

Counseling Updates from IKE

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2023- 2024 BREAKDOWN AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Summer School starts Monday, June 19th. Registration is online: <https://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com/>

Counselors are not available during the summer. Any immediate needs should be addressed by calling the main number (586)797-1300.

During the school year, students should access their counseling Schoology group regularly for time sensitive information from the counseling office.

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RESOURCES FOR MACOMB COUNTY FAMILIES IN NEED

The Right Connection Resource Directory was developed to assist families in locating free, low-cost, or unique human services in Macomb County. Families needing assistance can access this resource at the link provided. [The Right Connection in Macomb County \(misd.net\)](https://www.misd.net/right-connection)

Julie's List was developed to help individuals throughout the Metro Detroit area find necessary resources that are low cost or free. Families in crisis or needing assistance can access this resource at the link provided. [Julies List \(SE Michigan\)](https://www.julieslist.org/)

SAT AND ACT TESTING

Students may also sign up to take the SAT on a National test date during the summer or fall. The test is available at multiple locations throughout Metro Detroit. Summer dates fill up quickly. Students can sign up to take the SAT on their own at: [SAT Registration](https://sat.collegeboard.org/register)

The ACT is as valuable as the SAT. If you (your student) are planning on taking the ACT, sign up at [ACTStudent.org](https://actstudent.org) Tests are offered at local high schools and colleges and students can select the location that is best for them. The ACT is readily accepted at all colleges and universities as an admissions test and used for scholarship purposes as well. ACT offers test dates in July, September and October and all of these dates afford enough time for scores to be considered for Early Action application.

SPRING SAT AND PSAT RESULTS

Students can log on to their Collegeboard accounts to view their results from April testing. Score reports will not be mailed to the school or home. Eisenhower does not have access to a student's personal Collegeboard account login credentials. Students may contact Collegeboard directly if unable to access their account. Most students created their CollegeBoard accounts using their UCS login. If that does not work, contact CollegeBoard directly at 866-756-7346.

CAREER EXPLORATION AND AWARENESS

The State Department of Talent and Economic Development has developed two state-of-the-art and first-of-its kind online resources to help students and job seekers explore careers and pathways as an effort to close the talent gap that is spanning Michigan.

[Going PRO with Professional Trades Careers in Michigan | GoingPro \(going-pro.com\)](http://GoingPro(going-pro.com)) is a one-stop online tool that provides students and all Michiganders with information on the state's most high-demand, high-wage career opportunities in the **Professional Trades**, including salaries and job growth data, 'A Day in the Life' series that highlights professionals in their careers and how they got there, and local schools and training facilities to get started in a Professional Trades career. Click on the link to explore this online tool!

[Michigan Education & Career Pathfinder \(mitalent.org\)](http://Mitalent.org) is a tool that allows students to pick a career field and see, all at once, how to get there from training to full-time career. Click on the link to explore this online tool!

SCHOOL TO WORK INTERNSHIPS

SCHOOL TO WORK(STW/CO-OP) MAKING THE CONNECTION



- The objective of our STW Program is to connect classroom learning with work-based learning experiences, prepare students for the move from classroom to the workplace, support supervised on-the-job training, and help students make career decisions.
- Our Students will:
 - Develop the essential skills and habits required in the workplace.
 - Receive a **GRADE** and **CREDIT** towards graduation for this full year course.
 - Gain valuable **PAID** work experience to help build a resume for post-secondary programs and future employment in a variety of career areas.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?



GPA-2.0 Minimum



Attendance: Must be excellent at school; including tardies and unexcused absences from 9th grade and beyond.



Enrollment in a CTE Course concurrent with their internship placement(see courses listed on reverse side).



Students work 10 hours a week at minimum, 24 maximum per child labor laws. Must have reliable transportation and leave school after 5th hour.



Grades are based on: Student completed time books. Employer quarterly evaluations of the student and attendance at monthly meetings with coordinator.



Coordinators visit work sites to ensure a safe and productive training environment and build relationships with employers.

Next Steps...

1. Talk with your parents about STW-can you do it?
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Extracurricular activities
 - ✓ Availability (employer provided schedule)
2. Scan the QR Code to Apply
3. Obtain Parent signatures for Policies/Grading
4. Create your resume/request references
5. Set Up Your Voicemail
6. Schedule a time to meet with Mrs. Lelito

SCAN HERE TO APPLY:



For more information contact [Mrs. Lelito](mailto:Mrs.Lelito)
catherine.lelito@uticak12.org or send a TEAMS message

Timelines for ALL High School Students

9th-graders

- Activity Log: Get involved in a couple of clubs, sports, or other extracurricular activities either at your school or in your local community. Keep track of your engagements on a simple spreadsheet.
- Challenge yourself academically: Take advantage of the course offerings and make a four-year plan that will make you stand out.
- How to study effectively: Improve your study skills and build new habits.
- Be careful with your social media use: Any words or pictures you post are part of your permanent online record. If it is something you would not want your grandparent to see, maybe do not post it.

