



ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE COUNSELORS IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

June 22 -25 Agenda Kenyon College

Saturday June 21, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 ACCIS Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday June 22, 2008

3:00 – 8:00pm Arrival & Registration of Institute Attendees at Kenyon College
Shuttle service available from Columbus Airport ONLY
Travelers arriving in Cleveland must arrange for rental cars.

6:00 – 7:30pm Pre-Institute "Meet and Greet"

7:30pm Dinner

Monday, June 23, 2008

8 – 9 am Registration continued; Continental breakfast

9 – 9:15am Welcome and Opening Address: Marty Elkins, Executive Director, ACCIS

9:15 - 10:15am **Plenary:** Educational Standardization – Schools & Colleges Fight Back:
The Movement to Challenge the Rankings
Panel Presentation featuring:
Jennifer Delahunty – Dean of Admission, Kenyon College
Jeff Rickey – Dean of Admission, Earlham College
Rick Detweiler – President, Great Lakes Colleges Association

10:15 – 10:30am Break

10:30 - 11:30am **New Counselor Track:** Understanding your School Culture and Communication
With Internal Constituencies

Guest Speaker: John Carpenter and Michelle Mason

Veterans: Debrief on Educational Standardization – Does ACCIS have a role to play? If
yes, what are our next steps?

Facilitator: Maria Morales Kent, Thatcher School

11:30 – 12:00pm Structured Walk and Talk
New and Veteran exchange ideas from the morning sessions

Noon Lunch



Monday, June 23, 2008 (continued)

- 1:00 – 2:15pm **New Counselor Track:** How Admissions Decisions Are Made
Facilitator: Gretchen Bergill, Phillips Exeter Academy
Veterans: NCAA Legislation
Guest Speaker: Jennifer Fraser, Associate Director of Client Relations for the NCAA Eligibility Center
- 3:30 -8:30pm Bus trip to College of Wooster
- 5:30pm *Tours at Wooster*
6:30pm *Cocktails*
7:00pm *Dinner*

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

- 8 – 9 am Continental breakfast
- 9 – 9:15am Announcements, Agenda
- 9:15 – 10:15am **New:** Writing Recommendations
Facilitator: Marcia Hunt, Pine Crest School
Vets: Best Practices
Facilitator: Hector Martinez, Webb School
New: Nuts and Bolts of Financial Aid
Facilitator: Mark Mitchell, NAIS
Vets: Financial Planning
Facilitator: Troy Onink, author of Strategy and Simplicity (stratagee.com)
- 10:15 – 10:30am Break
- 10:30 – 11:45am **Plenary:** Understanding Diversity
Guest Speaker: John Lin, Thacher School
Facilitator: Paul Schweikher, Phoenix Country Day School
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15pm **Plenary:** Adolescence and Personal Identity
Guest Speaker: John Lin, Thacher School
Facilitator: Maria Morales Kent, Thacher School
- 2:15 – 3:00pm Reflections: What Do Think/Feel So Far? – reporting back
- 3:00 – 6:00pm Personal Time
- 6:00 – 7:00pm Kenyon Reception
- 7:00pm Dinner
Speaker: P.F. Kluge, Professor of English & Writer in Residence, Kenyon College
Topic: Creative Non-Fiction: Recs at Their Best



Wednesday, June 24

- 8 – 9:00am Continental breakfast
- 9 -10:00am **Plenary:** Transition to College – A Holistic Health Plan
Facilitators: Rod Skinner, Milton Academy and Betsy Dolan, Phillips Exeter Academy
- 10:00 – 10:15am Break
- 10:15 – 12:00pm Open Forum: ACCIS' Next Steps
Executive Director and All Facilitators
Closing Remarks
Facilitator: Marty Elkins
Review Expectation Cards
Online or Paper Evaluations
- 12:00 pm Wed Box lunch available for travelers.
- 12:00 pm Wed- **Optional Trip to Denison & Ohio Wesleyan**
- 12:00 pm Thurs **Denison & Ohio Wesleyan will cover transportation, meals, and lodging**

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INSTITUTE PARTICIPANTS

- * Kenyon Athletic Center
- * Email Access
- * Faxing
- * Post Office
- * Late Night Gathering Holes: The Village Inn
- * Bag lunches for earlier departures on Wednesday



Monday, June 23, 2008

PLENARY SESSION #1 9:15 - 10:15am

**Educational Standardization -- Schools and Colleges Fight Back:
The Movements to Challenge the Rankings**

Panel Presentation featuring:

Jennifer Delahunty, Dean of Admission, Kenyon College

Jeff Rickey, Dean of Admission, Earlham College

Richard Detweiler, President of the Great Lakes Colleges Association and former President of Hartwick College

All three of our speakers come from institutions that have been in the forefront of the effort to challenge U.S. News & World Report in its misguided attempt to set up one standard for measuring the quality of colleges and universities. Jennifer and Jeff will review the developments that led their college presidents to sign on to the Annapolis Group's rejection of reputational ranking and discuss the consequences of that decision on this year's admission cycle. Rick will reflect on the ways that the Great Lakes Colleges Association continues to work on producing a better system to help families make informed choices about college; in partnership with the Annapolis Group and the Education Conservancy, the GLCA seeks to resist the trend toward educational standardization by promoting the distinctive characteristics of each institution and every student.

VETERAN SESSION #1 10:30 - 11:30am

Debrief on Educational Standardization – Does ACCIS have a role to play? If yes, what are our next steps?

Maria Morales Kent, Director of College Counseling, The Thacher School

As a follow-up to the panel presentation on challenging rankings at the college level, veteran counselors will have an opportunity to discuss how we in independent schools can counter the temptation to rely on rankings within our schools and in the broader national debate about college admissions.



Tuesday, June 24, 2008

TUESDAY DINNER SPEAKER 7:00pm

Creative Non-Fiction: Recommendation Letters at Their Best

P.F. Kluge, Professor of English and Writer in Residence, Kenyon College

The author of *Alma Mater* and *Eddie and the Cruisers* and one of the most revered instructors on a campus long known for its commitment to fine writing will share his thoughts on college life, the admission process, and the challenge of capturing the character of young people in recommendation form. Professor Kluge promises to be both entertaining and edifying.

