

# Annual Conference Agenda

2009 Agenda at a Glance

## Thursday, December 3, 2009

### Pre-Conference Activities

- 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    **TOUR OPTIONS:**  
1) Auraria Campus (Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College of Denver, University of Colorado at Denver) - Roman Hollowell  
2) Johnson & Wales University - Wes Feist and Bob Purfust  
3) Regis University - Brooke Selle  
4) University of Colorado Anschutz Campus - Kris Wenzel  
5) University of Denver - Shanna Pomager
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    **TRAINING OPTIONS:**  
1) 1st & 2nd Year High School Counselors  
2) 1st & 2nd Year College Admissions/Recruitment Counselors

### Conference Activities

- 11:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.    Exhibits Open
- 11:00 a.m.                    Registration Opens
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.    Lunch with Keynote Speaker
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.    Breakout Session #1
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.    Breakout Session #2
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.    Breakout Session #3
- 5:15 p.m.                    Register for CDE/Graduate Credit (Thursday-Only Registrants)
- 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.    President's Reception  
(Music by Thr33 Squared Jazz Quartet)
- 6:16 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.     Dinner and Awards
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.     Entertainment: Casino Night!  
Rock Star Video Game

## Friday, December 4, 2009

- 7:30 a.m.                    Registration Opens
- 8:00 a.m. – noon           Exhibits Open
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      Continental Breakfast and Welcome
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      Breakout Session #4
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.    Breakout Session #5
- 11:00 a.m. – noon          Breakout Session #6
- 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.    Business meeting, Lunch and Keynote Speaker
- 2:00 p.m.                    Register for CDE/Graduate Credit (Friday-Only or Both Day Registrants)

# Breakout Session Descriptions

Thursday, December 3, 2009

## 8:30AM-11:45AM Pre-Conference

Pre-Conference Thursday, 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.  
**Nuts/Bolts of Counseling for High School Counselors** **Grand Mesa B**

Pre-Conference Thursday, 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.  
**Nuts/Bolts of College Admissions for College Admissions/Recruitment Counselors** **Highlands**

Pre-Conference Thursday, 8:00 - 11:45 a.m.  
**Tours for High School Counselors**  
 Auraria Campus (Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College of Denver,  
 University of Colorado at Denver) - Roman Hollowell  
 Johnson & Wales University - Wes Feist and Bob Purfust  
 Regis University - Brooke Selle  
 University of Colorado Anschutz - Kris Wenzel  
 University of Denver - Shanna Pomager

## 1:45PM-2:45PM Session 1

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
**Face(booking) Your Institution:  
 How One College is Working to Gain Support from Administrators for a Social Networking Site** **Grand Mesa A**

*Presenters :* Ms. Hannah Brown, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist, Front Range Community College  
 Ms. Ashley Maloney, Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator, Front Range Community College  
 Mr. Ryan McCoy, Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator, Front Range Community College

The Outreach and Recruitment Department at Front Range Community College proposed a FRCC Facebook page and has since gained approval from their administration. Come and learn about their process and find out tips for doing so at your own institution. We'll provide research on the importance of social network sites and student involvement, which will win over your administration.

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
**Secrets of the College Search** **Grand Mesa B**

*Presenter:* Ms. Robin Boren, Independent College Counselor

Do you wish you had the skills of a street magician when a student asks you to conjure up a highly specific college list? Instead of replying with smoke and mirrors, ease your anxiety by attending this fast-paced, informative and interactive workshop. You will learn about free internet sites that will give you the confidence needed for pulling the rabbit out of the hat each and every time.

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m..  
**The Art of Storytelling: Keeping Audiences Engaged through the Power of Narrative** **Grand Mesa C**

*Presenter :* Mr. Eric Nissen, Assistant Director Student Recruitment and Admissions Counseling,  
 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Counselors and Admissions Professionals are often challenged to make presentations in less-than-ideal venues to sometimes less-than-enthusiastic audiences. This is an interactive session to improve your ability to grab the audience's attention and keep it.

