About the Pre-College Committee

The Pre-College Committee at Michigan State University (MSU) is composed of program directors, coordinators, and senior administrators who coordinate the activities of pre-college programs at MSU. The Committee supports and elevates these programs through dissemination of best practices, sharing of resources, and professional development. The Committee holds regular meetings. For more information about the Committee, visit our website spartanyouth.msu.edu/precollege or send an email to pccomm@msu.edu.

MSU pre-college programs are:

- Designed to educate pre-college age students
- Offered and delivered by MSU faculty and staff or under the guidance of MSU representatives
- Intense in their level of content and number of intentional contact hours
- Purposeful in exposing students to potential careers and academic programs, particularly at MSU

Summary of 2017 Activities

New leadership team member

Laura Potter-Niesen is a graduate of Michigan State University and has worked with the Children and Youth Institute at MSU Extension since 2013. Her primary role is planning and executing statewide 4-H pre-college programs, including but not limited to 4-H Exploration Days and 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp. She joined the Pre-College Committee in the summer of 2017 and is excited to be the bridge between the Committee and MSU Extension.

New youth programs director

As the first youth programs director at MSU, David Chupak is responsible for promoting compliance of MSU’s youth programs with the University’s operational requirements for conducting those programs. In this role, he will:

- Promote compliance of youth programs at Michigan State University with policies outlined in the “Conducting University Youth Programs: Minimum Operational Requirements” document (available from Human Resources at hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/university-wide/youth_program_operation.html)
- Conduct an annual survey of youth programs at MSU to identify all such programs and assess their compliance with relevant MSU policies
- Conduct in-depth audits of MSU youth programs to assess compliance with relevant MSU policies and review relevant documentation, e.g., youth program handbooks and training materials
- Provide orientations, training and development, and consultations for MSU youth program directors
- Communicate relevant MSU policies, best practices, and resources (e.g., templates for handbooks and training materials) to MSU youth program directors and staff
- Establish an MSU Youth Programs Advisory Board composed of representatives from programs and departments that support youth programs to provide ongoing input to the MSU youth programs director
- Work with the MSU Youth Programs Advisory Board to establish a process and criteria for the certification of MSU youth programs

Chupak earned his B.S.Ed. in integrated language arts from Kent State University and his M.A.Ed. in student affairs administration from Michigan State University. Prior to his current role, he served as a community director in Residence Education and Housing Services (REHS) at MSU and as the REHS Sports Camps director.

2017 Pre-College Conference

On November 6, 2017, the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor hosted the 10th annual Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference. A collaborative initiative between the state’s colleges and universities, the conference gathers leaders in education, workforce development, and government from across the state. The conference seeks to inform participants about successes, challenges, and
opportunities in youth outreach, engage them in lively conversations and networking, and inspire collaboration and coordination across sectors to enhance educational outreach and impacts.

Increasing access to postsecondary opportunities for low-income, first-generation and underrepresented college students will benefit our state and nation. As such, this conference was themed “The Urgency of College Access” and examined challenges to postsecondary attainment while exploring opportunities to address them. Jaime Casap—Google’s chief global education evangelist and the conference keynote speaker—asked participants to consider how they will engage new generations of learners whose experiences are shaped on a scale and at a pace of change that are out of step with traditional models of education. Instead of asking youth what they want to do when they grow up, Casap challenged participants to ask youth, “What problem do you want to solve?” and “What do you need to learn to solve that problem?” State legislators Senator Goeff Hansen and Representative Jon Hoadley shared their perspectives about education and workforce development in the state in a conversation with Chastity Pratt Dawsey of Bridge Magazine. Scholars, researchers, and practitioners from around the state demonstrated the impact of promising approaches to inform, engage, and inspire Michigan’s youth to pursue postsecondary education.

Nearly two dozen of Michigan’s postsecondary institutions were represented at the conference, along with representatives from more than 40 organizations, including industry, K-12 school and district leaders, the Michigan Department of Education, college access networks, and community organizations. Saginaw Valley State University will host the 2018 conference on its campus November 5th. Conference organizers look forward to involving more of the state’s postsecondary institutions in conference planning. They will also look to identify greater opportunities for collaboration and coordination to enhance Michigan’s civic and economic future.
Program Submissions

The 21 students with a pre-college scholarship who matriculated to MSU FS17 had attended the following programs:

• 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science
• 4-H Exploration Days
• MIPA Summer Journalism Workshop
• Upward Bound
• Gear Up/College Day
• Insect World Science Program
• MSU Community Music School
• Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council
• National Heritage Academies Summer Institute

These 33 pre-college programs submitted reports in 2017. Please visit www.spartanyouth.msu.edu/precollege/reports.aspx to view them.

- Cooperative Highly-Accelerated Math Program (CHAMP)
- Intensive Studies of Humanities, Art, Language and Literature (ISHALL)
- Langue pour Etudiants Avances de Francois (LEAF)
- Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
- Future DOCs
- Detroit Future DOCs
- Lansing Future DOCs
- Macomb Future DOCs
- Gifted University for Parents and Precocious Youth (GUPPY)
- Multicultural Apprenticeship Program (MAP)
- Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP)
- Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST@MSU)
- ANR Institute for Multicultural Students (AIMS)
- ANR Institute for Multicultural Students-Bilingual
- Summer High School Scholars
- Capitol Experience
- CeLTA Language School
- Community Music School (CMS)
- 4-H Expo Days
- Great Lakes Natural Resources (GLNR)
- OsteoCHAMPS
- Physics of Atomic Nuclei (PAN)
- Educational Talent Search (ETS)
- MI GEAR UP
- 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
- BEYOND Insights
- Greenrock Writers’ Retreat
- High School Engineering Institute (HSEI)
- Health Sciences Scholars Institute (HSSI)
- LEGO Camp
- Making a Game of IT (MGIT)
- Preparing African American Males for Energy and Education
- Spartan Writing Camp

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