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Catch the excitement of the Fall 2021 Semester

Returning to the classroom after the summer break is always an exciting time for faculty and students alike, especially those attending college for the first time. The Fall 2021 Semester will be no different, but the enthusiasm will be accompanied by class formats and protocols developed to ensure the health and safety of all.

Fall classes will begin Aug. 23 at Macomb, with most being delivered remotely (students attend at times convenient to them) or virtually (live) in an online format. The only classes that will be delivered on campus during the fall semester will be those with a lab or similar component that requires hands-on learning. Review the [class formats](#) for complete details or search for the same at www.macomb.edu. To assist students in making a smooth transition from on-campus to online

classes, Macomb offers a variety of resources, including an online help desk and virtual library and tutoring services. All of these resources can be accessed through Macomb's Virtual Campus.

While it has been an adjustment for Macomb's current students, many have found that taking classes online is both easier and more convenient than when they attended on campus.

"I actually like my classes being online," says Paulina Gjergji, who earned a Medical Assistant certificate from Macomb and is now pursuing an associate degree in the same while working full time at a doctor's office. "It has given me the ability to do my assignments on my own time after spending time with my family and after work."

MONARCHS REIGN! Women's basketball team heads to national tournament



Finishing up an 11-0 season, Macomb's women's basketball team took the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Great Lakes District A Championship against Mott Community College, 100 to 44, on April 10 and are now off to the National Junior College Athletic Association District II tournament for the second time in as many seasons.

Jay Ritchie, Macomb's head women's basketball coach, (far left in photo) has led the Monarchs to 43 consecutive victories over multiple seasons and was named MCCAA Co-Coach of the Year.

As Macomb News was in production, the #5 seeded Monarchs had to bow out of the nationals, where they would have faced the #12 seeded Central Community College Tritons, because of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. But they still reign in the eyes of fans, family and coaches.

Get a head start on your college success at Macomb

The Office of Career Services is holding a College Prep Week Aug. 2-6 to help prepare first-year students for their studies at Macomb.

Topics to be covered are:

- **August 2**
Time Management and Learning Strategies
- **August 3**
Textbook Reading Strategies and Skills
- **August 4**
Test-Taking Skills and Academic Integrity and, Plagiarism
- **August 5**
Composing a Research Paper, and Projects and Oral Presentations
- **August 6**
Critical Thinking and Motivation and, Anti-Procrastination

Each of the free sessions will run from 10am-12:30pm and will also include different presentations each day on: Counseling and Academic Advising, Financial Aid, Student Options for Success and Mentorships, Learning Centers, Reading and Writing Studios, and Student Life and Leadership. To register for College Prep Week, contact careerservices@macomb.edu.

Alumna is saving grace for injured/orphaned wildlife



Erica Zuhlke is shown here with an injured opossum that she is caring for until it can be released back into its natural habitat.

Between her full-time job as a Lapeer County Animal Control officer and running Critter Crossing, her nonprofit wildlife rehab, Erica Zuhlke doesn't have much time for vacations. The last one she took was to South Africa, where she volunteered for two weeks at a wildlife refuge.

"The most rewarding part is being an advocate for animals when they need it most," says Zuhlke, who graduated from Macomb's Veterinary Technician program in 2015. "Having the opportunity to 'right the wrongs' for those affected animals isn't always easy, but it's always worth it."

Admissions information at your fingertips

Macomb's Office of Admissions and Outreach is holding a virtual event in May for graduating high school seniors interested in starting at Macomb in the fall.

Getting Started at Macomb will be held on Thursday, May 13, from 7-8 pm. Teri Pagano, an admissions representative, will walk students and their parents through the application process, providing additional information on degree and certificate programs, Counseling and Academic Advising Services and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

[Register now](#) for *Getting Started at Macomb* or search for Fall 2021 Classes at www.macomb.edu. A Zoom link will be sent to you after you register.

For those who missed the virtual *Financial Aid Night* in April, it will be repeated on Thursday, May 27, from 7-8 pm. Sarah Williams and Angela Huffman, from Admissions and the Financial Aid Office, will provide students and parents with in-depth information on the financial aid process, Federal Work-Study opportunities, private scholarships and more.

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