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
**Social Media, College Advising and Promoting a College-Going Culture** **Highlands**

*Presenters:* Mr. Armando Somoza, Denver Scholarship Foundation, East High School  
 Mr. Jeffrey Lathrop, Counselor, East High School

This cutting edge session will explore the creative utilization of social media and technology that students use in their personal lives (e.g. Facebook, Myspace, YouTube, and iTunes/iPod) to improve advising practice and engagement of students in the college exploration and application process.

## Breakout Session Descriptions

### 1:45PM-2:45PM Session 1 - continued

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

#### Recruit a Student—Save a Planet

Mesa Verde A

*Presenter: Ms. Amy Atkins, Associate Director of Admission, Naropa University*

Did you know that for every 20 cases of recycled paper, you save 17 trees, 390 gallons of oil, 7,000 gallons of water, and 4100 kWh of energy? There are many ways that an admissions office can be kinder to our planet's limited resources, from being more mindful in how you schedule travel to small personal choices at work.

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

#### Preparing Rural Students for a Post-Secondary Education

Mesa Verde C

*Presenter: Ms. Cindy Swartzendruber, Counselor, Paonia Junior/Senior High*

Rural students may need different skills and guidance than urban students. This is a session designed for those counselors who work in rural areas. We will discuss post-secondary preparation for students starting in the 7th grade and provide a curriculum.

Session 1 Thursday, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

#### Cynthia E. Gayles College Preparation Program

Wind Star A & B

*Presenter: Ms. Tracy Peters, Director Center for Multi-Cultural Excellence, University of Denver*

The Cynthia E. Gayles Preparation program is a faith-based program designed to equip African American youth and their families with the knowledge and skills necessary to apply, matriculate, persist and graduate from a four-year college or university.

### 3:00PM-4:00PM Session 2

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### Transitioning to Higher Education for Students with Disabilities

Grand Mesa A

*Presenters: Mr. Greg Sullivan, Director of the Access Center, Metropolitan State College*

*Mr. Greg Root, Disability Coordinator, Metropolitan State College*

High School Counselors will gain insight into how to advise/assist students with disabilities as they consider transitioning to college. The presentation will discuss specific issues/steps that relate to students with disabilities considering college.

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### Hispanic Fund Scholarship Opportunities

Grand Mesa B

*Presenter: Ms. Nancy Hernandez, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Program Officer*

*Ms. Rosa Villalobos, Intern Student from the Auraria Scholar Chapter*

Participants will get to know the Hispanic Scholarship Fund opportunities available to Latino-Hispanic students. We will demonstrate how to help students navigate our application process and introduce the Auraria Campus Scholar Chapter which promotes student retention. An overview of outreach services for students and families will be part of the presentation.

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### Camp 2013

Grand Mesa C

*Presenter: Ms. Allison Lucero-Hoffman, Post-Secondary Coach, Global Leadership Academy*

Many students have never had the opportunity to build the foundations of their dream into a plan for reality. The Camp 2013 Summer Program is a program designed for 8th graders who are entering their 9th grade year to help them in the process. This four-day program offers exposure to college, a planning portfolio, service learning, and a parent night. Come learn how you can also replicate this program at your high school.

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### CSS/Financial Aid Profile – Find out How to Complete this Application for Financial Aid

Highlands

*Presenter: Ms. Meghan Cave, Community Relations Manager, CollegeInvest*

*Ms. Misti Ruthven, School Relations Manager, CollegeInvest*

*Ms. Jeanette Swanson, College Board*

CSS/Financial Aid Profile is the financial aid application service of the College Board. Almost 600 colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information collected on the PROFILE to determine eligibility for non-federal student aid funds.

# Breakout Session Descriptions

## 3:00PM-4:00PM Session 2 - continued

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Stop Stressing and Start Writing

Mesa Verde A

*Presenter: Katy Craig, Director, Boettcher Foundation Scholarship Program*

This session is designed to help high school counselors write excellent letters of recommendation and coach their students to successful essays. Strong letters and essays are integral components of any application. But they don't need to be a mystery! Let us share some basic principles of exceptional writing in order to help you spotlight your amazing students.

