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Grand Mesa A:

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Presenters:

Daniel Ramos, One Colorado

Grand Mesa B:

Life After High School for Students With Disabilities.

This is a presentation about the possibilities of life after high school for students with disabilities, college, vocational school, independent living skills and social skills.

Presenters:

Judi Stein Stutman, College Living Experience

Grand Mesa C:

Financial literacy and the ICAP

Financial literacy is a crucial component of postsecondary and workforce readiness (PWR) and is included in the ICAP requirements. We'll discuss the ICAP requirements and the importance of financial education in the college preparation process. The free Education Cents financial education program from CollegenInvest, a Division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, offers an online curriculum with learning management system as well as workbooks, presentations and other tools - to help you meet ICAP requirements and prepare students to succeed in education after high school.

Presenters:

Katie Powell, CollegenInvest

Chasm Creek A:

Regional Officers of Admissions of the Rockies (ROAR)

This session is for high school counselors who want to learn about the newly formed regional group of admission counselors in Colorado and how we can be a resource for you and your students. The new group, ROAR (Regional Officers of Admission of the Rockies), is comprised of admission professionals from a myriad of colleges who have years of admissions experience. ROAR members are available to present on a variety of topics from writing college essays, selective college admissions, interviewing skills, and much more. ROAR will also be hosting several events this year for high school counselors. Come hear more about the services we can provide as admission professionals based in Colorado. This session will also appeal to college counselors as you will gather information about what a regional position entails and how the regional model may be beneficial for your institution.

Presenters:

Jennifer Motzer, Lake Forest College

Mesa Verde A:

The College Completion Agenda:

In 2008, The College Board's Commission on Access, Admissions and Success in Higher Education issued a challenge to increase the proportion of 25-34 year olds who hold a postsecondary degree or higher to 55% by 2025. The College Completion Agenda is a way to measure our progress. Learn about how this new resource will help educators, parents, students and policymakers understand where the nation stands in relation to that goal. "Best Practices" will also be shared by professionals who are implementing changes to make America a world leader in educational attainment.

Presenters:

Alicia Ortega, The College Board

Windsong:

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The Survival of the Road Warrior

This session is targeted at admissions professionals who do at least some travel representing their college/university. This session will offer tips for how to set up your travel effectively, the details that you need to know to make sure you have everything covered, and tips on how to stay healthy, how to make it fun, and so much more!! Audience members will be invited to add tips from their own experiences. This session is led by seasoned and “smart” travelers who will help you survive as a road warrior.

Presenters:

Barbara Edwards, University of Colorado Denver
Ryan Christ, University of Colorado Boulder

Grand Mesa B:

Colorado Leadership Alliance

This session will give an overview of the eleven current programs that are members of the Colorado Leadership Alliance at colleges and universities across the state. All programs have differing elements but those elements they share include: rigorous leadership curriculum, service learning, scholarship funding, and a selective enrollment process. The session will go over the similarities and differences of each of these programs, touch on the unique aspects of each program, and tell you how to get more information from each campus directly.

Presenters:

Tiffany Anderson, University of Colorado Boulder

Grand Mesa C:

101 Ways to Bring Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) into the Classroom Using College In Colorado.

Learn strategies to engage the teachers at your middle or high school, as well as getting your students excited and motivated about their future career and college plans! Join College In Colorado staff as they take you on a tour of the unique ways to use CollegeInColorado.org and the professional center in your school. In this session, you will learn about the extensive resources available outside of the basic Website tools, including lesson plans, Roads to Success curriculum, and professional customization features for your students' goal setting, career, college, and financial aid planning. Learn about promotional and marketing efforts that can be implemented to promote a college-going culture in your schools.

Presenters:

Bridget Black, College In Colorado
Dustin Grote, College In Colorado
High School Counselor Panelists

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BIONIC “believe it or not I care”

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Presenters:

Sandy Austin, Green Mountain High School

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Presenters:

Diane Campbell, Fossil Ridge High School
Nicole Wilgenbusch, Rocky Mountain High School

Mesa Verde B:

Taking Care of You: Integrating Health & Sanity Into Your Busy Life

This hands on (read: you get to relax!) session will enlighten us on how to take care of ourselves as we move through our hectic professional lives. Desk yoga, airport powerwalking...and so much more.

Presenters:

MacKenzie Mushel, Rocky Mountain High School/Poudre School District

Mesa Verde A:

Are Middle Schoolers Ready to Visit a College Campus?

