

High School to College Transition Programs

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COLUMBIA GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

It's All In The Planning

- College bound high schools students (11th and 12th Grade)
- Differences between high school and college
- Assistive Technology
- Time Management
- ACCES-VR
- Lunch is provided
- School Districts bus students to campus

Pre-Planning

- ▶ Consider your target schools - usually high schools within your geographic area
- ▶ Get familiar with the CSE Chairpersons or Special Education Directors in your area
- ▶ Check the high school web sites for school calendars before choosing a date
- ▶ Is there a home schooling network in your area?
- ▶ Ask for cross-campus participation:
 - ❖ Admissions - Ambassadors to do tours for early arrivals and promotional items to give away
 - ❖ Faculty to present at sessions
 - ❖ Social Media folks to talk about how to research college web sites and social media sites for information
 - ❖ Blackboard/Moodle experts to talk about LMSs.
 - ❖ Athletics - Can they give you t-shirts, hats, to give away?

Conference Module - Pros and Cons of a one-track, Transition to College Module

Pros

- ▶ Cost is minimal, budget is \$3,000 annually for give-a-ways and food
- ▶ Keeps numbers small, which is beneficial for students that have a difficult time with noise and bustle. Ideal for community colleges
- ▶ Return on investment is high, since attendees are likely to enroll
- ▶ You are preparing **your students**
- ▶ The “smack” you give out becomes good public relations and is free exposure for the sponsoring colleges.
- ▶ Program control

Cons

- ▶ Little inter-agency collaboration
- ▶ High school students going directly to work or ILCs do not benefit
- ▶ Multi-college representation is **imperitive**. Students are often going to all types of colleges, not just the hosting college. Consortium collaboration is advised and give-a-ways from all colleges is advised
- ▶ May have to do a separate program for high school students on a work track, depending on needs of the community and to satisfy secondary community

It's All In The Planning! Conference Schedule

8:15-8:30	<p align="center">Conference Check-in PAC Building Lobby Campus Tours for Early Arrivals</p>	
8:30-8:40	<p align="center">Welcome James R. Campion, President, C-GCC PAC Building, Room 614</p>	
8:40-9:30 Student Panel	<p align="center">Student Panel Discussion - Nuts and bolts of college and how I handled everything Moderated by Catherine Carlson, Director of Accessibility Services, Columbia-Greene Community College and Gabriella Vasta, SUNY Delhi PAC Building, Room 614</p>	
9:30 - 9:40	<p align="center">Snack break and move to next session</p>	
9:40-10:25 Concurrent Sessions I	<p align="center">Time Management I Professor Berne Bendel, C-GCC PAC Building, Room 612</p>	<p align="center">Assistive Technology I Gabriella Vasta, Coordinator of Acces and Equity, SUNY Delhi PAC Building, Room 614</p>
10:25 - 10:30	<p align="center">Snack break and move to next session</p>	
10:30 - 11:15 Concurrent Sessions II	<p align="center">Time Management II Professor Berne Bendel, C-GCC PAC Building, Room 612</p>	<p align="center">Assistive Technology II Gabriella Vasta, Coordinator of Access and Equity, SUNY Delhi PAC Building, Room 614</p>
11:15 - 11:25	<p align="center">Snack break and move to Main Building</p>	
11:25 - 12:45	<p align="center">Technology Workshop Main Building Computer Labs Room 113A, 113F, 113C</p>	
12:50 - 1:20	<p align="center">Lunch and Raffle Student Dining Hall</p>	
1:20 - 1:40	<p align="center">The Digital Environment - Websites, Email and Learning Management Systems Marc Miller, C-GCC Main Building, Lecture Hall 202</p>	



Engage, Empower, Achieve Transition Conference

ONC and DCMO BOCES

9-12 grade College and Career

Agency Fair

Planning partners -PTAC, FRN, STIC, CSE Chairs, RSE TASC, Transition Specialists, ACCES-VR

Summer Transition Conference

Two-day conference

Accepted students and families

Build Toolbox

Engage, Empower, Achieve Transition Conference

- ▶ Employment Sessions
 - ▶ Employment/Workforce-Working in the Delaware County Region (Panel)
 - ▶ Preparing for a job interview-Resume, Job applications, etiquette.
 - ▶ Time Management, Digital Environment Etiquette, AT Workshop
- ▶ College Sessions
 - ▶ Nuts and Bolts- Student Panel (High school vs. College)
 - ▶ Assistive Technology
 - ▶ Time Management, Digital Environment Etiquette, AT Workshop

Summer Transition Program

- ▶ Sessions Include:
 - ▶ Nuts and Bolts (Differences)
 - ▶ Important Steps for Access- Access Plan, Testing Center, etc.
 - ▶ Reading and Writing (Premier)
 - ▶ Time Management (Strategies and Technology)
 - ▶ Notetaking (Livescribe)
 - ▶ Student/Parent Conversations
 - ▶ Bookstore Q&A
 - ▶ Health and Counseling
 - ▶ E-books
 - ▶ Technology Playground
 - ▶ ACCES-VR

Transition Planning Processes

- ▶ Engage, Empower, Achieve (9-12th grade SWD's)
 - ▶ Connect with local organizations supporting individuals with disabilities
 - ▶ Connect with local BOCES and High School CSE Chairs
 - ▶ Begin Planning at least a year if not longer
 - ▶ Develop a planning committee (limit to 4-5 people)
 - ▶ Send save the date six months in advance
- ▶ Summer Program (Accepted Students)
 - ▶ Collaborating with campus partners and presenters
 - ▶ Collaborating with ACCES-VR
 - ▶ Save the Dates during spring orientations
 - ▶ Communications with incoming students

Factors to Consider:

- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Facilities
- ▶ Accommodations
- ▶ Collaboration (on and off campus)
- ▶ Early Planning and Communication



Biennial Transition Conference

Began in 2016

Students, families, and providers

Prepare students for life after high school (living, learning, and working)

Collaborations with SUPAC, Kelberman Center, Regional Special Education
Technical Assistance Support Center

Student Transition and Resource Training (START)

Began 2015

One day workshop for first year students enrolled for the fall semester

Networking, understanding individual learning styles, introduction to
resources

QUESTIONS???