

**The 2019 Los Angeles  
Share, Learn, and Connect**

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

**8:30am to 2:00pm**

at

**Pepperdine University**

**2019 WACAC Share, Learn, and Connect Los Angeles**

**At-A-Glance**

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| 7:30am | **Registration**  *Elkins Auditorium?* | | | | | |
| 8:30am -9:20am | **Opening Session**  *Elkins Auditorium*  Welcome from *XYZ?*  Keynote from Ms. Kendra Killpatrick, Senior Associate Dean, Seaver College, Pepperdine University | | | | | |
|  | *BPC\* 188* | *BPC 189* | *BPC 190* | *BPC 191* | *AC\*\* 263* | *AC 290* |
| **Session 1**  9:30am -10:20am | Health Sciences: Options Galore –  Let's Explore! | NACAC National College Fairs:  Not just for students anymore | UC & CSU Update | Using the  Growth Mindset to Guide Your  College Search | Small School  Master Scheduling with Big School Aspirations | Matchmaker, Matchmaker  Make Me A  College Match |
| 10:30am -11:20am | **Brunch**  *Alumni Quad* | | | | | |
| 11:30am -11:50am | **College Fair & Connecting with Pepperdine University Admissions Staff**  *Alumni Quad* | | | | | |
| **Session 2**  12:00pm -12:50pm | Talking WUE:  We Understand & Explain | Gender  Equity & Beyond:  Supporting LGBTQIA Students in the College Search Process | The Struggle is Real: Counseling the Emotionally Fragile Student | Best Practices in Transfer Days/College Nights Program Planning | Creating A  High School Profile | Understanding  Art Schools |
| **Session 3**  1:00pm -1:50pm | Using the  Growth Mindset to Guide Your  College Search | Pack a Punch:  Content Over Length in Recommendations | Money Matters - Understanding and Navigating  Need-based and Merit-based Awards at Private Institutions | AB 705 Implementation and Guided Pathways | Advising the Undecided: Incorporating  Career Exploration in the College Search Process |  |
| 2:00pm -3:00pm | **Pepperdine University Campus Tour** (Optional)  *Leaving from the Lobby of the School of Business* | | | | | |

*\*Black Family Plaza Classroom (BPC); \*\*Appleby Center (AC)*

**Woodbury University has also graciously contributed WiFi access – Thank you Woodbury!  
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*Lobby of the School of Business*

**Opening Session: 8:30am to 9:20am**

*Elkins Auditorium*

**Welcome**

Mr. Jeff Shimizu, President

Santa Monica College

**Keynote Address**

Ms. Kendra Killpatrick

Seaver College, Pepperdine University

Senior Associate Dean

*California Community College - A Personal Reflection, 1965-2015*

*And a Look at the Next 50 Years*

Kendra Killpatrick serves as the Senior Associate Dean of Seaver College and a professor of mathematics. She graduated with distinction from Stanford University with a double major in mathematics and biological sciences and she completed her Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Minnesota.

At Pepperdine, she has been awarded the Howard A. White Award for excellence in teaching and has supervised numerous undergraduate research projects in the field of combinatorics. Her previous roles include Associate Director of the Budapest Semesters in Mathematics program and the Associate Dean of Seaver College. During her career at Pepperdine, she has served as the faculty director of the Regents' Scholars program for 11 years, founded the female faculty mentoring program and has coordinated the SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) program for the past three years.

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Health Sciences: Options Galore - Let's Explore! --------------------------- BPC 188

Many students when asked about intended major / academic area of interest frequently say kinesiology, nursing and pre-med ... health sciences is rarely said!! This informative and entertaining presentation will discuss pathways to a degree in these three!! Additionally, let's explore other options leading to ‘medical’ careers in diagnosing, caring, research, and support fields.

* Gary K Bednorz, Student Recruitment Specialist, University of New Mexico
* Nicole Pilar, College Counselor, Collegewise

NACAC National College Fairs: Not just for students anymore------------- BPC 189

How can you take advantage of the hundreds of college representatives in one location at a NACAC National College Fair? In addition to increasing student exposure to colleges, learn how counselors can benefit from attending a NACAC National College Fair, including the new Counselor "5 for 50" program.

* Claudia Carroll, Counselor, Santa Monica College
* Candice Mackey, College Counselor, LACES
* Carol Moreno, Counselor, Animo Venice Charter High School

UC & CSU Update -------------------------------------------------------------- BPC 190

Admission Officers from the UC and CSU systems will provide updates and expectations for Fall 2019 and information on initiatives and what is new, exciting, and available for 2019-20.

* Gigi McGuire, Assistant Director, Community and Academic Partnerships, California State University, Northridge
* *UC presenter TBA?*

**Using the Growth Mindset to Guide Your College Search ------------------ BPC 191**

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* Evelyn Alexander, Founder, Magellan College Counseling
* Falone Serna, Director of Admissions, Pepperdine University
* Jacob Kantor, Director of School Partnerships, Revolution Prep

Small School Master Scheduling with Big School Aspirations --------------- AC 263

Small schools, particularly charter schools, have found themselves having to compete with larger schools to offer more class options despite having less space or student demand to still provide the similar options. We will share how we have made our singleton model function for a small school attempting to provide more course options for all of its students, and staying true to a full inclusion model and AP Program.

