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# MACAC

## Muse

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**WE NEED  
YOU**  
BECOME A  
MEMBER TODAY

### Membership Update:

Congratulations on completing another successful school year! Just a friendly reminder if you are the primary member of your institution please remember to renew your membership. When renewing, it is important that you update the roster of all the other members by clicking on the line that says "Additional Members in Your Account". That is where you can add new members and delete any members who are no longer with your institution. We would love for you to add your photos to the member profiles as well, so that we can put your smiling faces with your names! At the conclusion of renewing the membership there is an option for you to pay by credit card or to print an invoice to send in with a check. This is just one item that you can check off of your list and won't have to worry about when you come back to school in the fall. We hope you have a much needed relaxing and enjoyable summer!



## Letter from the President: Eva Dodds

Summer is shining in Michigan! The peonies opening, the smell of cut grass, the sounds around the pool, lake, and barbeque...each can inspire memories of a Michigan childhood. Where do feelings of pure childhood

happiness come from? The giggles of joy are seemingly unchecked in young ones. Perhaps it is because children have no expectations. Each discovery about Michigan summer fun is a welcome surprise to a child. Unexpected joy evokes positive reactions. What do matched expectations inspire? An interesting question to consider.

When do we start having expectations? Maybe it is when we become aware of others' expectations of us. "I expect you to clean your room." Being told what is expected does not bring joy. When one lives up to the expectation there may not be a feeling of accomplishment or gratitude because it "was expected." Steve Chandler, a life coach, is driven by this concept.

As we help Michigan students further their dreams to pursue their ideal futures, perhaps we should ask them to create agreements instead of expectations. Agreements could be with themselves, with their families, with their counselors and whoever else is influencing their lives. This concept of using agreements while removing expectations is one that the MACAC Executive Board is going to explore during our summer retreat with Sherry Welsh of Blue Sky Transformations.

Personally, I have lived a life driven by expectation both professionally and beyond work. I am realizing now, that expectations are not productive and have no place in an inspired life. For instance, expecting people to hit a deadline without securing an agreement creates a negative reaction. Explaining the why of the deadline and confirming through an agreement that the deadline can be met is the better scenario for all involved. These revelations about expectations vs. agreements have inspired me to push to become a better MACAC president, college counselor, mother, daughter and friend.

Inspiration has come from many places this spring. I was thrilled to be able to attend the Urban Counselor Workshop and share the energy of the mainly DPS counselors as we learned from dynamic sessions and a fun keynote speaker. Camp College was a huge success as it gave students the opportunity to explore future options including the specifics of the college application process. Our committee's pride was evident as more MACAC members than ever supported the event!

As you look to summer plans and map out the fall, consider making agreements with yourself to further your personal and professional goals. Our Professional Development team has created multiple opportunities, the NACAC Conference is drivable this year (Columbus, September 22-24th), and we are always looking to welcome more members to committee roles. Check out the MACAC calendar on our website for our events and others' as well.

Happy Summer!

Eva Dodds, MACAC President



# *Congratulations to the 2016 Maggie Miller Scholarship Recipients!*

**Emily Johnson**

**Plymouth High School**

**University of Michigan**



**Maria Kohane**

**Grand Rapids West Catholic**

**High School**

**Hillsdale College**



**Samantha Tomiko McGrath**

**Canton High School**

**Western Michigan University**



A huge thank you to MACAC for honoring me with the Maggie Miller Scholarship! I am so very grateful for the support I have received from both my high school and college counseling staff throughout the college admissions process this year. Being awarded with a scholarship from this group reinforces the investment and dedication that counselors have for their students' educational success.

## GETTING



Getting In is a card game created by Dr. Christopher W. Tremblay. This exciting card game introduces players to various components of the admissions application process. The goal is to simulate the process in a general way by providing insight on the various parts of a college application file. All profit above the cost of producing the game will support the **Maggie Miller Scholarship Fund** offered through MACAC. These scholarships are awarded to a college bound student like the three recipients above. For more information on Getting In, please visit: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/224562348/getting-in-a-college-admissions-card-game>







**Eva Dodds** is transitioning from her role at American College Consulting to Collegewise Michigan in Franklin, Michigan.

**Deb Longuski** is retiring from Rockford High School.

**Jean Peltola** is retiring from Traverse City Central High School.

**Christopher Tremblay, Ed.D** has moved from his role as Associate Provost from Enrollment Management at Western Michigan University to Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management at the University of Wisconsin.

