



**Southeastern PA College Counseling Workshop**

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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: Counseling our Students in the “Middle”**

Counseling students who fall into the “middle” can lead to two very distinct, overlapping, yet sometimes drastically different approaches. When name recognition and prestige play a role in the college decision making process, how can counselors first work with their students who represent our “middle” regarding grades and test scores? What about those students who academically are stars, but fall in the middle of the socio-economic class? This session dives into these questions and serves pointers on how college counselors can give their students the best realm of options available for a large demographic of student population.

*Presenter: Michelle Whelan, Career and College Access Counselor, Harriton High School*

11:35am-12:25pm **Session Three: Athletic Recruitment 101**

More and more students today aspire to playing their sport at the collegiate level, whether it's for Division I, II, or III. In order for students to potentially commit to playing and heading towards this avenue in the college search process, they first need to understand the athletic recruitment process all together. This begs the question: “How do we best prepare our students who want to play a sport at the collegiate level?” Our concluding session highlights the recruitment process through the eyes of different Division Colleges

and Universities, while discussing how to best counsel both our star athletic recruits, and those who haven't made those connections yet, but are still hoping to play.

*Presenters: Justin Ossont, Assistant Director of Admissions, Lycoming College  
Glenn Neufled, College Counselor, Mercersburg Academy*