



**Keep Michigan Working
Talent (College and University Economic) Action Team**

Henry Ford Community College

- HFCC offers the Education and Career Opportunity Center that includes delivery of services through the Michigan Talent Bank, No Worker Left Behind assistance, and Employability Skills. Phone: 313-317-6626
Media Contact: Linda West 313-317-6603 lwest@hfcc.edu

Lawrence Technological University

- Lawrence Technological University is offering 400 “Recovery Grants” that provide 50 percent of tuition for eligible displaced workers or their dependent children through the completion of a degree program. **Media contact: Lisa Kujawa, assistant provost for enrollment services, 248-204-2403, kujawa@ltu.edu**
- Lawrence Technological University is offering career services such as networking receptions and workshops – usually limited to alumni and students – that will help displaced workers with college degrees connect with innovative companies that are hiring. **Media contact: Kevin Finn, dean of students, 248-204-4100, k_finn@ltu.edu.**

Macomb Community College

- Macomb Community College has recently sought \$2M in federal funding for training programs aimed at assisting companies and their employees re-skill and retool themselves from automotive to the growing defense and aerospace industries. **Media Contact: Jeanne Nicol, Director 586-445-7999 Nicolj@macomb.edu**

Oakland Community College

- OCC has established the Worker Transition Helpline (248)232-4000. The Helpline provides easy access to services available at OCC’s five college campuses such as career center services, counseling information, occupational programs, certificates, short-term training programs, links to high-demand/growth industries, and new-student orientations. **Media Contact: Sharon Miller, 248-232-4175, semiller@oaklandcc.edu**
- OCC is offering a variety of new and increased services for workers in transition including career workshops, training options that align with growing industries, increased late start courses, and support groups. **Media Contact: Sharon Miller, 248-232-4175, semiller@oaklandcc.edu**

Oakland University

- Oakland University has created a special assistance fund for students who've seen changes in their financial circumstances and fear they may have to postpone or discontinue their studies as result.
- Oakland University is developing special certificate programs and course offerings to assist displaced workers in enhancing employability.

Media contact: Scott L. Crabill, Ph. D. – 248-370-4955

Schoolcraft Community College

- Schoolcraft's first point of entry for workers in transition is The Transitions Center which provides resources and services for the community and students. The Transitions Center, located in the McDowell Center, Room 225, can be reached at 734-462-4443.
- Small Business Entrepreneur courses are offered through Continuing Education and Professional Development and the Small Business Technology and Development Center covering topics such as the fundamentals of starting a small business, the patent process and more.

Media Contact: Michelle Gaynier, 734-462-4400 ext: 5010, mgaynier@schoolcraft.edu

Walsh College

- The College will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, December 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Troy Campus. Individuals may meet with representatives from admissions, career services and financial aid to address educational and career opportunities. The admissions application fee will be waived at this event.
- Recognizing financial hardships some students may be experiencing due to the economy, the College reduced its minimum registration deposit from \$ 400 to \$ 125 per semester.

Media Contact: Donna Mirabito, Public Relations Coordinator, 248-823-1279

Wayne County Community College District

- In response to the rapidly changing needs in the state, Wayne County Community College District launched new certificate programs for the Spring 2009 semester beginning in January in nanotechnology, renewal energy, IT security, health information technology, entrepreneurship, homeland security, and mechatronics technology.
- These new programs are being offered throughout the District and also online.

Media Contact: George Swan 313-496-2344 gwsan1@wcccd.edu

Wayne State University

- In recognition of the immediate financial difficulties and the need for students to continue their education, Wayne State University has implemented a multi-layered approach that includes: a tuition and fee payment grace period that allows students with past due payments of \$1500 or less to register for classes; establishment of a student response center to help students assess their situation and facilitate the financial aid and registrations processes; outreach to all unregistered students to provide counsel and assistance; and the offering of ongoing financial seminars for students and the public.
- Continued investment in educational programs aligned with the growing industries that will revitalize Michigan's economy (e.g. healthcare, alternative energy, etc.)

Media Contact: Primary: Michael Wright, Associate Vice President, Marketing and Communications 313-577-6491

m.wright@wayne.edu

Secondary: Howard N. Shapiro, Associate Vice President, Undergraduate Programs 313-577-2023

hshapiro@wayne.edu