



Monday Memo

September 18, 2023

We hope everyone had a great weekend! Please find the below updates on MSCA news and upcoming events as well as information from MSCA's partners. To submit content for the Monday Memo, please contact Jill Hancock (jill@c2cpro.solutions).

MSCA NEWS & UPDATES

Fall Conference - November 5-7, 2023

The early bird registration deadline of October 6 is quickly approaching! Make sure you, and your colleagues, are registered for this year's event which will be held on November 5-7 at the Tan-Tar-A Conference and registration is now open online by [clicking here](#). Below are major highlights regarding this year's event. More information may also be found [online](#).

- Workshops - [Click here](#) to access workshop descriptions and [click here](#) to access the conference grid, which includes details on the 100+ sessions to be hosted at Fall Conference!
- Saturday Institute - Looking for more PD? A half day workshop will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and will feature Kat Pastor with CharacterStrong. [Click here](#) for additional information.
- Conference T-Shirts - Conference t-shirts may be ordered and received in advance of conference - [Click here](#) to order now. Please note that these will not be available for purchase onsite.
- Tan-Tar-A - As of September 17, 2023, the resort is soldout for Sunday evening of the conference! Rooms are still available for the other evenings.
- Graduate Credit - Lindenwood University will again be offering graduate credit for Fall Conference attendees (for an additional fee). [Click here](#) for details.
- New Special Opportunities
 - Monday Evening Dinner (Monday, November 6, at 5:30 p.m.) - Monday evening includes free time for attendees to enjoy dinner, networking with colleagues, etc. Many of our attendees chose to leave the resort property for dinner, but for those that prefer to stay on property for a coordinated dining option, may register for this opportunity through the MSCA website. The fee for dinner is a flat rate of \$45 per person. [Click here](#) to register.

- Carpool - Interested in sharing a ride for Fall Conference? [Submit your information here](#) to be added to the listing of interested individuals. Please note that submission does not guarantee a ride for Fall Conference.

Board of Directors Meeting

The MSCA Board of Directors met for its fall meeting on Friday, September 15 & Saturday, September 16, in Jefferson City. In addition to various items of business and discussion, the Board hosted a roundtable discussion with leadership from the MO Association of Secondary School Principals, MO Association of Elementary School Principals, and MO Association of School Administrators. The discussion included open conversation on how MSCA can further work to collaborate with administrators. Additionally, DESE presented during the meeting with various updates and information. For any questions for members of the Board of Directors, please reach out to them directly at board@moschoolcounselor.org.

Committees - Get Involved Now!

As a reminder, MSCA is soliciting volunteers to serve on continuing, as well as newly formed committees. These committees provide an opportunity for members to get involved within MSCA based on various levels of interest. Overall time commitment per committee is approximately 1 hour per month. To submit your name for consideration, please [click here to complete the interest form](#). Current committee rosters, with contact information, may be found by [clicking here](#).

Fall Semester Professional Development Opportunities

Make plans to join us virtually for our webinar and coffee, counselors and conversations (3Cs) events during the fall semester! [Click here](#) to register for upcoming offerings. Our first webinar of the school year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, beginning at 10 am on the topic of 'Rationale for Culturally Responsive School Counseling Practices: What is the Problem?' Not able to attend the sessions 'live'? Sessions will be available post event on the MSCA website in a recorded format!

Equity & Inclusion Book Club - All Invited to Attend

The MSCA Equity & Inclusion Committee is hosting a virtual book club event on Wednesday, September 27 on the book *Culturally Sustaining School Counseling: Implementing Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive Programs* by T. Grothaus, K. Johnson, and N. Edirmanasinghe. More information may be found by [clicking here](#). Online registration may be [found here](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Curious about upcoming meetings and events? See the below upcoming meetings for the next two weeks. If you would like more information on these opportunities, please contact Jill Hancock at jill@c2cpro.solutions.

- Professional Development Committee: Monday, September 18, at 3:30 p.m.
- Program Committee: Wednesday, September 20, at 3:30 p.m.
- Papers & Publications Committee: Monday, September 25, at 3:30 p.m.
- Equity & Inclusion Book Club: Wednesday, September 27, at 12:30 p.m.

MSCA Nominations for Board of Directors

Nominations are being solicited for the MSCA Board of Directors! To submit your application for a director position and for additional information, please [click here](#). Applications are due by November 15, 2023.

Congratulations to MSCA's Newest NRM Recipients! This year, MSCA is celebrating 5 more schools that have successfully completed the NRM (Nationally Recognized Missouri Program), including:

- Glendale High School, Springfield Public Schools, School Counselors Jamie Jo Temple , Emma Sherrell , Kristi Ditzfeld, Justin Parrigon
- Hawthorn Hill Elementary, Lee's Summit R-7 School District, School Counselor, Jennifer Biggar
- Kentucky Trail Elementary, Belton School District, School Counselor Carey Hughes
- Lawson High School, Lawson R-XIV School District, School Counselor Lynn Smithmier
- Midway Heights Elementary, Columbia Public Schools, School Counselor J. Kristen Kennedy

The Dr. Norman C. Gysbers Nationally Recognized Missouri Program (NRM), pronounced "The Norm", is the national recognition award that Missouri school counseling programs may earn. Achieving this award not only garners state recognition but also national recognition as a RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) Award through the American School Counselor Association. The award is for individual schools whose school counseling programs have reached a level of implementation that emphasizes the positive impact of the school counseling program on student success and the school community. More information may be [found here](#).

MSCA Instagram

MSCA is officially on Instagram! Follow us at <https://www.instagram.com/moschoolcounselor/>.

Got Questions?

MSCA members are encouraged to reach out to the MSCA office for any questions at (53) 635-9109 or msca@c2cpro.solutions. Additionally, members may reach out directly to the MSCA Board of Directors at board@moschoolcounselor.org.

NEWS FROM MSCA'S PARTNERS

MSCA continues to share updates from related organizations and partners as outlined below. Organizations are encouraged to submit updates to Jill Hancock at jill@c2cpro.solutions for inclusion within the Monday Memo.

DESE Updates

Mental Health First Aid Training: Missouri's DESE and department of Mental Health are pleased in partnership with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health are pleased to provide grant funding to bring teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) to your school or organization this upcoming spring

2024. This means schools or youth serving organizations in your community can take part in tMHFA at no cost! [Click here](#) to learn more about the program, application process, and timeline.

Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) and the Missouri Child Psychiatry Access Project (MOCPAP)

The MIMH and MOCPAP are pleased to announce a new training series for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year entitled: Conversations for Suicide Safer Schools. Conversations for Suicide Safer Schools empowers educators to ask about suicide risk effectively, identify each staff member's role & responsibility, and practice skills to help parents create suicide-safer environments when there is a potential risk for suicide. More information may be found by [clicking here](#). Registration inquiries and further questions about the training may be directed to: conferences@mimh.edu.

Looking for more information regarding MOCPAP - check out their [Resource Hub](#) or [School Brochure](#).

Missouri College and Career Attainment Network (MOCAN)

MOCAN and its partners will be hosting FREE in-person and virtual fall workshops for high school counselors, advisors, and college access professionals. Workshops will begin in September with topics ranging from financial aid (24-25 FAFSA updates), career pathways, match & fit, and advising strategies. For additional information, including dates, locations, and registration, please [click here](#).