Michigan Native Elected 8th President at Kirtland Community College: Congratulations to Dr. Gary Roberts on becoming Kirtland Community College's 8th President!

As he steps into the presidency at Kirtland Community College, Dr. Roberts expresses anticipation for the challenges and opportunities ahead, emphasizing his eagerness to commence collaborative efforts with the staff and faculty.

“I am very excited to come to Kirtland as the next president. I am truly humbled and honored to be selected,” said Kirtland Presidential Selectee Dr. Roberts. “I'm excited to get started and to get to know everyone on the campuses and communities. It was exciting in the forums to see how devoted everyone is to Kirtland Community College.”

Michigan’s Public Universities Guide to Admissions: The Michigan Association of State Universities has published a Guide to Admissions and Enrollment Reports which includes valuable information and new and transfer admissions and enrollment for 2023-2024. This
information may be useful to your colleges. For additional information please visit: https://www.masu.org/policy-reports/masu-reports-and-studies/enrollment-reports

**Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver:** Please see the [reporting template, definition, guidance document](https://www.masu.org/policy-reports/masu-reports-and-studies/enrollment-reports) and [letter of request](https://www.masu.org/policy-reports/masu-reports-and-studies/enrollment-reports) regarding the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Data is due to Melissa Kiesewetter (kiesewetterm@michigan.gov) by January 5, 2024. Please reach out to Melissa directly via email or by calling 517-241-7748 with any questions.

**Calm Trial and Webinar:** We are exploring options for Calm, a mental well-being app, to see if their services may benefit our colleges, colleagues and students. To sign up for a free two month trial membership visit: [https://www.calm.com/b2b/mcca/subscribe](https://www.calm.com/b2b/mcca/subscribe) and use code Calm4MCCA. If you are already using Calm, you can use the code to get two free months.

Also, Calm is hosting a demo workshop on December 13 at 11am EST. To reserve a spot please visit: [https://business.calm.com/calm-workshops-demo-and-qa/](https://business.calm.com/calm-workshops-demo-and-qa/) There are other options/dates as well if there is a time that works better for your schedule. If you have questions or feedback regarding Calm or if your campus is interested in learning more, please reach out to Ashley at ashley@mcca.org. Please note that Calm only shares aggregated user data. For more information, see their privacy policy at calm.com/privacy.

**MCAN is Hiring:** Are you or do you know anyone who is an advocate for college access and success? If so, consider submitting an application for one of several open positions at MCAN’s Lansing office. They are seeking applicants who will support MCAN’s expanded scope and current strategic plan while building stronger partnerships across the state. Learn more at [https://micollegeaccess.org/jobs](https://micollegeaccess.org/jobs).

**Allied Health Education Administrators New Affinity Group:** Colleagues from Lansing Community College and Grand Rapids Community College approached the MCCA to create a new affinity group for allied health education administrators aimed at fostering communication and collaboration across the state, focusing on improving access to quality healthcare through education. To learn more and to join this new group please sign up [HERE](https://micollegeaccess.org/jobs).

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**MiLEAP Launches and Acting Director Announced:** December 1st marks the official launch of the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential (MiLEAP). Michelle Richard has also been announced as the acting director. MCCA will continue to provide MiLEAP updates and information as we receive it. For more information please visit: [https://www.michigan.gov/mileap](https://www.michigan.gov/mileap).

**CNAs can now receive training to deliver medication:** Legislation recently signed into law, [HB 4885](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/BillStatus/Summary.aspx?BillNumber=4885) and [HB 4923](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/BillStatus/Summary.aspx?BillNumber=4923), will allow certified nurse aides (CNA) to receive additional education to work as a medication aide in nursing facilities. HB 4923 mandates the training for medication aides be provided at a qualified education institution, which includes community colleges. If your college is interested in offering this training, please contact Katie Witkowski to stay up to date on state requirements under development.
Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act Introduced: Last week, H.R. 6585 was introduced after several months of negotiations and provides great optimism that Congress may pass community college’s biggest federal legislative priority this Congress: extending Pell Grant eligibility to short-term workforce programs. To read the bill summary click here and the fact sheet click here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 23: Digital Accessibility Affinity Group (3 PM to 4 PM)
Monday, January 29: DEIB Alliance Group Meeting (1:30 PM to 3 PM)
Tuesday, January 30: Student Success Committee (3:30 PM to 4:30 PM)
Monday, February 5: MCCA Reception at the National Legislative Summit (4 PM to 5:30 PM)

View the full list of upcoming events here.

IN THE NEWS

Autobody News: Michigan Community College Launches Auto Apprenticeship with Local Dealership (November 28, 2023)

GRCC: Computer Support Technician program graduate, GRCC President Charles Lepper discuss workforce training and student support on national podcast (November 29, 2023)

Petoskey News-Review: NCMC child care initiative receives more than $600K in funding (December 2, 2023)

Ludington Daily News:WSCC partners with Ferris State again for RN to BSN Program (December 3, 2023)

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