 59% of women in the class of 2022 attended colleges within 6 months of graduation? Check out this and more on the new Building Back College Enrollments dashboard!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Better FAFSA will open by December 31, 2023: The U.S. Department of Education announced that the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open for students and families by December 31, 2023. This will be the redesigned and streamlined FAFSA form. Students who complete the form will receive a confirmation and see their estimated student aid eligibility. The department expects applications to peak in late January and February 2024 and estimates that in Michigan 19,844 more students will qualify for the Pell grant and 38,031 more students will qualify for the maximum Pell grant. Stakeholders should bookmark this page for regular status updates and resources related to the 2024-25 FAFSA launch.

Dr. Charles Lepper appointed to Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors: Governor Whitmer recently appointed Grand Rapids Community College President, Dr. Charles Lepper, to serve on the Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors for a term commencing November 21, 2023, and expiring December 31, 2024. The Michigan Education Trust (MET) was established pursuant to Public Act 316 of 1986 as Michigan’s prepaid tuition program. The MET Board of Directors are responsible for policy development, investment initiatives, program development, and implementation.

Takeaways from Governor’s Economic Outlook Briefing: Last week, economic experts weighed in on the future of the U.S. and Michigan economies. Economists from the University of Michigan estimated changes in tax policies enacted by Public Act 4 of 2023 and the lowering of the state’s income tax for the current year only are expected to reduce tax revenue in the short term. However, despite the decline, revenues are expected to increase by about $1.8 billion in fiscal year 2025. Experts suggest Michigan’s economy will likely continue to grow over the next two years. The bi-annual Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, which starts the annual budget process for the State of Michigan, will take place in January.

MUST READS

U.S. Department of Education: New Measures of Postsecondary Education Transfer Performance: Transfer-out rates for community colleges, transfer student graduation rates at four-year colleges, and the institutional dyads contributing to transfer student success

CCCSE: Helping Community College Students Climb the Transfer Ladder

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Northwestern Michigan College: NMC pitch for 3D home printing technology a finalist in competition (November 1, 2023)

DBusiness: Study: Macomb Community College Adds $890M to County’s Income (November 16, 2023)

FOX 2: Schoolcraft College, Michigan Wolves bringing new soccer fields to school grounds (November 20, 2023)

MLive: Mott Community College gets nearly $700K in grants for mentoring pilot program, other efforts (November 22, 2023)

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