College and Community Resources for Multicultural Students

The Multicultural Affairs Office invites you to browse and use this booklet. We hope this will help serve your needs. If you have questions please contact us.

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MCC RESOURCES

BILINGUAL COUNSELOR: A bilingual counselor is available to help students with decisions on a wide range of career, personal concerns, and academic success issues.
www.mchenry.edu/counseling

English as a Second Language/High School Equivalency Classes (formerly known as GED): English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency Classes (HSE) courses are offered through the department of Adult Education. ESL classes specialize in serving adults who cannot read and/or speak English at a functional level. HSE prep courses are offered to prepare students for the HSE exam. The prep course will cover English including grammar and fundamentals of written English; reading techniques for comprehension, evaluation and application interpretations; and mathematics including problem solving, basic math review, geometry and algebra.
www.mchenry.edu/esl
www.mchenry.edu/hse

FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES: The free citizenship class will help you gain the skills you need to pass the citizenship exam.
Call (815) 455-8752 for more information.
http://www.mchenry.edu/esl/

SPANISH INTERPRETERS: Provides support (in person, via phone and/or email) needed to be successful at McHenry County College, they are available to MCC students, prospective students and their families, faculty, and staff. Spanish Interpreters provide the assistance needed to provide excellent customer service to those whose primary language is Spanish.
Help in Spanish:(815) 455-8890
Help in English: (815) 455-8550
multicultural@mchenry.edu
**MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS:** Multicultural Affairs provides resources and opportunities to help minority and underrepresented students feel comfortable on campus. Our program helps participants gain access to student support services and learn about themselves, other cultures and the community. We encourage our students to participate in college-wide programs, build a support network with staff, participate in social and cultural activities, and strive for academic success.

(815) 479-7749
www.mchenry.edu/multicultural

**MULTICULTURAL PEER EDUCATORS:** Multicultural Peers are students committed to supporting multicultural students during their journey at MCC. The peers also coordinate campus-wide events to promote diversity and also act as a support system for students.

**THE FLUSH:** The flush is a weekly student flyer posted in the bathroom stalls throughout campus, by the Student Life Office. This flyer information on club meetings/student organizations (times and dates) and other opportunities at MCC.

**Student Organizations & Clubs:** Build your skills and your resume! For a complete list of over 20 student organizations & clubs visit: www.mchenry.edu/studentlife

**STUDENT SUPPORT:**

_AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT SUPPORT_

**Student Organizations**

- **Black Student Union (BSU)** - To celebrate and raise awareness of the heritage of African and African American culture and to promote the success of the students on campus. See the Flush for meeting days and times, or contact the Student Life office at (815)455-8550.

**Community Support**

- **Trinity Baptist Community Church**
  5918 S IL Route 31
  Crystal Lake, IL 60014-4524
  (815) 444-0355
  www.trinitybcci.org

- **Christ Life Church**
  13614 W Jackson St
  Woodstock, IL
  (815) 338-4934

- **Grace Lutheran Church**
  1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd
Woodstock, IL
(815)338-0554

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
  http://www.naacp.org/

- Rainbow Push
  http://www.rainbowpush.org/

- United Negro College Fund
  http://www.uncf.org/

- National Society of Black Engineers
  http://www.nsbe.org/home.aspx

- SisterLove, Inc.
  http://www.sisterlove.org/

- National Urban League
  http://nul.iamempowered.com/

- The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education
  https://www.jbhe.com/

- Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund
  http://tmcf.org/

- The Black Collegian Online
  http://www.blackcollegian.com/

- National Association of Black Accountants
  http://www.nabainc.org/

- Be An Actuary
  http://www.beanactuary.org/programs/

ASIAN STUDENT SUPPORT
Student Organizations

- **Asian American club**: To promote and raise awareness of Asian cultures. See the Flush for meeting days and times, or contact the Student Life office at (815)455-8550.

Community Support

- **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**

- **Rainbow Push**

- **Japanese American Service Committee** - This is a great organization that promotes the Japanese culture with various classes, workshops, etc.
  [www.jasc-chicago.org](http://www.jasc-chicago.org)

- **Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple**
  221 Dean Street
  Woodstock, IL
  (815)337-7378

- **Zen Buddhist Temple of Chicago**
  Chinese Cultural Academy
  608 Dempster St., Evanston
  (847) 272-2070 or (847) 869-0554

- **Hindu Mandir of Lake County**
  20444 W. Peterson Road
  Grayslake, IL 60030
  (847)223-8590
  [www.hindutempleoflakecounty.org](http://www.hindutempleoflakecounty.org)

- **National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)**

- **Vietnamese Association Of Illinois**
  [http://hnvi.org/](http://hnvi.org/)

- **Taiwanese American Professionals**
• CIRCA Pintig  
  http://www.circapintig.com/

• Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois  
  http://www.paccil.org/index.html

