



Spotlight on Support for School Counselors and Access/Success Professionals in East/Southeast Ohio

This year, four partner organizations, supported by federal college access challenge grant funds, are working together to provide enhanced and coordinated training to school counselors and access/success professionals throughout the school year and across Ohio. Grant partners OCAN (Ohio College Access Network), OSCA (the Ohio School Counselor Association), OASFAA (Ohio Association Student Financial Aid Administrators) and OACAC (the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling) have planned a number of professional development workshops and conferences throughout the school year. Some of these have already taken place, but more are scheduled for second semester.

Future events that have been confirmed for second semester, in the East/Southeast Ohio area, are:

- February 10th** **Transfer –Ohio Guarantees It! Webinar** Sponsored by the Ohio Transfer Council, attend this webinar from the comfort and convenience of your own office from 1 to 2 pm. “Transfer between state college/universities has changed drastically in the last ten years. The development of Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) and Career Transfer Assurance Guides (CTAGs), the “Acceptance of D” statewide policy, new policies on the acceptance of Advanced Placement Exams, and now the Electronic Transcript Clearinghouse has changed the face of transfer in Ohio in ways that will be far-reaching in effect and will change the way we all send and accept transfer credits in Ohio. The presentation will provide an update on new initiatives that have been or are planned for the near future and how they will affect higher education in Ohio.” Webinar registration available by visiting <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/896880534>
- February 21st** **OhioMeansInternships Webinar** You are invited to learn more about an exciting new website that showcases thousands of internship opportunities available to students across the state. The website - OhioMeansInternships.com - is run in partnership with OhioMeansJobs.com. OhioMeansJobs is the premier resume and job bank in Ohio. Through an agreement with Monster.com, it allows job seekers to post their resumes and view tens of thousands of job opportunities. In addition, employers can post openings and search for talent for free. Both OhioMeansJobs and OhioMeansInternships have advanced sorting tools that make it easy for employers to find qualified candidates, **and easy for your students to find learning opportunities that will jumpstart their careers and give them the experience they need.** Sign up for the OhioMeansInternships webinar today by visiting <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/281458806>
- Feb. 28, Mar. 6** **“Counselor Leadership Tools for Collaboratively Increasing College and Career Readiness”.** This training opportunity will be relevant for all district counselors, K-12. The ½ day (8 to Noon) event will be held at Zane State University on Feb. 28th and at Ohio University on March 6th. Sponsored by OSCA in partnership with the National Office of School Counselor Advocacy (NOSCA), the session will be free for OSCA members and a cost of \$50 for nonmembers. The registration link at www.ohioschoolcounselor.org is live NOW. There is great interest in looking very intentionally at the relationships within partnerships and so teams of counselors and access providers are especially encouraged to attend.
- March 7th** **Economic Education Summit.** The annual Ohio Economic-Education Summit agenda for the first time is designed for teachers and school counselors as well as the business/industry/education leadership that has participated for the past four years. In addition to extending invitations for full participation in the March 6-7, 2012 Summit that

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will be in Columbus, high school/career teachers, college faculty and school counselors will have opportunities for “snapshot” engagement on March 7 at three locations – **Great Oaks Institute of Technology (Cincinnati – Scarlet Oaks Campus’ Instructional Resource Center)** Penta Career Center (Perrysburg) and **Zane State College (Zanesville)**. Regional participants have an opportunity for one-way communication (i.e. hearing content from presenters) in both morning and lunchtime keynote sessions as well as in two of 11 breakout sessions – one in the morning on Advanced Energy and one in the afternoon that would provide current and projected job data along with education requirements for all 10 of Ohio’s industries featured at the Summit. All participants will contribute to the Summit goal of bringing education and business together to improve Ohio’s economy. While audiences at the remote sites will not have their voices heard at the Summit, there will be facilitators with dialogue questions. The cost to participate fully in the 1.5-day Summit is \$90, which includes food; registration is open now at this link. <http://ohioacte.org/events?eventId=380676&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.

Those interested in FREE remote participation should register at this link

<http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/Summit/SummitPrimary.aspx?page=942>

April 16th & 17th **OACAC Drive-In (Half Day) Workshops** will be held from 8 to 11:30 am at Hocking College on April 16th and at Muskingum University on April 17th. One other spring event is tentatively scheduled for the Licking County area (location and date TBD). The morning will include three one hour sessions on relevant and timely college advising topics. Registration information will be available soon. Attendance is free, and you do not have to be a member of OACAC to attend.

June 9th **“Guiding the Way to Inclusion”** Sponsored by OACAC, GWI benefits counselors and college admissions professionals (of any race) who work with students of color. Its goals are: to address issues pertinent to counseling, recruiting and enrolling students of color in institutions of higher education and to serve as an outreach tool, giving both high school and college admission counselors who work with students of color the opportunity to network and to strategize methods to assist students of color. The expected outcomes of the workshop are: To equip high school and college admission counselors with suggestions, ideas, and techniques to assist with college bound students of color and to provide a networking environment for high school and college admission counselors that fosters positive and productive working relationships to be used in assisting college bound students of color. Registration will be available at www.oacac.org and both member and nonmember rates are available.

June 9th-11th **This year’s OACAC Annual Conference** will be held in the summer at the Doubletree Hotel in Worthington, immediately following GWI. For anyone wishing to present, the Call for Proposals is still open. Registration for the conference will be available at www.oacac.org and again, both member and nonmember rates apply.

If you are interested in attending GWI and/or the OACAC Annual Conference, limited scholarships may be available. Contact Linda Knicely if interested in applying for one. Preference will be given to counselors with three or less years’ experience working in the field or those who work in schools with a high percentage of free and reduced lunch students.

Lastly, an innovative resource bank is being developed on the OCAN website to post tools to help counselors work smarter, not harder. If you have suggestions for resources that you would like to see included there or would allow us to share your own materials through the website (with appropriate authorship credit) please be in touch.

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