* Margarita Landeros, Lead College Counselor, Camino Nuevo High School No. 2
* Christopher Miller, Assistant Principal, Camino Nuevo High School No. 2

Matchmaker, Matchmaker Make Me A College Match -------------------- AC 290

We will share strategies to help students diversify their college lists. We will address the benefits of different types of colleges and address college affordability as part of designing college lists. The two college reps and one counselor/professor have a wide range of experience at helping students find the right match colleges.

* Phillip Moreno, Director of West Coast Recruitment, Dickinson College
* Libby Browne, Regional Associate Director of Admissions, University of Rochester

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**Talking WUE: We Understand & Explain -------------------------------------- BPC 188**

WUE (pronounced “woo-wee”) is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a regional tuition-reciprocity agreement that enables students from US Western states to enroll at participating two- and four-year public institutions at reduced tuition. The WUE program, offered at 150+ institutions, has some similarities among all and many variations causing confusion and misunderstandings. Panelists from WUE institutions will explain the commonalities and address the nuances. Counselors will be equipped to assist students look at out-of-state schools that offer WUE and ultimately reduced tuition!! The panel has more than 60 years’ experience in college admissions. All panelists are staff with WUE institutions and represent all 5 states.

* Gary K. Bednorz, Student Recruitment Specialist, University of New Mexico
* Noelle Clark, Admissions Counselor, Colorado State University – Pueblo
* Kat Everard, Regional Enrollment Counselor, Boise State University
* Eva Hester, Assistant Director, Admissions, University of New Mexico
* Dennis Yan, Admissions Officer, Northern Arizona University

**Gender Equity & Beyond: Supporting LGBTQIA Students in the**

**College Search Process ------------------------------------------------------- BPC 189**

This session is designed to provide high schools with resources to effectively mentor LGBTQIA, especially gender-queer and trans, students through their college search processes.

* Cris Cambianica, Admission Counselor, Occidental College
* Michelle Naito Lo, Assistant Dean of Admission, Occidental College

The Struggle is Real: Counseling the Emotionally Fragile Student ---------- BPC 190

This session aimed at high school counselors and IECs will discuss methods on counseling students who are prone to stress, have exhibited signs of anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues. We’ll talk strategies on connecting with students, communicating with parents, and minimizing stress for them through the counseling process.

* Noor Haddad, College Counselor, Collegewise
* Eli Shavalian, Associate Director of Counseling and Academic Guidance, Shalhevet High School
* Karen Ellis, Counselor, Palisades Charter High School

Best Practices in Transfer Days/College Nights Program Planning -------- BPC 191

This session will provide an overview of the TDCN Program and tips for running a successful event. Topics covered will include scheduling/coordination, preliminary planning, program format, college/ university representation, publicity, and evaluation. This session was offered as a webinar and received positive reviews, resulting in more successful events this fall.

* Michel Burton, Program Manager – Transcript, University of California, Office of the President
* Roberta Camarena, Assistant Director Office of Admissions – Strategic Initiatives, University of California, San Diego
* Amy Merkel, Counselor/Director, Transfer Center, Santa Rosa Junior College
* Lourdes Kulju, Manager, Outreach & College Readiness Program, California State University Chancellor’s Office

**Creating A High School Profile ------------------------------------------------ AC 263**

Whether you are starting from scratch or updating a current profile, this session will go over important information to include and discuss how colleges and universities use high school profiles in their process.

* Jessica Jackson, Associate Director of College Counseling, Milken Community Schools
* Charlie Leizear , Senior Associate Dean and Director of First-Year Admission, Occidental College

**Understanding Art Schools ----------------------------------------------------- AC 290**

Learn about the different kinds of art schools, the application process, portfolios and auditions, and career outcomes.

* Amy Mitchell, Associate Director of Admission, Emerson College

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Pack a Punch: Content Over Length in Recommendations ---------------- BPC 189

Join people who have recently been on both sides of the proverbial “desk” (admissions and high school counselors) talk about what admissions officers look for in recommendations, and how to train your teaching staff to write effective recommendations without worrying about length.

* Lynn Maloney, Co-Director of College Counseling, Mayfield Senior School
* Becca Larson, Regional Director of Admissions (West Coast), Muhlenberg College

**Money Matters - Understanding and Navigating Need-based and Merit-based Awards at Private Institutions ------------------------------------------------- BPC 190**

Our title likely speaks for itself, but join two seasoned college counselors and a Director of Undergraduate Admission as we dissect the need and merit based scholarship world from both sides of the desk.

* Charlie Leizear, Director of First-Year Admission, Occidental College
* Shelley Kierman, Associate Director of College Counseling & Academic Planning, Milken Community Schools

**AB 705 Implementation and Guided Pathways ------------------------------ BPC 191**

Introducing to High School Counselors the scope of the AB 705 legislation and the implications it will have on assessment scores and changes for community college registration.

* Mariana De La Garza Luviano, Academic Counselor, Santa Monica College
* Claudia Leotaud-Carroll, Counselor, Outreach & Recruitment, Santa Monica College

Advising the Undecided: Incorporating Career Exploration in the

College Search Process ------------------------------------------------------- AC 263

What is the future of work? We will analyze specific digital resources that students' can use to help learn about their own self, as well as how to research multiple career paths and trends. Lastly, we will demonstrate how LinkedIn’s alumni tool can help the undecided student build their network.

* Chuck Liddiard, Assistant Director of Admissions & West Coast Youth Entrepreneurship Coordinator, University of Delaware

**Pepperdine University Campus Tour (Optional): 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

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**NOTES**

Thank you to the 2019 Los Angeles Share, Learn and Connect planning committee for lending their talents, ideas, and energy.

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