

The "Roundtable" Roundup



Membership Information:

The updated contact information for Roundtable Participants can be found at www.pasfaa.org/wpacsr.

Attendance:

There were 14 folks in attendance at the November 14, 2017, Roundtable meeting at IUP Northpointe. Kameron Branson, Goodwill/Youthworks; Linda Ebel, Citizens School of Nursing; Mary Fry, The College Board; Mike Hambrick, North Allegheny HS; Bridgette Kennedy-Riske, Bidwell Training Center; Katie Koncar, IUP; Tammy Manko, IUP (speaker); Patti McCarthy, IUP; Kim McCurdy, PHEAA; Shari Payne, Waynesburg University; Melony Ohalek, Sallie Mae; Sam Rapp, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild; Peggy Schmiedecke, LaRoche College; Heather Stevens, Goodwill/Youthworks.

Old Business:

Committee Reports

Mini-Grant/Transition: Kim applied for a mini grant, on behalf of the WPACSR, through the PittServes Office at University of Pittsburgh. After attending the Basic Collegiate Needs Dialogue in early October, attendees were given the opportunity to apply for \$500 toward programming to assist students. If awarded, we plan to use the funding to host another student transition program, this time at the AIU3 with the possibility of expansion to schools across

Allegheny County. Deadline for submission was last week, so we will keep you posted.

CSF 2018: Will be held on February 6, 2018, at RMU in Moon Township. Call for Session Proposals has ended and we received a wide variety and selection to choose from. If you would like to participate on the CSF planning committee, please contact Kim McCurdy at kmccurdy@pheaa.org. We will be putting together the agenda shortly, followed by a Save the Date announcement and then registration availability at Christmas.

Executive Council: We still need the following representatives for the Executive Council as we continue down the path for sustainability of our organizations.

- President-Elect - vacant
- PACAC Liaison – vacant

Michael is currently working on the Constitution and we will be adopting it at a future meeting. If you would like to volunteer for the President-Elect position or the PACAC Liaison, please let Kim know as soon as possible and we can get you looped in.

New Business:

Speaker – Dr. Tammy Manko – Director of Career Development at IUP – Dr. Manko is a friend of the Roundtable and has spoken to us before. She did not disappoint with her presentation on body language. We learned what it all means and how we can utilize our understanding of body language to better communicate in our jobs and with our students. Dr. Manko has provided her slides in case you want to take a look at what you missed. Very interesting stuff.



The Powerful Effects
of Body Language-Cc

PACAC Update:

Scholarship: The PACAC Scholarship applications are available. Student submissions are due January 15 and counselor recommendations are due February 1. See <http://www.pacac.org/pacac-scholarship> for details and applications.

PPALC: PACAC and PASFAA are co-sponsoring an Advocacy Leadership Credential program beginning in January. Click on the flyer for more information. Registration will be available on Dec. 1. See http://www.pacac.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=124:ALC-Program&catid=20:site-content&Itemid=164 for specific details.

Advocacy Leadership Credential

The Advocacy Leadership Credential is an opportunity to learn from professionals in Harrisburg, PA. You will gain valuable insights from legislative and business leaders in your local state and federal legislative and business sectors. Through a series of learning sessions, PACAC and PASFAA members will give the opportunity to engage with legislative and industry experts in their local area and develop a plan to promote public policy change. Participants will receive a Recognition Certificate, an Honor of Completion, and Recognition at the PACAC and PASFAA conferences in June and October respectively.

Registration will be available on December 1. Complete 3 of the 4 sessions PLUS a capstone visit to receive your credential.

- Session 1 – What is Advocacy? Attend in person at the Western PA College Success Roundtable meeting on January 9 or complete the webinar on January 17.
- Session 2 – Secondary School Issues Register for and attend the webinar on February 23.
- Session 3 – Postsecondary School Issues Register for and attend the webinar on March 14.
- Session 4 – How to Conduct a Legislative Visit Attend the webinar on April 18 or the College Access Forum in Harrisburg on May 21 (the best session of the day will meet this requirement).

