

# *The Key to Dropout Prevention for Both High School and College*

*How to Implement a Freshman Transition Course that  
Motivates Students to Higher Academic Achievement & Self-sufficiency*

## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**8:00 AM to 8:30 AM** Registrant check-in (*coffee/tea provided*)

**8:30 AM to 12:30 PM** Morning session (*including mid-morning coffee break*)

During the morning session, you'll learn:

- What research tells us about dropout prevention and college completion
- What makes the freshman year a critical time for impacting high school attrition rates, college/post-secondary completion rates, and, ultimately, life satisfaction as an adult
- What classroom-based comprehensive guidance is and why it is such a successful dropout prevention strategy for both secondary and post-secondary education programs
- About the Standards for a Freshman Transition Course from The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative

Using the *Career Choices* curricula as models that meet the Standards for a Freshman Transition Course, you'll learn:

- Proven methods for helping all students create a meaningful, online 10-year career and education plan
- Strategies for using My10yearPlan.com<sup>®</sup>, an online planning tool, throughout high school and college for advisory functions and academic coaching
- The role technology can play in developing student education plans (SEPs) and individual learning plans (ILPs)
- How to integrate academics and technology into your Freshman Transition course using the *Career Choices* literature anthology, *Lifestyle Math* financial planning portfolio, and online enhancements
- How the *Career Choices* curriculum can be used in a variety of course structures to address myriad issues for various student populations at both the secondary and post-secondary levels

**12:30 PM to 1:15 PM** Lunch break (*lunch provided*)

**1:15 PM to 3:00 PM** Afternoon session (*dessert served mid-afternoon*)

The afternoon session will focus on how to develop a fundable program, exploring topics that include:

- Video interviews presenting best practices from schools that have experienced success with this process
- An introduction to the *Get Focused...Stay Focused!*<sup>™</sup> Initiative from Santa Barbara City College's dual enrollment program (*additional details available at [www.getfocusedstayfocused.org](http://www.getfocusedstayfocused.org)*)
- How to develop a program methodology that works and is fundable
- The ingredients for a successful Freshman Transition course—a historical perspective of what works and what doesn't
- Rubrics for evaluating the effectiveness of your high school, college, or post-secondary completion efforts
- Effective implementation strategies that will produce the kinds of results you'll hear about in the workshop
- Current dropout prevention and college-/career-readiness funding opportunities for high schools and colleges
- Online resources for creating a professional development plan that will ensure success
- Strategies for getting buy-in from all stakeholders on your campus and in your community

**3:00 PM** You'll leave with a vision of what is possible and the resources to jump-start your planning efforts, including:

- A set of the six books in the *Career Choices* series and trial access to the online enhancements, including My10yearPlan.com<sup>®</sup>
- DVD with video resources presented during the workshop to share with colleagues at your site
- Comprehensive workshop resource manual
- Password to access a step-by-step planning web site