This round-table discussion/session is intended to be a facilitated forum where college and university representatives can discuss how we are all responding to the growing number of requests by middle school counselors to visit campus. Some institutions have been accommodating these visits, but they are taking a toll! It is not just a basic tour of campus. Topics for discussion would include: training admissions counselors to talk to 11-13 year olds; developing age-appropriate admissions “curriculum”; getting the rest of campus on board to welcome these youngsters; and does this fit into the mission? High school counselors are welcome to the session as well to offer perspective on what their district colleagues at the middle school level are trying to accomplish.

Presenters:

Michele Tyson, University of Northern Colorado
Siobhan Angelos, University of Northern Colorado
Elias Quinonez, University of Northern Colorado
Angie Cahill, University of Northern Colorado
Dan Decino, University of Northern Colorado

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Student Loan Forgiveness and Repayment for Counselors

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Presenters:

Mary Anne Hunter, College In Colorado

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Naviance as a Tool for your RAMP Application

This session will cover some of the different features of Naviance that are useful in completing your RAMP application, including surveys, milestones, journaling, and gathering of data through reports (process, perception, and results data). I will also cover the new features of assigning tasks to students that may be a better way to measure completion of goals and indicators. I will frame the presentation as though it were a classroom presentation, and in so doing, show attendees how I might use Naviance in a classroom presentation to gather data and complete part of a RAMP requirement. This presentation will be most helpful for current school counselors who are Naviance users.

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Supporting Foster Care Youth in Higher Education

During times of economic downturn, a post-secondary population of students who are particularly challenged are emancipated foster, homeless and other disconnected youth. A small but growing population of students on college campuses need a campus environment that supports their access, persistence and success. Demographics describing the foster care youth population is discouraging. Only 46% will graduate from high school and of these, only 10% will enroll in college and 2% will graduate from a four-year institution. Students face considerable issues around finances, housing during breaks, and little or no “family” support. This session will provide an overview of these populations nationally and at Colorado State University, discuss educational challenges, and describe resources (including the Fostering Success program at Colorado State University) through our University and local community agencies and organizations. The session will involve the audience through a demographics quiz, and small group discussions around their own college experiences in comparison to a disconnected youth. Participants will hear the voices of these students during a short video. This session is geared toward high school counselors who are looking for ways to support foster care youth. Admissions professionals may also find parts of this presentation helpful to learn about resources available.

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Shelly Annameier, Colorado State University
Siri Newman, Colorado State University

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Communicating the Best Laid Travel Plans: Learned Lessons From CRM

Implementing and maintaining a customer relations management system can dramatically and profoundly improve the volume and effectiveness of your communication with your prospective students. In this interactive presentation, recruiters, admissions directors, and other professionals interested in maximizing their effectiveness with CRM system. We will learn truths surrounding implementation, pitfalls to avoid, shortcuts that will save you valuable time, and best practices gained from years of experience working with this important technology.

Presenters:

Jennifer Schufer, University of Colorado Boulder
Lisa Carr, University of Colorado President's Office
Quynh Hoang, University of Colorado Denver

Windsong:

ENGAGE All Students for Academic Success

The first look at ACT's ENGAGE assessment- a psycho-social indicator of academic behavior success. Attendees will be given the opportunity to take the actual assessment (with their own laptops). We will then analyze the results and see how other factors such as motivation, self regulation, and social engagement play a crucial role in a student's academic performance.

Presenters:

Kaliko Oligo, Consultant, ACT, Inc.

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Grand Mesa A:

Legislative Update and Conversation

Come hear the latest on the bills passing through the legislature and how they affect us all.

Presenters:

Stacey Lestina, Salazar and Associates

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Case Study: Holistic Admissions Review

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Presenters:

Carlos Jimenez, Colorado State University
Jessica Raab, Colorado College
Shanna Pomager, University of Denver

Grand Mesa B:

Post-Secondary Options for Students with Learning Differences

What options exist for students with learning differences after high school? Are there support programs available for this unique group of students? The answer is “yes,” but do you know where these institutions reside, the factors to consider when choosing a program, and the varying levels of support available? This session will provide an overview of programs for students with learning differences. Leave feeling with a toolbox of knowledge to help students and parents.

Presenters:

Amy Macy, Denver Academy
Gayle Bell, Denver Academy

Grand Mesa C:

High School Group Visit Roundtable

For High School Counselors that coordinate groups to college campuses and College Admissions Representatives that arrange those groups on their campuses. This session is designed to allow for discussion of best practices for bringing groups of students to college campuses and to hear feedback on from high school representatives regarding these visits. After a quick rundown of how these types of visits are handled at the University of Northern Colorado and Colorado State University-Pueblo, the session will be open to discuss the following topics: visit schedules, size limits, time allotments, scheduling tools, transportation, give-a-ways, handling middle/elementary schools, and more!

