

**Absolute Priority 3: Assessment of Student Needs, Retention/Graduation Strategies,**

April 30- May 2, 2025

Hybrid

VIRTUAL AGENDA

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**Please note: All Times are in Eastern Time**

**April 30, 2025**

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| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions and Logistics  |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | <b>General Session 1:</b> Effective Practices: Retaining Students in Pre-college Programs   |
| 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.   | <b>Breakout Sessions 1:</b> Retaining Students<br><br>Completing a Rigorous Curriculum & STEM<br><br>Assisting Adolescents to Develop Non-Cognitive Skills<br><br>FAFSA Completion and Early Financial Planning |
| 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.   | <b>General Session 2:</b> Developing Non-Cognitive Skills, Applying Growth Mind- set to Increase Retention  |
| 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Networking and Roundtables by Program (Facilitated by Faculty)  |

**May 1, 2025**

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| 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Breakout Sessions 2: Retaining Students (Repeat of Session 1)               |
| 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | <b>General Session 3:</b> Gen Z Effective Educational Technology Strategies |
| 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.   | <b>General Session 4:</b> Navigating Mental Health Challenges               |
| 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | <b>General Session 5:</b> Effective Strategies for Family Involvement       |

**May 2, 2025**

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| 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | <b>General Session 6:</b> College Match: Raising College Aspiration and Graduation |
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12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>General Session 7:</b> Supporting Wellness, Mental Health and Trauma to Increase Retention and Graduation
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Breakout Session 3:</b> Practices to Improve Retention and Graduation  Effective Practices to Recruit and Retain Students in STEM  Dual Enrollment and AP Courses for Pre-college Youth:  Reducing Summer Melt-Attrition to College Enrollment:
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Networking and Roundtables by Program (Facilitated by Faculty)
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Overview of Learning