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Madonna University is Now a Kalamazoo Promise School

LIVONIA, Mich. – The Kalamazoo Promise and the Michigan Colleges Alliance (MCA) recently formed a partnership on behalf of Kalamazoo Promise eligible students. Beginning in fall of 2015, students may use their Kalamazoo Promise scholarship to attend Madonna University and any of the other MCA liberal arts colleges and universities.

In each case, tuition and fees will be fully and jointly funded by [The Kalamazoo Promise](#) and the MCA member institution. The Kalamazoo Promise will fund at the level of the undergraduate average tuition and fees for the College of Literature, Science and Arts at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The MCA member institution will cover any difference between that amount and the amount of its yearly tuition and fees.

Janice M. Brown, board member for The Kalamazoo Promise, said, “This opportunity for Promise scholars is a true measure of access and equity. The addition of these 15 institutions will increase the number of eligible Promise schools to 58 throughout Michigan.”

“The existing Promise institutions, led by Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo Valley Community College (which currently serve more than 60 percent of Promise Scholars) have done a tremendous job in welcoming, supporting and providing programs at considerable effort and cost.” Brown added, “These colleges are wonderful models of how to support The Kalamazoo Promise student, and the strategies they have developed are benefitting all of their students.”

Bob Bartlett, CEO of the Michigan Colleges Alliance, said, “This partnership truly is a winning proposition for all. Promise scholars will benefit from increased college choice throughout the state, and MCA colleges and universities will be enriched by having these deserving students on their campuses. We are grateful to The Kalamazoo Promise for creating this opportunity.”

MCA member institutions include Adrian College, Albion College, Alma College, Andrews University, Aquinas College, Calvin College, Hillsdale College, University of Detroit Mercy, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Madonna University, Marygrove College, Olivet College, Siena Heights University, and Spring Arbor University.

About Michigan Colleges Alliance: MCA works to strengthen the shared capacity of 15 leading independent, four-year colleges and universities grounded in a liberal arts and sciences tradition, to broaden college choice in Michigan, support access to MCA campuses for students and families, and foster career outcomes for MCA graduates.

For more information about The Kalamazoo Promise, please contact Bob Jorth, executive director, 269-337-0037, email bjorth@kalamazoopromise.com or Von Washington, executive director of community relations, 269-488-3577 email vwashington@kalamazoopromise.com

About Madonna: A liberal arts education, career preparation and service-learning been the hallmarks of [Madonna University](#) for more than 75 years. In addition to the beautiful main campus, conveniently located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, Madonna offers academic programs in Gaylord, Macomb, Southwest Detroit, and online. Michigan's most affordable independent Catholic liberal arts university offers more than 100 undergraduate and 35 graduate programs in the colleges of arts and humanities, science and mathematics, social sciences, education, and nursing and health, as well as the School of Business and the Graduate School.

To learn more about Madonna University, or to schedule a tour, contact Candice Stegink at 734-432-5318, or cstegink@madonna.edu.