Pre-College & Youth Outreach Conference Returns to Campus

The Center for Educational Outreach is proud to sponsor the 6th annual Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference on November 18th. This conference was last hosted at U-M in 2011, with over 300 educators, community organizers, administrators and students attending from all over the state. This year’s conference features practitioners and scholars with vast experience and expertise in areas related to college access, extended learning, pre-college & youth development and more.

Over 30 presentations are organized around 4 tracks:

- **Powerful Partners**: Schools, Organizations and Universities Working Together to Promote a College-Going Culture
- **After School Partnerships**: Connecting Students for Success Through Extended Learning
- **EntertainED**: When Education Partners with Technology: Games, Software, and Applications for Greater Learning, Access, and Assessment
- **Funding Connections**: Developing Partners and Proposals to Promote a College-Going Culture

Speakers Bring State and National Perspectives on College Access

The morning plenary will feature **Tonya Allen**, incoming president of the Skillman Foundation.

The afternoon speaker is **Patricia Martin**, Assistant Vice President for the National Office for School Counselor Advocacy at The College Board.

To Participate:

To register for the conference, visit: [ceo.umich.edu/2013conference](http://ceo.umich.edu/2013conference)

Students who want to volunteer at this event, contact: [lhalton@umich.edu](mailto:lhalton@umich.edu)

**For a 3 hour shift, volunteers will receive free conference registration**

University Outreach Council Meetings Set

This U-M Council of partners participating in outreach work will meet this academic year on the following dates:

10/2/13, 11/6/13, 12/4/13, 2/5/14, 3/12/14, 4/2/14
Summer Programs a Success

**College 101**

Over 80 rising 10th graders visited the U-M campus this summer to participate in College 101. This three-day residential program designed to introduce students to post-secondary education was a huge success, as 99% of the participants reported that it improved their understanding of what is necessary to get into college.

The program places emphasis on preparing students for college while they are still in high school, presenting them with the steps necessary to qualify for college admission.

College 101 also provides students with exposure to a variety of academic disciplines and career fields, as they gather information on majors and career choices. Participants have the chance to discuss future opportunities while interacting with faculty, staff, and college students in the U-M community.

Students are immersed into college culture through their residence hall and social interactions. They are mentored by current U-M student leaders who represent CEO and the University while acquainting participants with campus life.

**Camp Kinomaage**

A group of rising 7th and 8th grade students who are members of a Michigan Native American tribe attended this five-day residential program in August.

This year, students from 6 different Michigan tribes participated in the camp and 95% of them reported that they were able to make meaningful connections with Native American college student role models.

The camp, which takes place at the University of Michigan Biological (UMBS) Station on Douglas Lake, is designed to give participants the opportunity to experience classroom presentations, hands-on experiments, and field explorations related to general science facilitated by UMBS faculty and staff. Students also participated in activities led by tribal elder volunteers that provide connections between native culture and modern science.

University of Michigan undergraduate students and Native American Student Association students served as leaders, resulting in significant and meaningful interactions.

Additionally, participants experienced Ojibwe language lessons and created poster presentations on science topics.
2013-14 CEO Programs

**Project Inspire**

Project Inspire is an initiative that harnesses the passion, energy, and talents of U-M students and student organizations to prepare, support, and empower them to promote pathways and access to higher education for youth in underserved communities.

Project Inspire initiatives support and encourage U-M students to participate in K-12 outreach in schools and community agencies.

In 2012-2013, 575 youth participated in Project Inspire and connected with 32 U-M CEO Student Leader presenters.

If you would like to arrange for a Project Inspire Student Leader speaker or a Student panel for your students, contact Caitlin Jacob at jacocas@umich.edu.

**College Corps**

College Corps is a ten-week academic enrichment and college awareness program offered at partner high schools and dedicated to preparing rising ninth and tenth grade students at area partner high schools for postsecondary education.

The program, facilitated by U-M CEO Student Leaders, provides a comprehensive college awareness curriculum, including personal and academic goal-setting, career exploration, college terminology, searching for colleges, the college application process, and financial aid and scholarship resources.

