



Community Best Practices Forum

Wednesday, March 14, 3-5pm
Lecture Hall, Macaulay Honors College (35 West 67th Street)

Crossing the Bridge: Supporting Students in the Summer Before College Enrollment

AGENDA

3:00 - 3:10	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Melinda Mack & Mary Claire Hiebert</i>
3:10 - 3:30	<p>“From Application to Enrollment” Activity <i>If you received a piece of blue cardstock when you arrived, please line up with other card-holders in the correct order to represent the steps that students need to follow in order to enroll in college successfully. If you did not receive a card, please participate by advising others regarding where to stand in line. This activity will get participants thinking about the complexity of the college enrollment process, and all the steps that students need to complete leading up to their semester of entry.</i></p> <p>Reconvene to discuss</p>
3:30 - 4:00	<p><u>Bridge to College: A Program of the Urban Assembly, College Access: Research & Action (CARA), and CUNY’s At Home in College</u> <i>This panel discussion will provide information about the structure, features, early outcomes, and student experience of the Bridge to College program.</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lori Chajet</u> - Co-Director, <i>College Access: Research & Action (CARA), CUNY Graduate Center</i> • <u>Daniel Voloch</u> - Director, <i>At Home in College, CUNY</i> • <u>Ritu Sen</u> - Director of College Readiness, <i>The Urban Assembly</i> • <u>Cesar Irigoyen</u> - College Coach, <i>Summer 2011 Bridge to College Program</i> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Amy Perlow</u> - Assistant Director, <i>At Home in College, CUNY</i>

<p>4:00 - 4:40</p>	<p>Small-Group Discussions <i>Participants will have the opportunity to discuss – and take back to their sites – several ideas about how to build a better “bridge to college” for students by improving programming and support during the summer before college enrollment. Tools from the Bridge to College program will also be shared.</i></p> <p>A facilitator will lead your group through the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From your perspective (in your organization), what have you seen students experience during the summer before college enrollment? • What are the challenges of working with students during this time? • What are best practices for working with students during this time? • What would you like to do (in your role and organization) moving forward to provide a better summer “bridge to college” for the students you serve? <p>Reconvene (*at 4:30*) Each group to share one idea that excited you OR one practice that you’ll bring back to your work.</p>
<p>4:40-4:45</p>	<p>Wrap-up and Announcements <i>Don’t forget to complete a Participant Questionnaire!</i></p>
<p>4:45-5:00</p>	<p>Informal Discussion Time!</p>