

Community Best Practices Forum:  
**Building a College-Going Culture  
In Non-Profits & Schools**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

**AGENDA**

<b>9:00 - 9:10</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Castillo Richmond, Director, <i>Graduate NYC!</i></li> <li>• Eve Bois - Director, College &amp; Career Resources Centers, <i>Pathways to Graduation (Formerly GEDPlus), District 79, Alternative Schools &amp; Programs, NYCDOE</i></li> </ul>
<b>9:10 - 9:40</b>	<p><b>Introduction of Research Speaker</b></p> <p>Research Speaker: Vanessa Coca Research Assistant, Research Alliance for New York City Schools and Doctoral Candidate, <i>NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development</i></p> <p><b><u>Research Presentation: <i>Barriers to Students' Transition To College: Lessons from Chicago and Next Steps for NYC</i></u></b></p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<b>9:40 - 10:40</b>	<p><b>Main Panel Discussion w/Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Moderator: Sugeni Perez-Sadler Associate Director, College and Career Planning <i>Office of Postsecondary Readiness, NYCDOE</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Aspell, College Access Coordinator, <i>Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow</i></li> <li>• Fatima Bah, Recent college graduate and former youth leader at Secondary School for Research</li> <li>• Michelle Guzman, Assistant Principal, <i>Pathways to Graduation, District 79, NYCDOE</i></li> <li>• Sharlane Smith, Teacher, <i>Future Now, Pathways to Graduation, District 79, NYCDOE</i></li> <li>• Josh Steckel, College Counselor, <i>Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies</i></li> <li>• Tara Williams, College Prep &amp; Leadership Program Director, <i>East Side House Settlement</i></li> </ul>

10:40 - 10:50	<b>Breaks/Transition to Breakout Session</b>
	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Session #1 - Building a College-going Culture Early</b>  <i>Breakout Leaders:</i>            Charles Guerrero, Director of Leadership Development Opportunities, <i>Prep for Prep</i>            Josh Van Kirk, Legends Program Coordinator, <i>Harlem RBI</i>  <b>Herin Hall (Old Building) Room 630</b></p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Session # 2 - Creating a Strong College-going Culture for Non-traditional Students</b>  <i>Breakout Leader:</i> Jean Didier Yao, Academic Advisor, <i>Future Now, Bronx Community College</i>  <b>Student Dining Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b></p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>Session # 3 - Effective Partnerships for Building a Strong College-going Culture</b>  <i>Breakout Leaders:</i>            Josh Steckel, College Counselor, <i>Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies</i>            Tara Williams, College Preparation and Leadership Program Director, <i>East Side House Settlement</i>  <b>Room L61</b></p> </li> </ul>
11:30 - 11:40	<b>Transition Back to Main Room - Student Dining Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of New Building</b>
11:40 -12:00	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <p><i>Report out from breakouts</i></p> <p><i>Announcements</i></p> <p><u>**Don't forget to complete a Participant Questionnaire today!</u></p>