

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 8th at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary from 10 am – 12 pm

Registration details coming soon.

College Success Forum 2023

It's time to begin to plan our 2023 WPACSR College Success Forum. We are looking forward to having our membership come together for a full day of professional development on January 31st 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/8VFXSNZ>
- Volunteer to help coordinate our College Success Forum.
- Invite your colleagues to the CSF.

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



2022-23 Meeting Schedule

November 8, 2022 – Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

January 10, 2023 – Virtual Meeting

January 31, 2023 – College Success Forum at Robert Morris University

March 2, 2023 – Allegheny IU

March 24, 2023 – Get Ready Now event for high school students at the Allegheny IU

May 9, 2023 – Virtual

September 13th meeting highlights

Tally Erickson, QuestBridge, discussed opportunities for high school juniors and seniors through QuestBridge. September 27th is the upcoming deadline to apply as a senior for a four year, full-ride scholarship. Information was shared from the survey for our region and on a national level. Refer students here:

<https://apply.questbridge.org/register/refer-a-student> General email list:

<https://apply.questbridge.org/register/generalmailinglistform>

Questions@questbridge.org

Jennifer Marino, Scholarship Specialist for the Pittsburgh Foundation, discussed scholarship opportunities for students in our region that are available through the [Pittsburgh Foundation](#) and how to apply. She mentioned that the Pittsburgh Foundation scholarship recipients may be eligible for additional grant funds through the PATH program with [PHEAA](#).

Danny Jackson, Pittsburgh Promise, provided information about how students can qualify for scholarship funding through the Pittsburgh Promise. The annual maximum scholarship is \$5,000.

Did you miss our webinar?

Click [here](#) to find the event recording from September 13th.

News from Members

8th Annual Act 48 Accredited Financial Literacy Conference

Wed, October 12, 2022 8:30 AM –12:00 PM EDT

Allegheny Intermediate Unit

475 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120

Free to attend (virtual & in-person) - Register [here](#)

Join us at the PHENND Fall Meeting!

Topic: Supporting Authentic Youth Voice & Grassroots Leadership

Friday, October 14th from 9:00AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Temple University Entertainment and Community Education Center 1509 Cecil B. Moore, Philadelphia, PA 19121 (note: this is a hybrid event)

The Fall PHENND Meeting is a chance for the entire PHENND Network to get together to share ideas, events, challenges, etc. It is also a time to hear from PHENND staff about their activities and opportunities for partnership in the coming academic year. Additionally, the event will feature a panel of local leaders working to cultivate and support authentic youth leadership. We will discuss how colleges and universities can partner with grassroots organizations effectively while centering youth and community voice. Confirmed panelists are:

- Jude Husein, PhillyBOLT
- Reuben Jones, Frontline Dads
- Tyrique Glasgow, Young Chances Foundation
- Moderator: Barbara Ferman, Temple University

This event will be a hybrid of in-person and online. [Please register here for both options.](#)



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

September 21st: Breaking Down Barriers to Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion ([view recording here](#))

October 19th: 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Overview & Updates

November 16th: Advising Refugee and Migrant Students

December 21st: Overview of PHEAA Special Programs

January 18th: FAFSA Simplification

February 15th: Promoting QuestBridge in Pennsylvania

March 15th: Financial Literacy

April 19th: Covering the Gap - pieces of the puzzle to help pay the bill

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

Please join us for our upcoming PHENND K-16 webinar **Restorative Justice in our Schools and our Community** which will be held on **Wednesday, October 19 from 10:00am to 11:30am via Zoom.**

This session will feature presentations by Mckayla Warwick, Executive Director, Collective Climb and Kevin Bethel, Chief Safety Officer, School District of Philadelphia, who will talk about their restorative justice work with young people in Philadelphia schools and in the West Philadelphia community. Learn more about what restorative justice is meant to do (and not do) and bring your questions, ideas and examples of your own work in this space to the conversation.

Register in advance for this webinar [here](#).

FAFSA Go! Initiative

Convened in March 2022 - the group is a collaboration of representatives from PASFAA (Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators), the governor's office, PHEAA (PA Higher Education Assistance Agency), PDE (PA Department of Education), PACAC (PA Association for College Admission Counseling), and PSCA (PA School Counselors Association). The FAFSA Go! Campaign is a collaborative effort to further support 2023-24 FAFSA Completions in the college access space. The FAFSA Go! Team can consist of varying number of undergrad and graduates students at an institution. Community organizations can also take similar steps to conduct outreach. Conduct outbound calls to prospective and returning students on October 1st, or very near to this date, to promote FAFSA Completion and answer any questions they may have. Various ways to support outreach efforts: phone calls, postcard mailings, digital information board, social media, and email campaigns. FAFSA Go! Is a school campus effort that any institution can begin implementing. Cost can be mitigated by utilizing federal and state work-study budgets as well as enlisting assistance from graduate assistants, and free resources provided by some of the partners listed above (PASFAA, PHEAA, PDE, PSCA, & PACAC).

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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