• Malaysian Association of Illinois  
  http://www.maispace.org/

• Lao American Organization of Elgin  
  http://www.laoelgin.com/

• Korean American Women's Association of Chicago  
  http://www.kawac.org/

• Korean American Resource and Cultural Center  
  http://chicagokrcc.org/

• Korean American Association of Chicago  
  http://koreachicago.org/

• Indo American Center Home  
  http://indoamerican.org/

• Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago  
  http://www.fachic.net/

• Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago  
  http://www.chicagopcg.dfa.gov.ph/

• Chicago Telugu Association  
  http://chicagoteluguassociation.com/

• Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce  
  http://www.ckacc.org

• Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce  
  http://chicagochinatown.org/

• Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal Peoria  
  http://www.thebcai.org/
• Asian American Coalition of Chicago
  http://www.aacchicago.org/index.html

**NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SUPPORT**

Community Support

• WWW Virtual Library - American Indians/Index of Native American Resources on the Internet
  http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/

• Additional Federal Agency Resources
  https://www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans/resources

• Journal of Tribal Colleges Job Clearinghouse

• Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
  http://eiteljorg.org/

• Native American Jobs
  http://www.nativeamericanjobs.com/

• Indian Country Today
  http://www.indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/

• U.S. Dept. of Education - Listing of all Tribal Colleges and Universities

• American Indian Science & Engineering Society
  http://www.aises.org/

• Association for American Indian Physicians
  https://www.aaip.org/

• Be An Actuary
  http://www.beanactuary.org/programs

• Native American Journalists Association
http://www.naja.com/

- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
  http://sacnas.org/students

- The Seneca Nation of Indians
  https://sni.org/

- Wampanoag
  http://www.wampanoagtribe.net/Pages/index

- American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC)
  http://www.aihec.org/

- Tribal GovernmentListing
  http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/TribalGovernmentServices/TribalDirectory/index.htm

- Decennial Census: American Indian and Alaska Native
  http://www.census.gov/aian/

- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
  http://www.indian.senate.gov/

- American Indian/Alaska Native Center, US Department of Health and Human Services
  http://www.cms.gov/Center/Special-Topic/American-Indian-Alaska-Native-Center.html

- American Indian and Alaska Native Population Information
  http://www.census.gov/aian/

- Navajo Code Talker Site:
  http://www.lapahie.com/NavajoCodeTalker.cfm

- National Library of Medicine "If Only You Knew" Exhibit

- American Indian Law Review
  http://www.law.ou.edu/content/american-indian-law-review-1

- American Indians: Legal and Regulatory Resources
  http://guides.lib.purdue.edu/amindianlaw

**ARAB STUDENT SUPPORT**

Community Support
• Arab-American Family Support Center
  http://www.aafscny.org/

• National Network for Arab American communities
  http://www.nnaac.org/

• Arab American Pharmacist Association
  http://www.theaapa.org/welcome/

• Arab American Association of New York
  http://www.arabamicanny.org/about-us/

• Network of Arab American Professionals in Chicago
  http://www.naaponline.org/chicago

• Support Arab Family Services
  http://arabamericanfamilyservices.org/

• The Arab-American Business & Professional Association
  http://www.a-abpa.org/web/

**LATINO STUDENT SUPPORT**

**Student Organizations**

• Latinos Unidos - Promotes Latino cultural awareness, provides ongoing support, and assistance. In addition, Latinos Unidos provides cultural, educational, social, and community awareness. See the Flush for meeting days and times, or contact the Student Life office at (815)455-8550.

**Religious/Spiritual Community Support**

• National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
  http://www.naacp.org/

• Rainbow push
  http://www.rainbowpush.org/

• Church of Holy Apostales
  5211 W. Bull Valley Rd.
  McHenry, IL 60050
  (815) 385-5673
• **St. Joseph Catholic Church**
  206 East Front St.
  Harvard, IL 60033
  Spanish - Father Hector Moreno
  (815) 943-6406
  saintjos@mcnet

• **St Peter and Paul Parish**
  410 N. First St.
  Cary, IL 60013
  (847) 516-2636 x299

• **St. Thomas**
  469 Lake Street
  Crystal Lake, IL 60014
  (847) 937-1484

• **Latino student fund**

• **Latin American Association**

• **Hispanocare**

• **Latinos Progresando**
  [http://latinospro.org/](http://latinospro.org/)

• **Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship Program**

• **Immigrant Family Support Organizations in Illinois**

• **HACES**

• **Ihispano**
• Latinos in higher ed  
  http://www.latinosinhighered.com/

• Latpro  
  http://www.latpro.com/

• Be An Actuary  
  http://www.beanactuary.org/programs/

• ALPFA  
  http://www.alpfa.org/

• Hace  
  http://www.haceonline.org/

• Hnba  
  http://hnba.com/

• HNBA Legal Education Fund  
  http://www.hnbafund.org/

• MAES  
  http://mymaes.org/

• Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois  
  http://www.hlai.org/

**UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT SUPPORT**

**Community Support**

• College Advising Guide for Undocumented Students (college information and resources)  
  www.iacac.org/undocumented

• Educators for Fair Consideration (includes a good scholarship database)  
  www.e4c.org

• Financial Aid and Undocumented Students  

• Pre-Health Dreamers  
  http://www.phdreamers.org

• United we Dream  
  http://unitedwedream.org/
• My (Un)Documented Life
  https://mydocumentedlife.org

• NACAC Legislative Action Center
  www.nacacnet.org

• American School Counselor Association
  www.schoolcounselor.org

• National Immigration Center
  www.nilc.org

• Immigrant Youth Justice League
  www.iyjl.org

**LGBTQA STUDENT SUPPORT**

**Student Organizations**

- **Pride Club** - Provides a safe and supportive environment for students and members of the surrounding community. They also strive to promote Equality for members of the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Allies) community through social activism activities and education to benefit both our campus and our surrounding community. See the Flush for more details.

