

The "Roundtable" Roundup



Membership Information:

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

Attendance:

There were 29 folks in attendance at the January 9, 2018, Roundtable meeting at Pittsburgh Technical College. Jasmine Berena, Seneca Valley HS; Kameron Branson, Goodwill/Youthworks; Dave DeBor, Carnegie Mellon University; Sophia Duck, The Mentoring Partnership; Wendy Dunlap, PHEAA; Linda Ebel, Citizens School of Nursing; Denise Fisher, PTC; Joe Fraas, Gateway HS; Mike Hambrick, North Allegheny HS; Jayeann Harr, PHEAA; Stephanie Hendershot, RMU; Seth Hufford, NextGen: Pittsburgh; Lorie Johnson-Osho, Grove City College; Katie Koncar, IUP; Melan Leonardo, PSU Greater Allegheny; Patti McCarthy, IUP; Kim McCurdy, PHEAA; Melony Ohalek, Sallie Mae; Grace Oxley, Homewood Children's Village; Laura Papcunik, St. Francis University; Shari Payne, Waynesburg University; Sam Rapp, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild; Stanley Rapp (speaker) Greenlee Associates; Alec Rieger, NextGen: Pittsburgh and iLab; Karla Romero, Slippery Rock Univ.; Peggy Schmiedecke, LaRoche College; Maureen Shaw, Clairton HS; Kelly Spanos, DHS - Office of Behavioral Health; Heather Stevens, Goodwill/Youthworks.

Old Business:

Committee Reports

Mini-Grant/Transition: We were awarded a \$500 mini-grant from PittServes and we will use the funding to buy lunch for students at the next Student Transition Forum. The committee is being formed and a meeting will be set shortly to set a date and begin our planning. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please let me know at kmccurdy@pheaa.org so I can get you included.

CSF 2018: Will be held on February 6, 2018, at RMU in Moon Township. Please register at www.surveymonkey.com/r/csfregistration2018. A program agenda can be viewed at the registration link. We are currently at 155 registrants and will cut off registrations at 220 (RMU can accommodate 208).

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

We will try to have the Constitution and By-Laws available for the March Roundtable meeting and then we will vote on them at the May meeting.

New Business:

Speaker – Mr. Stanley Rapp, Lobbyist, Greenlee Associates – Mr. Rapp spoke to the group about the dos and don'ts of lobbying, what's happening in Harrisburg, and we appreciated his frankness and candor. I've attached some notes that I took regarding his talk and his recommendations to conduct a legislative visit.



Speaker Notes
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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. The Roundtable meeting was eligible for the first session. The first webinar, again with Mr. Rapp, will be held on 1/17/18. You may register for that or any of the other webinars to participate at www.pacac.org/alc-program.

PASFAA Update:

Spring Training will be held for members on March 13 at Kutztown University in the east and on March 15 at Slippery Rock University in the west. Support Staff Training will be held on those dates as well.

Sallie Mae Graduate Scholarship Program:

Between *January 10, 2018 and February 14, 2018*, Sallie Mae® is accepting applications for a **\$20,000 Bridging the Dream Scholarship for Graduate Students**. This includes college seniors, prospective graduate students and current graduate students who plan to enroll in at least half-time postgraduate study for the entire 2018-2019 academic year.

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Job Postings – A few schools mentioned they will have upcoming open positions. If your school or organization has a job posting that you would like me to share with our network, please email me the job posting information at kmccurdy@pheaa.org and I'm happy to pass it along.



- **Feb. 6, 2018 – College Success Forum at RMU.**
- **Feb. 8 and 9, 2018 – NACAC College Fair at DL Convention Center**
- **March 8, 2018 – Financial Literacy Workshop at AIU3/Sponsored by The Missing Semester**

Future Roundtable Meetings

- Tuesday, March 13, 2018; 10 a.m. – noon; Slippery Rock University, 1 Morrow Way, Slippery Rock, PA
- Tuesday, May 15, 2018; 10 a.m. – noon; La Roche College

Thanks so much to Ms. Denise Fisher and Pittsburgh Technical College for hosting our group. Special thanks to Mr. Stanley Rapp for his wiliness to travel out to Pittsburgh to share information on lobbying and the legislative process from an insider's perspective. Thanks to Sam Rapp from MCG for connecting us! We appreciate all of you for your support and efforts.