Students shouldn’t wait to be admitted to apply for financial aid! As soon as possible after Jan. 1, students and families should complete the 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (visit fafsa.gov and use U-M federal school code 002325) to be considered for federal aid. Entering students also complete the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE (student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile) to be considered for U-M grants and scholarships. Use U-M's CSS code 1839. File early to receive an aid offer by the May 1 enrollment deposit deadline. Deadlines and more at: finaid.umich.edu/new-undergraduates

Check out the Net Price Calculator!

Not sure what type of student aid you’ll qualify for? Check out the U-M Net Price Calculator. Powered by the College Board, this tool can be used by all students and uses current U-M tuition, housing, and other costs to offer an estimate of what it will cost to attend U-M. You may qualify for U-M and federal Pell grants (money that is not repaid) as well as federal loans and Work-Study options.

Learn more here: npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/umich

Scholarship information

Explore a variety of private scholarship search engines at: finaid.umich.edu/private-scholarships.

Follow the Scholarship links at finaid.umich.edu/about-scholarships for more information about the types of scholarships offered at U-M.

Keep your finances on track

Dreams are possible if you are savvy about managing your money. “Your Money Your Life” is a personal finance website operated by the U-M Office of Financial Aid that offers tips about budgeting and putting yourself on a path to a secure financial future. Visit us at: sites.google.com/a/umich.edu/your-money-your-life

Source: National Association for College Admission Counseling and the University of Michigan

Erica L. Sanders named Director

Erica L. Sanders has been named director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Michigan, reporting to Dr. Kedra Ishop, associate vice president for enrollment management.

Ms. Sanders moves into this role from her previous position as interim director following the 2014 departure of long-time executive director Ted Spencer. She has served in multiple roles with increasing responsibility in the office of undergraduate admissions, most recently as managing director.

Special information from the Executive Director of Financial Aid

Students planning to enroll in college in fall 2017 will be able to complete important financial aid forms earlier than ever, positioning you to play an even more vital role in helping families navigate an often challenging process.

For the first time, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, becomes available on Oct. 1, three months earlier than previous years. Students entering college in fall 2017 will use data from the 2015 tax year, one year earlier than in the past. This change is sometimes called “prior-prior year.” The FAFSA allows students to be considered for federal student aid, including loans, Pell grants and federal Work-Study awards.

According to advice from the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), you should be aware of the following considerations as you work closely with students and families:

Early outreach is critical. Let students and families know that the FAFSA form will become available on Oct. 1. Ensuring that current juniors receive information prior to leaving school for the summer, as well as equipping seniors with information at the start of the school year, are examples of actions you could implement.

This change will streamline the process for most families. Because 2015 tax data will be used, families won’t have to worry about estimating their income or correcting it later. In addition, the shift to older tax information means that more applicants will be able to use the IRS data-retrieval tool, which automatically pulls in tax data to populate the FAFSA. This will minimize the time needed to file for financial aid.

The University of Michigan will still require the CSS/PROFILE. This application allows U-M to consider students for university grants, which is gift aid that is not repaid. This online form also becomes available Oct. 1.

How aid is awarded. Be sure your students understand the difference between estimated and official award packages. The University of Michigan estimates some financial aid awards first, then sends official aid awards once aid applications are fully reviewed; some applicants will be asked to submit additional documents as part of the application process. Award notices are revised once the U-M Board of Regents sets tuition rates in late June.

Source: National Association for College Admission Counseling and the University of Michigan
SCHOOL OF NURSING

School of Nursing finds a new home

The new School of Nursing building isn’t just another pretty building on U-M’s beautiful campus. It was designed with student needs as the number one priority, from its high-tech simulations to its small-group classroom workstations that foster group-based learning. Students get hands-on experience in the technologically advanced clinical learning equipment, skills labs, and hospital-replicated patient suites. Classrooms can even go global with videoconferencing equipment to connect to nursing peers in Haiti, India, and beyond.

The many student nooks provide comfortable places to study and give the new building a homey feeling, while open interaction areas give students a place to work together. This variety of cozy and immense, independent and collaborative learning environments gives students the well-rounded opportunities and spaces they need as they become leaders in health care.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The Wilson Center launches students forward

Recently renovated and expanded, the Wilson Student Team Project Center houses a variety of co-curricular design teams and projects from the Multidisciplinary Design Program. The 20,000-square-foot space empowers student teams by providing a facility in which they can apply practical knowledge, enhance engineering theories, and experience hands-on development and fabrication. These diverse groups design and build everything from cars, robots, submarines, aircraft, rockets, and Mars rovers to technologies to improve health, communication, and energy efficiency in the developing world.

