

Fall 2008

## Welcome Back!

Well the summer's over and schools back in session. As in most cases it seems like the summer flies by so quickly and we're never ready to say good-bye.

The dog days of summer this year were pretty good...not too much heat and just enough rain...with the exception of gas prices I would say that we had a traditional Michigan summer.

In a few short weeks, we will have forgotten all about the summer and turned our attention back

to the focus of good 'ole guidance counseling and college admissions.

To behold the bewildered look of a high-school freshman as they attempt to navigate the hallways and the bright-eyed college freshman as they pull up in the family car loaded down with somethings new, somethings old, and somethings borrowed.

Football Fridays for high school and Football Saturdays for college the sound of marching bands

and the smoke from grills searing brats are all signals that things school is in!

Welcome back everybody! On behalf of the Executive Committee we're looking forward to another great year with MACAC.

Regards,

John Ambrose, President  
MACAC



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## Just A few Notables from the President

A very special welcome to Zay Reynolds. Zay will be serving as our new administrative assistant for the association. Zay is a past president (2001-2002) of MACAC and long time supporter and friend. Zay has been hard at work this summer getting things in order. Please welcome her aboard!

Patrick O'Connor and I have been involved with a group initiative sponsored by the governor's office and EduGuide to bring together a collective group of individuals to discuss the issue of college access. We've attended two meetings so far and it looks like Michigan is going to consider forming an affiliate group of the National College Access Network. We will keep you up to date.



## Notables, continued

Deanna Green, president-elect and Andy Wright have already started working on our spring conference which will be held in Grand Rapids April 29-May 1, 2009 and just a few days ago Barb Sosin announced that she was able to get Superintendent Mike Flannagan to be one of the conference speakers.

Deanna and I attended the Leadership Development Institute in Minneapolis, MN along with John Boshoven and Carl Peterson. There was a lot of positive buzz around the upcoming national conference which will be held in Seattle Washington, September 25-27, 2009. We have 53 Michigan members who have registered so far. **For those who will be attending the national conference please bring your nametag with you...they will mail it to you prior to the conference.** We expect to have a great time our colleagues in Washington have put a great deal of effort into hosting this year's national conference and it promises to be one of the best in the last ten years!

## Call for Action:

Barb Sosin

Action Alert: Urge Your Senators to Co-Sponsor the Pathways to College Act Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) has introduced the Pathways to College Act (S 3326), a bill designed to increase the number of low-income and first generation students enrolling in and succeeding in college. The bill draws on research and recommendations from NACAC and from findings of the Consortium on Chicago School Research. The bill would provide grant funds to high need school districts to improve school counseling services and increase students' access to postsecondary planning and information. Use NACAC's Legislative Action Center to contact our Senators and urge them to join Senator Durbin in co-sponsoring S 3326.

## Call for Action Websites:

Pathways to College Act (S 3326)

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:S.3326:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:S.3326)

Consortium on Chicago School Research

[http://ccsr.uchicago.edu/publications/CCSR\\_Potholes\\_Report.pdf](http://ccsr.uchicago.edu/publications/CCSR_Potholes_Report.pdf)

NACAC's Legislative Action Center

<http://capwiz.com/nacac/home/>

## Call for Volunteers: Gloria Davis

Looking for volunteers interested in working on the committee for the 2009 Urban counselor Workshop to be held in the spring at Marygrove College. For additional information all interested persons should contact:

**Gloria P. Davis** at  
[gloriapdav@aol.com](mailto:gloriapdav@aol.com) or  
**Tyrone Collins**  
[tyronecollins@ferris.edu](mailto:tyronecollins@ferris.edu)

## Thank You:

Thank you to John Boshoven for his years as the *Muse* editor. His wit and musings filled our mailboxes with outstanding information for the good of the order.

**Metro Detroit National College Fair  
Wednesday, April 1, 2009  
8:30 – 12:00 am and 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center**

You've got the date, now what?

- Bring a group of students to the fair. Reserve your bus today!
- Get the date of the fair on your school-wide calendar.
- Communicate the date and details to students and parents through individual meetings with families, local fall college fairs, posters, newsletters, inserts in report cards and websites.
- Consider volunteering to work in the Counseling Center (many administrators will count it as Professional Development!) Help direct students to booths, provide information on searching for a college, the college application process, ACT/SAT information and other college information resources. See Below.

**Over 100 Colleges and Universities from Across the Country  
Sessions on NCAA Eligibility, Financial Aid, ACT, Paying for College, Minority  
Opportunities in Higher Ed and more!**

**Free Parking!**

**Convenient Location – 27777 Schoolcraft Rd. in Livonia  
Right off of the I-96 Expressway**

**Metro Detroit National College Fair  
April 1, 2009**

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 **Yes, I would like to volunteer at the Metro Detroit National College Fair  
Counseling Center on April 1, 2009**

**Name -** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Available:**     **8:30-12:00**                       **6:30-8:30**

**Please contact: Elissa Brown Macomb Math Science Technology Center  
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## Save the Dates:

Metro  
Detroit  
National  
College Fair:  
April 1, 2009

Pre-  
Conference  
Session for  
New  
Counselors  
April 29, 2009

2009 MACAC  
Annual  
Conference  
“MACAC On  
the Grand”  
April 30-May  
1, 2009

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## 2009 MACAC Annual Conference “MACAC On the Grand” April 30- May 1, 2009 *Pre-Conference Session April 29, 2009*



The MACAC conference committee is pleased to announce this upcoming year's conference will take place at the Eberhard Center in downtown Grand Rapids. The City of Grand Rapids has been termed a “Cool City” by the State of Michigan for its restaurants, cultural activities and nightlife. The official conference hotel is the Amway Grand Hotel which is located on the Grand River. Whether peeking out your hotel window or taking a break in between sessions, you will be able to view the beauty of the river and all that downtown Grand Rapids has to offer. To get a glimpse of the hotel, go to the official hotel website at [www.amwaygrand.com](http://www.amwaygrand.com). More information on cost and registration will follow.

Our conference will begin with a pre-conference for new counselors on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be held off site of the Eberhard Center and will provide valuable information for those who are starting in the profession. More information will be given on the pre-conference session in the future.

The official conference begins on Thursday, April 30, 2009 and we are proud to announce our fantastic speaker line up. On Thursday morning the keynote speaker is Dr. Yong Zhao, MSU Distinguished Professor. He will be speaking on “What Knowledge is of the Most Worth: RE-Imagine Education in the Globalized World.” Dr. Zhao will address this question through an analysis of education reforms around the globe, the implications of globalization, and the consequences of the digital revolution. On Thursday afternoon, Michigan Superintendent of Education Mike Flanagan, will provide insight to all issues and legislation effecting our profession. We are thrilled to present you with these dynamic speakers who will provide such valuable information relevant to our profession.

From the entire conference committee, we are committed to bringing you a fabulous 2009 MACAC Annual Conference. Therefore, make sure you SAVE THE DATE!!!

The 2009 MACAC Annual Conference Committee