**Community Support**

- **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**
  http://www.naACP.org/

- **Rainbow push**
  http://www.rainbowpush.org/

- **McHenry County PFLAG** (Parents, families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)
  Meets 2nd Tuesday monthly – 7 pm
  Tree of Life Unitarian Church
  5603 W Bull Valley Rd, McHenry 60050
  pflagwoodstockmchenry@pflagillinois.or
  *PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity to create a society that respects human diversity.

- **Unitarian Universalist Congregation**
  221 Dean St.
  Woodstock, IL 60098
  (815) 338-0731
  office@uucofwoodstock.org
• LGBT Foundation
  http://lgbt.foundation/information-advice/coming-out-support/

• It gets better
  http://www.itgetsbetter.org/

• GLBT National Help Center
  http://www.glbthotline.org/

• The Trevor project
  http://www.thetrevorproject.org/

• Being Gay is Okay
  http://www.bgiok.org.uk/

• Prairie Pride Coalition
  http://www.ppc-il.org/Links.html

• The Phoenix Center
  http://www.phoenixcenterspringfield.org/

• Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalists Congregation
  http://www.aluuc.org/about-aluuc/members

• Church of the Brethren
  http://www.1stcob.net/

• Heartland Community Metropolitan Community Church
  http://www.heartlandcommunitymcc.org/

• Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (Pastor Bill Zanton)
  http://luthermc.org/

• Parkway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (Rev. Mark Gifford)
  http://www.parkwaychurch.info/

• Springfield AIDS Resource Area (SARA Center)
  http://www.fsr-sara.org/saracenter.htm

• GLSEN
http://www.glsen.org/participate/student-action

• Gsa network
  https://gsanetwork.org/

**USEFUL TOOLS:**

**Collegefish**
Free and available 24/7. Provides the tools needed for successful transfer to a four year college or university.
www.collegefish.org

**GPA Calculator:** You can total your current semester courses and credits with the online GPA Calculator. Visit the following link
www.back2college.com/gpa.htm

**Rate My Professor Tool**
http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/
Tool that helps you obtain information about college/university professors that will be teaching your classes.

**Tutoring**
Helps find tutors near you. Find affordable, top-rated private tutors in 250+ subjects and test prep.
www.wyzant.com

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE INFORMATION**

*Other Resources:*

**McHenry County Cooperative Dental Clinic**
237 Main St
Woodstock Il 60098
815-337-5616
*Low Cost Dental Services and Referrals

**Legal Servies:**
**Prairie Legal Services**
400 Russel Court
Woodstock, IL 60098
815-206-5828
www.pslegal.org
* Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal aid to people who cannot afford an attorney.
Pregnancy Support:

**Tri-Country Pregnancy and Parenting Services**
610-1 Crystal Point Dr  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
815-455-0965  
[www.informedchoices.org](http://www.informedchoices.org)  
*Bilingual Staff Available: Spanish and Polish. All services are free and confidential*  
*Can offer free pregnancy tests, material support, community referrals and abortion recovery support.*

Hair Care

**The Cosmetology and Spa Institute**
700 Terra Cotta Avenue  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
(815)-575-6554  
*Affordable hair, color, and spa services.*  
[www.cosmetologyandspaacademy.com](http://www.cosmetologyandspaacademy.com)

**Donna Lowe Salon**
252 S Randall Rd  
Algonquin, Illinois 60102  
(224)-333-0116  
*Multicultural Salon offers numerous trend-setting services, such as Relaxers, Natural Hair, Haircuts, Extensions, Color, and styling for all hair types.*  
Accepts Walk-ins  
WIFI access  
[www.donnalowesalon.com](http://www.donnalowesalon.com)

Public Transportation

**Metra** [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)  
**Pace** [https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-j-z/transportation/transit-services/pace](https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-j-z/transportation/transit-services/pace)

There are many services throughout McHenry County that are not listed above. If you are looking for a service that is not listed, please visit the following link.

English/Ingles: [http://www.mchenry.edu/peopleinneed/PINDirectory.pdf](http://www.mchenry.edu/peopleinneed/PINDirectory.pdf)  
Spanish/Espanol: [http://www.mchenry.edu/peopleinneed/PINDirectoryspanish.pdf](http://www.mchenry.edu/peopleinneed/PINDirectoryspanish.pdf)
If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact the Multicultural Affairs office.

If you think there are resources we should add to, or delete from this document, please let us know.

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