



Promoting College and Career Readiness and Success in the Capital Area

Urgency for Change:

Educational attainment is a vital factor impacting the sustainability and health of our communities and the lifelong success of today's families. The 21st Century global economy demands a workforce with an education beyond high school.



Vision for CapCAN

Capital Area College Access Network is a community collaborative focused on making completion of post-secondary education an achievable reality for all residents of the capital area.

Our community fosters high educational aspirations and will align our institutions and resources to advance that vision.



Our Values (adapted from MCAN)

- **College is *postsecondary education***
CapCAN uses the term "college" to refer to the attainment of valuable postsecondary credentials beyond high school, including professional/technical certificates and academic degrees.
- **College is *a necessity***
Postsecondary education is a prerequisite to success in a knowledge-based economy.
- **College is *for everyone***
CapCAN is committed to closing the gaps in postsecondary educational attainment among low-income students and students of color.
- **College is *a public good***
Postsecondary educational opportunity and attainment are critical to a just and equitable society, strong economy, and healthy communities.



Mission and Goal

The **Mission** of the **Capital Area College Access Network** (CapCAN) is to increase college and career readiness, participation and completion among low-income, first generation college going students, and students of color.

The **Goal** of CapCAN is to increase the percentage of Capital Area residents with a high quality degree or credential to 60% by 2025.



Common Agenda



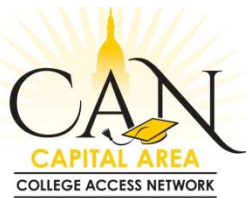
The Capital Area College Access Network (CapCAN) will:

- Build a college-going culture in our schools and community;
- Facilitate systems that support student navigation to pursue and succeed in post-secondary education; and
- Advocate for a comprehensive system of community services and activities that improve access to post-secondary opportunities for students and adult learners.



Network Objectives

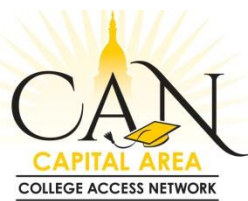
- To enhance the college-going culture at each partner school with support for students, principals, counselors, advisers, parents, and teachers.
- To increase the number of residents in the Capital area who pursue an educational certificate or degree beyond high school.
- To increase the financial readiness and capacity of residents in the Capital area to pursue post-secondary education.
- To increase the number of residents in the Capital area who complete and obtain a postsecondary degree or credential.
- To reduce the disparities to college attainment for low-income, minority, and first generation college students.



Capital Area College Access Network Leadership Board (2016-17)

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(*Indicates officer)



Action Teams 2016-17

- **Community Outreach and Engagement:** Supports the family and community college-going culture.
- **College and Career Readiness:** Supports college and career planning, meet and match activities, and facilitates the application process.
- **Financial Readiness:** Supports a system of financial aid awareness and assistance.
- **Student Persistence:** *(In partnership with the Coalition for Career and College Readiness and the Clinton Student Success Network)* Supports systems to assist students to complete their college or post secondary plans.



Core Events with Partner High Schools

- MI College Month (October)
- Test Preparation
- College Tours
- Financial Aid and FAFSA preparation (October-March)
- Decision Day (May)
- Career Exploration
- Launch Your Dream College and Career Conference (Spring)



College Advising Corps 2016-17 School Year

- Lansing Eastern (UM)
- Lansing Everett (CapCAN)
- Lansing Sexton (UM)
- Waverly (MSU)
- Webberville (MSU)
- Holt (MSU)
- Stockbridge (MSU)
- Capital Area Career Center (Mentoring to Access)



Backbone of Support

- Capital Area United Way serves as the fiduciary and backbone of support for CapCAN.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in October 2014 between the CapCAN Board and Capital Area United Way



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