10th-graders

- Study schedule: If you do not have a plan in place, now is a great time to create one.
- Consider taking the ACT or SAT as a practice test (Do NOT send scores to universities). These practice tests are a great way to get experience with the content and timing of standardized exams.
- Start exploring possible careers: There are so many possibilities out there. What sounds interesting to you? Start with your interests and see where your research takes you. Naviance is a great tool to research careers!

11th-graders

- Naviance: Check out this awesome resource that helps you figure out what you want (and do not want) from your college experience. Login through the icon in Class Link
- Connect with college admission reps: Sign up for a few sessions with college representatives either virtually or through campus visits.
- Prepare for standardized testing that occurs in your junior year. Although many schools are 'Test Optional', if you do well, it is to your advantage to use your score.

12th-graders

This is a critical time for seniors. By this point, you should have a close-to-final college list and be working on your college applications.

- Letters of recommendation: This is a good time to check in with your recommenders to make sure they know your deadlines. Not all schools require a letter of recommendation, but the ones that do typically want a strong letter from someone who can attest to your ability in the classroom.
- College applications are live in August: Start familiarizing yourself with the information you need to gather. Apply direct to the institution when this option is available, otherwise, apply through the Common Application.
- Writing your College Essays: Answer the question! This is the biggest mistake students make! If the question is asking WHY you choose that school, use this space to display your knowledge about the school, the opportunities they have for students and how you fit in. Answer the question!
- FAFSA + CSS PROFILE: These two forms are critical to your financial aid process. All schools require the FAFSA; the CSS PROFILE is only required by some schools and scholarships. Submission windows open on October 1st.
- Connect with college admission reps, either at school, online or in the community through college fairs. These sessions are important opportunities to let colleges know you are considering attending their institution, which, in some cases, can help your chances.
- Create a spreadsheet of requirements and deadlines: Keep track of application deadlines, number of required recommendation letters, scholarship deadlines, portfolio requirements, etc., all in one organized spot.

* Counselors visited junior English classrooms in May and discussed items presented below. Students were given this as a handout as well. There are links embedded in this document. *

CLASS of 2024

Congratulations on making it to your senior year! Whether you are moving towards attending a 2 or 4 year college/university, heading towards a branch in the military, seeking opportunities in a trade or trade school or moving right into the workforce, we want to assist you with the process.

ALL students should make sure you are a member of the Class of 2024 Schoology group. We flood that group page with information during your senior year. We will post codes for free college applications, FAFSA information, Trade School and apprenticeship information, scholarships and more. Please check to make sure you are a member of this group. If you are not, please add yourself to the group with the following access code: 26DP-M4SB-SRN8W

College Bound

Do you have your college list? You should have an idea of what schools you want to apply to by now. Set up some formal college visits over the summer. Regardless of whether you do this on site or virtually (we recommend on site!), it will demonstrate your interest to the university. October is College Admissions month and many colleges/universities in Michigan will offer free applications for a window during the month. Stay tuned for these free application codes in Schoology!

College applications for the class of 2024 go live around Aug 1 (some earlier, some later). Colleges will give you the methods to apply to their school directly from their website. Most schools have an option to apply directly from their admissions page (direct) and we always recommend applying direct when you can. Many schools utilize the [Common Application](#). The CA allows you to complete the demographic requirements once. Once you identify the schools you are applying to in the CA, you will have access to that specific school's additional required information (such as supplemental essays and other information).

Common Application Tips

- Your CA essay goes to all schools in your application list. Keep that in mind when writing your essay
- You cannot change any part of the common app once you submit it to one school
- Your recommenders do not know you need a recommendation until you add them to the CA. Do this through the FERPA page in one of the schools you are applying to. Do this by mid-September.
- Just because you are applying on the CA, does NOT mean you need a LOR. Some schools do not want one. If they do not want one, it serves you zero benefit to send one anyway.
- Do not add colleges to your college list that you have no intention of applying to.
- If you are applying direct, do not add that college to your college list in CA.

Letters of Recommendation: If the school you are applying to requires a letter of recommendation, then be sure to ask a teacher that can speak to your abilities in the classroom. A teacher LOR should not focus on all your extra curriculars. It should speak to you as a student in their class. Make sure you know if the school(s) you are applying to require that LOR to be from a core academic teacher or not! For instance- if you are applying to an engineering school, you should ask a math or science teacher. You should ask your teacher early and add them to the common app by late September.

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Writing your Essay:

Rule # 1: ANSWER THE QUESTION

Rule # 2: If it is a personal statement, make sure the essay is about you.

Rule #3: If the question asks you why you are choosing that school/major, make sure your response convinces them that you know that school like the back of your hand and it is not only the perfect academic fit for you but it is your first choice school.

Rule #4: Do not complete your application on your phone.

Rule # 5: Grammar matters. Have someone proofread it for you

Early Action vs Regular Decision vs Early Decision

Early Action is non-binding and the best way to apply. Pay attention to deadlines

Regular Decision puts you in the 'overflow' pool if the school has an Early Action option

Early Decision give you a better chance at admissions, but it is binding- regardless of your ability to pay for that school.

