Hello All,

Spotlight on Student Services conference was held March 11-13, 2020 at the Delaware Area Career Center in Delaware Ohio. Thank you to all who attended and shared their expertise. Spotlight on Student Services conference is a great event to network with colleagues, hear best practices, get answers to current questions, and have fun. We were able to showcase our golf talents at Top Golf too. Pictures from the event are featured in this newsletter. Thank you to Lisa-Marie Reinhart for being our hostess! We were fortunate that this conference was face-to-face as Ohio’s Governor, March 15, ordered all bars and restaurants to close dining rooms due to COVID-19. This conference is one benefit of belonging to the Student Service’s Division.

Our summer conference was virtual this year with a focus on pathways for teachers and a few administrative-related sessions. We had over 700 educators involved in these virtual sessions in July. Our division can continue these virtual sessions during the school year if our members see a need, so please let me know if you have a topic we can focus on and I can get a session organized!

Ohio’s required Career Advising Policy states that every student in grades 6-12 should receive career counseling. A barrier to implementing this policy is that most educators have not had any training in providing career advising.

An online 8-week course with one face-to-face meeting (required) has been designated for administrators, counselors, and teachers to learn more about Ohio’s Career Advising Policy, career counseling, career development, and available resources to meet the policy requirements. More information is within this newsletter.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Recruit new members for our division:

Eligible members are often involved with:
- School counseling and comprehensive guidance
- Career guidance, occupational information and exploration
- Pre-employment preparation, job placement and work experience
- Institutional program admissions
- Student financial aid
- Human resources management
- Student personnel and guidance functions

Ohio ACTE Student Services Update
September, 2020
“Spotlight on Student Services” conference is a showcase of best practices presented by those attending the conference. Each participant shares 10 minutes or less of a best practice they have found to be beneficial to the work we do in student services. A tip for better recruitment, a timeline for retaining students, a career connections lesson, a school counseling tip, a marketing document, a business partnership, or a placement success are a few examples of what is shared at this annual conference. This is the best deal for a conference of best practices and networking! Thank you Lisa-Marie Reinhart and Delaware Area Career Center for hosting this conference. Enjoy the pictures!
Bridging Ohio's Workforce Gap Plan Released

Too few Ohioans have the knowledge and skills required to compete for the in-demand jobs of today’s economy. That means more Ohioans must attain advanced education levels represented by high-value credentials and postsecondary degrees. In 2018, only 49.2 percent of Ohioans had earned a high-value credential or postsecondary degree – putting Ohio two points below the national average and ranking us 31 out of 50 states. According to economists, the ideal attainment rate to best position a state for competitive success is 65 percent.

The purpose of Bridging Ohio's Workforce Gap plan, released August 11, is to guide the efforts of the Complete to Compete Ohio Coalition as it helps Ohioans’ attain high-value credentials and postsecondary degrees across the state.

The full Statewide Action Plan for Postsecondary Educational Attainment in Ohio is available here.
Key objectives:

- A focus on Ohio-specific career resources and information
- Meet current legislation – Career Advising
- Expose participants to businesses and local career-technical programs and campuses
- Drive educators to state resources – Ohio Means Jobs K-12 & Career Connections
- Provide a forum for discussion and emphasis on career counseling best practices

Course Information:

- 8-week asynchronous course all online, except for one in-person visit required to a local Career Technical Center
- Cost: $399 (OACTE member); $469 (non-member); + the cost of the course book (~$15)
Business Advisory Councils

All Ohio school districts and Educational Service Centers need to have a Business Advisory Council. Business Advisory Council plans must be submitted by September 30, 2019.

- Operating standards for Business Advisory Councils
- Example Business Advisory Council plan template
- How to submit a Business Advisory Council plan
- Business Advisory Council Plan Development Workshop Agenda and presentation (August 27th or September 5th) Click here for more information.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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Goals of the Ohio ACTE Student Services Division

- Provide leadership and advocacy for all Student Services Professionals.
- Collaborate with other professional education groups to maintain and advance a strong voice for career development, school counseling and student services programming.
- Disseminate career and technical education (CTE) information to school counselors, career development, and student services personnel and to facilitate the sharing of information.
- Provide exciting and engaging professional development sessions at the annual Ohio ACTE conference, “Spotlight on Student Services” conference, and other venues.
- Provide annual professional recognition to school counselors, career development, and student services professionals and/or their programs.

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Your participation in Ohio ACTE strengthens the voice of CTE and helps influence positive changes in funding, legislation and attitudes. Thank you for your membership! Ask a colleague to join today!