Whether for the newly created Electric Motorcycle team or the award-winning Solar Car team—celebrating its 25th anniversary—the Wilson Center furnishes groups with a unique opportunity to interact with one another, share ideas, and showcase their projects. Learn more at teamprojects.engin.umich.edu/webcams.

SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY

New Career Development Center opens

The School of Kinesiology is proud to announce the grand opening of its new Career Development Center, which offers services to both undergraduate and graduate students. Events for winter semester include resume, cover letter, and personal statement writing workshops; mock interview sessions; an alumni speaker series; and a networking and recruiting career fair. Individual advising appointments are also available.

COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

Barger Leadership Institute takes learning beyond the classroom

As future leaders, LSA graduates will face a complex and globalized world in which even the most local decisions and solutions will involve collaboration and innovation. The Barger Leadership Institute helps students take the lead and prepare for 21st-century demands through support for student-initiated projects, global experiences, leadership labs, and more.

LSA offers new major in Gender and Health

LSA’s new major in Gender and Health in the Department of Women’s Studies will complement and expand on the existing minor, offering a critical, feminist analysis of research, practice, and policies concerning health and gender. Specifically, the new major will allow students to examine the intersections of social categories, such as gender, race/ethnicity, social class, and sexuality, with conceptualizations of health, healthcare delivery, and health policies.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE

New EXCEL program helps build skills

The new SMTD EXCEL program (Excellence in Entrepreneurship, Career Empowerment & Leadership) blends entrepreneurship with career services offerings to help all SMTD students envision their professional futures, and then build the skills they need to achieve those goals.

Our motto is to foster Excellence in Action! We prioritize hands-on learning and offer multiple ways for students to connect with our programming, including:

- One-on-one career coaching sessions
- Frequent workshops on resume and interview preparation, the job search, DIY marketing, and other practical topics
- Residencies by dynamic arts entrepreneurs
- Funding for students through our performing arts venture incubator (the EXCELerator)
- Mini courses on specific facets of the music industry
- Practicum courses that count towards the cross-campus entrepreneurship minor (on community engagement and record company workshop)
- A hub of resources, including connections to internships, related student organizations, additional funding, and more!

To learn more visit: music.umich.edu/excel or feel free to email: smtd-excel@umich.edu
TAUBMAN COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING

Taubman College planning to expand

The Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning will see an upgrade and expansion of its facilities by fall 2017. When complete, the A. Alfred Taubman Wing will consist of 36,000 gross square feet and include new studio space, faculty offices, a new classroom, student support spaces, and multipurpose commons space for the presentation of academic projects and events. In 1999, Mr. Taubman donated $30 million to the College of Architecture and Urban Planning – one of the largest gifts in the history of the University of Michigan and the largest ever to a school of architecture at the time. In recognition of this significant gift, the college was renamed in his honor.

OTHER NEWS

Four years of English required for all U-M applicants

Just a reminder that all students applying to the University of Michigan, no matter what their course of study, are required to show four years of high school English credits. This coursework is in addition to the two years of a foreign language required by all U-M schools and colleges. As a liberal arts institution readying its students for a global world, U-M prepares all its graduates to write and communicate effectively. We need high school counselors’ help to make sure incoming students have a strong foundation in these language skills.

Resources for students with disabilities

If you have students with disabilities who are considering or have been admitted to U-M, an important part of their college decisions may include knowing the services available to them on campus. For learning disabilities, chronic health conditions, mental health conditions, or visual, hearing, or mobility impairments, our Services for Students with Disabilities office is standing by, ready to help you and your students understand the academic and student support services that would be available at the University of Michigan. Accommodations and services are free of charge to students who register with SSD, and are arranged through a disability coordinator. If you’d like more information, contact the SSD from 8am–5pm Monday through Friday at 734-763-3000, or ssdoffice@umich.edu.

Victors magazine

The Spring 2016 Victors magazine has been mailed to all admitted students. Please check it out and encourage your students to participate in the Instagram contest for so they can win prizes!

7TH SEMESTER GRADES

For students from whom we’ve requested 7th semester grades, please let them know they can do that through the Common App, or send to transcripts@umich.edu.

#UMCHAT

Admitted students can join in our Twitter chat from 6-7 pm on April 6. They can tweet questions to @umichadmissions using #UMchat.

AP SCORES

Please remind your juniors to have their AP scores sent to the University of Michigan.