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Intern in Michigan Launches Website

The Detroit Regional Chamber, in partnership with the West Michigan Strategic Alliance (WMSA), joined college and university officials, students, and representatives from Michigan's business community to officially launch *Intern In Michigan*. *Intern In Michigan* is a unique statewide initiative that utilizes one central web site to connect college students seeking internships to Michigan-based employers looking to hire them. In recognition of the unified support for the new initiative, on April 21, Detroit Regional Chamber and WMSA hosted simultaneous events on the east and west sides of the state to introduce and publicize the site.

By logging onto InternInMichigan.com and creating profiles, students can search and apply immediately for available internships. Employers can create organizational profiles, post internships and recruit college graduates.

Michigan College Access Network

At the 14th annual Governor's Education Summit in Lansing, Governor Granholm announced the creation of a web site that will put college information and resources at the fingertips of Michigan's high school students. Over 700 K-12, higher education, and community groups participated in the day long conference addressing high school completion and college access. For further information about the Summit or the Michigan College Access Network, read the Lansing State Journal or Gongwer's articles on www.pcsum.org.



Upcoming Dates

State Relations

Thomas Haas Co-Authors Opinion Editorial

Dr, Thomas Haas, President of Grand Valley State University and Chair of the Presidents Council Board, co-Authored an article on the importance of collaboration

<p>Officers Meeting May 5, 2009 1:00 pm</p>	<p>between public universities and community colleges. He wrote the article with Conway Jeffress, who is President of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and Chair of the Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors. The article ran in the Detroit Free Press on April 14, 2009.</p>
<p>Business Affairs Officers Meeting May 13, 2009, 9:00 am</p>	<p><i>" One bright spot emerging during Michigan's troubled times is increased collaboration between our community colleges and public universities. All across Michigan, the transition from community colleges to public universities is becoming easier and easier, and students couldn't be happier."</i></p>
<p>Professor of the Year Award Ceremony May 14, 2009, 11:30 am</p>	<p>To read the full article, click here.</p>
<p>Japan Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration May 18-20, 2009</p>	<p>Distinguished Professor of the Year Award Ceremony</p> <p>The Presidents Council is hosting the third annual Distinguished Professor of the Year Award ceremony on May 14th at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. This year's recipients are Dr. Eddie Cheng of Oakland University, Dr. Erik Goodman of Michigan State University, and Dr. Steven Wright of University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.</p> <p>If you are attending, do not forget to RSVP to rcline@pcsum.org or (517) 482-1563 by May 7th.</p>
<p>State Relations Officers Meeting May 19, 2009 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Your Child Coalition's New Website</p> <p>Based on research done by the Your Child Coalition, a social networking site is being created - ItsMLife.com - where students can interact with each other and ask questions, which will allow them to prepare for college more effectively. The site also aims to help students indirectly by providing information for school counselors and parents including tips on how to approach kids about higher education and encourage them to pursue a higher education degree.</p>
<p>Legal Affairs Officers Meeting May 28, 2009, 9:30 am</p>	<p>Japan Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary</p> <p>The Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) study abroad program is a product of the strong sister-state relationship between the State of Michigan and Shiga Prefecture. Located on the shore of Lake Biwa in the City of Hikone, Shiga Prefecture, Japan, JCMU programs build relationships between Japanese, Americans, and many other nationalities through active learning and participation in language, culture, family life and society. JCMU has been welcoming students since 1989, with this year marking the 20th anniversary. The anniversary celebration will begin in Hikone, Japan on May 18th and conclude with a reception and dinner at the Hikone View Hotel on the 20th. The anniversary program will reflect the academic programs and community enrichment that students while studying abroad at JCMU.</p>
	<p>New PCSUM Website</p> <p>Don't forget to check out the new PCSUM website - www.pcsun.org. The site is updated regularly with news from our 15 public universities and information about the Presidents Councils activities. PCSUM is also on Twitter promoting higher education in Michigan - if you or your university has a Twitter account, please let us know.</p>
	<p>Swine Flu Information for Higher Education Institutions</p>

Please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for updates on the Swine Flu for higher education institutions.

[CDC Website](#)

What's New with the Council Committees

AAO Meeting 4/17/09

The Academic Affairs Officers met this month to review and approve Academic Programs (APR). They also talked about budget cuts at the state and institutional levels, the state P-16 data tracking system, the Professor of the Year Award luncheon, and their retreat at Northern Michigan University, June 4-5.

SRO Meeting 4/21/09

The State Relations Officers met to discuss state and higher education budgets; a possible bill on Community College Baccalaureates for nursing, cement technology, and culinary arts; and involving SAM, the Student Association of Michigan, with PCSUM.