Trades and Trade Schools

MAP+: Macomb Community College offers the tuition free MAP+ Industrial Readiness Program for students interested in a skilled trade or apprenticeship career path. Students apply in their senior year. There are separate paths for Manufacturing and Construction in the Industrial Readiness Program. Successful students will earn **the Industrial Readiness Certificate, 9 college credits, create a resume, and connect with hiring employers in an exclusive interview event. Contact MCC for more information @ 586-446-7169**

MAT2: The [MAT2 Apprenticeship Program](#) is a unique opportunity for students looking for apprenticeships in the trades. MAT2 Apprenticeship Program Benefits: Earn while you learn & receive a debt-free AAS degree. This includes 3 years of coordinated college and work at Henry Ford College or Macomb Community College. Students apply skills learned in college to real-world situations. Students have a 2-year job guarantee upon successful completion of the program. For more information call 248-419-4676

SEMCA: Start your career in construction at the [South East Michigan Construction Academy](#). Programs available for electrical, welding, carpentry, and heavy construction. For more information call 248-298-3600

MUST Construction Careers: [MUST Construction Careers](#) will connect you to apprenticeship opportunities within the unionized construction trades. The MUST organization consists of the trade affiliates of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and their contractor association partners. Click [here](#) for a full listing of trades and contact information.

Cosmetology Schools

Michigan College of Beauty 248-528-0303

The Paul Mitchell School 586-939-8600

David Pressley School of Cosmetology 248-548-5090

Douglass J. Aveda Institute 248-336-5505

Michigan Brow and Lash Academy 586-718-5235

ESI Institute 586-884-4690

Military

All military reps make regular visits to Eisenhower and are here during lunch hours. If interested, we encourage you to talk to all branches of the military while they are here and include your parents in all follow up meetings.

[FAFSA](#) + [CSS PROFILE](#) - These two forms are critical to your financial aid process. All schools require the FAFSA; the CSS PROFILE is only required by some schools and scholarships. Submission windows open on October 1st. FAFSA should be filled out for certain trades programs as well.



May 16, 2023

Macomb Community College launches tuition-free program

Macomb Tuition Advantage puts earning a college credential within the financial reach of many more people

Macomb Community College is removing financial barriers to earning a degree with the introduction of **Macomb Tuition Advantage**, which will provide free tuition to Macomb students with family incomes of \$70,000 or less. The program is open to those already attending Macomb or those who plan to start at the college in Fall 2023 and are pursuing an associate degree program.

“Earning a college credential remains a key factor in sustainable employment and earnings,” said James O. Sawyer IV, president, Macomb Community College. “Macomb Community College is committed to ensuring the transformative power of education is within the financial reach of all – regardless of year of high school graduation, previous attempts at attending college or current residency.”

The median household income in Macomb County is \$67,828. While affordability is a top priority for the college, with Macomb’s tuition rate one of the lowest of the state’s 31 community colleges, cost is still a barrier for some. Nearly 42% of the college’s current students receive some form of financial aid and 28% receive Pell Grants, which are federal aid awards to those who display exceptional financial need. Approximately half of Macomb’s nearly 15,000 current students would have qualified under the financial requirements for the new program.

To be eligible for **Macomb Tuition Advantage**, an individual’s annual family income must be \$70,000 or less, with assets of \$50,000 or less; be a registered student at Macomb; and have completed the FAFSA. Any federal and state grants the student is eligible for will be applied first, with Macomb’s program covering the remainder of tuition and fees owed. Students in the program must be enrolled full time (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) and maintain a 2.0 grade point average. The program is renewable for up to three academic years.

To date, nearly 8,900 students have pursued an associate degree from Macomb through two state tuition-free programs, Futures for Frontliners and Michigan Reconnect. The state has also introduced a new program for 2023 high school graduates, the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, that will provide up to \$2,750 annually for students to attend a community college beginning Fall 2023.

“We have seen programs that take tuition and fees out of the equation for prospective students, such as Michigan Reconnect, are a real game-changer for many members of our community,” said Sawyer. “**Macomb Tuition Advantage** is building on this proven approach and taking it a step further by broadening access to critical financial support to those who need it. The program supports the college’s commitment to fostering student success and degree completion, providing the financial means so students can focus on steady progress through their program, and encourages a college-going culture to support the long-term vitality and prosperity of our community.”

Macomb Tuition Advantage also supports the Sixty by 30 initiative of Michigan’s Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, which is working to increase the number of working-age adults with a skill certificate or college degree from 50.5% to 60% by 2030. The underlying goals of Sixty by 30 are to increase opportunity and access to education and skills that lead to family sustaining jobs and wages, close the skills gap to sustain and grow business and industry, and make the state more competitive for inclusive economic growth.

For complete eligibility requirements for **Macomb Tuition Advantage** and more information, go to <https://www.macomb.edu/admissions-aid/paying-for-college/macomb-tuition-advantage.html>.

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