

The “Roundtable” Roundup



Membership Information:

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

Attendance:

The following people attended the March 12th Roundtable meeting at PIA:

Danielle Ball, La Roche College
Joanne Borgesi, American Association of University Women,
Jarrett Boxley, Clarion University of Pennsylvania,
Gina Carl, Breakthrough Pittsburgh
Sophia Duck, The Mentoring Partnership,
Wendy Dunlap, PHEAA
Linda Ebel, Citizens School of Nursing
Kimberly Eisel, West Liberty University
Denise Fisher, Pittsburgh Technical College
Joseph Fraas, Gateway High School
Erin Kennedy, La Roche College
Katie Koncar, IUP
Sherryl Lisco, La Roche College
Patricia McCarthy, IUP
Kimberly McCurdy, PHEAA
Sean Riffle, Job Corps
Marissa Rodriguez, Edinboro University
Karla Romero, Slippery Rock University
Peggy Schmiedecke, La Roche College
Marcia Sturdivant, NEED
Bishnu Timsina, Jewish Family and Children Center
Peggy Wheeler-Palloy, Pittsburgh Technical College
Dan Wray, PHEAA

Speakers:

Michelle Thomas, Director of Programs at The Mentoring Partnership

Ms. Thomas discussed the importance of creating a “natural mentoring” relationship that empowers students to become more confident, focused and skilled at identifying relationships that may assist them in achieving their scholastic/career goals. The programs benefits include stronger retention, life skills and strong emotional bonds. Most services are free and they provide training to colleges and universities. For more information email:

Info@mentoringpittsburgh.org

Andrea Stanford, Assistant County Manager for Allegheny County and Feyisola Alabi, Special Initiatives Manger, Office of Mayor Bill Peduto

Ms. Stanford and Ms. Alabi discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and the importance of completing the census to have an accurate count to ensure that resources for Allegheny County as well as Pennsylvania are maintained through federal funding. They asked for institutions to incorporate a message about the census in their current public formats, newsletters and other organization communication outreach. They discussed the misinformation concerning the census data sharing. They are available to speak at your campus/organization and may be reached at: andreastanford@allegheny.county.us and Feyisola.alabi@pittsburghpa.gov.

Committee Reports

College Success Forum: College Success Forum at RMU had over 100 attendees and we received positive feedback on the attendee survey. The next CSF is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at the same location, Yorktown Hall, RMU. All presentations are posted at: www.pasfaa.org/wpacsr



Future Roundtable Meetings

- May 14, 2019 – Indiana University of PA – Main Campus – Indiana, PA
- Watch for a date announcement for the upcoming Roundtable Retreat.
- January 28, 2020 - Yorktown Hall, RMU – College Success Forum.