

MCCA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2026

Capturing Our Legacy. Framing Our Future.

July 29–31, 2026 | Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island



TUESDAY, JULY 28 · ARRIVAL RECEPTION

3:00-7:00 PM **MCCA Board of Directors Networking** · Sponsored by Ferrelli

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 · PRESIDENTS & TRUSTEE INSTITUTES, WELCOME RECEPTION

PRESIDENTS INSTITUTE · Sponsored by Element451 and Western Governors University

8:00-8:30 AM **Breakfast and Networking**

8:30 AM-2:30 PM **Presidents Institute and Lunch**

L. Marshall Washington, President, Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Dan Phelan, President, Jackson College

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8:00-8:45 AM **Breakfast and Networking**

8:45-9:00 AM **Welcome and Overview**

9:15-10:15 AM **Breakout Session 1**

CEO Search, Cindy Lopez, ACCT
Millage Campaigns, Jennifer Shoemaker & Al Pscholka, Lake Michigan College
Student Success in Motion, Precious Miller & Evan Pauken, MCCA

10:30-11:30 AM **Breakout Session 2**

MEG & High School Diplomas, Venessa Keesler, Launch Michigan
Millage Campaigns, Jennifer Shoemaker & Al Pscholka, Lake Michigan College
Trustees as Advocates, Kathleen Bruinsma, Grand Rapids Community College & Katie Witkowski, MCCA

11:30 AM-1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00-2:00 PM **Breakout Session 3**

Contract Considerations, Cindy Lopez, ACCT
Reconnect Ready, Jeremy Hedges, Michigan Center for Adult College Success & Sarah Szurpicki, MILEAP
Student Success in Motion, Precious Miller & Evan Pauken, MCCA

2:00-3:00 PM **Optional Trustee Team Time**

ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

3:00-4:00 PM **Welcome Reception** · Sponsored by SchoolAI

4:00 PM **Dinner on Your Own**

THURSDAY, JULY 30 · FRAMING OUR FUTURE

8:00-9:00 AM **Breakfast** · Sponsored by Advance Education

9:00-9:10 AM **Welcome Remarks**

L. Marshall Washington, President, Kalamazoo Valley Community College

9:10-9:45 AM **State of the Association**

Brandy Johnson, President, MCCA

9:45-9:55 AM **Sponsor Spotlight: Edsights**

9:55-10:10 AM **Break**

10:10-10:25 AM **Our College Our Story** · Shifting Your Paradigm – Mission Accomplished

Glenn Cerny, President, Schoolcraft College

10:25-10:30 AM **Sponsor Spotlight: Element451**

10:30-11:30 AM **Everything's Up for Grabs** · A Year of Change for Michigan in the 2026 Elections

Zach Gorchow, President, Gongwer Michigan

11:30 AM-1:00 PM **Lunch** · Sponsored by Trane

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Agenda continued · Thursday Afternoon & Friday

THURSDAY, JULY 30 · FRAMING OUR FUTURE (continued)

- 1:00-1:10 PM** **Forging Forward with our Funders**
Erica Orians, Vice President, MCCA
- 1:10-1:25 PM** **Our College Our Story** · Building a Comprehensive College in Rural Northern Michigan
David Finley, President, North Central Michigan College
- 1:25-1:30 PM** **Sponsor Spotlight: Western Governors University**
- 1:30-1:45 PM** **Our College Our Story** · Rooted in Community – Bay Mills Community College
Duane Bedell, President, Bay Mills Community College
- 1:45-2:45 PM** **How to Do More with Less** · Future-Proofing in the Age of AI
Sharon Gai, Author & AI Expert
- 2:45-3:00 PM** **Framing Our Future for the Next 60 Years – and Beyond**
Brandy Johnson, President, MCCA
- 5:00-6:00 PM** **Reception** · Sponsored by Edustaff
- 6:00-8:30 PM** **Awards Dinner and Celebration** · Sponsored by MCAN

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 8:00-10:00 AM** **Networking Breakfast**

PRINTED PROGRAM

A printed program will be provided to all conference attendees upon checking in at registration. Schedule is subject to change. All events take place at Mission Point Resort.