The Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program at Michigan State University is pleased to present

**Leadership & Mentorship: Impacting Higher Education with Meaningful Intersections**

**Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz**  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
Madonna University

Over the last seventeen years, Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz has worked in functional areas across Academic and Student Affairs including academic advising, grants administration, learning resource centers, multicultural affairs, new student programs, residence life, student life, and student support services. Affectionately known as “Dr. Connie”, she serves as Vice President for Student Affairs and Adjunct Faculty for Collaborative Studies at Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan.

She has created dozens of student retention initiatives at Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Madonna University, while consulting at institutions across the country. For local, regional, and national American organizations, she is a training and facilitation consultant and motivational speaker on student retention, mentorship development, leadership sustainability, and program organization. Dr. Connie has been a Lead Trainer for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, the largest college scholarship program in the world, and a national college leadership training program sponsored by OCA, a national non-profit organization, and State Farm Insurance Inc.

While at Michigan State University, she received two institutional Excellence in Diversity Awards for her work with the Council for Racial Ethnic Students in 1991 and later individually in 1994. She was recognized by both a Concurrent Resolution No. 643 in 1994 and a Special Tribute in 1999 from the State of Michigan Senate for her contributions to Michigan higher education. Honored with the 2010 National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) API Knowledge Community Outstanding Mentor award, she has been devoted to developing students and professionals in higher education.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, a Master of Arts in College and University Administration, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration from Michigan State University.

**Date:**  
Thursday,  
January 13th

**Location:**  
MSU Union – Parlor C

**Time:**  
1:30 p.m.

To RSVP, if you require special accommodations, or for more information, please contact Kyle Carter at carte207@msu.edu or 517-432-6083.

The Raines Colloquium honors the significant contributions of Emeritus Professor Max Raines to the department, the college, the university, and the field of student affairs in higher education. A national leader in his field, Dr. Raines was also a critical figure in creating a strong academic and professional foundation for MSU’s nationally recognized programs in student affairs, adult education, and higher education.