



Broadening Our Reach to Increase Our Impact

A Meeting of the CAR Network

Bismarck, North Dakota • June 3-4, 2014

Agenda

Tuesday, June 3

7:45 – 8:30 am

Registration

8:00 – 8:30 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Networking Breakfast

Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:30 – 8:45 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Speaker:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

8:45 – 9:45 am

Van Gogh/Remington

CACG Programs in the Network States: Program Activities

Network members will engage in a facilitated discussion focused on the activities they are implementing as part of their CACG programs.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:45 – 10:05 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: North Dakota

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation on their successes and challenges in reaching rural and other underserved populations.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Laura Fiedler, scholarship and grant coordinator, *Bank of North Dakota*

10:05 – 10:30 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Facilitated Discussion – Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: North Dakota

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the state's work to serve rural and underserved populations.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

Tuesday, June 3 (continued)

10:45 – 11:15 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Collecting Data on College Access Programs: Lessons from GEAR UP

One theme emphasized by multiple speakers at previous meetings is the importance of gathering data from all of the disparate contributors to college access efforts. Working with a variety of sub-grantees, partners, and collaborators, however, can make it difficult to collect accurate data that capture the impact of college access work. A collaborative of GEAR UP grants from multiple states has shown that such a process is possible and holds lessons for states working with numerous partners as well as for regional and national college access and success efforts.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Weiya Liang, director of college access and support, *Washington Student Achievement Council*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Van Gogh/Remington

Facilitated Discussion – Collecting Data on College Access Programs: Lessons from GEAR UP

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Renoir/Russell

Lunch

Continue discussions about the morning sessions with colleagues over lunch.

1:00 – 1:20 pm

Van Gogh/Remington

Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: Alaska

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation on their successes and challenges in reaching rural and other underserved populations.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Rebekah Matrosova, director of outreach and early awareness, *Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education*

Gregory Monrad, Alaska college and career advising corps program manager, *Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education*

1:20 – 1:45 pm

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Facilitated Discussion – Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: Alaska

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Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Tuesday, June 3 (continued)

1:45 – 2:15 pm

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Effectively Engaging the Business Community in the College Access and Completion Agenda

The private sector is often mentioned as a key partner in building effective partnerships and coalitions to promote college access and success for low-income students, but strong collaborations must go beyond just approaching large businesses and asking for financial support. This session will explore the private sector perspective on access and success for low-income students and identify promising strategies for effectively engaging this community.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

David Farnsworth, manager of North Dakota power generation and engineering, *Great River Energy*

Yvonn Weigel, RESP Succeed 2020 project director, *Roughrider Education Services Program*

2:15 – 3:00 pm

Van Gogh/Remington

Facilitated Discussion – Effectively Engaging the Business Community in the College Access and Completion Agenda

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 3:35 pm

Van Gogh/Remington

Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: Idaho

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation on their successes and challenges in reaching rural and other underserved populations.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Jessica Piper, CACG program director, *Idaho State Board of Education*

3:35 – 4:00 pm

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Facilitated Discussion – Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: Idaho

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the state's work to serve rural and underserved populations.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

6:00 pm

Peacock Alley

Optional Group Dinner

Join your colleagues for an optional dinner to continue discussions from the day's sessions. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, June 4

8:00 – 8:30 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Networking Breakfast

Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:30 – 8:50 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: Utah

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation on their successes and challenges in reaching rural and other underserved populations.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Christie Fox, director of Utah scholars and completion initiatives, *Utah System of Higher Education*

Melissa Miller Kincart, assistant commissioner, outreach and access, *Utah System of Higher Education*

8:50 – 9:15 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Facilitated Discussion – Reaching Rural and Underserved Areas: Utah

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the state's work to serve rural and underserved populations.

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:15 – 9:45 am

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Freezing the Summer Melt: Evidence-based, Cost-Effective Strategies to Increase College Enrollment and Persistence Among Underrepresented Students

Research shows that annually about 10-20 percent of all recent high school graduates who have been accepted and intend to enroll in college just before graduation do not matriculate in the fall. This phenomenon, known as "summer melt," is even more prevalent among low-income and traditionally underrepresented students. Learn about interventions that have substantially increased college enrollment and persistence among these students in higher education and highlight the potential for low-cost "behavioral nudges" and strategies to improve educational outcomes.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Lindsay Page, research assistant professor of education, *University of Pittsburgh School of Education*

9:45 – 10:30 am

Van Gogh/Remington

Facilitated Discussion – Freezing the Summer Melt: Evidence-based, Cost-Effective Strategies to Increase College Enrollment and Persistence Among Underrepresented Students

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Wednesday, June 4 (continued)

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 – 11:15 am

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Reengaging Disconnected Youth: An Important (Yet Sometimes Forgotten) Piece of the Puzzle

Identifying proven policies and practices to reengage disconnected youth after they leave the education system is a crucial piece of serving all low-income youth, yet one that receives little attention. Learn about programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in reaching this population and adopting policies that can lead to successful, long-term outcomes for these potential students, including building successful pathways to post-secondary education.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Jennifer Brown Lerner, deputy director, *American Youth Policy Forum*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Van Gogh/Remington

Facilitated Discussion – Reengaging Disconnected Youth: An Important (Yet Sometimes Forgotten) Piece of the Puzzle

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

12:00 pm

Blarney Stone

Adjournment and Optional Lunch

Following the meeting, all are invited to an informal lunch.