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Spiritual Development of Young Adults, and the Transition to College

Mesa Verde B

*Presenter: Rev. Gary Brower, University Chaplain, University of Denver*

As part of the overall development process that adolescents/young people undergo, questions of spirituality and meaning-making begin to rise in importance. Similarly, questions about religion and religious practice come to the fore in new ways once students leave home and travel to a college/university. Counselors on both sides of the high school/college divide can help students negotiate this transition through better knowledge of both the issues facing the student and the resources available on most college/university campuses.

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Youth and Latino/a Suicide Prevention in Schools

Mesa Verde C

*Presenter: Dr. Theresa Rosner-Salazar, Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

This session will educate you in how to recognize signs and respond effectively to students who display suicidal thoughts and depression. This session will particularly emphasize ways to encourage help-seeking behavior for Latino/a students and parents.

Session 2 Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### The New and Improved Concurrent Enrollment – Changes to PSEO, Fast Track, and Fast College Fast Jobs

Wind Star A & B

*Presenters: Ms. Renee Tastad McDonald, Front Range Community College*

*Ms. Sheena TeBeest, Front Range Community College*

*Special Guests: Mr. Charles Dukes, Colorado Department of Education*

*Ms. Julia Pirnack, College-in-Colorado*

New concurrent Enrollment legislation has changed the face of PSEO, Fast Track, and Fast College Fast Jobs. In this session, learn the details of these changes and what it means to your students, parents, school, school district and college.

## 4:15PM-5:15PM Session 3

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

### Education Cents

Grand Mesa A

*Presenter: Ms. Katie Powell, Financial Program Manager, CollegeInvest*

An introduction to CollegeInvest's new on-line financial literacy website and curriculum.

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

### The Role of Financial Aid on New Student Recruitment & Retention

Grand Mesa B

*Presenter: Todd Rinehart, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment, University of Denver*

This session is intended to give high school counselors a better understanding of the growing use of financial aid by colleges and universities to achieve enrollment goals. Predictive modeling and tuition leveraging are now an important part of the competitive environment for recruiting students.

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## Breakout Session Descriptions

**4:15PM-5:15PM Session 3 - continued**

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
**What are these Folks Doing in my School: Learning more about Pre-Collegiate Programs** **Grand Mesa C**  
*Presenters:* Mr. Oscar Felix, Executive Director The Access Center, Colorado State University  
 Ms. Mary Ontiveros, Colorado State University  
 Mr. Michael Manos, Colorado State University-Pueblo

A brief history of Federal TRIO and other Pre-Collegiate Programs: how these programs function, how students are selected, and why students are taken out of class.

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
**Customer Relations Management—Pitfalls and Best Practices** **Highlands**  
*Presenter:* Mr. Eric Nissen, Assistant Director Recruitment and Admissions Counseling,  
 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Implementing and maintaining a customer relations management system can dramatically and profoundly improve the volume and effectiveness of your communication with your prospective students. It can also be a great big headache! In this interactive presentation, recruiters, admissions directors, and other professionals interested in maximizing their effectiveness with CRM's will learn pitfalls to avoid, shortcuts that will save you valuable time, and best practices gained from years of experience working with this important technology.

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
**Career Pathways: Pathways to Success** **Mesa Verde B**  
*Presenters:* Ms. Susie Townsend, Superintendent, Weld Central High School  
 Mr. Joe Amen, School Board President, Weld Central High School  
 Ms. Brigitte Gustafson, Director of Support Services, Weld Central High School  
 Mr. Don Frenzen, Principal, Weld Central High School  
 Mr. Steve Herman, Assistant Principal, Weld Central High School  
 Mr. Toby Karr, Assistant Principal, Weld Central High School  
 Ms. Missy Jones, Counselor, Weld Central High School

The Career Pathways model developed by Weld Central High School focuses on the Colorado Career Clusters. Students will begin to develop a Plan of Study based on the Career Clusters and the Career Pathway within their chosen cluster their freshman year in high school.

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
**International, Undocumented and Refugee/Asylee Admissions Practices at Colorado Institutions – A Panel Discussion** **Mesa Verde C**  
*Presenters:* Ms. Petra Marlin, Colorado State University  
 Ms. Cynthia Nunez, Metropolitan State College  
 Ms. Emelda Jones, Community College of Aurora  
 Ms. Marjorie Smith, University of Denver  
 Ms. Timalyn O'Neill, Colorado State University

This session is intended to provide high school counselors with knowledge about how various Colorado institutions of higher education handle International, Undocumented and Refugee/Asylee applicants in their admissions processes.

Session 3 Thursday, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.  
**Parent Involvement in College: Lessons from P-12 Education** **Wind Star A & B**  
*Presenter:* Dr. Elena Sandoval-Lucero, Director and Assistant Research Professor, University of Colorado Denver  
 The impact of parent involvement in education is indisputable, and the evidence continues to grow. We know that at the P-12 level, parent involvement positively impacts student achievement. Yet, when students begin college, the focus often turn negative. Come learn the latest research on parent involvement from the P-20 perspective.

# Breakout Session Descriptions

Friday, December 4, 2009

## 8:30AM-9:30AM Session 4

Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

### Facebook Isn't Going Away

Grand Mesa A

*Presenter: Mr. Zeni Whittall, Senior Admissions Counselor, Fort Lewis College*

A session exploring the social networking world of Facebook. If you have never used Facebook you will learn what it is all about. If you are a Facebook aficionado you will learn the new direction and how you can apply your social networking skills to the world of college admissions and recruitment.

Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

### The Colorado Guidance and Career Development Handbook – What is an ICAP? What do I do with ICAP'S?

Grand Mesa B

*Presenters: Dr. Darrell Green, Outreach Coordinator, Pickens Technical College*

*Mr. Scott Stump, Dean of Career and Technical Education, Colorado Community College System*

*Special Guests: Charles Dukes, Colorado Department of Education; Julia Pirnack, College-in-Colorado*

Find out how you can make great career connections and decisions with your students using a wide variety of ICAP models. Included will be materials for your utilization with students and adults along with strategies for using several models. Models will be presented from local, state and national plans.

Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

### School Violence: Understanding and Responding to Students at Risk

Grand Mesa C

*Presenter: Dr. Theresa Rosner-Salazar, Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

This session will teach counselors how to: recognize warning signs of students who have the potential for violent/aggressive behavior, understand the emotional concerns of these students, and increase understanding of how to respond effectively to students who display these warning signs.

Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

### District-wide Counseling Website: A One-Stop Shop for all the Information you Want your Students to Know About Highlands

*Presenters: Ms. Julie Pohlman, Counselor, Erie High School*

*Mr. Adam Kohn, Counselor, Frederick High School*

Stop re-inventing the wheel and repeating yourself a million times a day. This workshop will show you the advantages of setting up a district-wide counseling website that allows information sharing that individual schools share with their students day after day after day.

Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

### Colorado's Taskforce on Higher Education for Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Mesa Verde A

*Presenters: Ms. Dana Scott, State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children, Colorado Department of Education*

*Ms. Misti Ruthven, CollegenInvest*

There is a great need in Colorado to successfully transition high need students into higher education. Recent legislation has removed several key barriers to accessing higher education resources for homeless unaccompanied youth. This presentation will provide information on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and its intersection with the College Cost Reduction Act, particularly related to the recent changes in FAFSA for homeless unaccompanied youth.

Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

### Making GPA and College Relevant to High Schoolers

Mesa Verde B

*Presenter: Ms. Amy Macy, Director of College and Transition Counseling, Denver Academy*

Denver Academy has a unique program to help students understand the connection between the importance of grades/GPA to the college admissions process and their future. This program allows students the chance to be admissions counselors and to decide who is accepted into the college. Materials will be shared so that you can replicate this at your school.