All sessions will be held in 2018. See the flyer for the complete agenda. Session attendance and credential requirements can be found on the registration page, which will be available November 1. Please contact us for details at alumni@pacac.org or info@pasfaa.org. For more information or with questions.

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The College Board – Mary Fry provided some updates for the group.

- In the future, fee waivers won't have an expiration date.
- Also, SAT School Days are scheduled for March 7 and 21, and April 10 and 24.
- Four free score reports will be provided on the answer sheet and students will still get an additional 2 waivers.
- Don't forget about the Khan Academy partnership.

Contact Lacey Bonner at lbanner@collegeboard.org if you have any questions or need additional information from the College Board.

Sallie Mae: Melony said Sallie Mae will be announcing their employee sponsored scholarship winners soon. Additionally, they have produced a FAFSA completion one-sheeter that you can order, free of charge, to help encourage your students to file their FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA ASAP. Click on the document to take a closer look and email Melony if you would like a supply of the document at melony.ohalek@salliemae.com.

WIN BIG FOR COLLEGE

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) playbook for high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students

GAME ON! FAFSA
OCTOBER 01, 2017

Kickoff
Join the records and record, including 2018, the status, from all institutions, and overall from all institutions, before you begin.

Team huddle
When it comes to the FAFSA, parents, counselors, and financial aid administrators can help your college students with their application.

Watch for trick plays
You never need to pay for the FAFSA. It's always FREE and available only at fafsa.gov.

Be the first to score
Apply first and it's awarded first-come, first-served. As soon as your FAFSA application is accepted after October 1st, you win.

Touchdown!
Submit your FAFSA and see if you're eligible for federal, state, or college-based aid. Remember to fill out the FAFSA each year you're in college or graduate school.

FAFSA GAME STATS	
Who:	For the who filed on the FAFSA in 2017
By:	average time it takes to file (at 10:45 AM PST)
Cost:	amount of federal financial aid awarded
Cost:	back-to-back back-to-back back-to-back

GET READY FOR GAME TIME AT SALLIEMAE.COM/FAFSA

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Scholarship Opportunity: As mentioned, there is a scholarship for students sponsored by the Central Scholarship and Loan Referral Service of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Please see the information attached. The scholarship application period is now open. Contact Alayne Lowenberger at alowenberger@jfcspgh.org or visit <http://www.centralscholarship.org> for more information.



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Reimagining Career Readiness: A Regional Showcase: Sam, Kim, and Antonietta represented the Roundtable and MCG at the showcase to highlight our Student Transition Forum which took place this past summer. Sam put together a book with the program outline for folks to peruse and we showcased the wonderful handouts we provided to students along with the MySmartBorrowing Program highlighted in one of the breakout sessions. This was a great opportunity to show the efforts of our group and how we are collaborating for our students' success.



Bidwell Training Center – Bridgette mentioned that Bidwell offers free postsecondary training options for students. Contact them for more information. See attachment.



bidwell training
center.pdf



SAVE THE DATE: The 6th Annual College Success Forum will be held on February 6, 2018, at Robert Morris University in Moon Township. The program will be held at Yorktown Hall which is just up the street from the main campus while the new UPMC Events Center is being built (which replaces Sewall where we used to meet). Stay tuned for a program agenda and Save the Date followed by Registration. <http://rmu.edu/about-rmu/moon>

Future Roundtable Meetings

- Tuesday, January 9, 2018; 10 a.m. – noon; Pittsburgh Technical College, 1111 McKee Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
- Tuesday, March 13, 2018; 10 a.m. – noon; TBD
- Tuesday, May 15, 2018; 10 a.m. – noon; La Roche College

If your group or organization can host a meeting (must be able to provide free parking) please let Peggy Schmiedecke know as we finalize the locations for this year.
peggy.schmiedecke@laroche.edu

Thanks so much to Dr. Patti McCarthy and IUP Northpointe for hosting our group. Special thanks to Dr. Tammy Manko for her willingness to provide professional development opportunities to our membership. We appreciate you!