Fall Transfer Trips

One of the best benefits of the Visions Program
Last year more than 30 students participated in our trips to visit local four-year colleges. Here is a list of schools we plan to visit this fall. If you want to participate in any of these trips please register with Todd in person or by email. We typically leave in the morning and return between 3-4 pm. We take a campus tour and have lunch (provided the Visions Program) in the dining hall. We have met with faculty and admissions officers in the past as well. If you would like to schedule a trip to a school that is not listed contact Todd.

Boston College October 3
Clark University October 10
UMass-Lowell October 17
Worcester State October 24
UMass-Amherst November 7
Smith College November 11

MassTransfer

MassTransfer eases the transfer process between MA state schools and provides benefits for students completing their associate degree prior to transferring.
For students who complete the MASS TRANSFER BLOCK and GRADUATE with an associate degree the following benefits apply:

- 2.0 GPA or higher Guaranteed transfer of credit: the transfer block and up to 26 additional credits will be applied toward the completion of the college's general education requirements.
- 2.5 GPA or higher Guaranteed Admission: no application fee or essays required.
- 3.0 GPA or higher Tuition reduction: one third off tuition.

For students who plan to transfer to a four-year state school prior to graduation, it is highly recommended to finish the MassTransfer Block. This will ensure that most required liberal arts and sciences courses are completed prior to transferring. The MassTransfer block consists of:

- English Composition I & II 6 credit hrs.
- Behavioral and Social Science 9 credit hrs.
- Humanities and Fine Arts 9 credit hrs.
- Natural or Physical Science 7 credit hrs.
- Mathematics (MAT143 or higher) 3 credit hrs.

Total 34 credit hrs.

Mid-Semester Gathering
Thursday
October 30, 2014
North Cafe
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Let's take a break to celebrate with lunch, raffles, and fun activities!
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Visions Program Puzzler

Coverage in the office at lunch time can always be a challenge. So Gaurav developed the following schedule for the staff to follow. Can you figure out who eats when?

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1. Joyce eats before Gloria but after Todd.
2. Grace eats 15 minutes after Todd.
3. Margaret eats after Gloria.

Drop off your answer in the office before October 17th. All correct answers will be placed into a raffle for a gift certificate for the Green Street Café.

Introducing Visions Program Writing Tutor

Hi, my name is Grace Connor and I am the new Writing Tutor for the Visions Program! I’m excited to meet everyone and help make college writing easier and more accessible.

Before coming to MWCC, I worked as a proofreader – for web content, then young adult books, and then textbooks. I’ve also read hundreds of student essays, and I promise yours is not the worst I’ve read – so don’t hesitate to come in and ask for help!

When I’m not working, I am either reading, embroidering something Game-of-Thrones-related, or hiking/kayaking.

Please stop by my office to say hi and schedule an appointment.

Visions Early Registration

October 28 -31

Academic advising is one of the many services that the Visions Program offers to all of our students. Sign-up sheets for appointments will be on our doors starting October 20.

We are dedicated to helping students identify their commitment to education and set appropriate goals to be successful. By pursing an ongoing advising relationship with a Visions Program counselor, students can connect with the college community, take full advantage of MWCC’s resources for learning, and be introduced to extracurricular programs that promote college success.

The Visions Program staff can make certain your courses are suited for transfer, align with your plan for graduation or transfer, and assist you with finding a schedule that balances school, home, and work commitments.

The Visions Program also has an excellent relationship with all other offices on campus and can assist students in communicating with other college offices.

NOTE: Course selection dependent on the availability of the spring 2015 schedule.

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Don’t miss the MWCC Transfer Fair
Thursday, October 9, 2014
10:30 am-1:30 pm
South Cafeteria

Approximately 40 colleges will be represented at this fair.

Be sure to:
- Bring unofficial transcripts to the Transfer Fair to share with the transfer counselors. You can print them off of WebConnect.
- Introduce yourself to the transfer and admissions representatives and the major/programs you are interested in.
- Have a list of questions you might want answered, such as:
  - Do you have any transfer agreements (articulations, compacts, partnerships, etc.) with MWCC?
  - What is the cost of tuition and fees?
  - What is an average financial aid package for someone in my position?
  - What scholarships are available?
  - What are the benefits of earning an associate degree at MWCC before transferring?
  - What credits will transfer into my prospective program?
  - Is there a special orientation for transfer students?
  - Do graduates find employment in their field of study and/or enter graduate school?
  - Is housing available?
    - Do you have “quiet” dorms?
    - Do you have housing for older returning students?
    - Do you have family housing?
    - Does financial aid pay for off-campus apartments?

This is a great opportunity to explore a variety of colleges.

If you have a disability and require accommodations in order to participate fully in Program activities, please contact the Program Director to discuss your specific needs. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution.