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Program Spotlight: Mid Michigan College and Shepherd High School's dual enrollment and early college programs

Mid Michigan College (Mid) enrolls over 1,200 dual enrollment students through its nine high school and intermediate school district partnerships. One of Mid's largest partners is Shepherd High School, as 140-150 students enroll in Mid courses each year.

Shepherd's students have thrived in the dual enrollment and early college programs, as they have a success rate of 98%. Since the fall 2014 semester, 134 Shepherd students have earned 30 or more college credits, and 66 students have met the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements. The MTA provides for transferability of up to 30 semester credits to meet many (or all) of the general education requirements at colleges and universities who participate in the agreement.

"Our partnership is phenomenal, and we are ecstatic that students have opportunities to get through the MTA, earn an associate's degree, and obtain the Michigan Early Middle College Association Certificate," stated Joe Passalacqua, the Shepherd High School Principal. "Because of our strong math and science curriculum, students will have the opportunity to pursue a STEM-endorsed diploma through the Michigan Department of Education. This could not have been accomplished without the cooperation and support of Mid."

[Download a PDF of the entire program spotlight.](#)

Whitmer notes power of post-secondary education in State of the State Address

Governor Gretchen Whitmer acknowledged the power of post-secondary education to create a stronger, healthier economy during her State of the State Address on February 12. She announced a new statewide goal that 60% of Michiganders between the ages of 16 and 64 will have a post-secondary credential by 2030.

She announced three paths for workers and students. First, Michigan Reconnect will help adults seeking to “upskill” to an in-demand industry certification or associate degree. Next, the MI Opportunity Scholarship will provide two-years of debt-free community college to qualified, graduating high school students. This initiative will make Michigan the first Midwestern state to guarantee community college of all. The MI Opportunity Scholarship will also provide tuition assistance for students who wish to attend a four-year, not-for-profit college or University, provided the students graduate from a Michigan high school with a “B” average or higher.

[A transcript of Whitmer’s address can be found online.](#)

MiCEP member to present at Higher Learning Commission Conference

MiCEP member Dr. Deb Coates will lead a Higher Learning Commission interest group at the HLC national conference on Monday, April 9 from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Coates, who serves as the Dean of Instruction and Early College at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, will be co-presenting with Dr. Stephanie Ferguson from New Mexico Junior College about best practices for dual and concurrent enrollment. The conference will be held in Chicago. [Additional information is available on the HLC website.](#)



NCES Report: Dual enrollment participation and characteristics

Courtesy of NCES

The National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) released a report in early February about high school students taking college courses. The report is based on data from the High School Longitudinal Study of 2009, student high school transcripts, and survey data. It covers the fall 2009 term through summer 2013.

Notable findings included:

- 34% of students took courses for postsecondary credit in high school
- 80% of students who took college courses during their high school career took those courses at their own high school

[The complete report is available on the NCES website.](#)



The Education Trust: Advancing equity in college in high school programs

The Education Trust and the College in High School Alliance released a fact sheet on January 25 providing tools about thinking about equity in college-in-high-school access and success. The fact sheet provides

information about how the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) can be leveraged to accomplish equity in dual enrollment programs.

Program quality plays an important role in achieving equity in dual enrollment programs. NACEP and MiCEP resources can help colleges, universities, and K-12 partners follow national standards to uphold the equivalency of concurrent/dual enrollment and traditional college courses.

[A copy of the fact sheet and additional information is available on the Education Trust Dual Enrollment webpage.](#)

DeVos notes dual enrollment as an innovative educational model

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos noted that dual enrollment is an innovative educational model during her speech at the US Conference of Mayors on January 24.

“I think also of dual-enrollment efforts, like the one at Lorenzo Walker Tech, in Naples, Florida,” stated DeVos. “Students there can earn a high school diploma and an associate’s degree simultaneously through partnership with Florida Southwestern State College. A great head-start toward successful careers.”

[A transcript of the speech can be viewed online.](#)

Upcoming conferences related to concurrent and dual enrollment

Michigan College Access Network Conference (MCAN)

Fueling the Movement: Engage, Innovate, Mobilize

Lansing, Michigan

March 4-5, 2019

<http://www.micollegeaccess.org/events/2019-conference>

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships National Conference

Elevating Partnerships: 20 Years Strong

Salt Lake City, Utah

October 13-15, 2019

<http://conference.nacep.org/>

Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference

Ann Arbor, Michigan

November 2019 (More details to come)

<https://ceo.umich.edu/project/michigan-pre-college-and-youth-outreach-conference/>

MiCEP listserv information

MiCEP’s listserv is now available. General information about the service is posted at

<http://listserv.nacep.org/listinfo.cgi/micep-nacep.org>. Individuals can subscribe to the by clicking on the link.

Listserv members can send a message to the email list by sending a message to micep@listserv.nacep.org.

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