MACRAO 2026 Annual Conference

The Power of Connection • November 16–18, 2026 • Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, Michigan

Conference Agenda — this agenda does not include individual breakout rooms.

Sunday, November 15

3:00–6:00 PM — Registration, South Lobby

Monday, November 16

7:00 AM–11:00 PM — Storage, Galaxy; Exhibits setup, Big Ten B; Registration, North Lobby

9:30 AM–12:00 PM — Leadership Summit, Corniche

11:30 AM–1:15 PM — MCCR "Meet and Eat" Registrar's Luncheon, Room 102

General session, Big Ten C; Breaks, Big Ten B

4:00–4:50 PM — FERPA: The Game (Zachary Reichard, Michigan State University; Kristin Simon, Mid Michigan College), closing out Day 1 alongside the Monday Roundtables

5:00–6:30 PM — New Attendee Reception, Lincoln Room (hosted bar, Kellogg-provided drink tickets)

6:00–7:00 PM — Dinner, Red Cedar AB (Pan Asian Buffet)

Tuesday, November 17

Breakfast + General Session + Lunch, Big Ten C; Exhibits, Big Ten B; Registration, North Lobby

8:50–9:40 AM — Breakouts: Military Activation (Forystek); Registrars Roundtable (Balinski); Data to Decisions (Pulido, Coursedog); Health Professions Registrars Roundtable (Moreno/Yoki/Jenner); Admission to Graduation — Military-Connected (Woods/Alford/Margraves/Field); NCAA Transfer Portal (Faber/Jackson); Stay Conversation (Pabon)

10:10–11:00 AM — Breakouts: AGS Transfer Degree (Balinski/Clement); Going Pro Health Professions Panel (Moreno/Yoki/Jenner); College Credit in High School (Stover); Military-Connected Support Roundtable (Alford/Field); Promise Zone (Rademacher/Tschirhart); MTN Feedback (Giardello); Direct Admission / MI College Match (Zach Evans)

10:10 AM — The Credential Ecosystem (Paradigm, Logan Midgett)

11:05—11:55 AM – Legislative Updates with Mia Murphy, Kate Witkowski, and Colby Cesaro (Big Ten C)

12:00—12:45 PM – Lunch, Charitable Organization Presentation and Spartan Shelf MSU Food Bank Pickup (Big Ten C)

12:50—1:40 PM – Annual Business Meeting (Big Ten C)

2:15–3:05 PM — State of the Network (Ryan Fewins-Bliss, MCAN), full audience

4:05–4:55 PM — Breakouts: Reverse Transfer (Lehrman, MASU); MiTransfer Pathways Implementation (Giardello); Shaping Policies (Thomas, MCAN); Pulling Back From the Cliff (Meldrum); CourseLeaf in Action (Slaymaker); Parchment Does That Too? (Mary Adkison, Instructure); Veteran-Connected Students (Scott/Osborne)

4:05 PM — Medical Registrar Roundtable (Jenner/Yoki)

5:00–6:30 PM — Past Presidents Reception, Red Cedar AB (hosted bar)

6:00–10:30 PM — Dinner + Masquerade Murder Mystery, Lincoln Room (Italian Buffet; program 6:30 PM)

Wednesday, November 18

Big Ten C to 12:00 PM; Exhibits, Big Ten B to 1:00 PM; Registration, North Lobby to 1:00 PM

8:50–9:40 AM — Breakouts: Transfer 101 (Clement/Kibin); CPoS-itive Vibes (Westergaard et al., Oakland); Enrollment Prediction (Esposito et al., MSU); AI-Assisted SQL (Griffith); CPL as Infrastructure (Devereaux); Midwestern States Transfer Initiatives Panel, extended to 11:00 AM (MTA Ad Hoc / Giardello); Fraud (Battle/Boelk)

8:50 AM — Updates from the Michigan Center for Adult College Success (Hendges/Burke)

10:10–11:00 AM — Breakouts: Credit Applicability vs. Transferability (Pridemore/Meldrum); Starting Strong (Kara Field); Credit Where Credit Is Due (Deedee Stakley); Scribing for Success (Fillmore); Enrollment Strategies (Carroll et

al.)

10:10 AM — Registrar’s Policy Session (Zach Evans, MCAN)