Presenters:

Christopher Bierdman, University of Northern Colorado
Tiffany Kingery, Colorado State University, Pueblo

Mesa Verde A:

Walkthrough--New & Improved Online Application for 13 Community Colleges of Colorado System Schools

In this session, we will do an online walkthrough of CCCS's improved online application. Target audience would be high school counselors and Denver Scholarship Foundation Future Center Coaches. Since this online application is the same at all 13 Community Colleges (e.g. CCD, FRCC, CCA, ACC, RRCC, CNCC, NJC, MCC, PCC, PPCC, OJC, TSJC, and LCC), this session is geared toward any counselor assisting students to apply to a community colleges.

Presenters:

Ari Salazar-Rosner, Community College of Denver

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The 4 R's flying through ICAP: Recruit, Register, Retain and Relevance.

ICAP is your best friend in advising, potential for reducing workload, enhances partnerships and may make developmental advising more efficient. ICAP – Individual Career & Academic Plan, in other words - I Can Achieve in the Postsecondary world! Spend some time with us to learn more about how to utilize, share and become a vital part of Colorado's ICAP movement. By 2014, Postsecondary Institutions will be seeing fully complete ICAPs as students explore, enroll and enjoy college life. Partial ICAPs might be what you've already seen now! As ICAP evolves, so do we. Though not written into Legislature, the 13-20th grades can still participate in Comprehensive Guidance. Serving as the other 'book end' to our P-20 transitions, Postsecondary advisors, admissions staff, recruiters, deans and others can all play a vital role in Colorado's student success. Learn innovative partnering ideas, sample Postsecondary ICAPs, connect with Secondary counterparts, Share practices and resources. We are a village! Let's share in the educational journey together and for students!

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Grand Mesa A:

The Texting Counselor: Harnessing the Power of Cell Phones to Enhance the Educational Journey

We live in a world that is increasingly mobile. In order to reach our students and their parents, and to build our own personal learning networks, we need to mobilize. Even in school where cell phones are banned, school counselors are in a perfect position to harness the power of cell phones for increasing communication with students, for strengthening the home school connection with parents, and for gaining more input while providing more information on course offerings, scheduling, and college planning. 94% of American households have cell phone access (Marist Poll 2009). This is a free piece of technology that students prefer, why are we not using it to do connect to students and to get students connected with their future plans. Through the use of Poll Everywhere, Wiffiti, and Group Texting, counselors can enhance their programs by embracing students' preferred device, a basic text enabled cell phone. This workshop will show how school counselors and college admissions counselors benefit from cell phone tools for course planning, scheduling, college planning, test prep, and more. A workshop on safety, boundaries, and privacy for take-home use, along with simple guidelines for each tool will get counselors ready to immediately begin texting their students all the way to college and career!

Presenters:

Wilynn Webb, Delta Opportunity School/Colorado Mesa University

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Grand Mesa B:

Developing partnerships with your local Workforce Center

What is a local Workforce Center? How might a Workforce Center support services to secondary and post-secondary students and staff. Come spend 60 minutes learning about the Larimer County Workforce Center and its on-going partnerships with the Poudre and Thompson Valley school districts, in addition to community colleges. Learn about how these partnerships are preparing youth for the needs of business in the 21st century, including youth workforce preparation services in a humbling economic climate. Leave with a better understanding of Workforce Center services and the potential partnerships that may exist in your communities.

Presenters:

Mark Johnston, Larimer County Workforce Center

Grand Mesa C:

Student Ambassadors: Hiring, Training, and Retaining

This will be a round table discussion on the hiring, training, and retaining process for three institutions in Colorado: CU Boulder, Regis University, and Western State College of Colorado. Come learn how institutions of various sizes (both public and private) hire and retain the best of the best!

Presenters:

Jennifer McDuffie, University of Colorado Boulder
Brooke Selle, Regis University
Stephanie Ruybal, Western State College

Mesa Verde A:

Advanced RAMP

This presentation is designed for school counseling programs that are already in the process of implementing a RAMP program and have moved beyond the foundation portion of the implementation process. As a RAMP school, we will be discussing the portions of the application that we found to be the most challenging including: aligning program goals with standards/competencies, closing the gap, lesson planning and data.

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Let Data Be Your Guide: Enrollment Management by the Numbers

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Presenters:

Jared Meier, Colorado Mesa University

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Community College Paths to Careers of the Future

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