Missouri College and Career Attainment Network (MOCAN)

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MISSOURI COLLEGE &
CAREER ATTAINMENT NETWORK

About MOCAN

- Goal to transform lives by creating a more equitable, statewide postsecondary education system
- Works to increase career and college awareness, preparation, access, affordability, and completion
- Particularly for Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and People of Color (BILPOC) and Missourians from low-income communities

- Focus on institutional and systemic change for sustained impact. MOCAN does not work directly with students, but with those who do.

What We Do

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO GRADUATE WITH A CREDENTIAL		WHAT MOCAN DOES
ACCESS: KNOW HOW TO GO	Support to create a plan for career and postsecondary education + guidance to navigate the system	College + Career Network Professional Development Institute
AFFORDABILITY: ABLE TO PAY FOR IT	Financial aid guidance + sufficient resources to graduate with minimal debt	Scholarship Providers Network My Scholarship Central
SUCCESS: PERSISTENCE TO GRADUATION	Academic, financial, cultural, and social supports to graduate + guidance to navigate the system	Postsecondary Equity Network Complete College America Purpose First Initiative

Access: Know How To Go

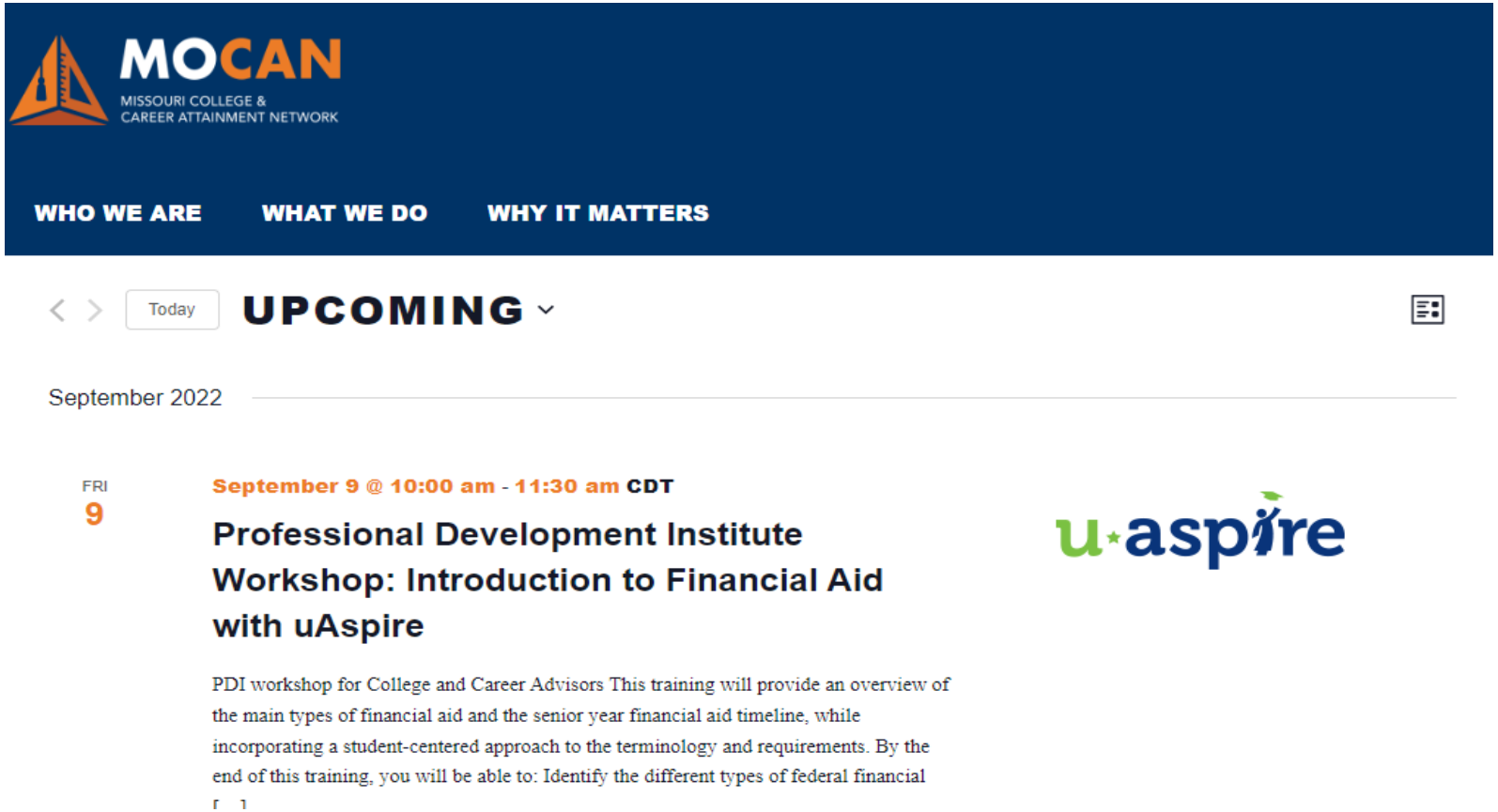
- Free, statewide resource for high school counselors and community-based organization
  - Over 600 counselors from over 300 schools/organizations across MO participate
- Virtual and in-person workshops
  - Financial Aid
  - Career Pathways
  - Match & Fit
  - Advising Strategies
- Collaborate with regional, state, and national organizations
  - MASFAP
  - NCAN
  - uAspire
  - …and many more!

