

Breakout Session I

Thursday, December 1, 2022 1:45PM – 2:30PM

River Birch C Beyond Email and Text: Creating Authentic Connection for High School and College Students

Students from low income and first-generation backgrounds often lack access to peers who have enrolled in college or are pursuing the career fields or majors they are interested in. Utilizing authentic peer to peer engagement, Peak Education will demonstrate how Student2Student web application program is designed to authentically connect youth with their peers already enrolled in college and to help support their journey through the college admission process.

Presenter: Carlos Jimenez, Peak Education and Lindsay Leggett, Peak Education and Basecamp College Counseling

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple A Make Day/Night College Fairs Great Again

The Fall of 2022 welcomed the 2nd year of in-person Colorado Day/Night Fairs since the COVID Pandemic. Now that recruiting has returned to the road, the question is: Can we make Day/Night College Fairs better?

Join the members of the Colorado Day/Night Committee for a conversation on how we can make Colorado's premiere college fair circuit better. It is easy to do things the same way over and over again, but we want to take this opportunity to break the mold and make these events stronger. We want to hear the perspectives of college admissions reps and high school counselors. We want to truly dig into the meat of college recruitment in Colorado and assure that we are putting together events that serve the students and meet the mission of Colorado Council.

Together we can Make Day/Night College Fairs Great Again.

Presenter: Luke Contreras and Erin Ulrich, Day/Night Fair Committee

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple B Get involved in Colorado Council

Curious about Colorado Council? Want to build your Colorado High School Counselor and Higher Education network? Come join us to learn more about Colorado Council, the benefits of getting involved with Colorado Council, and how you can get involved.

Presenter: Colorado Council Executive Committee members Amanda Graham, UNC and Whitney Bonner, CMU

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple C D3: Diversity, Difficulties, and Direction

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Presenters: Michael Monnet, Douglas County Schools

Target Audience: Everyone

Breakout Session 2

Thursday, December 1, 2022

2:45PM – 3:45PM

River Birch C Tell Me What You Want, What You Really, Really Want

When someone asks you this question, or you hear it when dancing to your favorite Spice Girls song, do you draw a blank? Typically, we are so busy managing day-to-day tasks and crossing items off our to-do lists that we forget to be intentional about identifying what's next. Join certified professional coach Lisa Dimino White in this session to identify what "You 2.0" looks like. You'll come away from this session with goals for 2023 and specific strategies for achieving them. Plus, you'll learn the no-fail trick for accomplishing any new year's resolution you set.

Presenter: Lisa Dimino White, Thursday Keynote Speaker

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple A Student Services Communication: Engaging with Student Throughout the Enrollment Funnel

At Pikes Peak State college, we are continually improving communication with prospective and admitted students. We have developed detailed communication plans that provide timely and relevant information to students. During this session, we will walk you through the communication we send at each enrollment funnel stage and discuss communication strategies we use including segmentation, personalization, integration of different types of communication and reengaging with students. We will also guide you on an exercise designed to help you think through your own communication strategies and plans.

Presenters: Krissy Trujillo, Pikes Peak State College

Target Audience: College Admissions

Canyon Maple B Student Ambassadors - Your Best Recruitment Tool

Current students are arguably one of the best recruitment tools that any admissions team can use. This presentation will explore the ins and outs of the Colorado Mesa University ambassador program, how we implement professional and personal development into our program, and the challenges that we face.

Presenters: Jim Roedel, Colorado Mesa University

Target Audience: College Admissions

Canyon Maple C 1st Gen Business Summit

Colorado State University put on its first annual 1st Generation Business Summit. This summit was a week-long program for students interested in Business who will also be 1st Generation College Students. Students competed in a case study competition and the top three finishing teams won a small scholarship. This program was also completely free to attend. Come to this session to learn what academic theory we implemented, how you can implement it at your institution, and what the 2023 summit will consist of.

Presenters: David Ferree, Colorado State University - Ft Collins

Target Audience: Everyone

Breakout Session 3

Thursday, December 1, 2022

4:00PM – 5:00PM

River Birch C The Parent Trap: Maximizing partnership with our greatest student allies

Each wonderfully unique student has equally unique parents/guardians. As advisors and counselors we get the package deal! Coaching students through academic and career pathways while navigating the adventures of adolescent development in tandem with widely varied parenting philosophies can strengthen or complicate advising partnerships. We all know these vital relationships can profoundly impact student outcomes. Building authentic advising practices that honor our students' first "influencers" while empowering their growth are essential skills for new and veteran advisors.

Presenter: Laura Carter, Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple A Demolishing Financial Aid Myths and Misunderstandings

The process of financing a college education can be a daunting task but the good news is it does not have to be! This workshop will destroy myths of the financial aid and FAFSA/CASFA process and put your mind at ease when helping students and parents. Come learn about the new changes with the FAFSA and financial aid process and get a better understanding of award packages, types of available aid and what happens in the financial aid office and why.

Presenter: Lesa Briggs, University of Colorado Denver

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple B Rethinking Admission Counselor Onboarding

Do you feel like you are the Human Resources manager at your institution? Have you experienced the revolving door of admission counselors coming and going? Are you looking to revamp your onboarding process for admission counselors so that your staff can hit the ground running with a network of resources that will both nurture their professional growth and set them up for success? Come to our interactive session where we will provide you with actionable onboarding wins as well as hear from your colleagues as we share out what has worked and hasn't worked for all of us. Our goal is to eventually have a universal onboarding process for supervisors to refer to in order to navigate the world of onboarding – we will provide a sneak peek as to what that looks like for all.