This year, the College Corps program is partnering with 9th & 10th grade classes from Plymouth Educational Center in Detroit and Oak Park High School.

The program culminates in a visit to the U-M campus, where students will participate in an admissions presentation and campus tour.

**Future U**

Future U is a career-focused enrichment program for academically talented middle school students. The program consists of hands-on activities and projects that provide exposure to various academic disciplines. Students also participate in leadership development, cultural enrichment, and college exploration activities.

Partner schools each nominate 25 academically motivated students to begin participation in the sixth grade, and continue until completion of the program in the eighth grade.

This fall, CEO will host Future U students from University Prep Academy, Detroit Community, and Garden City Middle Schools.
The Michigan College Advising Corps brought over 120 of their best and brightest high school students to the Ann Arbor campus this past March for a one-of-a-kind look into life at U-M. Students arrived from all over the state to participate in a full day of panels and presentations, icebreakers, and campus tours. Among other activities, students were able to engage in small group discussions with members of the University's Diversity Council.

“I work with a number of academically talented students on a daily basis who would not even consider applying to the U-M because of misperceptions they have of the campus” said Brian Harris, a U-M alumnus and college adviser at Saginaw High School MCAC. “The Michigan Experience Day was important to show my students that they can find a community here at the U-M and that it is an inclusive environment.”

The goal of the Michigan College Advising Corps (MCAC) is to increase the number of low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students entering and completing higher education in the state of Michigan. MCAC staff recruit and train recent U-M graduates to work full-time as college advisers in some of Michigan's most underserved high schools to help students navigate the college admissions process.

Four Specific Impacts

- Increase the college-going rate at each partner school;
- Increase the college completion rate of partner school graduates;
- Expand the range of colleges and universities to which students apply and in which they enroll;
- Help principals, counselors, and teachers foster a college-going culture

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Upcoming Events!

Wolverine Express - U-M Faculty & Staff will visit the following high schools this year: Osborn, Flint Southwestern Academy, Romulus, Battle Creek, Ottawa, & Port Huron

Scholarship applications - Available in January 2014 for summer academic programs
U-M Student Makes an Impact: Javier Solorzano

As a student at Monroe High School, Javier Solorzano participated in the Maximizing Academic Success (MAS) program, which linked him up with tutors and mentors in 7-12th grades. Since entering college, he has worked hard to be a successful student and returns weekly to his high school as a Student Leader for the MAS program to mentor kids from his community. In addition to his studies, Javier also works at 2 local elementary schools to help kids succeed. He enjoys working with children so much that he has changed his major and career aspirations to work in education.

Javier has found mentors in the CEO office, in addition to professors and his Lambda Theta Phi fraternity brothers who have helped provide support to him. He is proud of his fraternity and has progressed to being the President, assuming a leadership role where he makes sure all of his brothers have support and he “Ensures a family bond.” The members proudly do positive things for fellow students, including giving out flowers on the Diag to brighten a student’s day.

Javier’s mentors have challenged him to have high educational goals and to become a leader; and he is successful at both. He is motivated to mentor at his high school to help students develop strong foundations. His other motivation is his mother, who currently lives in Mexico City. He is working hard to help her return to the U.S. As an undocumented citizen, she returned recently to Mexico, where all of his family now lives. It is difficult for him to be so far away, so his support network here is vital. To help himself and his Mom become U.S. citizens, Javier created a gofundme.com account and has raised some funds to help reach this goal.

Javier works hard and is “Learning so much every day” in order to graduate, after which he plans to pursue advanced degrees in Higher Education and Business. He has received encouragement and mentorship and now he gives it to other students. As Javier tells his fraternity brothers, “When you fall, I will catch you.” He is a strong role model to youth and is making a difference in many lives!

Become a Student Leader:

CEO offers training and opportunities to work with middle and high school students.

Programs include Wolverine Express, College Corps, MAS, College 101, Project Inspire and Future U

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