



SUMMARY Newsletter-2013-14

Thank you for your LEADERSHIP and involvement in our LCAN this year. Here are some successes and progress made, along with future plans regarding each ACTION TEAMS strategies.

AWARENESS TEAM- COLLEGE VISITS PROGRAMS- We have data from last year(see website-Dashboard) and in the middle of the visits for this summer- July 10 is Eastern Michigan Visit-Aug 8 is MSU visit-Aug 15 is CMU visit. If you have interested persons, have them contact Paula at [ptrentman@ubat.com](mailto:ptrentman@ubat.com) or call 517-424-6568.

College Application Week-We had five sites for Nov. 2013-We will have eight sites for Nov. 2014!!!

Addison, Adrian, Clinton, Hudson, Madison, LISD TECH Center, Onsted and Tecumseh!

We had over roughly over 850 in-state applications with five sites-We hope to go over the 1,000 applications mark with our additional sites in 2014!!

AFFORDABILITY TEAM-FAFSA AWARENESS and COMPLETION-We had four sites-Adrian, Madison, Clinton and Tecumseh on a grant promoting completion-As of the end of the grant-(May 30) Three of the four sites showed INCREASED completion rates. We will continue to monitor completion data until Aug.2014.

Supported Scholarship Express Event hosted at the LISD TECH Center with volunteers/handouts/and marketing event. Planned "expansion" and duplication of this strategy at 2 other sites for 2014-Helps students with scholarship essays/interviews/Lenawee Foundation Scholarships/and general scholarship how-to-apply knowledge.

LCAN-CO-SPONSORED with Siena Heights University COLLEGE GOAL EVENT-February-FAFSA completion with support of college financial aid officers. New site-LISD Tech Center and other marketing did show increase in attendance-Positive feedback from participants-PLANS for 2015-Offering "door prizes" and incentives for attendance, continued community marketing/awareness of this event.

POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS/RETENTION-This group spent has identified a need for mentoring to support students identifying themselves as needing post-secondary education-staying and completing their post-secondary plans. Team members have learned about current programs at both local colleges along with community and school based mentoring type programs. Group will begin Aug 2014 examining local data about retention rates at Adrian College, Siena Heights University and Jackson College, and formulate best practice strategies to move ahead to support and reduce barriers for our first generation, low income and under represented youth populations.

PLEASE READ ON REGARDING OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS:

**FUTURE ITEMS:**

Funding-We will need \$25,000 in matching funds for us to apply for a Michigan College Access Network Continuation Improvement Grant by the end of November 2014. Towards that effort will be forthcoming!! **LCAN will HOST a GOLF EVENT on MONDAY, August 18 at the HANTZ GOLF CLUB of Tecumseh. DETAILS will be forthcoming-SAVE THE DATE- Consider being a HOLE SPONSOR-perhaps getting a team of four together. More DETAILS will be forthcoming!!!**

**MEETING DATES:**

WEDNESDAY- SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>- KICK OFF ALL LCAN MEETING-

ADRIAN COLLEGE- TOBIAS ROOM

8:00 to 9:30 am-

Part of this meeting will be used to meet with ACTION TEAMS!!

ACTION TEAM Co-Chairs-PLEASE consider meeting in August and then again, at the ALL LCAN MEETING at the end of September-

**BRINGING OTHERS TO THE TABLE**

Consider inviting at least one new face and potential new LCAN member to our KICK-OFF MEETING.

Take a look at our strategies and goals and see if you know a person and their connections and network, their influence and their reach, that could help move us towards those goals.

**Other items:**

Mark Haag is a co-chair of the Cradle-to-Career Movement in Lenawee County. Our Lenawee College Access Network is THE STUDENT SUCCESS NETWORK that is at the Career part. Other facets and networks are in various stages of development. If you have questions, feel free to email me or Mark Haag.

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