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A Message to Students

Students,

Happy November! This month begins the Michigan College Cash Campaign. This is another statewide initiative similar to Michigan College Month. This campaign will encourage students to continue to look for ways to pay for their college education-filing the FAFSA and applying for scholarships. College can be expensive, BUT, there are ways that it can be affordable!

Last month the seniors worked really hard to apply to colleges and file the FAFSA. Check out our bulletin board to see where the seniors are getting acceptances and our FAFSA O-meter.

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Hello: Katie Grenan!

Katie Grenan is the college adviser for Fremont High School. Ms. Grenan is a recent graduate from Michigan State University. She has a degree in psychology and educational studies. She grew up in Grand Haven, MI, about an hour south of Fremont.

Ms. Grenan will help:

- Lead workshops on college admissions, personal statements, and financial aid
- Organize school and community events related to college preparation
- Assist students and families with financial aid and scholarships
- Arrange visits to college campuses
- Guide students in the admission process.

What do we mean by the word "College"?

College is not just 4-year public and private universities, College is any form of certifiable education after high school that helps you obtain professional credentials: Also known as-Community Colleges,

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College Cash Campaign

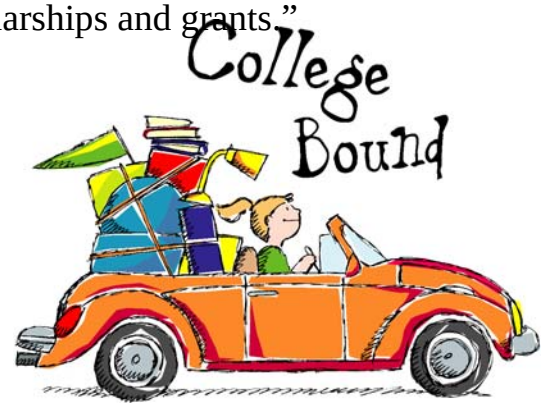
2017-2018

"The goal of the **Michigan College Cash Campaign** is to encourage a school-wide rally around **FAFSA completion and helping students find cash for college**."

This is another statewide initiative to help seniors through the college enrollment process.

"The **average FAFSA completion** rate in Michigan for the 2016-17 year was **65%**. MCAN wants to increase this average and will offer rewards to participating high schools as incentives to improve your school's FAFSA completion rate.

The most commonly cited barrier to postsecondary education is **college affordability**. Along with being informed, and socially and academically ready, it is equally important that all students have access to the necessary funds to enroll, persist, and complete college. While completing the FAFSA is one step in the college-going process, it is the only way for students to unlock their access to federal loans and grants, statewide scholarships and grants, and often institutional and community-based scholarships and grants."



...Upcoming Opportunity…

MSU OsteoChamps Program
Summer 2018
Available to sophomores and juniors interested in entering the health field after high school.
The program is a 9-day summer camp held in mid July at MSU in East Lansing.

OsteoChamps is an intense 9-day summer program of the Osteopathic Medical School at Michigan State University. The program provides a range of instruction in the health sciences for students interested in entering one of the many healthcare fields. The curriculum in the OsteoChamps program includes courses, hands-on activities and field trips where attendees learn about anatomy and physiology, mathematics, medical research, physical examination skills, interviewing, resume writing, and general study skills.

The application process is open **beginning December 1** and students must apply through the MSU website at http://com.msu.edu/OsteoCHAMPS/Default.htm. The deadline for applications is March 1.

Have someone proofread your essays before you submit the application. The four short essays are focused on why you want to attend OsteoChamps, the value of diversity, a personal challenge they have encountered and how that relates to their desire to attend the program, and leadership abilities.

For the letter of recommendation, the selection committee will be looking at the following: description of the applicant's academic aptitude, evaluation of the applicant's accom-

College Ambassadors

College Ambassadors are Here to Spread College Knowledge

Who are they?
FHS College Ambassadors are junior and senior Fremont High School Students. There are College Ambassadors at all of the Newaygo County high schools. They are supporters of going to college and they can help you get there.

Why are they here?
Here at Fremont High School we care about your future! There are countless benefits of going to college-health, happiness, stability, money, etc! Unfortunately, the college enrollment process can be confusing. Ms. Grenan can't be there 24/7 to answer all of your questions . So if you see a red and white shirt saying "College Ambassador," they can help you!

What do they do?
Our College Ambassadors help with events at Fremont High School, give presentations to

FHS College Ambassadors

Katie Van Treese (senior)
Kennedy Welch (senior)
Ali Hedum (junior)
Gem Johnson (junior)
Keegan Salisbury (junior)
Kae Currier (junior)

Calvin Kerns (senior)
Grace Krick (senior)
Alex Mullennix (senior)
Megan Shively (senior)
Kenzie Munsee (senior)

Mission Statement

College Ambassadors will engage in peer-to-peer outreach and education, parent engagement, and public relations to promote a college –going culture and college access opportunities in Fremont Public Schools, while personally gaining crucial skills for success after high school.

