

**AGENDA**

**March 19, 2018 \* 8:30 AM to 2:15 PM \* Augusta Civic Center**

8:30AM	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b> – Augusta Room	
9:00AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Remarks</b> • Wendy L. Ault, <i>Executive Director</i>	
9:15AM	<b>Keynote: Aspirations- They Never Grow Old</b> • Thomas D. Wells <i>is a Retired English Teacher of 41 years from the Augusta School System. He is currently writing a book on the role teachers play in the future success of their students</i> • <i>Introduction by Kim Silsby, Principal, Cony High School</i>	
SESSION ONE  10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>Augusta Room</b>	<p><b>Panel: Highlights of Interesting Postsecondary Education Opportunities for Students</b></p> <p>Learn about a variety of certificate and apprenticeship opportunities around the State.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Justin Alberico, <i>Training Director, Augusta Electrical JATC, IBEW 1253</i>          Nicholas Davis, <i>United States Air Force</i>          Joan M. Dolan, <i>Director of Apprenticeship &amp; Strategic Partnerships, Maine Department of Labor</i>          Cory Drew, <i>Training Specialist, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Apprenticeship Program</i>          Michelle Godsoe, <i>Office Manager, Cianbro Corporation</i>          Jamie Houtz, <i>Facilities &amp; Industry Relations, The Landing School</i>          Ben Lothrop, <i>Human Resources Manager, Maibec Lumber</i>          Matt Marks, <i>CEO, Associated General Contractors of Maine</i>          Lisa G. Martin, <i>Executive Director, The Manufacturers Association of Maine</i>          Jennifer McKenna, <i>Training Director, Plumbers, HVACR and Pipefitters Apprenticeship</i>          Ashley Richards, <i>Home Builders &amp; Remodelers Association of Maine</i>          Alan Shepard, <i>Training Director, IBEW 567</i>          Janet Sortor, <i>Chief Academic Officer, Maine Community College System</i>          Marion Sprague, <i>Outreach Communications Director, The Manufacturers Association of Maine</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <p>John Marcigliano, <i>EMCC Faculty, MELMAC Coach</i>          Gary Perlson, <i>MELMAC Coach</i></p>

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	<p><i>Somerset Room</i></p>	<p><b>Exploring a New Affordability Coaching Approach to Fund Postsecondary Education</b></p> <p>A conversation and exploration of ideas on how to best coach youth who are high risk of not pursuing a postsecondary credential of value. There will be a focus on students and families who may need guidance on how to make the best financial decisions, such as those in low income family situations and/or first generation youth. Come with your suggestions and ideas for a model that could complement what school counselors do by working with these youth and their families outside of school.</p> <p>Space is limited to 15 participants, therefore no more than one representative per school please.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Chris Linder, MaineStream Finance, CEO</i></p>

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	<i>Piscataquis Room</i>	<p><b>Rising Senior College Application Training Camp</b></p> <p>Lewiston High School’s College Application Training Camp provides insight into the entire college application process. Beginning with career interest profiling, college major matching, and college search, this workshop takes rising Seniors through application submission. Interested students learn about the Common App, Common App Essay prompts, resume building, senior year prioritization, essay revise/review workshop, teacher recommendations, and the complete guide to financial aid. Upon session completion, you will have all of the tools necessary to design a summer workshop on your own.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Doug Dumont, <i>Aspirations Coordinator, Lewiston High School</i> Haley Gideon, <i>AmeriCorps Aspirations Counselor, Lewiston High School</i></p>
SESSION TWO  11:25 AM- 12:25 PM	<i>Augusta Room</i>	<p><b>Panel on Parent Engagement: It Takes a Family</b></p> <p>How do you encourage parents to be part of the school community? A discussion of how the the biggest obstacles to getting parents involved in the school community are being overcome.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Pious Ali, <i>Youth and Community Engagement, Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine</i> Micky Bondo, <i>Parent Organizer, Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine</i> Karen Hadley Keim, <i>Director, University of Maine, Maine Educational Talent Search &amp; Maine Educational Opportunity Center</i> Sue Mackey Andrews, <i>Maine Resilience Building Network</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Karen Bean, <i>MELMAC Coach</i> Deborah L. Drew, <i>Ed. D., Professor and Director of Counseling and Human Relations, Husson University, MELMAC Coach</i> Gary Perlson, <i>MELMAC Coach</i></p>

