



**Education Team Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2021
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform**

Meeting Notes

Attendance

This monthly meeting of the Education Team focused on programs available at Purdue Northwest (TRIO and ROTC), information about the READY NWI website, and plans for the 2021 Summer Institute. Online attendance for this meeting was 75 at its peak.

Call to Order & Announcements

Peggy Buffington and **Mark Sperling**, Education Team Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and introduced the agenda items for meeting.

Brief updates were given by the Center of Workforce Innovations (CWI) on the Work Ethic Certificates and the ongoing series to promote the building trades to our K-12 students. **Danni Mancusi-Shreve** reported that we will be printing locally both the Governor's and Regional Work Ethics Certificates this year. With many awards ceremonies coming up, it is important for all participating schools to keep in close contact with Danni (dmancusishreve@cwicorp.com) on students who have qualified for the award. **Barb Grimsgard** reported that 12 building trades sessions have now been held with one more coming up to complete the series. Over 2000 students have participated, and 1100+ downloads have occurred on the website. All sessions can be found at the www.readynwi.com website. Lesson guides will also be added for the sessions.

TRIO and ROTC Programs at Purdue Northwest (PNW)

Maceo Rainey, **Catalina Rodriguez**, and **Ronnell DuBose** from PNW presented information on the TRIO programs that are all aimed at creating a college-going culture for high school students and assisting in preparation and transition for high school students to college. A particular focus is on first-generation college students, attracting underserved populations, and addressing equity issues related to college attendance and success. Information on the TRIO programs at PNW can be found at www.pnw.edu/educational-opportunity-programs. Highlights from the TRIO presentation included:

- The original programs under TRIO date back to the 1960s

- There were originally three programs (thus the name TRIO) in the mix
- There are now five programs with a total funding of \$2.million at PNW
- 21st Century Scholars is part of the current array of programs
- The Talent Search program alone has over 1400 students
- It is important for students to continue to take standardized tests (SAT, ACT, etc.) even when not required for college admission, as scores from these tests are used to qualify students for merit-based scholarships

Michele Deegan Giovannini from the PNW ROTC program presented information on options available via ROTC as PNW, IUN, and other participating colleges. Michele, an Army Captain, can be reached at mdeegang@pnw.edu if you would like additional information for your students. Highlights of her presentation included:

- ROTC is a series of elective courses you can take along with courses in your major – once a week for Military Science, Physical Training three times a week, Leadership Lab once every other week
- ROTC courses are designed to develop: leadership, management skills; self-discipline; confidence; skills you can use to succeed in any career area
- Typically a 4-year progression of courses leading to commission as 2nd Lieutenant upon college graduation – possible to fast track to commission in as few as two years
- Several scholarships are offered
- Students are not deployed while in college – school completion is the initial priority
- Can join National Guard and stay in local community – attend drill one weekend a month
- Excellent record of college completion for ROTC students – 88% grad rate for juniors, 91% grad rate for seniors – on-time graduation rates are higher than average student

READY NWI Website

Barb Grimsgard, CWI Communications Manager, gave a brief overview and tour of the www.readynwi.com website, noting that we are making a number of improvements to the site to encourage more usage among READY NWI members. The site has a growing number of videos that can be used in the classroom and at other times by counselors and students to explore careers, with a focus on NWI job opportunities. READY NWI meeting notes, agendas, and supplemental materials presented at meetings can always be found on the site. Members are encouraged to explore the website and give Barb ideas on how to make the site more usable. Barb can be reached at bgrimsgard@cwicorp.com.

Summer Institute Plans

The remainder of the meeting was spent on exploring ideas for a June 2021 READY NWI Summer Institute. A work team had reviewed input from a survey that was sent to READY NWI members. Over 35 members responded, and the input helped to shape the following preliminary structure for this year's event:

- All survey respondents favored a session in some form
- Hybrid event with some participants physically at Hobart High School and others connecting via video connection
- Probable date of June 15 for event
- Half-day event (roughly 7:30 registration to noon or 12:30 p.m.)
- Dr. Katie Jenner to be invited to provide a keynote address – either in-person or via video
- Series of three breakout segments – at least a couple of choices in each segment
- High priority topics for consideration: Social/Emotional Learning (SEL); application process for Early College Program; Indiana College Core; Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS); strategies for dealing with learning loss; accountability structures as impacted by online/hybrid learning; rigor in K-12 to college transitions; college environment in Fall 2021 – what students need to know

Please contact Peggy Buffington, Mark Sperling, Barb Grimsgard, or Roy Vanderford if you have comments or questions. We are proceeding with plans for this summer as outlined above. The Team also decided that we would not have a May Education Team meeting, as most of our K-12 and college members are heavily involved in end-of-year activities in late May

<i>Adjournment & Next Meeting</i>
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting will be the 2021 Summer Institute on June 15. Registration information will be sent out.

Please remove our regular May meeting from your calendars – **NO MAY EDUCATION TEAM MEETING.**

Please contact *Beki Vogelpohl* (rvogelpohl@cwicorp.com) or *Roy Vanderford* (rvanderford@cwicorp.com) if you have questions or comments, updates on members to be added or deleted, or ideas for content for the meetings.