

THE MOVEMENT: Sixty by 30

MCAN Opportunities for High Schools

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NEWSLETTER

Annual Conference

MCAN's 12th annual conference will be held Nov. 8-9 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant, Mich., and this year's theme is All In For Attainment. We are looking forward to gathering with educators, administrators, community leaders, policymakers, and other college access professionals from across the state to discuss how we can expand the scope of our college attainment efforts to build a better future for all Michiganders. Registration will open mid-July.



REGISTER

College Bound Michigan (CBMI)

College Bound Michigan is a suite of initiatives designed to build and support college-going cultures in high schools and their surrounding communities. MCAN's work helps school counselors, college advisers, community-based partners, and other educators create systems and practices that connect all students with the opportunity for formal education beyond high school, including postsecondary certificates and academic degrees. CBMI brings together all of the statewide initiatives — Michigan College Month, College Cash Campaign, and College Decision Day — into one campaign to help bring Michigan closer to Sixty by 30.



CBMI

Registration is now open. By signing up for free, sites are eligible to receive either a selection of student incentive items or a \$500 grant to support their college-going programming.

School Counselor Fellows

MCAN's School Counselor Fellows program, presented in partnership with San Diego State University's Center for Equity and Postsecondary Attainment, is designed as a cohort of school counselors who will be trained in advanced leadership and advocacy, specifically focused on postsecondary practices. The goal of this fellowship is to develop leadership and awareness of the counseling landscape in the state and country. At the end of the two-year fellowship, counselors will have created a data informed advocacy project that can be directly applied to their school community, as it relates to college access. (SCECHs and a travel stipend to the National School Counselors Fellows Summit is offered.)



FELLOWS

Application Timeline: May - August
Program Begins: September

Certified FAFSA Specialist Training

Enormous changes to the financial aid process, including the new FAFSA and the introduction of the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, highlight the urgency and opportunity for high-quality training. Michigan College Access Network and uAspire are partnering to offer support and tools to better position practitioners to meet the needs of Michigan's diverse student population.

This badging opportunity is open to school counselors, college advisers, success coaches, and other college access and success providers. There are limited spots available that will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



CFS

Registrants will complete a series of virtual training sessions with quizzes and create a FAFSA Completion Action Plan. In addition to SCECHs, successful completers receive a certificate of completion and will be eligible for a grant to help implement their FAFSA Completion Action Plan.

College and Career Planning Course

What if we reimagine how we prepare students for life after high school? What if we look holistically at our students' interests, goals, and aspirations? What if we support them as they tailor and create the future they and their families dream of? Michigan College Access Network's new college and career planning course can turn these "what ifs" into a reality. The curriculum focuses on:

- Life and career exploration.
- Finding the right match and fit — a campus for each student's particular needs.
- Financing postsecondary education.
- The college admissions process.



CPC

By the end of this course, participating students will have created a talent portfolio that is aligned to the Michigan Career Development Model, is centered on their respective Educational Development Plans, and will prepare them to access postsecondary education and persist to attain a degree.

Professional Development

We offer a variety of professional development opportunities throughout the year. Each of these opportunities are eligible for SCECHs to renew your counseling license in the state of Michigan. They typically fall into three buckets:

- Webinars: Virtual sessions between 30 to 90 minutes, available on a varying basis during the academic year. Sessions are also recorded and available to view for up to three months.
- Semester-long courses: These equity-focused courses are offered in partnership with Dr. Laura Owen from the Center for Equity and Postsecondary Attainment at San Diego State University. There is one course offered in the fall (August-December) and one in the spring (January-May). These courses are designed for professional school counselors and pre-service school counselors, career advisors, and educators. They require five monthly virtual meetings and independent work between sessions.
- College and Career Advising Courses: An alternative to a semester-long course, these courses last about five weeks and require attendance at weekly virtual meetings with independent work completed in between sessions. These courses are facilitated by Michigan school counselors. Courses offered vary by month, and include topics such as advising for middle grades and special populations, career development, and match and fit.



EVENTS & PD

High School Innovation Grants

This is a three stage grant series — Aspire, Activate, Align — offering up to \$25,000 to enhance your postsecondary program through school-wide innovation. This is intended to be a longer-term commitment led by a postsecondary advisory council that aims to interrogate current systems and data to inform plans for innovation and sustainability toward collective impact.

Application period: August-November
Grant awardees announced: December
Program begins: January 2024



HSI GRANTS

School Counseling Listserv

Join an online community of school counselors and educators to share resources, ask questions, and learn about updates. Email Kiersten Nolan at kiersten@micollegeaccess.org to join.

Other resources

Impact Map

Get up-to-date data on important postsecondary benchmarks for your school and compare them to others in your region or around the state!



IMPACT MAP

Roadmap to Opportunity

Videos and pathway maps highlighting in-demand careers and the Michigan colleges that offer programs to support that pathway. This is great for CTE students!



ROADMAP