ABOUT MICHIGAN COLLEGE ADVISING CORPS

The Michigan College Advising Corps (MCAC) is one of many partner programs of the National College Advising Corps which was founded in 2004 at the University of Virginia. The primary goal of the program is to increase the number of low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students entering and completing higher education.

WHAT DOES MCAC DO?

The Michigan College Advising Corps utilizes the “near-peer” model, hiring and training recent University of Michigan graduates, many of whom were first-generation college students themselves, to serve as college advisers in underserved high schools across the state. For the 2011-2012 school year, MCAC has 15 advisers placed in Michigan’s urban high schools.

OBJECTIVES:

- To increase the number of students at the partner high schools who enroll in post-secondary education.
- To increase the number of students at the partner high schools who complete a program of postsecondary education.
- To expand the range of colleges and universities to which students at the partner high schools enroll.
- To help principals, counselors, and teachers establish a college-going culture at the partner high schools.

ROAD TO COLLEGE: Advisers work to create a college-going culture in their school that will lead to increasing numbers of students entering post-secondary education.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS: Advisers plan and implement a “Decision Day” at the end of the school year celebrating those who have been accepted to institutions of higher education.

FAFSA WORKSHOP AND COLLEGE PLANNING: Advisers organize several workshops and events throughout the year aimed at helping students and parents through the college-going process.

MEETING YOUR ADVISER: Advisers meet one-on-one with every senior in their high school so that upon graduation all 12th graders have a post-secondary plan that is best suited for their individual abilities and goals.

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