

2018

Rural College Access and Success Summit



Purpose | The 2018 Rural College Access and Success Summit will bring together teachers, principals, superintendents, legislators, non-profit leaders and many others to share ideas and strategies for ensuring that rural youth have the opportunity to successfully transition from high school to college and to career. During the Summit, GEAR UP programs and other college access and success programs that serve rural America will share best practices and highlight the unique challenges of increasing opportunity in rural America. The ideas generated at the Summit will be compiled into action items and will be shared with participants and policy makers a few weeks after the conclusion of the event.

Location | Hilton Lexington/Downtown, 369 West Vine St., Lexington KY 40507

Time | Sunday, May 13, 2018, 4 p.m.–Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 3 p.m. EDT

Price | **Conference registration:** \$425 individual and \$375 each for GEAR UP programs that bring a team of 4 | **Partner Communities tour:** \$75 (limited to the first 80 registrants) At the conclusion of the Summit, we will tour some of the communities we serve and introduce you to some of our most important partners. The tour provides a chance to see what community partnership can look like in rural communities and to hear the perspective of community members. | **Conference hotel room rate:** \$119/night

Registration | bit.ly/ruralcollegesummit

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Engaging families for college success

| Speakers will address core challenges that face school systems each day. How to connect with parents when travel times between home and school make this difficult. How to engage millennial parents alongside grandparents who are caregivers. How to build educational advocates in the community. How to promote financial planning for college. How to engage parents in understanding assessments.

Lifting educational aspirations of rural youth

| Topics for exploration will include building hope in young people when hope may not be present in the home and community, using interest assessments to support students and build programs; finding innovative ways to promote job shadowing in the local community and beyond; combining college aspirations with vocational training; helping imagine an entrepreneurial future at home.

Building academic skills of rural youth to ensure college readiness

| Presentations will focus on creating and supporting effective professional development for teachers; creating partnerships through technology; using mentors to support online learning; developing evidence based approaches tailored to rural students' needs; ensuring access to AP and dual enrollment courses; creating partnerships to promote learning opportunities through summer enrichment programs.

Connecting rural youth to college and career opportunities

| Speakers will explore the importance of developing college visit programs; creating partnerships with 2-year and 4-year colleges to expand student opportunities; supporting students after they begin college; promoting awareness of internship programs; engaging graduates who return home.

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