Virtual Brown Bag Lunch
for high school counselors and access advisers

June 12, 2020
Today’s Agenda

• Welcome and Housekeeping
• Check In
• Take a Deep Breath
• Advising in Summer 2020
  • Teresa Steinkamp, Advising Director, The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis
• Summer Advising Resources
  • St. Louis Public Schools – Beth Bender, Associate Superintendent for College and Career Readiness
  • Missouri College Advising Corps College Connections Center - Brittany Cleek, MCAC College Transition & Retention Coordinator
• Missouri Student Aid Updates
  • Leroy Wade, Deputy Commissioner, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
• Available Scholarships and Interest-Free Loans
  • Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation – Melissa Findley, Executive Director, and Taylor Grimm, Scholarship Program Manager
  • Scholarship Central – Kaitlyn Venta, Scholarship Manager
• Resources to Share
• Check-out and Adjourn
Housekeeping Reminders

• **Please remain on mute.** But join us by video if you can.

• **Please use the Chat function to react to a presenter or to ask a question.**
  - “Private” chat is not private – it shows up in our chat log we send out. FYI!

• Thanks to:
  - Ashley June Moore for managing our Chat
  - Kaitlyn Sanders for taking today’s notes
  - All of our amazing presenters today for sharing their insights
  - YOU for all you are doing to support students every day 💖

• **We are recording today’s session.** Video, chat, notes and PPT will be posted to our website: [https://stlouisgraduates.org/2020/04/01/brown-bag-virtual-lunches/](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: Black Lives Matter

Engage in the long, faithful work.
Surrender the need of striving
to be the best or always right
and focus instead on leaning into Light,
that reveals all things.
All that is good
and all that stands to be corrected,
and redirected.

And as you lean into Light,
be gentle with the word “darkness.”
For more than it merely means wrong or bad,
it is also the color of a full, starless night sky,
and actual bodies
of human beings
who have been overlooked
too many times.

Many, many words
hold more than one meaning.

Language on “light” and “dark” may have its place,
and this is also true,
this very language has been used to say,
“You are a threat. I am not. I am worth more than
you.” It takes kindness to understand this, for
even though kindness is a beautiful word,
it does not mean that nothing gets disrupted.
Sometimes a way of thinking must be interrupted
in order for kindness to truly thrive.

For as sure as kindness
leans into what is good,
it also speaks about what isn’t right.
It is compassionate and gentle
when long histories are pulled from mourning into
morning.

- @morganharpernichols
Advising in Summer 2020

Teresa Steinkamp, Advising Director,
The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis

Advising Discussion Guide for Summer 2020
See separate handout
Summer Advising Resources for Students

Beth Bender, Associate Superintendent for College and Career Readiness, St. Louis Public Schools
Summer Advising Resources for Students

Brittany Cleek, College Transition & Retention Coordinator, Missouri College Advising Corps

VIRTUAL COLLEGE ADVISING
DROP-IN HOURS

TUESDAY: 11AM – 1:30PM
WEDNESDAY: 2:30PM – 5PM
THURSDAY: 11AM – 1:30PM
SATURDAY: 10:30AM – 12:30PM

Connect with an adviser here:
tinyurl.com/getconnected2college
Missouri Student Aid Updates

Leroy Wade, Deputy Commissioner, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

See separate handout
Financial Aid Still Available

Kaitlyn Venta,
Scholarship Manager,
Scholarship Central

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Financial Aid Still Available

Melissa Findley, Executive Director, Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation

Taylor Grimm, Scholarship Program Manager, Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation
• **Access EXTRA Scholarship** – 27+ ACT score, 12,000 or less EFC, MO resident, full-time at eligible MO institution
  • $2,000 per year
  • Application on [myscholarshipcentral.org](http://myscholarshipcentral.org) (no essays – students upload SAR and ACT score report) – **closes 6/30/20** and awarding as students apply

• **MOFELP (interest-free/fee-free loan)** – 21+ ACT score, 12,000 or less EFC, MO resident, full-time at eligible MO institution
  • Used to fill the gap after federal loans, grants and scholarships
  • Up to $5,000 per year
  • Application certified by student’s financial aid office

• **Director’s Choice Emergency Grant** – for students facing an urgent financial situation, referred by institution’s Financial Aid Director
  • Up to $1,500 for 4-year schools and $750 for 2-year schools
  • Since onset of COVID-19 pandemic, around $284,000 disbursed in emergency aid mainly for housing insecurities, job loss and basic needs

Moslf.org/programs.html
Resources to Share

- STLGraduates COVID-19 resource page
- Notes from previous Brown Bag calls
  - May 22 notes include updates from a dozen colleges
- Virtual college admissions events
- Test optional colleges for fall 2021
- Ashley June Moore’s Black Lives Matter poem
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Next Steps

Save the Dates!

• July 15: Launch of new video series and release of St. Louis Graduates Degrees with Less Debt report
• July 31: Next Brown Bag: Supporting students with Financial Aid appeals

Professional Development Institute returns this fall – virtual webinars every other week
• Aug 14: Advising in a virtual space

Please e-mail questions, topics, ideas, resources to info@stlouisgraduates.org
One-word Check Out – via Chat box

How are you feeling now after this call?
Get some rest and stay well!