

The “Roundtable” Roundup



We are a consortium of secondary and post-secondary schools, community and government organizations, focused on networking, collaborating, inspiring, and creating opportunities for students to achieve college success.

Join us for our November Meeting

November 9th at Rosedale Technical College 10 am – 12 pm

Natalie Olup, Educational Outreach Coordinator, at Rosedale Technical College will present on NC3 Mike Rowe Works - Work Ethic Certification that is available to high schools to teach students soft skills.

Dr. Ian Edwards, Assistant Vice President for Student Wellbeing and Director of Counseling Services at Duquesne University, will conduct an open dialogue to discuss some of the biopsychosocial effects that the pandemic has had upon college students. It will address several of the economic, psychological, and social challenges that students face and how university communities can help students navigate those challenges. An approach that involves integrating wellbeing programming into the classroom will be emphasized.

College Success Forum 2022

It's time to begin to plan our 2022 WPACSR College Success Forum. We are looking forward to having our membership come together for a full day of professional development on January 25th at Robert Morris University. There are several ways that you can help with supporting the CSF:

- Submit a session idea at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTFV3JB>
- Volunteer to help coordinate our College Success Forum.
- Invite your colleagues to the CSF.

Please RSVP to Wendy.Dunlap@pheaa.org if you are interested in volunteering at the CSF.



2021-22 Meeting Schedule

November 9, 2021 – Rosedale Technical College

January 11, 2022 – TBA

January 25, 2022 – College Success Forum at Robert Morris University

March 15, 2022 – La Roche University

May 10, 2022 – Allegheny Valley Hospital Citizen's School of Nursing

September 14th meeting highlights

September Meeting Featured Senior Survey from Niche.com

Will Patch, Enrollment Marketing Leader at Niche.com discussed the results of the 2021 Niche Senior Survey: College Search to Enrollment. Information was shared from the survey for our region and on a national level.

Jessica Sollon, Access and Early Engagement Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh shared information about the Pittsburgh Admissions Collaboration which is a partnership between Pittsburgh Public Schools, Community College of Allegheny County, and the University of Pittsburgh to help local high school students at University Prep, Westinghouse, Sci-Tech, and Allderdice become college and career ready.

Amy Sawdey, Higher Education Access Partner, PHEAA, provided information about PHEAA's new Financial Aid Webinar Series for Educators, PHEAA's annual Financial Aid Workshop for Educators and other webinar opportunities within our region.

Did you miss our webinar?

Click [here](#) to find information provided at prior meetings.

View September webinar [here](#) using password: Roundtable2022

News from Members

New Century Careers is accepting applications for the upcoming tuition-free machinist training class (M2K) that will start on October 4th. The daytime classes are Monday - Friday from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. The training location is on the South Side of Pittsburgh. NCC also offers evening classes in Pittsburgh and in Latrobe. Please contact Patrick Bendel, Special Projects/Outreach Coordinator at New Century Careers at (412) 258-6668 for more information.

Our Membership Continues to Grow

It has been exciting to see our membership continue to grow this year. Do you have a colleague that would like to join the Roundtable? Please have them email their contact information to:

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Join PHEAA on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:00 - 10:00 AM for these FREE webinars!

October 20th: *2022-23 FAFSA Overview and Updates*

November 17th: *Working with Homeless College Students in PA*

December 15th: *Understanding Public Service Loan Forgiveness*

January 19th: *Fostering Higher Education: Strategies for Student Success*

February 16th: *The FAFSA is Filed – What's Next?*

March 16th: *Career Transformation in the Trades*

April 20th: *Let Others Pay! Tips on Searching for Scholarships*

Register for any of the events at PHEAA.org/virtual.