Fall Workshop Schedule

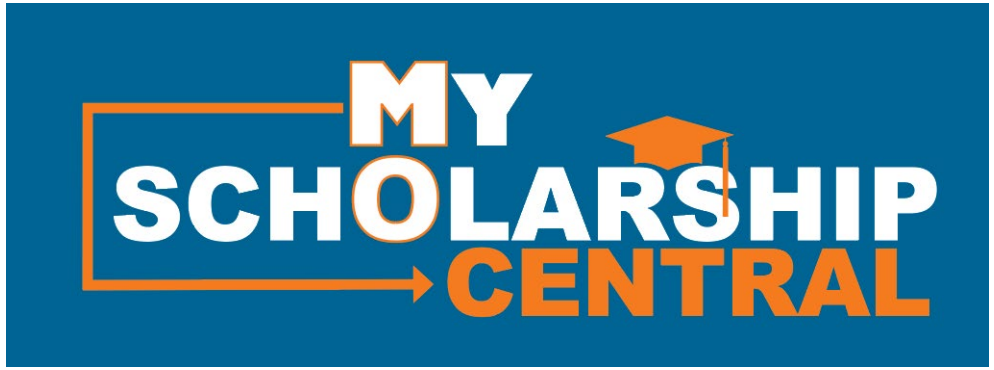
- MASFAP Financial Aid Workshops (Sept – Nov)
- **September 9** – Introduction to Financial Aid with uAspire
- **September 30** – FAFSA Walkthrough with MASFAP
- **October** – Engaging Students, Parents, and Families in Postsecondary Planning
- **October** – Integrating Career Advising with Postsecondary Planning
- **November 11** – Advising Student Athletes
- **December 2** – Advising Undocumented Students

Where to Register

www.mocollegecareer.org/events



Affordability: Able To Pay For It



- Free, online portal
- Connecting Missouri students to over 100 scholarship + interest-free loan programs
- Over 10,000 students use the platform
- In 2021-22 school year, connected students to over $5 million

Success: Persistence to Graduation

- Network of 17 colleges + universities committed to eliminate equity gaps in degree completion
- Institutional transformation will lead to public policy change and a system designed for BILPOC students and students from low-income backgrounds
- Use equity-mindedness framework
  - Analysis of disaggregated data
  - Creation + implementation of equity plans
  - Targeted student supports
  - Coalition of the willing – administrators, students, faculty

Postsecondary Equity Network Institutions

Fontbonne University • Harris-Stowe State University • Jefferson College • Maryville University • McKendree University Missouri State University • Saint Louis University • St. Louis Community College • Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Southeast Missouri State University • Truman State University • University of Central Missouri • University of Missouri-Columbia • University of Missouri-Kansas City • University of Missouri-St. Louis • Webster University

Connection to Career

Professional Development Institute

- Career advising strategies
- Data and resources on high-demand career pathways
- Career + Apprenticeship Showcase
  - Replicating career fair model focused on connecting students to work-based learning opportunities, trades, apprenticeships, and non-degree programs

Postsecondary Equity Network

- Purpose First: connecting college to career
  - 3-Year collaboration with Complete College America
  - Technical assistance, coaching, and grants to 10 institutions
  - Early integration of career and academic advising
  - Greater retention, graduation rates
  - Increased perceived value because connects students to their “why” – the reason they go to college in the first place

Research + Communications

- Degrees with Less Debt
  - Research on which MO institutions are supporting BILPOC students and students from low-income backgrounds to graduation with less debt – and what they are doing
  - 2017 and 2020 reports on 4-year institutions
  - 2023 report on 2-year institutions

- State of Student Aid and Support

Thank You!

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