## Urban Counselor Workshop

The MACAC Annual Urban Counselor's Workshop was held on April 26, 2016 at the University of Michigan - Dearborn campus. There were over 100 attendees who had the opportunity to attend 13 Sessions. Each session was designed to assist the school counselor in identifying methods to do their jobs effectively, efficiently and productively. Issues were addressed that would enable each counselor to approach the ever changing school/student culture, whether the counselor is in an urban, suburban or rural educational environment.

The sessions ranged from Middle School to High School Transition, Accomplishing College Access Goals, Active Shooter Training and Issues relating to LGBTQ+. The entire group was provided the MDE School Counselor Update, by Beatrice Harrison from the Michigan Department of Education as well as creating their own personal "Vision Boards". The overwhelming response from the attendees both verbally and in their evaluations was positive.

Eva Dodds, President of MACAC gave a wonderful MACAC welcome and encouraged everyone to become not only involved in MACAC but also invited them to MACAC membership!

Alvina M. Gipson, Chair

MACAC Urban Counselor Workshop 2016



## Camp College 2016

This year, Camp College hosted over 200 students from several local Detroit high schools. The program was held at the University of Detroit Mercy on May 19th. The morning began with a keynote speech from Sarah Anthony, Deputy Director for Partnerships and Advocacy for the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN). Students attended a variety of college readiness sessions (of their choice) ranging in college-related topics. The day concluded with a fun game of college readiness trivia, an optional tour of the host campus, a resource table



where students received information on potential college choices as well as a college souvenir! Students felt well informed and more prepared to tackle the college admissions process. Special thanks to the University of Detroit Mercy for graciously hosting

the event and an enormous thank you goes to the Superheroes of the Camp College committee: Aubriex Cason (Lawrence Tech), Adam Davis (MSU), Caitlin Thayer (CMU), Erasmo Salinas



(WMU), Jesse Vance (Detroit Mercy), Melissa Rousseau (Davenport), Nicole Johnson (EMU), Meghan Nyeste (St. Clair County RESA) and Tyrone Collins (Ferris State) as well as the presenters of the individual sessions and keynote speaker. This program would not have been possible without the dedication from many individuals, not all listed above.

Adam Davis, Camp College Chair





# MACAC Professional Development Updates:

We have started summer off on a great foot! Matches have been made for our Mentee/Mentor (M&M) program, we have held 3 successful MACAC Gatherings, and we have a great number of School Counselors signed up for our first ever School Counselor Summit!

**Mentee/Mentor (M&M):** It is not too late to sign up. Please visit [MACAC.org](http://MACAC.org) for more information.

**MACAC Gatherings:** We had over 15 Admissions professionals attend our “Gatherings” and are looking to have more Gatherings this summer. We discussed our profession, MACAC as a whole, and how we can help each other as travel



season is just around the corner. Watch for an email blast. Dates and locations coming soon.

**School Counselor Summit:** Thank you to Aquinas College for hosting our first ever Summit! As of right now we have over 50 participants for this free one day event. This will be a SCECH event too, so we hope you are able to take advantage of that as well. Register here: [http://www.macac.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=262200&module\\_id=204136](http://www.macac.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=262200&module_id=204136)



## **School Counselor Summit; August 3, Aquinas College**

Are you feeling overwhelmed with all the changes facing your senior Class of 2017? Considering the “Early FAFSA”, changes in college testing, the Coalition Application, etc., next fall looks to be another busy season for those involved in college counseling. For this reason, MACAC’s Professional Development committee has developed a one-day workshop for you to stay ahead of the curve before school starts in the fall. Join us on August 3 to learn more about college counseling best practices, hear from SSG about changes to their online portal, and learn from an expert about changes in college financing. This event is free and open to anyone. For more detailed information and to register, visit [MACAC.org](http://MACAC.org) (4 SCECH credits available.)

# Save the Dates!



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## Spend a week with your Michigan ACAC

A: March 26, 27: NACAC Metro Detroit College Fair

Suburban Showplace, Novi

B: March 28: NACAC West Michigan College Fair

DeVos Center, Grand Rapids

C: March 29, 30: MACAC Annual Conference

Radisson at the Capitol, Lansing

**The Advancement Committee is looking for members!** No previous experience with development or fundraising necessary (though it is helpful). Are you:

**Articulate?**

**Proactive?**

**A Strong Writer?**

**Outgoing?**

**Connected in your Community?**

**Passionate about MACAC?**

There are no in-person meetings for this committee and minimal time commitment. Fill out a call for volunteers form today ([www.macac.org](http://www.macac.org) – Click Professional Development) or email Hillary Teague (Hillary.teague@kzoo.edu) with questions.

