

## ***The Martin Luther King, Jr. - César Chávez - Rosa Parks Initiative***

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Established by the Michigan Legislature in 1986, the goal of the Martin Luther King, Jr. - César Chávez - Rosa Parks (KCP) Initiative is to increase the number of Michigan's most educationally or economically disadvantaged citizens who have the opportunity to complete college degrees and experience career success as active participants in a knowledge-based global economy.

There are six unique KCP Programs designed to assist students along the academic pipeline from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through graduate work:

- The **Michigan Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (MI GEAR UP)** is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter into, and succeed in, postsecondary education. The MI GEAR UP Program partners with Michigan's fifteen (15) public universities, and valuable external community partners to provide early intervention services and a scholarship component for low-income students. The MI GEAR UP program serves a cohort of students, beginning in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and follows them through graduation from high school.
- The **Select Student Support Services (4S) Program** provides State of Michigan funding, on a competitive grant basis, to Michigan's four-year public and independent colleges and universities, to increase the graduation rates of admitted academically or economically disadvantaged students.
- The **Michigan College/University Partnership (MICUP) Program** provides State of Michigan funding, on a competitive grant basis, to Michigan's four-year public and independent colleges and universities to increase the number of admitted academically or economically disadvantaged students who transfer from community colleges into baccalaureate degree programs at four-year institutions.
- The **Morris Hood, Jr., Educator Development (MHED) Program** provides State of Michigan funding, on a competitive basis, to Michigan public and independent institutions with state-approved Teacher Education (TE) Programs. The legislative intent of the MHED Program is to increase the number of academically or economically disadvantaged students who enroll in, and complete, K-12 teacher education programs at the baccalaureate level.
- The **Future Faculty Fellowship (FFF) Program** provides financial support to academically or economically disadvantaged candidates pursuing faculty teaching careers in postsecondary education.
- The **Visiting Professors (VP) Program** provides financial support to Michigan's public universities to increase the number of traditionally underrepresented instructors in the classroom available to serve as role models for students.

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For more information regarding KCP programs, call 517-373-9700

