Comprehensive Supports for College-Bound Students

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:00–3:00 p.m. CT

Webinar Agenda

2:00–2:05 p.m. Welcome and Overview

Billie Jo Day, Researcher, REL Midwest

Dr. Day will provide an overview of the regional education laboratories (RELs) and REL Midwest. She also will discuss the goals of the webinar.

2:05–2:20 p.m. Research on College Readiness Supports and Postsecondary

Lyzz Davis, Senior Researcher, REL Midwest

Dr. Davis will describe research on financial aid and college readiness supports. Specifically, she will highlight a REL Midwest Just-in-Time study that explores the correlation between different types of financial aid—some paired with college readiness supports—and early college success. The study specifically investigates how the percentage of students showing early college success varies in relation to whether students received a Pell Grant or a 21st Century Scholarship.

2:20–2:30 p.m. Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program

Presenters from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education:

- Gina Deom, Director for Research and Analytics
- Barbie Martin, Director of School and Community Outreach
- Jarod Wilson, Director of Postsecondary Outreach and Career Transitions

Deom, Martin, and Wilson will discuss the 21st Century Scholars program, which provides financial aid to students who meet income qualification guidelines. In return, students must meet several ongoing conditions in high school, including creating a graduation plan and accumulating course credits. The presenters will discuss the program components and postsecondary outcomes for participating students.

2:30–2:40 p.m. Oklahoma's Promise Program

Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for State Grants and Scholarships

Fair will discuss the Oklahoma's Promise program, which provides financial aid to qualifying students, much like the Indiana 21st Century Scholars program. To receive aid under Oklahoma's Promise, students must complete curricular requirements in preparation for two-year or four-year college entry. Fair will discuss the program components and strategies to operate a comprehensive college support initiative with shifting resources and educational priorities.

2:40–2:55 p.m. Question-and-Answer Session

Billie Jo Day, Researcher, REL Midwest

Dr. Day will facilitate a question-and-answer session with the presenters.

2:55–3:00 p.m. Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks

Billie Jo Day, Researcher, REL Midwest

Dr. Day will thank participants for attending the event and provide links to relevant REL Midwest and Institute of Education Sciences resources.

3:00 p.m. Adjourn