



Upstate School Superintendents & College/University Leaders Meeting Recap

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Brief recap from Meeting Facilitator Ansel Sanders

A few high-level opportunities/topics for coherence and connectivity-building seemed to bubble to the top:

- Higher Ed. affordability
 - Efforts like the Albany Promise and Say Yes to Education link to this
 - Likewise, there was a call for better data and understanding of what affordability looks like
- Curriculum coherence and vertical articulation between K12 and higher ed
- Clarity and communication of pathways from K12 to higher ed; overall messaging
- Advocacy and collective voice to change policy

What might be the values of creating greater collaboration and connectivity?

- Symmetry
- Creating a seamless pipeline
- Build Career Center on a technical college campus and share resources
- Collaboration between K-12 and Higher Ed. Leaders may provide students with a greater awareness of options (pathways)
- Increased communication and awareness will create common goals & objectives for students
- Allows bridges to occur
- Sharing Agreements, Articulations
- Reduces duplication & unnecessary costs
- Students cross borders
- Regional workforce strategy – a single voice unifying diverse workplace needs
- Common language
- Automation
- Sharing successful strategies to enhance student success
- Seamless pathway from K-12 to Higher Ed. would result in less changing of majors (saving time & money)

What are the common issues & objectives?

- Time & money
- Reconnecting w/ colleges & business
- Reducing remediation through coordination
- Seamless pipeline / connecting “all legs of the stool”
- Alignment of curriculum
- Agreement on outcomes
- Creating common education goals (K-12, 2 & 4 Year Colleges/Universities)
- Sharing common problems and practices
- Shortage
- Curriculum adaptability
- Helping eliminate barriers for students with job and career paths
- Adaptability of curriculum – collaboration can hasten the process
- Support of our Guidance Counselors
- Commonality of curriculum – mechatronics
- Workforce development – students actually finding a *career*, not just a job
- Not enough people with the skills needed in the workforce
- Awareness problem of the jobs that are available in the Upstate and the training offered in our area for these jobs
- Not enough collaborative opportunities for K-12 and Higher Ed.
- According to research, more resources need to be allocated towards early grades
- Teacher prep

Common Message

- Reframing the challenges & values
- Work with social service agencies on “wraparound issues” that impact academic success
- Structure, symmetry & awareness
- Collective voice regarding curriculum development and other issues
- Acceleration and strategic alignment