

The "Roundtable" Roundup

March 18, 2021

2020 -2021 Academic Year



Thank you to our speakers for a successful March Western PA College Success Roundtable meeting


Our meeting featured: Dr. Kim McCurdy, Executive Assistant, Pennsylvania Dept of Education and Past President of the Roundtable. Dr. McCurdy lead a discussion titled **"Reviewing Your Year: Feeling Frustrated but Staying the Course Alone and Together"**. Please view her PPT for more information about the resources she shared with our group.

We also had a presentation from the League of Women Voters. Amy Kleissas, Director of Civic Education, Cynthia Cominsky, College/University Chair, and Dr. Jacqueline Cavalier, CCAC, discussed **"Why investing in informed, active young citizens is good for secondary/post-secondary education, but also is essential for our democracy"** with our group. Several resources were provided to the group and shared with the delivery of the Roundup.

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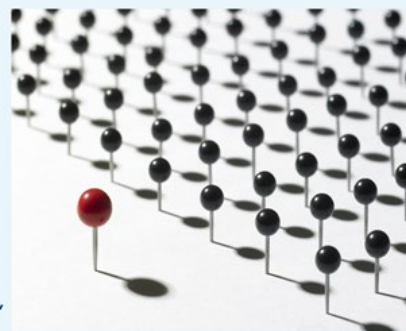
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League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh

Civic Education in Schools and Community

Amy Kleissas, Chair

"Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy"



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WPACSR Student Transition Forum on March 26th

March 26, 9am-11am

What should you know about life after high school? Join us for information on what's next.

High school students are invited to attend this virtual mini conference on the transition from high school to college/career. Sessions include presenters from universities, technical schools and young adults who have already graduated from high school.

Gene Natali, author of *The Missing Semester*, and *The Missing Second Semester*, will be the keynote speaker. Each participating student will receive a copy of his book, *The Missing Second Semester*.

There is no fee to participate.

We are asking that teachers and counselors register students for this program. There is no minimum or maximum number for registration.

Registration - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/student-transition-forum-tickets-139455239375>

Join us for our May 11th Roundtable Webinar



We are looking forward to our next Roundtable webinar at 10 am on May 11th. Please watch for your invitation to register to attend our final regular meeting of the academic year. This meeting will focus on opportunities for our region's secondary students. Our featured speakers will be:

- **Joyce E. Cirelli**, Community College of Beaver County, Dean of High School Academies & Dual Enrollment
- **Karla Stallworth**, School 2 Career Program Director, Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC)

March 24th FAFSA Overview

Join Wendy Dunlap and Fran McKeown on March 24th at 6:30 PM (ET) for a free webinar event where they'll guide students and families through the process of filing the #FAFSA.

Register now at pheaa.org/virtual



Thank you to all of the speakers that have volunteered their time to be a part of our meetings this year. If you have an interest in speaking at a future meeting or want to recommend a speaker for a topic, please reach out to:
Wendy.Dunlap@pheaa.org

Find more information at pasfaa.org/wpacsr

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- an educational institution (**.edu**)
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- a group with a purpose—research or business (**.org**)

Investigate the SOURCE



- WHO wrote it/sent it?
- WHY--for what purpose?
- WHAT was the goal/objective?
- WHEN was it written or sent?

Recognizing BIAS



- Does it have ALL the FACTS?
- Are key facts LEFT OUT--are there HALF-TRUTHS?
- Does it link to/reference OTHER SOURCES?

LABELING Instead of Informing



- Does it use "NAME-CALLING" and EXAGGERATION?"
- Does it INFLICT a NEGATIVE or POSITIVE image?
- Does it CREATE FEAR?

REPETITION



- REPETITION of false and/or unproven statements does not make them TRUE, no matter how many times they are repeated

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