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## Breakout Session Descriptions

### 8:30AM-9:30AM Session 4 - continued

- Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Mesa Verde C**  
**Immigrant Student Opportunities for Going to College**  
 Presenter: *Ms. Lynn Cordova, Regional Recruitment Supervisor, College Assistance Migrant, Program Metropolitan State College of Denver*  
 Do you know an immigrant student who dreams of going to college? Come to this session to learn about the options available to them, including: scholarships, affordable colleges, legal information, and how to prepare them for college and more.
- Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Wind River**  
**Chair Massages**
- Session 4 Friday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Wind Star A & B**  
**Test Interpretation**  
 Presenter: *Ms. Stephanie Ronco, Princeton Review*  
 This session will discuss different assessment measures and how the scores relate to other tests. In addition, a Q & A discussion on how colleges interpret test scores for admission and scholarship purposes.

### 9:45AM-10:45AM Session 5

- Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **Grand Mesa A**  
**Going Paperless in the Admission Process!**  
 Presenter: *Dr. Marion Karanja, Associate Director of Internal Operations, Metropolitan State College*  
 This session is for the operations professional in admissions/enrollment management who wants to dramatically reduce the volume of paper used in the office. It is also for those who are interested in electronic document processing – everything from applications to on-line transcripts.
- Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **Grand Mesa B**  
**Creating a More Productive Workplace**  
 Presenter: *Mr. Andrew Long, Director of Admissions, Northeastern Junior College*  
 The Gallup Organization has studied effective workplaces for decades and has discovered 12 questions that can be used to determine the most productive and profitable organizations. Anyone who wants to look at factors that affect workplace engagement or how they leverage workplace strengths could benefit from this session.
- Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **Grand Mesa C**  
**Colorado University Leadership Programs—What all Counselors Should Know**  
 Presenters: *Ms. Tiffany Wiley, Program Manager, Presidents Leadership class, CU Boulder*  
*Mr. Brad Bayer, CU Colorado Springs*  
 This session targets all counselors with students applying to Colorado higher education institutions that offer selective leadership programs. These schools have joined together in the Colorado Leadership Alliance (CLA) and offer incoming freshmen amazing opportunities for leadership development and education
- Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. **Highlands**  
**Soaring for Excellence**  
 Presenters: *Ms. Vicky McRoberts, Mr. Jim deKieffer, Mr. John Padgen, Ms. Sarah Macort, Mr. Dan Simington, Counselors Highlands Ranch High School*  
 Demonstrating the various grade level conferences used at Highlands Ranch High School. Counselors will gain useful information and options for presenting postsecondary/college knowledge to underclassmen.

# Breakout Session Descriptions

## 9:45AM-10:45AM Session 5 - continued

Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

### **Do-It-Yourself ACT**

**Mesa Verde A**

*Presenter: Mr. Rusty Haynes, Director of College Counseling, The Colorado Springs School*

Tired of relying on test prep resources outside of your school? Tired of students paying outrageous prices for assistance with standardized tests? This session will include time-proven advice on starting your own successful in-house test preparation program.

Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

### **College Outside the Lines**

**Mesa Verde B**

*Presenters: Ms. Julie Rife, Program Assistant Vocational Program/High School programs, Pikes Peak Community College  
Ms. Chelsey Harris, Director Area Vocational Program/ High School Programs, Pikes Peak Community College*

*Special Guests: Mr. Charles Dukes, Colorado Department of Education  
Mr. Matt McKeever, Colorado Department of Higher Education*

High school counselors – are you creative and innovative when it comes to guiding students into Concurrent Enrollment (CE)?

High school students may challenge the existing boundaries and enroll in college courses, giving them the opportunity to earn credit toward a diploma, certificate or degree at a Colorado college. Best of all from the student's or parent's perspective, the school district may pick up part of the tab! This informative session will give you some ideas on how CE can get your students out of the box and fired up about college. Come learn how to enroll your students in their future – today!

Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

### **Preparing Students for the Day/Night Fairs**

**Mesa Verde C**

*Presenter: Mr. Derek Mogensen, Web and Recruiting Coordinator, Enrollment Management, Colorado Northwestern Community College*

An interactive session between high school and college counselors on how to prepare for and host a Day/Night fair. Some students do not take full advantage, and we would like to encourage more active engagement with the college resources available to them during the fair: Pre-fair Web Research, Traffic Flow and Table Set-ups, the Good, Bad, and Ugly of the Extra Credit Assignment and Pen/Freebie-scavenging, Addressing the Long Lines at Some Larger Colleges, Avoiding Bias Against Community and Junior Colleges.

Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m..

### **Chair Massages**

**Wind River**

Session 5 Friday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

### **In 500 Words or Less -- Documentary Film**

**Wind Star A & B**

*Presenters: Mr. Craig Quintana, Counselor, Smoky Hill High School  
Mr. Bob Kennedy, Post-Secondary Coordinator, Smoky Hill High School*

Point Made films recently completed a feature length documentary on the college admission process. Four high school seniors and their families were followed as they navigated college admissions. Part of the film will be shown followed by discussion about how the film can be used.

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### 11:00AM-12:00PM Session 6

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Everyone Plays a Part: Successfully Implementing Campus Wide Strategic Enrollment Management at Your College**

Grand Mesa A

*Presenter: Mr. Randall Langston, Executive Director of Admission and Enrollment Management, University of Northern Colorado*

This session will explore ways to design a comprehensive marketing plan that is both pro-active and strategic in the recruitment of a diverse and academically talented class. This multi-dimensional approach is intended to help shift campus sentiment to one that values the ideal of "shared recruitment."

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**It's More Than Just Saying No to Drugs**

Grand Mesa B

*Presenter: Mr. Reiford King*

As a recovering drug addict, Mr. King will help the audience gain insights into what it is like to actually be involved in the use of drugs, the consequences that follow, and strategies for preventing and/or getting off drugs.

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Thinking Outside the Boxes: Potential Hurdles in the College Admissions Process for LGBTQ Students and their Families**

Grand Mesa C

*Presenter: Mr. Shawn Rae Passalacqua, Assistant Director of Admissions & Multi-cultural Recruitment, Naropa University*

During this session, participants will be able to learn about LGBTQ students and his/her potential obstacles in gaining access to college. We will explore notions of unearned disadvantage/advantage as well as how to make college admissions process more queer-friendly. Participants will be given valuable resources and will have opportunities to share best practices.

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**Demystifying the EFC: Reassuring Your Students & Parents about the Financial Aid Process**

Highlands

*Presenter: Ms. Shannon Evenson, Data Specialist and Grants Coordinator, Community College of Denver*

This session is designed to cover some of the basic factors that determine EFC as well as some of the main errors that hold up student FAFSA's.

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

**METROLEADS**

Mesa Verde A

*Presenter: Mr. Paul Cesare, Assistant Director of Admissions, Metropolitan State College of Denver*

Discover the innovative and strategic learning approaches to leadership implementation by Metropolitan State College of Denver's METROLEADS leadership forum. This year-long program strives to grow leaders from within every corner of the educational enterprise to achieve organizational preeminence. METROLEADS provides a practical structure and/or system for implementing strategies that jump start the levels of genuine, positive, employee and organizational change.

# Breakout Session Descriptions

## 11:00AM-12:00PM Session 6 - continued

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

### **Bring Your "A" Game**

**Mesa Verde B**

*Presenter: Mr. Matt Smith, President, Bring Your "A" game to work initiative*

During this session Participants will focus on how to integrate seven fundamental workplace values into both high school and college preparation programs. This is an interactive session specially looking at how you can add values installation and reinforcement into any education program.

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

### **Saving for College**

**Mesa Verde C**

*Presenter: Ms. Kaylynn Hemlock, Community Relations Manager, CollegenInvest*

Learn about the pros and cons of coverdells, IRA's, Bonds, CD's, 529's, etc plus some great saving tips.

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

### **Chair Massages**

**Wind River**

Session 6 Friday, 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

### **Cutting and Self-Injury, Understanding and Responding to Students**

**Wind Star A & B**

*Presenter: Dr. Theresa Rosner-Salazar, Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

How to recognize signs and respond effectively to students who engage in cutting and self-injurious behaviors.