



NEWS YOU CAN USE

This edition of News You Can Use is filled with information for community college student services staff. Through this newsletter, we hope to keep you up to date with the latest changes at UMUC and to address any questions you may have about UMUC transfer policies, admission policies, financial aid, and more. If you would like to submit a question for the next edition, please e-mail your question to lromano@umuc.edu.

The Office of Community Relations enjoys working with you and welcomes any opportunity to expand our relationship! Please contact us to let us know how we can best help you and your students or to schedule a meeting with a UMUC representative.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALLIANCE UPDATE

UMUC is pleased to announce the addition of Oklahoma City Community College, Wor-Wic Community College, Florida Community College Jacksonville, and Lansing Community College as the newest members of the UMUC Community College Alliance Program. In addition to the seamless transition from associate's to bachelor's degree programs, Alliance students who choose to continue their studies at UMUC also have access to scholarship opportunities through the UMUC Community College Transfer Scholarship program.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

UMUC is now accepting Spring and Fall 2009 applications for the **Community College Transfer Scholarship**. UMUC offers this renewable scholarship to outstanding students from participating community colleges. Recipients may be awarded **\$3,300** per year for full-time study or **\$1,650** per year for part-time study. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have earned an associate's degree, have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.

UMUC is also now accepting Spring and Fall 2009 applications for the **Community College Staff Scholarship**! Staff from Alliance partner schools are eligible to earn **\$500** for the Fall 2009 semester which may apply for a first time bachelor's or master's degree. Visit www.umuc.edu/ccsp or contact Valentin Amaguana at vamaguana@umuc.edu to learn more.

Announcements

UMUC set a new national benchmark for efficiency in processing transfer credit last month as UMUC President Susan C. Aldridge recently presented the university's new automated transfer credit system, "Singularity Suite" at the U.S Department of Education's national summit in Chicago. UMUC is now able to streamline all transfer student transcript and credit evaluation processes across the entire university within 48 hours. This means transfer students can receive an official evaluation of the community college transfer credit in just two days!

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Hot Career Areas

According to *US News and World Report's* December 2007 article on "Ahead of the Curve" careers of 2008, Green-Collar jobs are on the rise. Particularly due to the effort to fight global warming. For students looking to make a positive impact in the world, UMUC offers a bachelor's degree and certificate in Environmental Management. UMUC will help students acquire critical knowledge about state of the art technology that can be employed to decrease pollutants and improve the environment. For more information on where a degree

from UMUC can take you, please visit: www.umuc.edu/careerservices.

Looking to get a kick start to your career?

How about getting started with a Certificate from UMUC. Designed to help nontraditional students meet their educational goals, UMUC offers a full range of certificate programs that respond to current trends in today's demanding job market. Certificate programs offer working adults a convenient, flexible way to earn credentials for career advancement. Many programs are available online. For a complete listing of Certificate programs at UMUC, please visit: www.umuc.edu/programs/undergrad/

Classroom News

UMUC is NOW offering additional on-site and online sessions for students in the 2008-2009 academic year. For more information, please contact a UMUC Enrollment Specialist at 800-888-UMUC (8682) or email enroll@umuc.edu.

Spring 2009 sessions include:

Online Session 1	Jan 18-May 15
Online Session 2	Feb 2-May 15
Online Session 3	Feb 14-May 15
Online Session 4	Feb 28-May 15
On-Site Pre Session	Jan 1-Jan 25
On-Site Standard	Jan 26-May 10
On-Site Session 1	Jan 26-Mar 15
On-Site Session 2	Mar 23-May 10

More start dates mean greater flexibility for students!!!!

UMUC CONTINUES TO SERVE U.S. TROOPS

UMUC is pleased to be named as the fourth largest provider of higher education to service members and veterans who access the G. I. Bill, according to a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The *Chronicle* article lists schools by the number of service members and veterans enrolled in each university. The article found that most veterans choose institutions because of cost, convenience and the ability to provide college credit for military experience.