

CAREER COUNSELOR CORNER



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*"I can not do everything, but I
can do something. I must not fail
to do the something that I can
do."*

~Helen Keller

CAREER CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

Podcasts are a great way to immerse yourself and pass the time when you're cleaning the house, working out, or taking a drive. Consider listening to a podcast during your morning routine or on your next road trip with your teen. You could even use a podcast topic to spark your next dinner conversation. Here are some career focused podcasts you could consider to get the conversation going:

[All Things College and Career](#)

[Dive IN](#)

[Find Your Dream Job](#)

[Michigan Works Southeast](#)

[YourCareer GPS](#)



Each of these podcasts offer an opportunity for listeners to learn more about career trends, research, connect with professionals in the field, and hear about job search tips. Experts discuss, career exploration, networking, employability skills, and many other topics to assist your student on their career development journey.



COMPELLING READS

[Free college tuition in Michigan: Which schools offer what](#)

[As COVID spread, far fewer Michigan high school grads enrolled in college](#)

[How to Combat Zoom Fatigue](#)

[Be Kind To Your Mind - Mental Health Resources](#)



CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF APRIL

National Volunteer Week debuted in the United States in 1974 and has continued to grow every year since. Individuals, businesses, schools, and teams volunteer their time on this week & throughout April to make their communities better. Ask your school, church or community public services office to find out how to volunteer locally. You can also help out [Seniors in Wayne County](#), help [respond & recover from Covid-19](#), and volunteer with organizations like [Focus Hope](#) that continually give back to our communities to make the lives of those around us better.

April is also **National Welding Month**. Welding careers play an integral role in keeping people safe and advancing the quality of life across the globe, yet participation in the skilled trades continues to decrease. Join the [American Welding Society](#) in celebrating National Welding Month to bring awareness to this industry and [available career paths](#).



CAREERS IN TECHNOLOGY

The month of March had us engaging in two Career Chats (see final page for upcoming *Career Chats*). Career Counselors highlighted opportunities in Technology and encouraged students to explore the many pathways in these growing fields. Students learned that they could begin with entry level credentials and later move up after gaining experience and training, from their employer or a local community college.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO NOW TO GET STARTED IN A TECHNOLOGY CAREER?

- Explore Technology Careers with the resources below.
- Start at your local community college
- Watch career videos on [My Next Move](#) to see a first-hand look at careers that are new to you
- Sign up for a tech related high school or CTE course
- Talk with someone who works in a Technology field
- Attend a virtual open house or admissions event

CAREERS IN TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:

[FAST TRACK CAREERS IN TECH CHAT 3/17 RESOURCES INFORMATION](#)
[TECHNOLOGY CHAT 3/24 RESOURCES](#)
[MICHIGAN CAREER OUTLOOK](#)
[POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS & PROGRAMS](#)
[CHANGE THE FACE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE](#)



Summer Camp Opportunities

This is the perfect time to begin finalizing your summer plans for your family. If you're looking for career focused summer camp opportunities, consider some of the options below! In addition, check out your local recreation department, community college, or youth focused non-profit for other opportunities. Cheers to Summer!

AI for All

Building Skills

Discover Your Spark

Ferris State University

Joy of Coding

Lawrence Tech

Metro Parent Guide

Michigan Tech

Oakland University

Schoolcraft College - Kids on Campus

Spartan Youth Programs

University of Michigan Galaxy Program

University of Michigan Sharp



NEXT STEPS FOR THE FAFSA AND BEYOND!!

Many students and families submitted the FAFSA earlier this year or even back in the Fall. If you haven't, please don't fret. The Michigan Department of Treasury has extended the state priority deadline for Michigan residents to May 1. If your student hasn't submitted the Federal Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA), there is still time to access grants and other local funding opportunities. If your FAFSA is completed, remember the following next steps:

- **Submit any required documentation** (as needed). Some schools require that students verify information submitted on the FAFSA. Students should be able to submit this information through an online portal. This may include actual copies of tax forms or other documents to verify eligibility.
- **Review and Compare Award Letters.** Questions to consider:
 - What does each award mean?
 - Will your student accept each award?
 - How long will each award last?
 - What's the total cost of attendance for each institution?
 - Does your student have enough aid to cover the total cost?
 - How will your student cover any gaps in financial aid?
- **Pay Enrollment Deposit** for the school your student plans to attend- Normally due by May 1. This secures your students spot on campus.



Job Opportunities and Employability Skills

Your Local Michigan Works Office can assist youth with employment, placement and training opportunities. To find your nearest office - [click here](#)

Looking for a job? Check out Michigan Talent Connect

Job Search Tool just for young people - JobLaunch

Prepare for a job search by improving your skills, safely at home with the eLearning Soft Skills Program

(skills employers want to see the most from applicants!)

- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Creativity

Step by step video guide for creating your resume



VIRTUAL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



8th-12th grade students are invited to join the JA INSPIRE Virtual Career Exploration Fair! Participants will have the opportunity to explore various career pathways, gain information on career entry and requirements, and access tips on professionalism and business etiquette. The JA Inspire portal will be open March 15 – June 13, 2021. All educators, students, and their parents, will have access to the portal and information from organizations throughout the period.

JA Inspire Registration

Career Chat w/ Ready to Launch Career Counselors

Career Chats are virtual events offered throughout the school year to all Wayne County parents & students. We host professionals to answer your direct questions on how to get started with in-demand careers. Don't miss the final career chats of the school year! (be on the lookout for a flyer w/ zoom link coming soon!)

- Public Safety April 20th @ 3:30
- Real Estate April 29th @ 6:00
- Employability Skills May (TBD)

MI Student Aid Virtual College Financial Aid Nights

SMITHGROUP Workshops

- Recorded College & Career Fall Sessions
- Electrical Engineering & Lighting Design - April 14th
- Mechanical Engineering - April 28th
- Structural & Civil Engineering - May 13th
 - Workshop links & information will be shared via email, contact Abi or Bryan.

SWE- Detroit Spring Events (Society of Women Engineers)

- Careers in Chemical Engineering - April 13th
- College Essays - April 27th
- Lending a Helping Hand: Design Challenge - May 15th



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Would you like to meet? Need Career Resources?

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