



Student Success Learning Institute

August 7, 2019

University of Missouri - Columbia
Memorial Student Union N201 ABC

Supporting Students Through Flexible Financial Aid Strategies

By the end of the day, we will have:

- A shared understanding of how emergency grants, completion grants, debt forgiveness and other flexible financial aid strategies can increase retention and completion for low-income students, first-generation students and students of color;
- Individually identified at least one strategy or idea that can be implemented on our own campuses or within our own organizations to strengthen existing efforts or launch new ones;
- Familiarity with statewide scholarship and financial aid tools and resources; and
- Connected with colleagues to further the SSLI goal of creating a learning network of higher education professionals committed to eliminating equity gaps in degree completion.

AGENDA

9:30 - 10:00 Informal Coffee and Conversation

10:00 -10:10 Welcome to the Student Success Learning Institute

Alan Byrd, Jr., Co-Chair, St. Louis Graduates, and Vice Provost of Enrollment Management, University of Missouri-St. Louis

10:10-10:20 Welcome from University of Missouri

Kim Humphrey, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of Missouri-Columbia

**10:20 -11:00 Keynote Address and Q&A:
Increasing Re-enrollment and Graduation Rates through Debt Forgiveness:
The Warrior Way Back Model**

Introduction: **Alan Byrd, Jr.**, Co-Chair, St. Louis Graduates, and Vice Provost of Enrollment Management, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Keynote Speaker:

Dawn Medley, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Wayne State University

11:00 - 11:30 Response Panel: Increasing Graduation Rates for Underrepresented Students through Completion Grants and Debt Forgiveness

Moderator:

Alan Byrd, Jr., Co-Chair, St. Louis Graduates, and Vice Provost of Enrollment Management, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists:

Melissa Findley, Executive Director, Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation

Karen Goos, Interim Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of Central Missouri

Dena Norris, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Financial Services, Metropolitan Community College

11:30-12:00 Plenary Panel: How Emergency Grants are Aiding Student Retention

Moderator: **Alan Byrd, Jr.**, Co-Chair, St. Louis Graduates, and Vice Provost of Enrollment Management, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Panelists:

Matthew Kearney, Director of Financial Aid, Southeast Missouri State University

Charles (Buddy) Mayfield, Director of Financial Aid, Northwest Missouri State University

12:00-12:30 Lunch and Team Time Discussion

12:30- 1:15 Full Tuition Programs for Pell Students: What We've Learned from the Missouri Land Grant

Lynn Stichnote, Director of Financial Aid, University of Missouri-Columbia

Justin Wilson, Assistant Director of Admissions, Fontbonne University

Charles (Buddy) Mayfield, Director of Financial Aid, Northwest Missouri State University

1:15 -1:55 Tools and Resources to Connect Students to Scholarships and Interest-Free Loans

Leroy Wade, Assistant Commissioner, Missouri Department of Higher Education

Melissa Findley, Executive Director, Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation

Ellen Vietor, Manager, Scholarship Central

1:55-2:00 Closing Remarks: How Today Will Impact My Work

Please complete the online evaluation sent via e-mail to each participant!

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