Glossary of Terms

Civic engagement- Civic engagement encompasses the many ways that people may get involved in their communities to consider and address civic issues.

Civic Engagement Team (CE Team)- An arm of MNA, composed of the three "service affiliates": The LEAGUE Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact, and Volunteer Centers of Michigan.

CNCS (The Corporation for National and Community Service)- The Corporation, a federal government agency, that funds AmeriCorps programs.

CSD (Community Service Director)-This is the term used by MCC staff when referring to our main contact on each campus.

Lifelong Engagement- Initiative within the Civic Engagement Team, focused on Fostering collaboration between K12, higher education and Volunteer Centers to promote civic engagement and volunteerism in such a way that individuals get involved and stay involved throughout their lives.

MCC (Michigan Campus Compact)- Michigan Campus Compact promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement. Now has 44 member campuses across the state of Michigan.

MNA (Michigan Nonprofit Association)- Michigan Nonprofit Association serves nonprofits to advance their missions. Encompasses Michigan Campus Compact, Volunteer Centers of Michigan, and The League Michigan.

MCSC (Michigan Community Service Commission) or (The Commission) – A department of the State of Michigan, they build a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. MCSC housed in the suite next to Michigan Nonprofit Association.

National Campus Compact-Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents - representing some 6 million students - dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement, and service-learning in higher education.

Philanthropy- The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed esp. by the generous donation of money to good causes

Service Learning- A way of learning through service, either academically or co-curricular. Including education, training, orientation, meaningful service and reflection.

The League Michigan- A statewide organization, focused on supporting service, service-learning initiatives and teaching philanthropy in K-12.

VCM (Volunteer Centers of Michigan)- A statewide organization, an affiliate of MNA, Volunteer Centers of Michigan strengthens, develops and connects volunteer centers throughout the state through: grants, training, convening, advocacy, networking, and resources.

VC (Volunteer Center)- Volunteer Centers mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems. Through the convening of organizations, the promotion of community service, and the matching of volunteers to nonprofit programs and events, Volunteer Centers take a leadership role in addressing key community issues. While there are many volunteer associations, and many organizations in colleges, hospitals, and cities that recruit, train and place volunteers, most are not volunteer centers. Volunteer centers are set apart by their inclusiveness within the whole community. They serve all nonprofits and all residents; they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity.

CPV TERMS

College access- Encouraging and helping K-12 youth consider, plan for, and attend postsecondary institutions after high school

College-Going-Culture- This is something MCC strives to create. It basically means when one person goes to college in a family, neighborhood, or friend group, it creates a college going culture, where from there forward college is the natural next step after high school.

CPV (College Positive Volunteerism)- College Positive Volunteers are those college students and their administrators who are aware of how they impact the college enthusiasm and readiness of the K-12 youth they interact with as they volunteer in local communities.

KnowHow2Go-A nation-wide campaign created with the purpose to increase college access across the United States.

LCANs (Local College Access Networks)- Local networks that link K-12, college, and community to build college positive communities.

MCAN (Michigan College Access Network)- Located in Lansing, MI the MCAN strives to create and connect LCANs to stakeholders in their communities to create college going communities across Michigan.