



Virtual Brown Bag Lunch

for high school counselors and access advisers



April 10, 2020

Today's Agenda..... is very full!

- Welcome and Housekeeping
- Check In
- Take a Deep Breath
- ACT update
- Financial Aid Updates
- MDHEWD State Scholarship Updates
- Resources to Share
- Opportunities to Collaborate
- Check-out and Adjourn

Housekeeping and Reminders

- **Please remain on mute.** But join us by video if you can. It's nice to see you. And we welcome waves from children, family and pets!
- **Please use the Chat function to react to a presenter or to ask a question.** Ashley June Moore will voice the questions and monitor chat. Thanks, Ashley!
- FYI, you can privately chat with anyone on the participant list – but that “private” chat will end up in our chat log which will go public. Lesson learned for all of us!
- Teresa Steinkamp is taking notes today. Thanks, Teresa!
- Thanks to MASFAP for helping us organize today. And thanks to Chris at ACT, Kelli at MDHEWD, Michelle Luraschi, and our financial aid panelists.
- Reminder – you are all AMAZING advisers and counselors for taking this time to learn how to best support students. Thank you!
- **We are recording today's session.** Video, notes and PPT will be posted to our website by COB Monday: <https://stlouisgraduates.org/2020/04/01/brown-bag-virtual-lunches/>

One-word Check in – via Chat box

How are you feeling right now?

Today's Deep Breath: 4-7-8 breathing



ACT Update

Chris Mitchell, Account Executive for Missouri and South Dakota, ACT -
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Questions sent in advance:

- What will most college/universities do regarding students that were supposed to take the ACT on April 4 and not satisfied with the ACT score they have now?
- Will there be additional ACT Test dates added?
- Why do students have to pay and be refunded for the test date change due to the April test cancellation? Could the registration just transfer without having to enter a card for payment?
- For the public schools that paid for state testing of their juniors (it was supposed to happen March 24th) is there a fall possibility of still offering the assessment?



College Financial Aid Updates

- **Scott Belobrajdic**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville - sbelobr@siue.edu
- **Kayla Klein**, Financial Aid Advisor, University of Missouri-Columbia - kleinkw@missouri.edu
- **Drew Griffin**, Assistant Vice Provost for Admissions & Financial Aid, University of Central Missouri - dgriffin@ucmo.edu
- **Charles (Buddy) Mayfield**, Director of Financial Assistance, Northwest Missouri State University - mayfield@nwmissouri.edu
- **Rob Moore**, Director of Financial Aid, Missouri State University - RobMoore@missouristate.edu
- **Alex Miller**, Director of Financial Aid, Stephens College - almiller@stephens.edu
- **Chris Bowen**, Assistant Director, Student Financial Aid, University of Missouri-St. Louis - bowenct@umsl.edu

Financial Aid Panel Questions

- What if families/student have not applied for Financial Aid as of yet for the 2020-2021 school year. Is it too late to apply for financial aid?
- When will financial aid award letters be out to our students so that they can make informed decisions?

MDHEWD State Scholarship Updates

Kelli Reed, Senior Associate, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development - kelli.reed@dhewd.mo.gov

- A+ for current postsecondary students
- A+ for 2020 seniors
- A+ for juniors
- Bright Flight for 2020 seniors
- Access MO?
- Other state scholarships

StriveScan Virtual College Exploration Week

**Michelle Luraschi, College & Career Preparation Coordinator/ Counselor,
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Virtual College Exploration Week is April 20 – 23

- Free!
- Intended for HS juniors – not seniors, not counselors, not partner orgs
- Students and parents sign up here: <https://www.strivescan.com/virtual/>
- 96 panel presentations over 4 days
- +300 institutions are participating
- Colleges and universities from 44 states and 10 countries are represented
- 360+ college representatives will be sharing their knowledge and expertise

Resources to Share

- [STLGraduates COVID-19 response page](#)
- [New – updates from area colleges and universities](#)
- Gateway Resilience Fund – not accepting applications at this time
- [Scholarship Central Deadlines](#)
- [Test Optional Schools](#) via Fair Test – Thanks Megan Kirk!

Next Week – April 17 at 2 PM (Note Time!)

- Topics you would like covered?
 - Questions you would like answered?
 - Guests you'd like invited?
 - Do you want time to have “small group” conversations?
 - Please e-mail thoughts to info@stlouisgraduates.org
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- We will plan to continue weekly calls on Fridays. April 24 we are back to Noon start time.

You are AMAZING!

Stay Well!