



Southeastern PA College Counseling Workshop

Friday, March 1, 2019

Sponsored by Cabrini University

8:30-9:00am **Registration**

9:00-10:30am **Session One: Supporting Undocumented Students on the Pathway to College**

Immigrant students face unique experiences navigating the educational system in this country, for some the pathway to college is more complicated due to their immigration status. We can't talk about how to support students applying to college without first addressing some of the biggest concerns that the current administration and immigration climate has created, such as: fear and panic among communities due to increased enforcement operation and deportations, uncertainty with DACA and TPS and increased bullying and discrimination in schools.

This workshop will teach best practices and legal options for supporting undocumented students and families. Participants will learn about the challenges undocumented students experience on their educational path, including a review of current laws impacting undocumented students and families. Together, we will learn how to guide students and parents applying to college, access to scholarships and how to advocate for students. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to share with your peers and put together a plan on how to implement these practices with your students and your school or practice.

*Presenter: Maria Sotomayor-Giacomucci, Deputy Director,
Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition*

10:30-10:40am **Break**

10:40-11:30am **Session Two: Career Counseling and Generation Z**

As today's job market is rapidly changing, career options continue to grow and change. Generation Z is tech savvy with an entrepreneurial spirit, but these individuals still seek job security in careers they can be passionate about. Join career counselors from two different organizations for this interactive discussion where participants will explore different career options for today's generation of college-going students, and best practices for counseling these students to consider opportunities for their futures.

*Presenters: Nancy Dachille, Director of Career Development, Chestnut Hill College
Kimberley Lewis, Director, Outreach and Engagement, Philadelphia Futures*

11:35am-12:25pm **Session Three: Testing in Today's Admission Landscape**

More colleges are shifting toward self-reported score options and test optional policies in today's admissions process. With shifting attitudes toward standardized testing, and new policies from the CollegeBoard and ACT, this session will review testing structure and discuss the validity of the SAT and ACT – are these tests a true indicator of college success? Participants will engage in conversation about how to best counsel students and navigate the changing landscape of standardized testing.

*Presenters: Amanda Tessler, Undergraduate Admissions Counselor, Drexel University
Cigus Vanni, College Consultant, Cigus The College Fairy LLC*

12:30-1:00pm **Lunch**

1:15pm **Optional campus tour**