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	<p><i>Somerset Room</i></p>	<p><b>Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Award Letters</b></p> <p>After a student is accepted, the crucial next step in the college-going process is understanding the “Financial Aid Award” letter. This session will provide an overview of what’s on (and what’s not on) the award letter, with a focus on the most important items that students and families need to understand. Tips and tools will be shared to help your students understand and compare their true cost at each school before they decide which institution to attend.</p> <p>Space is limited to 24 participants, therefore no more than one representative per school please.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Mila Tappan, <i>College Access and Outreach Manager, Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)</i></p>

<p>SESSION TWO</p> <p>11:25 AM-12:25 PM</p>	<p><i>Sagadahoc Room</i></p> <p><b>A Look into Naviance</b></p> <p>In this hands-on workshop, you will be able to take a look into Naviance through the eyes of a student as well as an academic advisor. Ways that you can implement Naviance and the Naviance Curriculum will be discussed. Presenters will share how Naviance is used to create four year high school plans starting in 8th grade. These plans align with post-secondary explorations; all part of students' PLP. You will be able to determine whether or not Naviance is a tool that will be a good fit for your school, students, and parents.</p> <p><b>If possible, please bring your laptop to this session.</b></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Debra Cloutier-Baggs, <i>School Counselor, Westbrook High School</i>          Scott Giollombardo, <i>Director of College &amp; Career Counseling, Maine Central Institute</i>          Kirsten Pomeroy, <i>Academic Counselor, Maine Central Institute</i>          Nicole Sturgis, <i>Aspirations Coordinator, Westbrook High School</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Dan Connolly, <i>MELMAC Coach</i></p>
	<p><i>Piscataquis Room</i></p> <p><b>Session for CTEs</b></p>
<p>12:30PM</p>	<p><b>Lunch – Western/Arnold/Howard Room (1st Floor, North Wing)</b></p>
<p>SESSION THREE</p> <p>1:15 PM - 2:15 PM</p>	<p><i>Augusta Room</i></p> <p><b>Panel: Making College Campus Visits Meaningful</b></p> <p>Rethinking the approach to how post secondary trips are planned and implemented.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <p>Jeremy Bouford, <i>Admissions Counselor, University of Maine at Augusta</i>          Jack Carney, <i>English Teacher, Oak Hill High School</i>          Brenna Callahan, <i>AmeriCorps VISTA/Civic Leadership Fellow, Harvard Center for Community Partnerships, Bates College</i>          Darcy Duncan, <i>School Counselor, Oak Hill High School</i>          Bill Jack, <i>Senior Associate Director of Admissions, University of Maine at Farmington</i>          Steve Mitman, <i>K-12 Art Teacher, Mt. Abram High School and Kingfield Elementary School</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Karen Bean, <i>MELMAC Coach</i></p>

<p>SESSION THREE</p> <p>1:15 PM - 2:15 PM</p>	<p><i>York Room</i></p>	<p><b>MyCoalition: Pathway to College</b></p> <p>MyCoalition is a set of free online college planning tools that helps students learn about, prepare for, and apply to college. With an easy-to-use application, interactive collaboration space, and convenient digital storage locker, MyCoalition empowers students to make smart college choices for success in school — and beyond.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> E. Whitney Soule, <i>Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Bowdoin College</i> Tim Groves, <i>Director of Development and Partnerships, Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success</i></p>
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	<p><i>Sagadahoc Room</i></p>	<p><b>Panel: Considering Ways to use the Gallup Student Poll Toolkit</b></p> <p>Engage in discussion with schools that are using the Gallup Student Poll Toolkit.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Lucas Caron, MELMAC</p>
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<p>2:15 PM</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	