

Hope you had a happy September!

With the the semester well underway, there are a lot of events happening. Just a reminder that if you have any ideas for stories or announcements to share, please pass them along to Dr. Gonzalez or Romy Stancofski!





Congrats to Dr. Gonzalez and her colleagues on publishing their research in the Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development. The study investigated the experiences of counselor educators who teach multicultural counseling courses. The research team conducted individual interviews with nine counselor educators of varying intersectional identities and asked questions relating to their goals for multicultural training and the challenges they faced in preparing future counselors. Themes related to burden, navigating limited support, the dynamic nature of the course, and achieving multicultural training aims emerged. If you would like to read the article in full it can be accessed here:

Gonzalez, I. A., Newhart, S., Arcot, R. R., & Hudlin, M. (2024). "A weight to carry": Experiences of masters-level counseling faculty teaching a multicultural counseling course. Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development, I—15. https://doi.org/10.1002/jmcd.12307



Submit Your Proposal for the MSCA Conference!

The Maryland School Counselor Association is soliciting proposals for presentations promoting evidence—based programs in the domains of academic achievement, emotional growth, social development, career exploration, and post secondary planning. Presentations showcase best practices, current research, or skills of value to counselors, pre—K to postsecondary, as well as district personnel, graduate students and counselor educators.

The conference will take place on March 23-24, 2025 in Cambridge, Maryland. CHSE will provide 20 scholarships in the amount of \$500 for Masters students. These monies are to be used during this academic year only (does not include summer 2025).

Doctoral and MA students who are presenting at a conference may use this one-time travel amount, regardless of destination. The travel support cannot be divided across multiple destinations or time periods (the funds are a one-time, one-trip use).

The travel support is for students who present a poster or paper at a professional conference. You will need to provide confirmation of your presentation, a budget, and a rationale for attending the conference. Similar to the doctoral support, this is a one-time use and so students should work closely with advisors and mentors.

Upcoming Events

Speaker Series: Dr. Maureen Ponce

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15th - October 15th, the School Counseling Department is proud to present Dr. Maureen Ponce: "Empowering Latine Students: Navigating Intersectionality and Building Supportive Schools."

Join us on October 15th, 2024! 6:00pm-7:00pm Room: TBD



About Dr. Ponce:

Dr. Maureen Ponce has 25 years' experience as a school counselor (middle and high school) and is passionate about supporting all students. She is a Professional Counselor at Thomas Edison High School of Technology in Wheaton, Maryland. Dr. Ponce identifies not only as a professional school counselor, but also as a leader, an advocate, and an interrupter as she supports the school counseling profession. Dr. Ponce has led her former school counseling department at Northwood HS in transforming their practices in order to implement a comprehensive school counseling program in alignment with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model. As a result, they recently earned the Recognized ASCA Model Program Award, the first school counseling program in MCPS history to earn this award. Dr. Ponce is currently serving a two-year term as the President (CEO) of the Maryland School Counselor Association. In this role, she represents the voice of school counselors from the entire state of Maryland at the state and national level.

SAVE THE DATE: School Counseling Alumni Night!

Tuesday, November 12 5:30-7:00 pm

Room: TBD

Stay tuned for more details!