Improving Financial Aid and Admissions Outcomes & Increasing Economic Literacy
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Monday, April 27, 2020  (All Time is EST)

11:00 am – 11:30 am  Welcome and Introduction
Nicole Norfles, Director, Program Practice and Innovation
Council for Opportunity in Education

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  General Session: Match, Relationships, and FA update
“Ensuring Access Equals Success: Integrating Critical Factors into the Preparation for College” (All Programs)
Alfred Herrera, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Partnerships at University of California, Los Angeles

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Break

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Breakout I: Admissions (Please select one of the following breakouts)
A. Increasing Access and admissions for students entering university as First-Time Freshman Students (Pre-College)
Tracy Lyons, Executive Director of Undergraduate Student Success and Retention at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

B. Increasing Access and admissions for students entering university as Graduate School Students (College)
Susan Ott, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University at Buffalo - The State University of New York

C. Increasing Access and admissions for students entering university as Transfer Students in Securing Admission to the Four-Year College and Program of Their Choice (College)
Alfred Herrera

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm  Break

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  Breakout II: Financial Aid (Please select one of the following breakouts)
A. Providing Key Financial Aid Concepts for College Success Program (Pre-college)
Leticia Trevino, Director, Talent Search Program, Denver Scholarship Foundation, Denver, CO

B. Providing Key Financial Aid Concepts for College Success Program (College)
Woodrow Lewis, Jr., Associate Dean Of Students at New Jersey City University
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11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Breakout II: Financial Aid (Continued -Please select one of the following breakouts)

A. Increasing Access and Admissions for Non-Traditional Students and Veterans (EOC/VUB/SSS)
Sidney Mitchell, Former VUB Administrator of University of Louisiana- Lafayette

B. Aiding Students & Families Award Letter Understanding and Methods to Advocate for Funding (All Programs)
Connie Jaime-Lujan, Associate Director for University Access and Success, Colorado State University

C. Piecing Together Funding for Graduate Students
Susan Ott

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Break

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  Breakouts III: Other Key Considerations

A. Advocating for Change to Support Students with Special Circumstances (All Programs)
Woodrow Lewis

B. Tips & Tools for Meeting Financial Literacy Requirements (All Programs)
Connie Jaime-Lujan

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Hot Topics Panel Discussion (with Q &A): Achieving Student Success by Collaborating with Financial Aid Administrators (All Programs) – All Faculty
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Thursday, April 30, 2020 (All Time is EST)

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Breakout IV: Creative Models in FA Support (Please select one breakout)
   A. Using Outcome Data to Reduce Under-matching
      Heath Alexander, Executive Director of Sixup Foundation, CA
   B. Creating the Action Pipeline from Secondary through Postsecondary Education with a Review of the Pell Institute’s Study Regarding First Generation Students
      Lucy Jones, TRIO Specialist Bella Vista, AR
   C. Collision or Collaboration: The Role of Financial Aid in Academic Advising
      Woodrow Lewis

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Break

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  General Session: Connecting with Technology to Increase Your Program’s Reach and Internal Productivity
      Sundiata “Sunji” Jangha, Director, Upward Bound Math Science Program, and Co-Director USM Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Short Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  General Session: Pulling It All Together: A Practical Application of Admission and Financial Aid
      Woodrow Lewis and Leticia Trevino

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm  General Session Wrap Up
      Nicole Norfles