Presenters: Jenna Gilbert, Fort Lewis College and Whitney Bonner, Colorado Mesa University

Target Audience: College Admissions

Canyon Maple C Noches Informativas - Servingness to our Students and Familias

Noches Informativas is a series of workshops at the Community College of Aurora (CCA) that focus on engaging and building relationships with our Hispanic students and community through pre-enrollment navigation. We provide resources, services, and guidance through programs and conversations. Noches Informativas workshops are presented in Spanish and English.

Presenter: Erik Aguilar, Community College of Aurora

Target Audience: Everyone

River Birch B Relax with Chair Yoga

Come as you are, at whatever level of yoga experience you have and take a deep breath. You will be invited to slow your brain down, stretch out and connect your mind and body. Jill is a registered yoga instructor, but her day job is in the admissions office at MSU Denver. You will not be asked to think or solve any problems during this session.

Presenter: Jill Schmidt, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Target Audience: Everyone

Breakout Session 4

Friday, December 2, 2022 8:15AM – 9:15AM

River Birch C Engaging Spanish-Speaking Prospective Students and Families with a Spanish Microsite

Navigating the college enrollment process can be intimidating, especially for Spanish-speaking students and families. At Pikes Peak State College, we have created a Spanish microsite that helps our Spanish-speaking population quickly and easily find the information they are looking for in an inclusive, comfortable way. Join us for this session to learn about what a microsite is, why it is more useful than other translation options, a walk-through of the Pikes Peak State College Spanish microsite, and the impact it has made for our students.

Presenters: Krissy Trujillo and Janae Knipp, Pikes Peak State College

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple A Scholarships - Finding Free Money for College

Everyone loves free money for college! And students don't have to be straight A students or athletes to find scholarships. Scholarships can be a huge help to college-bound students and their families and can reduce how much students must borrow. But many don't know where to find them, or how to apply. We will share some key resources for helping students find scholarships, best practices in applying for scholarships, how to create a winning scholarship story for an essay or video, and more.

Presenter: Dianne Fulmer, Sallie Mae

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple B Sacred and Profane

Counselors do a job that is totally unique. A single day can involve transporting a suicidal student to the hospital and celebrating a different student's amazing accomplishment. Kids bring their struggles and victories with them to the counseling office and counselors witness tragedy and miracles side by side. This session will explore the themes of the sacred and profane and how interlinked they are in our work. The importance of personal values will be explored, and profane personal stories will be shared alongside sacred tales and a model for holding and appreciating both will be shared.

Presenter: Aaron Ragon, Douglas County Public Schools

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple C Which Way is Up

This session is the sequel to "Fostering Your Resilience: The Spirit of the Matter," given previously at this conference. Building on the knowledge that people are interested in "spiritual things" and that active Spirituality makes a person more resilient. This session will review a definition of Spirituality and show participants how to find the benefits of authentic Spirituality while braving the tensions and unease it requires.

Presenters: Michael Monnet, Douglas County Schools

Target Audience: Everyone

Breakout Session 5

Friday, December 2, 2022 9:30AM – 10:30AM

River Birch C Rejuvenating Your Passion for Admissions as a Career

Wonder where you go from your current position? Should you take your passion and talents to another department on campus or completely out of higher education? Hear from panelists who have left higher ed all together, moved to another position at their college or university and all have returned to Admissions. Learn from their "aha" moments and hear them share their experience.

Presenter: Kim Medina, Colorado Mesa University

Target Audience: College Admissions

Canyon Maple A Enhancing Your School Counseling Programs with the School Counselor Corps Grant Program

Are you interested in developing a comprehensive school counseling program, decreasing the school counselor to student ratio, implementing work-based learning, and improving students' postsecondary outcomes? If so, you may want to learn more about applying for the 4 year School Counselor Corps Grant Program (SCCGP). Join the Colorado Department of Education School Counseling Specialists to learn more about the state funded grant, purpose, application, award, and implementation process. We want to support you in sustaining school counseling programs that positively impact students.

Presenter: Brooke Morgan, Colorado Department of Education

Target Audience: High School

Canyon Maple B What's in a Financial Aid Award Offer?

Whether scholarships, grants, work-study, or student loans, this session will help attendees understand what's in an award offer to be better informed when supporting your students and parents' choice to attend college.

Presenter: Lesa Brigs, University of Colorado Denver

Target Audience: Everyone

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Breakout Session 6

Friday, December 2, 2022 10:45AM – 11:45AM

River Birch C Practicing Playful Presence!

Learn to lighten-up and be spontaneous as we experience fun, noncompetitive Teambuilding Improv games with Nancy. Nancy will be the Friday Keynote Speaker.

Presenters: Nancy Norton, Friday Keynote Speaker

Target Audience: Everyone

Canyon Maple A International Baccalaureate: To and Through College

Discussion on the tenants of the IB model, implementation and Discovery Canyon Campus, and how the IB model best prepares students for the collegiate experience. Discussion will include the IB Learner Profile, the partnership of Career Technical Education with the IB model, preparedness of IB students for a collegiate setting, and implementation ideas for middle & high school.

Presenter: Stephanie Mijo and Mark Wahlstrom, Discovery Canyon Campus High School

Target Audience: Everyone

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Canyon Maple C It's the Little Things

How do you show gratitude and appreciation? Better question... How do you receive gratitude and appreciation? Often, it seems that gratitude and appreciation are only showcased in large scale events, whole team meetings, and office wide celebrations. But what about the little things? Come join me to practice some small and simple ways to recognize and show gratitude to your colleagues, and learn how to implement some low maintenance, small scale appreciation tools in your own office culture.

Presenters: Erin Ulrich, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Target Audience: Everyone