

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.

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.

FAFSA Assistance – November 15th

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and the Community College of Allegheny (CCAC) are partnering to offer a virtual FAFSA Completion Workshop on Monday, November 15th, open to any high school student/family, where one on one assistance will be provided!

At 5 p.m., Amy Sawdey, PHEAA Higher Education Access Partner, will be hosting a FAFSA Overview Presentation, via WebEx, where she will guide students and families through a step-by-step process of filing the FAFSA and state grant application. To register for the **FAFSA Overview Presentation** click [here](#).

Following the presentation, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., CCAC financial aid counselors and PHEAA staff will be available to assist families one on one in completing the FAFSA and state grant form, via Zoom.

Limited space is available so advance registration is required. To register for the **One on One FAFSA Assistance** go [here](#).



2021-22 Meeting Schedule

- **January 11, 2022** – Virtual Meeting
- **January 25, 2022** – **College Success Forum** at Robert Morris University
- **March 15, 2022** – TBA
- **May 10, 2022** – Allegheny Valley Hospital Citizen's School of Nursing

November 9th Meeting Highlights

November Meeting Featured Junior Achievement, NC3 Mike Rowe Works and the new Pa Student Loan Relief for Nurses

Natalie Olup, Educational Outreach Coordinator, Rosedale Technical College discussed Mike Rowe Works: <https://www.mikeroweworks.org/about/> and the NC3 Partnership: <https://www.nc3.net/2020/10/30/koch-partners-with-the-mikeroweworks-foundation-wsu-tech-and-nc3-to-launch-a-work-ethic-certification-nationwide/>

For more information about NC3 Mike Rowe Works - Work Ethic Certification for your students, contact: Natalie Olup, M.Ed at natalie.olup@rosedaletech.org

Nicki Sliko, Director of Programs for Junior Achievement of Western PA, provided an overview of their high school programs, educational events and introduced us to the new Careers in the Skilled Trades program. If anyone has questions or is interested in volunteering with JA, please contact her at nsliko@jwesternpa.org. You can check out the link for JA Engage, which shows all available classes: <https://engage.ja.org/?site=westernpa>

Margaret Keithley, Director of Program Integrity and Consumer Advocacy, PHEAA, provided information about the new initiative for PA Student Loan Relief for Nurses. You can sign up to receive more information about SLRN at: <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/loan-relief-for-nurses/>

Did you miss our webinar?

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

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

Hebrew Free Loan Association

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of Pittsburgh is a nonprofit that supports financial stability and advances opportunities for people in our region by providing interest-free loans. These interest-free loans are available on a nonsectarian basis to residents of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, Butler, Beaver and Armstrong Counties who may not qualify for assistance through other institutions.

Application is available 24/7 at www.hflapgh.org. Contact Aviva Lubowsky at alubowsky@hflapgh.org for more information.



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

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.

March 4th Student Transition Forum

Please reach out to Amy Davis at amy.davis@aiu3.net if you are interested in volunteering and or presenting for our Student Transition Forum. This event is focused on 11th grade students and provides valuable information about higher education, the application process, career planning, financial aid and more. We are in the planning stages for this annual event and will send out more information to secondary schools regarding registration in the coming months.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Thank you to all our speakers that have graciously given their time and expertise in 2021 to speak with our group during our virtual meetings. We appreciate their interest in sharing valuable information with all our members. And thank you to all our members for their dedication and interest in increasing access to higher education within our region!

Save the date!

Watch your email for an invitation to our next meeting on Tuesday, January 11th. A link to the virtual meeting will be shared with you.

