

Overview

Title: Improving College Opportunity for Veterans and Service Members Hosted by the College Board and Ithaka S+R

Date and Time: February 10th, 6:15pm-8:30pm; February 11th, 8:30am-5:00 pm

Location: Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD)

Overarching Goal:

- Increasing access and opportunity for service members and veterans at high graduation rate institutions

Convening Goals:

- Build and leverage community amongst organizations focused on improving opportunities for student veterans and service members
- Share knowledge on effective practices that can improve recruitment, support, graduation, and opportunities for student veterans
- Support and sustain commitments in improving opportunities

DRAFT HIGH LEVEL AGENDA

Monday February 10th, 2020: Evening Reception **6:15-8:30 PM**

Location: Mason Hall at Johns Hopkins University

The evening reception will include a welcome reception, drinks and Hors D'oeuvres, and keynote remarks from **Robert Caslen**, President of the University of South Carolina and former Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Tuesday, February 11th, 2020: Full Day Meeting **8:30 AM-5:00 PM**

Location: Glass Pavilion at Johns Hopkins University; Lunch will be served in Great Hall.

SCHEDULE	TIME	ACTIVITY
	8:30-9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:00-9:45 AM	Welcome and Convening Introduction
	9:45-10:00 AM	Transition Time/ Break
	10:00-11:30 AM	Breakout Sessions I
	11:30-12:30 PM	Lunch
	12:30-1:45 PM	Breakout Sessions II
	1:45-2:00 PM	Transition Time/ Break
	2:00-3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions III
	3:15-3:30 PM	Transition Time / Break
	3:30-4:00 PM	Conclusion: Synthesis, Thanks, and Call to Action
	4:00-5:00 PM	Networking Opportunities

9:00-9:45 AM WELCOME AND CONVENING INTRODUCTION

The College Board and Ithaca S+R will welcome attendees and provide a brief recap of the 2018 conference and an overview of the goals and agenda of this convening. Organizations that publicly announced goals at the 2018 conference can also share updates and progress.

Speakers:

- Bruce Shahbaz, The College Board
- David Phillips, Johns Hopkins University
- Martin Kurzweil, Ithaca S+R

9:45-10:00 AM TRANSITION TIME/BREAK**10:00-11:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS I**Session 1A: Expanding the opportunity set (Outreach and Enrollment)

Session will focus on how to connect service members and veterans with a broader range of promising educational opportunities and programs. It will also include how participants in the pipeline can engage with service members and with each other to help put them on a good trajectory after separation.

Speakers:

- Camilla Hill, Warrior Scholar Project
- Deborah Marconda, U.S. Marine Corps
- Elana Duffy, Pathfinder.VET
- Tanya Ang, Veterans Education Success

Session 1B: Optimizing benefits for military and post military education (Administrative Capacity Building)

Session will focus on how to optimize GI Bill benefits, BAH housing, Yellow Ribbon, vocational rehabilitation benefits and state/local benefits for postsecondary education.

Speakers:

- Barrett Bogue, Evocati
- Benjamin Lotto, Vassar College
- John Kamin, The American Legion
- COL Prescott Farris, Soldier for Life
- Rachel Cardwell, Georgetown University

11:30-12:30 PM LUNCH**12:30-1:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS II**Session 2A: Tracking, reporting, and measuring veteran and service member data (Administrative Capacity Building)

Session will explore best practices in tracking, reporting, and measuring undergraduate student veteran and service member data.

Speakers:

- Chris Cate, Student Veterans of America
- Kiersten Downs, ScoutComms
- LeNaya Hezel, Georgetown University
- Walter Ochinko, Veterans Education Success

Session 2B: Ensuring progression and post-graduation success (Student Success)

Session will focus on how to support student veterans as they transition from pre-matriculation to post-graduation. This also includes how career services offices and employers can better support student veterans on campus and as they transition into the workplace.

Speakers:

- Beth Morgan, Columbia University
- Marcus Felder, Posse Veterans Program
- Mona Dexter, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation-Hiring Our Heroes
- Regan Jones, University of Notre Dame

1:45-2:00 PM TRANSITION TIME/BREAK

2:00-3:15 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

Session 3A: Recognition for military training and experiences (Outreach and Enrollment)

Session will focus on best practices for recognizing, understanding, and using information about military experience, training, and prior education in admissions and other academic settings.

Speakers:

- Emily Paulsen, College Board
- Karen Allen, Texas A&M University
- Lauren Runco, Lumina Foundation
- Terrell Odom, University of Chicago

Session 3B: Creating and sustaining transfer pathways (Administrative Capacity Building)

Session will focus on how to sustain veteran-focused partnerships among community colleges and four-year institutions.

Speakers:

- Christine Schwartz, Service to School
- Paula Compton, Ohio Department of Higher Education
- Marshall Thomas, California State University

3:15-3:30 PM TRANSITION TIME/BREAK

3:30-4:00 PM CONCLUSION: SYNTHESIS, THANKS, AND THE CALL TO ACTION

The College Board and Ithaca S+R will provide closing remarks and thank all organizations for participating in the convening. Provide organizational teams with a call to action. Organizations will pledge commitments to help improve opportunities for student veterans.

Speaker:

- Catharine Bond Hill, Ithaca S+R

4:00-5:00 PM NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES