

# ***MASON CAN UPDATE***

NEWS FROM THE MASON COUNTY  
COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

## **September 2020 UPDATE**

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## **Mason CAN Re-Visioning for 2020-21**

In October, Mason CAN begins work based on an MCAN grant award to support creating a new vision. This may include revising goals, re-aligning partnerships with Mason County partners like the Promise Zone, and strengthening operation as a College Access Network. The Leadership Team will "Kickoff" this Process at a virtual meeting on October 9th at 8AM. As a part of the process, Mason CAN would like to welcome its newest leadership team members, Brandy Henderson-Miller, President and CEO the Ludington & Scottville Chamber of Commerce, and Shelley Keene, Executive Director of Michigan Works West Central. Mason CAN is thrilled to have an entire team of outstanding leaders!

## **#WhyApply Campaign, September 18**

This fall, students across the country will be submitting college applications and celebrating their plans for the future. To celebrate college application season and our students, ACT and American College Application Campaign (CAC) are encouraging all to tell their post-secondary story through social media on #WhyApply Day, this Friday, Sept. 18. Participate by using your fave social media and the hashtag #WhyApply this Friday, and share a status, video, or photo with a reason why you feel students should apply to college, or why you applied to college. For more information, follow ACAC's social media: [americancac](#) or [american\\_cac](#).

## **College & COVID-19 Info for Seniors**

Is there a high school junior, senior or first year WSCC student who must have internet to meet college or school demands in your school or at home? Does the student live in Mason County? Mason County Family Link and Mason CAN help! MCAN provided funding for a year to support up to \$50 of monthly connectivity costs for our students and families. Students just need to be willing to complete a monthly survey and participate in their regular college-prep activities. Grand funding is limited, and first-come, first-served, so don't hesitate!

Email Mason County Family Link to get support for connectivity at home.

For LHS: [becky@masoncountyuw.org](mailto:becky@masoncountyuw.org)

For MCC or MCE: [joellen@masoncountyuw.org](mailto:joellen@masoncountyuw.org)

For WSCC: [angie@masoncountyuw.org](mailto:angie@masoncountyuw.org)

Other Mason County Schools (including home schooled youth): [lynne@masoncountyuw.org](mailto:lynne@masoncountyuw.org)

# OCTOBER 2020 COLLEGE Q&A SESSIONS SCHEDULE



**CLICK ON THE GRADUATION CAP TO SIGN UP  
OR GO TO [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/U3HvYZKXSPVD4VVU9](https://forms.gle/U3HvYZKXSPVD4VVU9)**

<b>OCTOBER IS COLLEGE MONTH IN MICHIGAN</b>	<b>TUESDAY AT 4:00 PM VIA ZOOM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY AT 4:00 PM VIA ZOOM</b>	<b>THURSDAY AT 4:00 PM VIA ZOOM</b>
<p>CLICK ON THE COLLEGE NAME FOR THE LINK TO SIGN UP. ADVANCED SIGNUP IS REQUESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED.</p>	<p><b>COLLEGE MONTH SIGN UP: <a href="https://forms.gle/U3HvYZKXSPVD4VVU9">HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/U3HvYZKXSPVD4VVU9</a></b></p>		<p><b>OCTOBER 1:</b>    <b>WEST SHORE CC WITH ANNE JACOBSON</b></p>
<p><b>H.S. SENIORS AND PARENTS FROM MASON, MANISTEE &amp; OCEANA COUNTIES ARE INVITED</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 6:</b>   <b>FINANCIAL AID 101 (FAFSA, TIP, ETC.) WITH DEANNA HUDSON FROM MISTUDENTAID</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 7:</b>   <b>MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY WITH JENNIFER TODD</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 8:</b>   <b>WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY &amp; COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS WITH BLAKE KUZMA &amp; KARA MORIN</b></p>
 <p><b>QUESTIONS? IN MANISTEE COUNTY: <a href="mailto:HANNAH@MANISTEEFOUNDATION.ORG">HANNAH@MANISTEEFOUNDATION.ORG</a></b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 13:</b>   <b>FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY WITH OMAR GONZALEZ</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 14:</b>   <b>NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WITH JILLIAN SEGUIN</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 15:</b>   <b>SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY WITH TRAVIS SLOOTER</b></p>
 <p><b>QUESTIONS? IN OCEANA COUNTY: <a href="mailto:ALYSSA.MERTEN@OCEANACAN.ORG">ALYSSA.MERTEN@OCEANACAN.ORG</a></b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 20:</b>   <b>COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MASON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS WITH ANDREA LARGE</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 21:</b>   <b>MASON COUNTY PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP WITH JODY MALONEY</b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 22:</b>   <b>GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY WITH MIKE EICHBERGER</b></p>
 <p><b>QUESTIONS? IN MASON COUNTY: <a href="mailto:JODYM@LUDINGTON.ORG">JODYM@LUDINGTON.ORG</a></b></p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 27:</b>   <b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY WITH SCOTT COUSINO</b></p>		<p><b>VIA ZOOM: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84060881357">HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84060881357</a>  <b>PWD=B2E4DNNWC0TERH          BHC045MGHUNWT4DZ09          MEETING ID: 840 608 8135          PASSCODE: 7CWWSG</b></b></p>

## **FAFSA opens on October 1st!**

FAFSA is good news, because it means college financial aid opportunities for high school seniors, returning college students, and adults who are planning to head to college or post-secondary education. FAFSA.gov is where families can apply. Dependent students will need parental support to complete the FAFSA and renew each year. To learn how FAFSA defines dependent students or to access tutorials or support, you can use resources at FAFSA.gov, Federal Financial Aid's youtube channel, go to Michigan's MiStudentAid website, or parents & students can attend the October 6th College Month Session hosted by Mason CAN with guest Deanna Hudson from Michigan Student Aid.

This fall, Mason CAN's College Month Q&A sessions are a great way to connect and learn about Michigan Colleges! Info: [MasonCountyCAN.org](http://MasonCountyCAN.org)  
For Regional or Nationwide Schools, students can attend NACAC's virtual college fair on Oct. 12, 18 & Nov. 8 to connect with a college outside of Michigan: [virtualcollegefairs.org](http://virtualcollegefairs.org)

## **Futures for Frontliners Is Here!!**

Futures for Frontliners is a Michigan-based program to support frontline workers in free tuition toward a certificate or degree at Michigan's Community Colleges. Michigan residents who worked outside of their home in a defined frontline job at least part-time during the pandemic qualify if they don't already have an associate degree or higher. The window to apply is now until December 31st. Apply at [michigan.gov/frontliners/](http://michigan.gov/frontliners/)

## **Upcoming Free & Virtual Professional Development Opportunities**

**College Board Counselor Workshop 2020** – Webinar for experienced counselors

Date: Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. <https://micollegeaccess.org/events/webinar-series>

**How COVID-19 Is Changing Higher Education: A National Perspective**--Webinar for all

Date: Sep 22, 1:00 PM - 2:00 p.m. <https://micollegeaccess.org/events/webinar-series>

**Kickoff to College Bound Michigan:** Webinar to learn more about College Bound Mich.

Date: Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. <https://micollegeaccess.org/events/webinar-series>

**College & Career Champion Learning Community:** For school staff who aren't counselors

Fall 2020: <https://micollegeaccess.org/events/career-college-learning>

**Michigan Student Success Summit:** Webinars for higher education professionals in Mich.

Dates: Sept 15-24, various: <https://www.mcca.org/Student-Success-Summit>

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**MCAN MARITIME ACADEMY:** Nov. 4-6: For Mason CAN Leadership and Action Team members to learn about collective impact and the mission of Local CANs; Location TBD

### **10TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK CONFERENCE:**

Nov. 23-24, Lansing, MI: For LKAN coordinators & representatives. Currently face-to-face



# Mason CAN Partner News

## Mason County Promise Boosts Scholarship to 72 credits

**P R O M I S E**  
MASON COUNTY  
A PROMISING FUTURE FOR ALL

**72**

IS THE PROMISE ZONE'S  
NUMBER OF THE YEAR!!  
WHY 72??

THE PROMISE NOW COVERS UP TO 72 CREDITS!

- 12 MORE CREDITS THAN BEFORE
- 35 DEGREES TO CHOOSE FROM OR
- 19 ADDITIONAL CREDENTIAL OPTIONS
- 72 CREDITS=ANY DEGREE AT WSCC

MASON COUNTY GRADS: COMPLETE ANY DEGREE AT WSCC!



### MSU College Advising Corps Member Trevor Puuri joins MCC & MCE for 2020-21

MCC and MCE have a new face on campus this year: Trevor Puuri! Puuri is an MSU College Advising Corps member, helping students to make post-secondary plans. Puuri shared, "I am so excited to be a college advisor at Mason County Central and Mason County Eastern high schools." Graduating from Michigan State University with a B.S. in psychology during the 2020 pandemic and being a first-gen student means Puuri knows how to overcome obstacles to post-secondary education. Puuri hopes to help students "find a path that will allow them to grow and accomplish all they are capable of."

Welcome to Mason County, Trevor Puuri!

## Discover Manufacturing Week Is Virtual for Students, Nov. 9-13

**DISCOVER**  
MANUFACTURING™

SAVE THE DATES: NOV. 9-13, 2020

VIRTUAL  
**DISCOVER MANUFACTURING**  
WEEK

Virtual Q&A Sessions at 9 AM and 1 PM each day  
Incentives for Participation: Daily Classroom Prize &  
Student Scholarship Opportunities  
More information to come!

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Phone: 231-239-8224  
Web: [MasonCountyCAN.org](http://MasonCountyCAN.org)

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# WHY PREP FOR THE SAT?



## **SAT helps with College Admissions Opportunities!**

This is a common reason that most students prepare. Most colleges have a range of SAT scores that can qualify you to be admitted. Outstanding SAT scores may help you qualify for elite schools & scholarships.



**SAT can help with an imperfect GPA!** If your GPA is below a 3.0, your SAT score can help to demonstrate your aptitude to an admissions counselor. GPA is a great indicator of success skills, but is not the only way a college knows you're ready to learn.

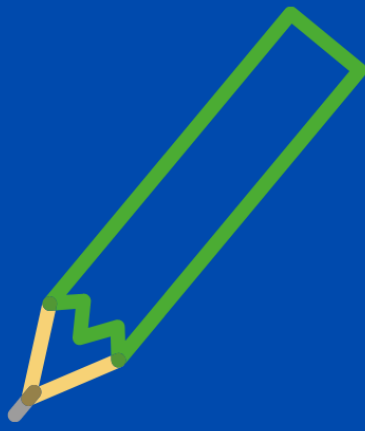


## **SAT can help you save money on college classes!**

Strong SAT scores may help you place into higher Math courses, or signal to a college advisor that you should take a CLEP test to get credit instead of taking English classes. Fewer required general education courses mean less money in the long run!



**SAT scores can help colleges know if you need extra support from developmental courses before you pursue your major.** These courses can add time or cost to your degree, but they can also help you succeed in your major. NOTE: If you feel your SAT score doesn't represent your skills (maybe you were too tired or having an "off" day when you took it) ask to take a placement test at your college.



# HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR FALL COLLEGE CHECKLIST

- KEEP UP GRADES** COLLEGES REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO SEND CURRENT & FINAL TRANSCRIPT TO VERIFY GPA.
- BEGIN THE FAFSA** THE FAFSA APPLICATION OPENS ON OCT. 1. START IT & TRY TO COMPLETE IT BY MAR. 1.
- APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS** NOW IS THE TIME TO LOOK FOR LOCAL & REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS!! APPLY! APPLY!
- RESEARCH COLLEGES** COST, PROGRAMS & FIT MATTER. USE COLLEGE WEBSITES & [COLLEGESCORECARD.ED.GOV](http://COLLEGESCORECARD.ED.GOV)
- APPLY EARLY & EVERYWHERE** ATTEND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SESSIONS & APPLY AT ONES YOU LIKE. YOU HAVE TALENT & NEED OPTIONS!
- TAKE VIRTUAL TOURS** CAN'T GO TO CAMPUS? COLLEGES HAVE VIRTUAL TOURS--TAKE THE TIME & WATCH THEM.
- DO A CAREER INTEREST SURVEY** IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT DEGREE YOU'D LIKE, TRY A FREE CAREER SURVEY: [MYNEXTMOVE.ORG](http://MYNEXTMOVE.ORG)
- START SAVING!** SAVE NOW FOR BOOKS, TUTION, AND OTHER EXPENSES. MAKE A MONTHLY PLAN.