

## MOSPA State Conference

April 30-May 2, 2025

Boyne Mountain Resort  
Boyne Falls, Michigan

Each year the state conference committee puts together an event that meets both the expressed wishes and the diverse needs of our members.

MOSPA is pleased to welcome K-12 educators, post-secondary faculty and staff, community partners, administrators, non-profit partners, government agencies, and other professionals to attend the State Conference! We are hard at work trying to make sure each time slot offers speakers and topics of interest to both secondary and post-secondary conference attendees.

Check our website often for conference details and registration; typically available in March.



## 2024-25 Board Meetings

Meeting 10 am-11:30 am  
Lunch 11:30 am-1 pm

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

Kent Career Tech Center East

**Friday, November 8, 2024**

Grand Rapids Community College

**Friday, January 10, 2025**

Saginaw Career Complex

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

Breithaupt Career and Technical Center

**Wednesday, April 30 – 2:00-4 pm**

Boyne Mountain Resort

**June 2025 – To be determined**

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# The **PURPOSE OF MOSPA**

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# Our **MISSION**

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Our goal is to work toward improving the quality of life for all special population students served at the secondary and post-secondary levels.

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## Who are **SPECIAL POPULATIONS Students?**

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, Public Law 115-224 (Perkins V) was signed into law July 2018. The act refers to an identifiable segment of the career and technical education population as individuals who are members of “special populations” as defined below:

### Individuals with disabilities

- ◆ Individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including low-income youth and adults
  - ◆ Individuals preparing for non-traditional fields
  - ◆ Single parents, including single-pregnant women
  - ◆ Out-of-workforce individuals
  - ◆ English learners
  - ◆ Homeless individuals
  - ◆ Youth who are in, or have aged out of, the foster care system
  - ◆ Youth with a parent who is a member of the armed forces or on active duty
  - ◆ Migrants
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# **AWARDS**

On behalf of the MOSPA board, we invite you to nominate an outstanding individual, program, or community partner who has gone above and beyond to support Special Populations (SPOP) and/or Occupational Programs/Career Technical Education. Five award categories are available for nominations. One winner from secondary and one winner from post-secondary will be selected for each category

### **CATEGORIES:**

- Professional (administrator, teacher, counselor, social worker, etc. that has demonstrated exemplary instruction to SPOP)
- Support Staff (paraprofessional or teaching assistant working directly with SPOP)
- SPOP Student (demonstrated perseverance, personal growth, and exemplary achievement)
- Community Partner (exemplary commitment to the success of SPOP) Program

### **MICHELLE GLENN AWARD**

The Michelle Glenn Award provides an opportunity to honor an individual who has provided exemplary service while working in the area of Special Populations and/or Career Technical Education/Occupational Programs. The award honors Michelle Glenn, who worked for Mott College and served as MOSPA’s fiduciary for many years. With this award, MOSPA recognizes others who demonstrate dedication and commitment just as Michelle Glenn did throughout her career.

### **DEADLINE TO NOMINATE**

This information is posted on the MOSPA website under Awards & Recognition.