

YOUR PREMIERE  
INFORMATION  
SOURCE

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Familiarize yourself with our newsletter sections
- Learn how you can contribute your voice to the organization
- Understand MECA's Vision, Purpose, Values & Benefits
- Advertise your organization with us

INSIDE  
THIS ISSUE:

Golden Apple 2  
Poll Results

MECA Reads 2

Top Ten Tips 2

All Stats, All  
the Time 3

Events 3

MECA Voices 3

State Focus 4

# MECA



Midwest Educators of Color Association

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

## MECA Is Launched!

Welcome to MECA. You've made the right step towards satisfying your professional needs in the areas of networking, professional development, and employment advancement.

The 2008-2009 school year marks the launch of MECA— a vision of several educators working and living in the Midwest that has come to fruition.

The purpose of this quarterly newsletter is to

provide specialized information to educators of color and their employers in the Midwest-



MECA, the Information Source for Midwest Educators of Color & Employers

ern region of the United States— *so that all learners*

*may achieve at high levels.*

This first, mini issue is designed to help familiarize our readers with some common themes that will be highlighted in our newsletter publication and may be seen on a regular basis.

In future issues, this section will include our lead story that is most pressing in the region.

Please enjoy this introductory issue as our compliment to all of you.

## SUCCESS STORIES

Part of professional satisfaction comes with intentional celebration of our collective successes that are made along the way. This section will highlight stories about educators and students throughout the region, sometimes featuring individuals, organizations, or programs.





MECA Members-  
Helping to shape  
our World!

*MECA enhances  
the professional  
image of its  
members through  
collaborations  
with other  
organizations that  
share mutual  
interests.*

Tell Your  
Colleagues  
About the  
Benefits of  
MECA  
Today!



MECA

# Polls

What we care about!

MECA will poll its members periodically on specified topics of interest and post the results here in future sections of the newsletter.

This will empower us to express what our collective values and interests are across the region so that we can better identify and communicate trends amongst our colleagues and help our employers to serve us better.

In the future, be sure to respond to MECA generated...

## Golden Apple Polls



# MECA Recommended Reads

This section is for our book lovers.

Learn what the hottest reads are in the field as MECA sees it.

Know of any good reads? We want to hear from our members. Submit your recommendation for the "MECA Recommended Read" section to us at:

[recommendation@mecasource.org](mailto:recommendation@mecasource.org)



# Top Ten Tips for...

Just-in-Time and Quick Tips can be found here in future sections.

As educators, there's a lot that we can learn from each other. Often, with just a small bit of

advice, we can find ourselves experiencing more successes, more often.

The purpose of "Top Ten Tips" is intended to provide our readers with little things that can make a big difference, simple advice that can be practiced in the

learning environment. each day.

Sometimes this bulleted section will focus on useful tips for staff and other times it will lend a helpful voice to employers. Either way, this easy read is sure to be of benefit to all!

# All Stats, All the Time



Show me the numbers! If you're into facts & figures, then this is definitely the section for you.

Here, you'll enjoy reading about statistical findings, quantitative research, and assessment data that is all pertinent to today's field of education.

Enjoy summaries, charts, graphs, and other visual organizers surrounding the current, quarterly issue's topic of focus.

This illuminating data section can be used by anyone to help facilitate informed discussions at your school, district, or college since it's made to be user-friendly for all—including our more qualitative type members.

Fasten your seatbelts, it's time to take a data ride!

## Events

Get involved, stay to date! In future issues, this section will list ways in which you can become more involved to advance yourself and the practices found in the field of education. Whether it be profes-

sional development or formal programs to advance your learning, conferences, workshops, or calls to action, the newsletter will highlight opportunities that will help to strengthen our voices.



- MECA Benefits:**
- Professional Development
  - Social Events
  - Resources
  - Status
  - Employment Services

## MECA Voices

We want to hear from you! This section is reserved for articles written for us, by us. Please write "Article Submission" in the subject line of your e-mail and submit your writing (1,000 words or less) to: [submissions@mecasource.org](mailto:submissions@mecasource.org) MECA Members only please!



# MECA



Midwest Educators of Color Association

## The Employment Powerhouse!

MECA  
PO BOX 2224  
Maple Grove, MN  
55311

Call Now:  
Phone: 763-350-9040  
E-mail: [admin@mecasource.org](mailto:admin@mecasource.org)

## Helping to shape our world!

Advertise your Organization Here & Post Openings on MECA's Website, Contact Us Today!

**Vision:** To become the preferred clearinghouse for educators of color and their employers across the nation.

**Purpose:** To provide focused services for educators of color and institutions of learning located throughout the Midwestern region of the United States so that all learners may achieve at high levels.

### Core Values:

Integrity– Always aligning our actions with our values and purpose.

Excellence– Continually improving on our provision of accurate, timely, and supportive services to MECA educators and employers.

Innovation– Listen attentively to the needs of all that we serve and employ thoughtful, creative, and researched methods to fulfill our purpose.



## This Issue's Focus: YOUR STATE HERE

MECA is committed to providing supportive services for current educators and those who are interested in serving students at institutions of learning located throughout the Midwestern region of the United States- *so that all learners may achieve at high levels.*

In each quarterly newsletter publication, this section will select a state within the region to focus on. Here, MECA will highlight what's happening with students, staff, and programs in PreK-12 and higher education institutions and settings.

