

PDI: Student & Family Engagement in a Virtual Space
August 28, 2020

Introduction & Housekeeping

- Meeting Agreements
- Give ourselves and others some grace
- survey to email after session
- Recording of the session will be posted on the website

About St. Louis Graduates

- Laura shared background info on St. Louis Graduates and PDI's.
- Video series on YouTube channel. Degrees with Less Debt.

Upcoming PDI's

- All virtual on Friday's at 10 a.m.

Take a Deep Breathe activity

- Laura led us in a breathing exercise called Box Breathing

Virtual Advising

- Presenter: Gabbi Ray Robinson, MCAC
- Why do you do what you do?
 - What is your why? Review your purpose and why.
 - Be mindful that attention from students may be limited.
 - Do they see and feel your why?
- How and what will be delivered?
 - How are you reaching students?
 - How is your team communicating with one another?
 - How is your internal communication flowing?
 - Make sure the structure you're using is intentional and at the right time.
- What goals will measure impact?
 - Are you adjusting your goals to a pandemic school year?
 - Are your goals realistic in this environment?
 - Are they conducive to a virtual environment?
 - Have you changed your mindset?
 - Benchmarks give you a target to aim for.
- Virtual Engagement Tips
 - Details can be found on PowerPoint
 - Be intentional about how to communicate with students and families
 - Meet students where they are, you don't want to look over students
 - Ask for feedback. What needs to be adjusted from the perspective of students and families?
- Ways to Increase Your Visibility
 - Newsletter
 - Website
 - Social media pages
 - Video introductions to students and families

- Make it known how they can reach you
- Celebrate students on your platforms
- Time for all of us to be creative on how we interact with families
- Think outside of the box

Resources

- There is a COVID Resource Guide on the website. It is updated often. If you know of anything that should be added please share with Laura.

Break Out Rooms

- Participants were broken into smaller breakout rooms.
- Groups had 20 minutes to discuss what works and what doesn't work for virtually engaging with students and families.
- Groups shared all of their thoughts on sticky notes

Show Me My Future

- Presenter: Michelle Luraschi, College & Career Preparation Coordinator/Counselor, Pattonville High School and MOACAC College Fairs Co-Chair MOACAC Virtual College & Career
- Virtual college tour and career fair
- 180 sessions available
- Registration is now open
- Please share with your networks
- Sept. 13-Oct. 8 (evening and weekend options)
 - 1st week: college knowledge
 - 2nd & 3rd week: individual sessions
 - 4th week: military, skilled trades, short term programs, etc.
- Need facilitators. You can sign up to be a facilitator or moderator. Need someone to help open and close sessions.
- There is something for everyone
- You can find all of the information on the St. Louis Graduate pages

CHAT NOTES

10:04:46 From Kaitlyn Venta : Meeting agreements -
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jvH-GMOAvt4bYeYZMhPv25WmafVyfv46RRejzFMMHsY/edit>

10:09:49 From Kaitlyn Venta : Link to register for PDI -
<https://stlouisgraduates.org/2020/07/16/professional-development-institute-2020-21/>

10:21:23 From Blake Beck - MCAC : You're welcome!

10:22:53 From Laura Winter : dwlstl.org is Degrees with Less Debt video link

10:25:19 From Garan : We are currently looking for a College Advisory if anyone knows of a recent graduate. Send them my way. :) gmcuskey@stcmo.org

10:25:26 From Garan : advisor

10:32:00 From Kaitlyn Venta : The powerpoint if you didn't get it earlier

10:33:17 From Britni STLCC : Thank you Kaitlyn!

10:36:14 From Kaitlyn Venta : freeconferencecall.com if you don't have a conference call line

10:36:53 From Ivy Hartman, She/Her, Rockwood Summit HS : I am using Google Appointment calendar for families to sign up to meet with me. Our district didn't like the FERPA requirements for student usage via Calendly. So far working well. Some hiccups.

10:37:14 From Kaitlyn Venta :
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aBmjDZSOeLvMsbOKlxdGYgeYfAre4Rus>

10:37:21 From Kaitlyn Venta : Link to the sticky notes above

10:41:49 From Kaitlyn Venta :
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Rv1VRiU21wVI4MDMOGsfN_qEVTcpQOqdRwT-aQAQjQI/edit#slide=id.g924d33d444_0_0

10:57:39 From Jennifer Irvin, MHSA, CCHW-BJC HealthCare : Breakout session was great!

10:57:48 From Amanda Samuels : really enjoyed getting to connect with others

10:58:41 From Kaitlyn Venta : MOACAC Show Me My Future - <https://www.moacac.org/show-me-my-future-student-registration>

10:59:14 From Ivy Hartman, She/Her, Rockwood Summit HS : MORE Info and details for students, counselors families: <https://www.moacac.org/show-me-my-future-student-registration>

10:59:45 From Ivy Hartman, She/Her, Rockwood Summit HS : Sign up to help facilitate a session that you are planning to attend anyway!
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YXj1zdoPUJ4Z0GPFd1LD4CwkvxwsCk8IFiEA0zp5KcE/edit#gid=0>

11:00:41 From Kaitlyn Venta : Facilitator sign up -
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YXj1zdoPUJ4Z0GPFd1LD4CwkvxwsCk8IFiEA0zp5KcE/edit>

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