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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 mpmartin@umuc.edu.

NEW ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIPS ANNOUNCED

UMUC has signed alliance partnership agreements with **Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania** and **Valencia Community College in Florida**. To view the full list of UMUC alliance partners, please visit http://www.umuc.edu/students/admissions/transfer/alliances_other.cfm

UMUC CEMENTS POSITION AT FOREFRONT OF DISTANCE LEARNING, WINS FIVE AWARDS

UMUC won five awards from the Maryland Distance Learning Association (MDLA) and United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA). The awards come on the heels of an earlier win of the 2011 Institution Award from the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) for providing outstanding education programs to the U.S. armed forces. UMUC's Doctor of Management (DM) program won the "Best Distance Learning Programming" award from MDLA, and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program won the "2011 Best Practices in Distance Learning Programming – Silver" award from USDLA.

To read the full article, visit: <http://www.umuc.edu/visitors/news/pressreleases/distancelearningawards.cfm>

REVERSE TRANSFER CREDIT PROGRAM

UMUC has entered into an exciting partnership that allows students to finish their associate's degree program through the reverse transfer of UMUC college credits. The goal of the *UMUC Reverse Transfer Credit Program* is to help students, who transferred to UMUC from a community college without first completing an associate's degree, to go back and earn a valuable college credential while working on their bachelor's degree at UMUC. Eligible students are able to transfer UMUC credits back to their community college to complete an associate's degree. Students may also be able to save time and money by transferring additional community college credits to UMUC to complete both associate and bachelor degree requirements. For more information about the *UMUC Reverse Transfer Credit Program*, please contact Community Relations at communityrelations@umuc.edu.

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EXCITING CHANGES FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS COMING THIS FALL

Fall 2011 will bring important and exciting changes for UMUC undergraduates. In keeping with the university's mission of putting "Students First," the School of Undergraduate Studies embarked on a multi-year examination of UMUC courses and programs. UMUC's restructured curriculum will create a more direct path for student's educational and professional goals. The redesign provides:

- Streamlined degree completion
- Improved sequencing of required courses in a program
- More choices and new courses
- More support in the classroom and beyond
- Enhanced quality learning outcomes and assessments - focused on real-world applications
- Preparedness for students to enter careers as critical thinkers and problem solvers

Four fall term class start dates: August 22, September 12, October 3, and October 24.

NEW CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP

UMUC is offering a scholarship to outstanding new students who are pursuing a degree in cybersecurity. Qualified students may earn a certificate in as little as six months. Scholarship recipients will receive individualized advising to assist with certificate and bachelor degree completion. Recipients may be awarded \$3,300/year for full-time study and are eligible to renew the award for one additional year. This scholarship is available for the 2011-2012 academic year.

For more information, or to complete the scholarship application, visit http://www.umuc.edu/students/aid/scholarships/otherscholarships/ccsp/cybersecurity_scholarship.cfm

UMUC also offers other scholarships to both you and your students! [Www.umuc.edu/ccsp](http://www.umuc.edu/ccsp)

LEARN AT OUR SCHOOL, LEAD AT YOURS

UMUC is still enrolling for its Doctor of Management in Community College Policy and Administration! This 3-year cohort based program is designed for college faculty and administrators who aspire to lead effectively, progress and advance in administrative careers. Classes are taught online with a limited 2-3 day residency each semester. Enroll today for Fall.

Please contact Lisa Romano-Arnold, the Associate Vice President for the Department of Community Relations and a current student in the program to learn more. She can be reached via email at lromano@umuc.edu.

PROMOTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community Relations team is proud to announce that **Vic Wang**, has been promoted from Coordinator to **Assistant Director of Community Relations**.

Congratulations to Vic!



Community College Advisor Resources

About UMUC:

<http://www.umuc.edu/visitors/about>

Advisor Corner @ UMUC:

<http://www.umuc.edu/connect/advisorc corner.shtml>

Alliance Program:

<http://www.umuc.edu/students/admissions/transfer/commcollege.cfm>

Apply for Admission to UMUC

<http://www.umuc.edu/students/admissions/apply/>

E-Bulletin / Scholarships:

<http://www.umuc.edu/students/aid/scholarships/ebulletin.cfm>

Financial Aid:

<http://www.umuc.edu/students/aid/>

News @ UMUC

<http://www.umuc.edu/visitors/news/>

Undergraduate Programs:

<http://www.umuc.edu/undergrad/ugprograms/index.cfm>

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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