



Conference Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, April 6th 1:15pm - 2:30pm

- 1. Financial Aid Updates** - This session will go over the significant changes and updates to the financial aid application process that will be launched with the 2017-2018 FAFSA application, including earlier submission of the FAFSA and the use of prior-prior year income information.
- 2. Engaging TRIO Alumni** - This interactive session will provide participants with an opportunity to explore their alumni engagement strategies already in place and make a plan for next steps. Presenters will share best practices from the National Alumni Committee (fix this) and from their own programs. These best practices will focus on an array of areas including engagement for TRIO advocacy, post-secondary retention, participant recruitment, and mentoring and inspiration for current TRIO students. TRIO works, and alumni are the proof.
- 3. Metacognition Meets Gamification** - Students rate their game-based learning experiences as truly engaging and preferred over traditional activities. Learn how the human brain is wired to respond positively to games and develop skills while having fun! Join us in this interactive workshop committed to leveraging student learning through the exploration of free online apps that will launch your program further into the mobile generation. Participants will have the best experience if they bring their mobile devices.
- 4. Academic Coaching** - Helping Students Set and Achieve Critical Milestones- Through role plays and demonstrations, coaching will be explored as a tool for supporting students in creating a vision for the future and persisting through obstacles. Participants will then experience how academic coaching can be used to help students set milestones, identify challenges, and create action plans for achieving success.
- 5. Hope Builds Resilience: A Creative Approach to Mental Health Awareness and Sexual Assault Prevention on Campus** - Combining mental health advocacy and sexual assault prevention with autobiographical musical theatre, a talkback on resiliency, and a student conduct Q & A, Gutless & Grateful shifts the college ethos towards inclusion, educating participants on how to best educate the student body on sexual assault awareness in a way that engaged and empowers the community.
- 6. Variety is the Spice of Life: A Buffet of Summer Programs** - This session will provide an in-depth overview of 5 distinct summer program designs including academic, career, cultural and recreational components.
- 7. Social Justice Approach to TRIO Programs** - Educational Opportunity Program professionals provide direct services to compensate for inequities in educational opportunity. Understanding and addressing the larger systems of oppression that impact our students can be very powerful. Learn about some of the basic premises of social justice education. Hear how a social justice approach has been developed in the NMH Upward Bound program and discuss with your peers how these ideas might be apply in your own program. This session is designed to stimulate participants to begin to think about the potential for their programs to have an impact beyond the direct services they provide. Participants will take away resources and ideas that they can incorporate into their programs.

Please note that content is subject to change.



Conference Workshop Schedule

Thursday, April 7th 10:15am - 11:30am

1. Financial Literacy: A step-by-step Approach Throughout the College Journey - This session presents a successful approach to financial literacy in one SSS program through both pre-collegiate and academic year education. Participants will learn about the various resources used in this multi-faceted approach, including technology, integration of financial literacy into first-year curriculum, on-campus collaborations and reaching students at various milestones during their academic journey.

2. Connection for Success: Establishing and Maintaining Participant Engagement - No matter how wonderful your support resources, getting students to connect with them is often a challenge. Learn about techniques used by the Advantage Program (TRIO SSS) at Cape Cod Community College to foster student engagement. Participants will also share their successful techniques in this interactive session.

3. TRIO Needs You! - This session address the critical role that association leadership provides to the college access and success arena. Our discussion will explore strategies to maximize our professional associations and continue being the leading force in creating access, success and promoting completion for the students we serve and the professionals we represent.

4. Creating Inclusive Spaces for LGBTQ Students - Despite recent advances in the fight LGBTQ equality, LGBTQ students continue to face a number of barriers in accessing and succeeding in quality education. During this presentation, participants will learn how to create inclusive environments for these students to promote their success in high school and college.

5. Creating an Early Warning Intervention Program for High School Students - Attendees will learn how to successfully develop and implement an Early Warning Intervention program for high school students struggling to stay on track to graduate. Learn how risk indicators were identified and data utilized to drive social and academic intervention strategies with a partnering school district.

6. An Upward Bound Success Story: 50 years - As a large-scale, rural Upward Bound program (serving 17 school districts/209 students) that has been continuously funded for 50 years, we will offer insight into what has made our program successful.

7. The Admissions Process at Selective Colleges: An inside look - Why are our strongest students often rejected from top private colleges? Are there things we could be doing to help them submit more competitive applications? What really goes on behind the closed doors of an admissions committee? During this session, a former admissions officer will explain how applications are read at selective colleges and what factors weigh most strongly during the selection process. Questions encouraged!



Conference Workshop Schedule

Thursday, April 7th 2:30pm - 3:45pm

- 1. Mediating Moments of Crisis: Financial Literacy in Action** - We've all heard the stories. Your heart breaks and your mind aches as you struggle to help another student understand their financial choices. This session will take participants through an exploration of research on today's financial realities for students, and discuss how education resources available through the SALT program aim to help mediate these moments of crisis. Participants will also have the chance to discuss best practices with colleagues, which they can put into use when they return home.
- 2. Redefining Access: Cultivating College Completion** - Rhode Island College's Learning for Life project and community-based nonprofit College Visions increased student persistence through an innovative partnership. Using the partnership as a case study, this session redefines access to campus and illustrates how cross-sector collaboration can provide holistic support and boost persistence rates.
- 3. Providing Support in 140 Characters or Less** - GEAR UP GUIDE has implemented a text message platform, Signal Vine, to support GEAR UP students' transition to college and first year success. Come learn about the process and program that uses texting to provide both milestone and growth mindset messaging to first year students. So far the program has been well received by students boasting a 89% student engagement rate.
- 4. Keep Calm and Go to/Graduate College** - The Neuroscience of Carrying On-In this session, you will engage with others to visit/revisit the neuroscience of the hot research topic of emotions, learning, and living. You will take away strategies to turn around almost any situation that is triggering your emotions and blocking your logic. Pass these strategies for resilience on to your students and colleagues!
- 5. Get Excited About College Applications!** - The GEAR UP/MCAC Model - Learn how Massachusetts College Application Celebration (MCAC) participants energized the application process and had fun! Join us for this interactive session and see how 20 schools gave 2,000 seniors the opportunity to submit over 3,000 applications and how you can too.
- 6. New Americans Roundtable** - The New Americans, immigrant and refugee, face challenges to their educational dreams unlike traditional American students. This session will apply a round table format for identifying solutions for the academic, financial and personal challenges that this unique TRIO population present and face.