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Educational Leadership Summit II a Great Success!

On April 10th, the **P-16 Consortium** hosted the Educational Leadership Summit II. The event was a tremendous success with 284 registered and 380 participants attending the actual event! 90% of the attendees rated the Summit Excellent/Very Good and felt that the breakout sessions were extremely valuable. The event was described as "Energizing," "Very worthwhile" and "One of the best conferences I have attended in a long time!" The Steering Committee will use the work of the breakout sessions to develop strategic plans for the next year and expects to host the third Summit in a year. For more information on the Summit or to volunteer, click **P-16 Consortium**.

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WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge Hosts Regional Competition and Earns 2nd Place in NYS Business Plan Competition!

The **WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge** is a student entrepreneurship initiative with the goal of providing engaging learning opportunities and identifying and incubating high potential student businesses. Overall, 450 teams competed in 10 regional competitions across New York State. On April 18, 2013, Canisius hosted 29 teams at the WNY Regional Business Plan Competition where we selected 6 teams to attend the **statewide competition in Albany**. On April 26th, our teams competed against 88 statewide teams with our Sustainability Team from UB, **diMien LLC** taking 2nd Place (\$5000)! This year we had 11 Consortium institutions participate. Next year we hope to increase that number!

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Daemen College and Consortium Collaborate on Health Care Forum

Daemen College, in partnership with the WNY Consortium of Higher Education, is co-hosting a Health Care Forum on **Tuesday May 14, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the College Wick Center**. The forum will focus on the impact of health care reform on the health professions. For more information on the forum and to register, click: **Health Care Forum**. Students and Faculty from the WNY Consortium of

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ACL is a national association that provides a forum for higher education professionals involved in cooperative programs.

Higher Education member institutions can register for free. This forum presents a unique opportunity for students and faculty of the health professions as they prepare for one of the largest health care reforms in our nation's history.

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Women's Leadership Institute Class of 2013

The Women's Leadership Institute hosted its final session on **April 10th**, with the session keynoted by **Lisa Marsh Ryerson, President of Wells College**. There were 42 participants in this year's Women's Leadership Institute which in two years has graduated 84 participants. For more information on the Women's Leadership Institute, click **Women's Leadership Institute**.

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Consortium Works Closely with Say Yes to Education

Say Yes to Education has launched its Postsecondary Pathways Task Force that will focus on college readiness, admissions, retention, and financial aid. This group is co-chaired by the Consortium's executive director, a professor of higher education administration, and a Buffalo Public Schools school counselor. The Task Force will convene the larger group in early summer 2013 and will develop a strategic list of objectives around those four areas. For questions or comments, please email **Steve Harvey, Executive Director** of the WNY Consortium of Higher Education.

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Buffalo Billion and Consortium Collaborate

The Consortium is excited to be working closely with the Empire State Development office and Buffalo Billion initiative around improving the access and preparation of students for the advanced manufacturing sector. This initiative will coordinate efforts between employers and certificate and degree programs that traditionally feed the advanced manufacturing sector. The hope is that more students will consider this viable option in a WNY sector that is marked by explosive growth. For questions on the initiative, please email: **Steve Harvey**, Executive Director of the Consortium.

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Faculty Development Group Hosts Faculty Panel

As the global economy continues, colleges and universities are examining the role they play in developing the skill sets for tomorrow's workforce. This examination is an international phenomenon that our Consortium has committed a great deal of time, talent, and resources to addressing. In the past year, the Faculty Development Group (FDG)

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hosted a national speaker, **Dr. Sanford Shugart** who addressed this issue. The FDG will now focus on how the Consortium can evolve the role faculty development and career services professionals play in positively influencing stronger student learning outcomes. On May 3rd, the Faculty Development Group will host a panel of liberal arts and professional school faculty and have invited **career services directors and professionals** to participate in this pivotal event. The goal is to develop a multi-year effort and to use the event as a catalyst for a significant event in the fall 2013 or spring 2014.

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Strategic Initiatives of the Consortium

Over the past three years the Consortium has experienced tremendous growth as demonstrated from the following statistics.

- We started with 4 **inter-institutional collaborations** and we now have 23 inter-institutional collaborations,
- We started with approximately 80 professional volunteers and we now have over 700 professional volunteers, and
- We had no external partnerships with the Consortium and now have **18 significant regional partnerships!**

This growth has benefited from the shared vision of the 21 college presidents and each of the 700+ professional volunteers who believe that our Consortium can make a significant difference in Western New York. Future initiatives include:

- Partnering with the business sector around stronger ties between Consortium members and the sectors we support with our graduates,
- Partnering within the Consortium to effect lasting outcomes-based change that results in improved graduation, time-to-degree, and job placement rates, and
- Cultivating stronger strategic leadership within the Consortium that will prepare individuals for increasing responsibilities at their individual institutions.

For more information on the Consortium, our impact and our initiatives, be sure to visit www.wnycollegeconnection.com.

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WNYCollegeConnection.com Racking Up the Numbers!

The Consortium continues to promote its web site:

www.wnycollegeconnection.com and has seen a huge increase in our numbers over the last year. As of May 1, 2013, the web site has over 13,000+ unique users (7000 shy of 2012's total) and 2,500,000+ hits (500,000 shy of 2012's total) with 8 months left in 2013! Equally impressive is that each time a user connects to our web site he or she hits 6.96 pages! We will continue to promote our site and the wonderful

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colleges and universities of our Consortium to school districts across the state and other strategic national and international regions.

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