

Oklahoma College Assistance Program (OCAP)
Annual Conference
October 11, 2012
Moore-Norman Technology Center—South Penn Campus
Conference Agenda

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Registration**
Pastries, juice, hot tea and coffee

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Opening Session**

Counting on a Bright Future

- Dr. Glen Johnson, Chancellor
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Rick Edington, Executive Director
Oklahoma College Assistance Program

10:00-10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15-11:20 a.m. **1st Breakout Session**

Awarding Oklahoma's Promise in the Financial Aid Office

- Carol Alexander, Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship Coordinator
- Irala Magee, Director of Scholarship and Grant Administration
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

UCanGo2 and FAFSA: Your Go-To for the College Countdown

- Kelli Kelnar, Outreach Services Specialist
Oklahoma College Assistance Program

Engaging Your Community

- Cathy Perri, GEAR UP Project Director
- Amy Bruce, GEAR UP School and Student Communications Specialist
- Kristi Allison, GEAR UP School and Student Communications Specialist
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Fostering Hope - Changing the Destiny of Foster Youth

- Dr. Deb Shropshire, Medical Director
Oklahoma Department of Human Services

Supporting Unaccompanied/Homeless Youth in Completing the FAFSA and Accessing Higher Education

- Trevor Summers, Training Officer
Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education

H2TLKW/HSSA\$ (How to Talk with High School Students About Money)

- Ava Doyle, Outreach Specialist, Oklahoma Money Matters
Oklahoma College Assistance Program

11:30-1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Tossed green salad, pasta salad, soup, and deli buffet served with assorted breads, wraps, rolls and chips

A National Perspective on College Access Initiatives

- Greg Darnieder, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, College Access Initiatives
U.S. Department of Education

1:00-1:15 p.m. **Break**

1:15-2:10 p.m. **2nd Breakout Session**

It All Adds Up! Helping Your Students Make the Right Decisions for a Bright Future

- Catherine Mueller, Executive Director
Mapping Your Future

Student Loan Default Prevention Management (panel discussion)

- Myrna Cross, Director of Financial Aid
Western Oklahoma State College
- Tamara Smith, Default Prevention Manager
Langston University
- Rosalind Martin, Director of Financial Aid
Metro Technology Center
- Jaclyn Riley, Financial Aid Counselor
Carl Albert State College

It Takes a Village to Recruit: Using University and Community Resources with Financial Education to Recruit Urban Students

- Paola C. Lopez, Assistant Director, University Enrichment Programs
- Trey Moore, Assistant Director, Prospective Student Services—Tulsa Campus
Recruitment Services, University of Oklahoma

Bridging Connections with STEM

- Edra Thrower, GEAR UP Direct Student Services and Parent Specialist
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Working with Adult Learners

- Dr. James Pappas, Vice President, University Outreach and Dean, College of Liberal Studies
University of Oklahoma

Creating Successful Mentoring Programs to Boost College Attendance (panel discussion)

- Shannon Presti, Director of Teen Leadership Initiatives
YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City
- Gerald Scott, Executive Director
STAAR Resources Agency
- Karlin Williamson, Program Coordinator
Tradesman Mentoring Program

2:15-2:45 p.m. **Break**

Assorted cookies, sodas and bottled water

2:45-3:40 p.m. **3rd Breakout Session**

Oklahoma's Promise Nuts and Bolts

- Carol Alexander, Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship Coordinator
- Lynn Dennis, Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship Specialist
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

A Bright Future: Native Americans in Higher Education (panel discussion)

- Dawn Hix, IDA Coordinator
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Phyllis Narcomey, Student Services Coordinator
- Gene Pekah, Dean of Student Services
Comanche Nation College
- Mandy Scott, College Resources Specialist
Cherokee Nation
- Randa Shemwell, Director of Student Affairs
Pawnee Nation College

Default Prevention Plans – Best Practices

- Mary Heid, Director for Default Prevention, Compliance and Training Services
- Scott DeBoard, Training Specialist
Oklahoma College Assistance Program

Making a Smooth Transition to High School

- Lynne Walker, GEAR UP Education Specialist
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Every Penny Counts: A Brighter Financial Future for Economically At-Risk Families

- Melissa Crawford, Oklahoma Money Matters Outreach Coordinator
Oklahoma College Assistance Program

3:45-4:15 p.m. **Closing Session**

Complete College America: A Plan for Increasing Postsecondary Credentials to Fuel a Strong Economy

- Tony Hutchinson, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning, Analysis and Workforce and Economic Development
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education