Mrs. Wenk

"Hello!! My name is Tressa Wenk and I am the counselor for the class of 2019 and 2021. I have been in the counseling office here at the high school for five years, but have been a Packer for 15 years. I attended and graduated with a bachelor's of science from Grand Valley State University. I have a major in math, a minor in physical education with an emphasis in secondary education. Soon after I graduated from Grand Valley I was hired by Fremont Public Schools to teach math at the high school level. While teaching math at Fremont High School, I went back to Grand Valley State University to get my masters in school counseling. After teaching math for ten years, I then transitioned to the counseling office and have been here ever since. I was very nervous to leave the classroom and start a new career as a counselor, but was excited for the change and challenge. I often miss the everyday interaction with students that came with being in the classroom, yet thoroughly enjoy the work and different kind of role I play in the counseling office.

I have been married for 11 years to my high school sweet heart. He and I were both born and raised in Shelby and graduated from Shelby High School. We have a two and half year old son who is simply amazing. He is definitely the center of our world and constantly keeps us running. Our family will soon grow by one in just a week or two. We are expecting our second son in the middle of November. I think adding a newborn to our family will be a big adjustment for all, but we couldn't be more excited and ready for him to arrive. Family is very important to me thus consumes the majority of my time outside of work. I am a very active person and enjoy running, playing indoor volleyball, beach volleyball and traveling.

Now that you know a little about me, it is my turn to get to know you. I am available most every day so stop by and say hi. If I am not in the office, look for me in the hallways, in the classrooms or out during lunch…I would love to chat with you."

Mr. Mull

"Hey! My name is Steve Mull and I am the counselor for the classes of 2018 and 2020. I've been a staff member for Fremont Public School serving at all schools in some capacity for 23 years and this is my 6th year as a counselor for Fremont High School. I enjoy the fact that I get to stay with a class while they are a part of FHS. It gives me the opportunity to know the students and families as they transition from student to graduate to whatever the next steps in their lives may be.

I got my teaching certification majoring in Early Childhood Education with minors in Science and Social Sciences at Eastern Michigan University which is in Ypsilanti, Michigan (right next door to the University of Michigan). Born and raised in that area made me a natural Wolverine fan which you would know if you have ever been to my office. After I graduated from Eastern, I moved to Houston, Texas and began my teaching career. At the same time, I went back to school to work on my degree in Counseling Psychology at the University of Houston and begin my career as a school counselor. I knew very early in my life that I wanted to work with kids and have been blessed to work in great school systems and with kids of all ages over the past 35 years.

I've been married for 36 years and have two grown children and a 3 year old grandson. My wife and I also claim to have multiple children all over the world as we have hosted exchange students from 8 different countries since 2006 that still refer to us as "Mom and Dad!" I'm hoping to see 6 of our "sons" next year when we travel to Brazil.

I always try to keep my door open which is an

...Packer 411...

Where did the seniors apply?

Below are just a sample of some of the colleges!

Alma College
Baker College
Ball State University
Central Michigan University
Culinary Institute of Michigan
Davenport University
Delta College
Ferris State University
Grand Rapids Community College
Hope College
Indiana Wesleyan University
Kendall College of Art and Design
Lake Superior State University
Lawrence Technical University
Michigan State University
Muskegon Community College
North Central College
Northern Michigan University
Olivet College
Trinity Christian College
University of Alabama
University of Michigan
Western Michigan University

...A Look Ahead...

Already looking forward to next month's issue? Here is a sneak peak at next month!

<u>December</u>
-College Ambassadors
-College Opportunities
-Match and Fit
-Senior Advice

...Advice from Seniors…
How can you pay for college?

1. Do well in school and apply for LOTS of scholarships!
2. Talk to Ms. Grenan
3. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
4. Get a job and save up!
5. Get a job while going to college.
6. Talk to your family early about paying for college.
7. Apply for scholarships before senior year

COMING SOON: December 2017 issue will be out the first week of December

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 MCC Permission Slips DUE!	11
12	13	14 Kuyper College @ 11am	15	16 Air force @ 11am GVSU Rep Visit @ 1:15pm	17	18
19	20 Blood Drive	21	22	23 No School 	24 No School	25
26	27 MCC Campus Tour	28	29	30		

Representatives from colleges and universities visit Fremont High School to speak to students about college.
If you are a junior and are interested in learning more about the institution please sign up in the main office.
We will write you a pass for that day!