Detroit STRIVES
Professional Development
March 9, 2023
Icebreaker

What is one goal you would like to accomplish before the end of the academic school year?

Complete Zoom Poll
Agenda

I. DCAN Updates
II. Where are we now?
III. Getting Students on Track
IV. College Decision Day
V. Student Roster Update - MiSSG
DCAN Updates
Skilled Trade Site Visits  Opportunities for Professionals

Are you a college access professional looking to build stronger relationships with local skilled trade organizations and learn more about the best ways to support your students interested in the skilled trade pathway? If so, sign up to attend one of the DCAN Skilled Trade Exposure Visits for professionals. The intent of these visits are to help college access professionals grow their network of skilled trade partners, provide more insight to navigating the skill trade pathway and give professionals an hands-on experience of what their students might be doing in a particular program.

**Visit Schedule:**

- **March 16, 2023** - Industrial Sewing and Innovation Center (ISAIC)/Carhartt located at 5800 Cass Ave. Detroit, MI 48202
- **April 20, 2023** - South East Michigan Construction Academy (SEMCA) located at 31800 Sherman Ave. Madison Heights, MI 48071
- **May 18, 2023** - Union Carpenters And Millwrights Skilled Training Center (MRCC) located at 11687 American St, Detroit, MI 48204

All visits will take place during the hours of 9:30am - 1:00pm, with most visits lasting no more than 3 hours. Lunch will be provided. Capacity will be limited to 20 professionals per site visit so be sure to sign up before spots fill up.

Register Here: [DCAN Skilled Trade Site Visit Sign Up](#)
DCAN Program & Initiative Support

DCAN is here to support schools/orgs in the Detroit network with carrying out programs and initiatives aligned with college access and success for students and families.

- Receive $250 in E-gift cards (Nike, Amazon, Chipotle, Sams Club, etc.,)
- Submit your requests at least two weeks in advance.
- You can request Initiative support 2 time a year.
- Open to organizations!

Submit Request Today!
Sign up for 1-on-1 Support

Need a little more guidance and support with developing and implementing systems and processes at your school/organization, we are here to help you!

Specializing in college access and success (supporting students to and through college) for schools and organizations

Schedule 1-on-1 Support Today
Where are we now?
Where are we now?

This time of year is typically the period in which you are supporting students with finalizing the steps needed to take in the pathways decisions they have made.

Students fall in to 1 of 4 categories:
Student Divide

- Students that are on target.
- Students that are present but undecided and actively taking steps forward.
- Students that are present but disconnected
- Students not present and not engaged
On Target Students

DROP IN THE CHAT!!!

How are you currently supporting these students?

What are your top priorities for these students?
On Target Students

Engagement Focus

These students have been working hard. You don’t want them to experience burnout!

Be sure to keep them engaged in ways that invigorates them and maintains their excitement/passion for a better future.

Top Priorities

You want them to continue to push forward with completing necessary steps for their post grad aspirations but be sure to celebrate every stride that they are making.

If they’re not celebrated they can lose momentum.
DROP IN THE CHAT!!!

How are you currently supporting these students?

What are your top priorities for these students?
Present but undecided

Engagement Focus

This is a challenging crowd because, they’ve identified that they need to make a decision for their future but are struggling to do so.

There are likely external factors of why they are undecided, such as: fear, money, lack of support, etc.,

Top Priorities

Identify their Interest and what is important to them for their future. Help them shape steps to move forward on that pathway, whatever it is.

Narrow down their choices Create a plan of action
Present but Disconnected

DROP IN THE CHAT!!!

How are you currently supporting these students?

What are your top priorities for these students?
Present but Disconnected

Engagement Focus

This group is misunderstood. People believe that they don't care about their future. But if they are present it means there’s hope!

They may have other mitigating circumstances affecting. And sometimes uniformed about post graduation life.

Top Priorities

Identify the reasons what they want to do? (e.g. jobs, home life, etc).

Use their friends that are present to connect with them. Create external spaces to connect with them to continue to complete steps towards their futures. If you can support w/ eliminating barriers, do so.
Off the Grid!

DROP IN THE CHAT!!!

How are you currently attempting to find/connect with these students?

What are your top priorities for these students?
Off the Grid!

Engagement Focus

The reality is we can continue to push to locate and support these students but you may not be successful to engage them. This group has several groups within it.

- Students that found an escape from school
- Students dealing w/ extreme trauma
- Students w/o resources

Top Priorities

Create systems norms to try to reach out to these students but do not let it consume all of your time!

Create a consistent space that you make available for these students to get the support that they will need whenever they decide/can resurface. Make it known that help will be there!
Getting Students on Track

Relationship building will be key. Talk to students about how they are feeling, what they want/need, and what will help the transition into what they’re next steps should be.

Invest in them caring about school, it’s value, and their place in it!

The rest will follow!!!
Getting Students on Track

Take these steps to ensure YOU are on track with your students.

● Survey your senior class, and identify what their pathways are after graduation.
● Divide the class up by pathway
● Strategize on a plan of execution
● Set deadlines for yourself
● Create expectations for every student regardless of their pathway
Engaging Underclassmen
Engaging Unclassmen

We tend to think that seniors and underclassmen have different priorities and focuses.

This however is not the case!

Younger students should be working on and towards the same things and having the same conversations. We’ve traditionally reserved this for seniors which contributes to the lack of readiness!
Engaging Unclassmen

Younger students fall into the same categories listed for the prospective seniors. The approach to supporting these students should be the same and present the same urgency as if the student is graduating this year.

Engage them on what they want out of life, build relationships and foundations of trust, actively invest in what they aspire not just want you want, and create spaces for them to participate in what invigorates them
Engaging Unclassmen

- Identify what the top challenges this current senior had, and start it now with the juniors
- Start the FAFSA conversation
- Explore different pathways
- Create Post Secondary Plans
- Set the expectations now!
Questions??
College Decision Day

College Decision Day at its core is a celebration of students' success and their commitment to continuing their education after high school.

It is designed to help foster and promote a college-going culture within the school building.
College Decision Day

● Select the format, activities, and date and time of celebrations

● Communicate with students and parents regarding college-hosted Decision Day

● Get the entire school involved!

● Celebrate all students for their postsecondary education plans

● HAVE FUN!