# The "Roundtable" Roundup

December 5, 2019

2019 -2020

## **Looking Ahead to 2020**

As we wrap up 2019, I want to thank each of you for your participation in our Roundtable. Our September and November meetings featured terrific speakers and provided opportunities for us to interact professionally. Please mark your calendar for the College Success Forum and our upcoming meetings.

Kim McCurdy and I will be representing the Roundtable at PACAC's Statewide College Access Network on Friday, December 6 at PDE. We look forward to giving you an update on this event at our next meeting.

Wendy Dunlap, WPACSR President



### **Notes from Our November Meeting at Waynesburg University**

Speaker: Dr. Michelle Steimer, Assistant Professor of Counseling, Waynesburg University

Dr. Steimer shared information to assist our group with working alongside and with veterans.

Speaker: Dr. Karen Amrhein, Director Academic Success, California University of PA

Dr. Amrhein provided information about the FACTS Scholars Program designed to provide support and guidance for Cal U students who have had experience in foster care. FACTS Scholars are provided a support team of staff and faculty to assist them throughout their years at the university.

#### Additional Updates

Pennsylvania Targeted Industry Program – PHEAA announced an expansion of this grant program to include funding for approved health related professions. Applications and eligibility information available at PHEAA.org/Patip

## **Upcoming Events**

## College Success Forum

January 28, 2020 - Yorktown Hall, RMU - Registration is now open.

## Join us for one of our upcoming meetings:

January 14, 2020 –

La Roche University

March 17, 2020 -

Rosedale Technical College

May 12, 2020 -

Citizen's School of Nursing

Roundtable meetings are held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. RSVP to wdunlap@pheaa.org

# 8th Annual College Success Forum Register Today

The 8th Annual CSF will be held at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, PA, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Our keynote speaker is Mr. Saleem Ghubril, Executive Director of The Pittsburgh Promise. Additionally, we have 15 breakout sessions planned including:

- Curriculum Alignment for SAT/ACT Success
- Pittsburgh College Sponsorship Program -Job Corps
- Sustaining a Successful School Counseling Advisory Council
- Providing Support and Guidance to College Students with Foster Youth Experience
- Students Helping Students
- Majoring in Money
- Scholarships from the Pittsburgh Foundation
- What's New at ACT?
- · Stress and Challenges of School

- New Resources to Propel Your Students to College and Career Success
- Addressing the Skills Gap Through Applied Technology Education and Corporate Partnerships
- · Getting Familiar with 2018 Tax Returns to Complete the FAFSA
- NACAC's Code of Ethics and Professional Practices
- When Getting Students in the Door Is Not Enough: Advocating for Holistic Student Support
- College Readiness in PA in a Time of Changing Demographics

This program is free to attend and a continental breakfast and lunch are provided through sponsorship from the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education (PCHE), PA Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC), and Robert Morris University.

Please register at https://surveymonkey.com/r/CSFRegistration2020

Contact Kim McCurdy at kmccurdy@pheaa.org with any questions.

## **Student Success Forum**

**February 28, 2020** - Our upcoming Student Success Forum is scheduled for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Please email <a href="wdunlap@pheaa.org">wdunlap@pheaa.org</a> if you would like to donate items such as pens, stickers, bags or other promotional items with college logos for our student attendees.

#### **November Meeting Attendees**

Danielle Ball La Roche University
Laurie Bartolotta California University of PA
Karen Amrhein California University of PA

Tanya Baronti United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania

Tiffany Behanna California University of PA
Brian Beighley University of Pittsburgh
Shelly Brown PSU Greater Allegheny
Linda Cumer St. Stephens Academy

Amy Davis Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Cheryl DePaolis Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Megan Fahey Carnegie Mellon University

Denise Fisher Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh Technical College

Jayeann Harr PHEAA

Stephanie Hendershot Robert Morris University

Katie Koncar Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Sherryl Lisco La Roche University

Kimberly McCurdy PHEAA

Shari Payne Waynesburg University
Antonietta Riley City Charter High School Robinson

Idelia Confer California University of PA

Mike Rose CCAC South

Debra Seidenstricker Penn State Beaver

Mary Beth Seipp Douglas Education Center
Erica Vasquez City Charter High School
Erica Willis PSU Greater Allegheny

Dan Wray PHEAA

Traci York Douglas Education Center