OCTOBER 17, 2023

MCCA UPDATES

It’s Transfer Student Week! NISTS organizes National Transfer Student Week to celebrate transfer students and the professionals who support them on their journeys. How will you be celebrating? Get ideas for celebrations, sample social media posts and more from NISTS.

Reconnect Toolkit for Expanded Audience: As Reconnect has expanded to include 21–24-year-olds, the Office of Sixty by 30 has created a Reconnect Expansion Toolkit. Please use this toolkit to help your colleges promote Reconnect for Ages 21 to 24. Please click HERE to access the new toolkit.

Exploring Abelism to Increase Accessibility: Join us on Oct. 24th from 3-4:30pm for an insightful webinar. In partnership with the Digital Accessibility Affinity Group and facilitated by Disability Network of Southwest Michigan, we feature a webinar that aims to familiarize participants with fundamental concepts of ableism, aiding them in recognizing subconscious biases related to disabilities. Click here to register for the webinar today. Contact Precious Miller with questions.

Financial Resources for Students and Institutions: Learn about the Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAE&T) Program on Tuesday, October 17th from 1-2pm. We will discuss the details of the program (also known as SNAP E&T), the financial resources it offers to participating institutions, and the many supports it offers to students. As a plus provider of this program, participating colleges would receive financial resources to sustain supportive services to students such as (transportation, childcare, course materials, housing resources, and more). Individuals can now register and can contact Precious Miller with questions.

Reminder - Edamerica Informational Webinar Invitation: As the MCCA continues to vet vendors for potential partnership opportunities, Edamerica invites you to an informational webinar on Monday October 23rd at 10am to showcase their products that could assist with financial aid solutions and assisting with re-enrolling stop-out students. Edamerica was also one of our Summer Conference sponsors. To register please visit: https://www.mcca.org/Edamerica-Informational-Webinar

Office of Sixty by 30 Informational Session on New Non-Credit/Career Training Scholarships: The Office of Sixty by 30 is hosting a Zoom session on Thursday, November 16 from 11:30am-12pm to discuss two new scholarship programs for non-credit/career training, the Reconnect Short-Term Training Program and the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. To join please click HERE.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MNJTP sunset extension advances to full Senate: The Senate Economic and Community Development Committee recently reported the Michigan New Jobs Training Program legislation, HB 4573 (S-1), to the full Senate with recommendation that it pass. The S-1 substitute eliminates the 175% of the state minimum wage threshold and leaves the ALICE rate as the county-level threshold to establish new job eligibility. Under the bill the sunset would be extended to December 31, 2033.

Cameron Reappointed by Gov. Whitmer to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation Executive Committee: On Wednesday, Ann Cameron, of Brimley was reappointed to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation Executive Committee. She is the head start director for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan where she has worked with the organization for over 35 years. She is also an early childhood education student advisor at Bay Mills Community College and is a Senior Fellow at the Michigan State University Tribal Early Childhood Research Center. Ann is also the president of the Ojibwe Charter School Board of Education, and she serves on the board of the National Indian Head Start Directors Association. She graduated from Bay Mills Community College with an associate degree in early childhood development and education. She is reappointed for a term commencing October 11, 2023, and expiring July 22, 2027.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 17: Financial Resources and Support Services for Students and Institutions (1 PM to 2 PM)

Monday, October 23: Edamerica Informational Webinar (10 AM to 11 AM)

Tuesday, October 24: Exploring Abelism to Increase Accessibility (3 PM to 4:30 PM)

View the full list of upcoming events here.

IN THE NEWS

CBS Detroit: Adaptive sports coming to St. Clair County Community College (September 29, 2023)

Detroit Free Press: Macomb Community College, University of Detroit Mercy partner to address nursing shortage (October 2, 2023)

Congratulations to North Central Michigan College! Biden-Harris Administration Awards More Than $13 Million to Improve Access to Child Care for Student Parents (October 12, 2023)

WJRT: Mid-Michigan looking forward to impact of Michigan Reconnect expansion (October 12, 2023)

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