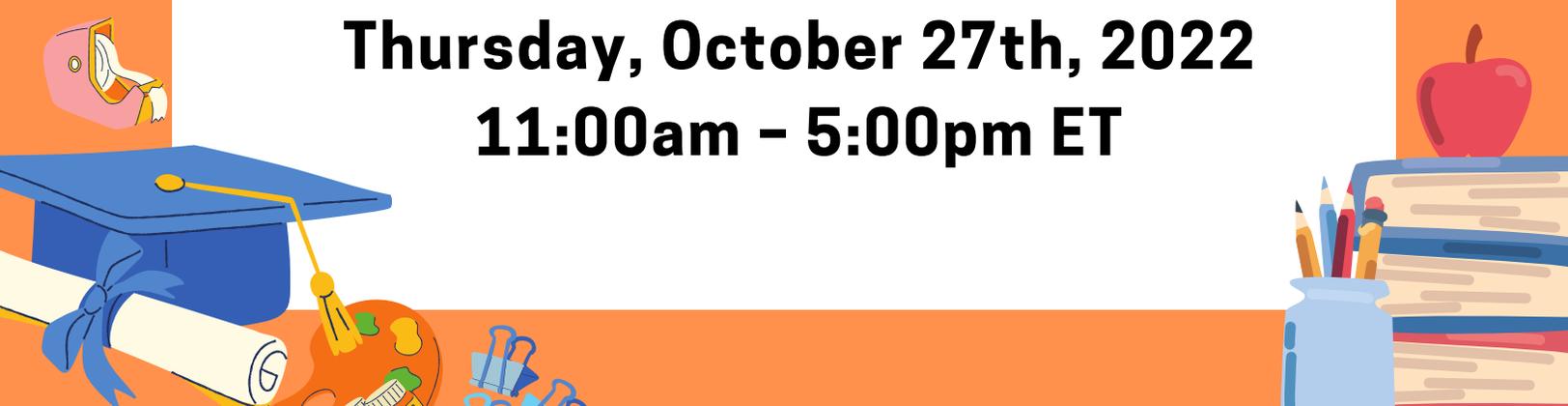


THE COLLEGE STAR NETWORK PRESENTS:

The 3rd Annual College STAR Conference

*Preparing Students Who Learn
Differently for College Success!*

**Thursday, October 27th, 2022
11:00am - 5:00pm ET**



COLLEGE STAR SUPPORT PROGRAMS



As-U-R Program
Appalachian State
University



SKILL Program
Auburn University



Center for Student
Success
Beacon College



FLY Program
Bowling Green
State University



College STAR



PAL
Curry College



Arch Learning
Center
Dean College



STEPP Program
East Carolina
University



Erie County
Community College



Bronco STAR
Fayetteville State



Educational Research
Landmark College



Learning Partners
Louisburg College

COLLEGE STAR SUPPORT PROGRAMS



Learning Support
Program
Marist College



CPSASD
Marshall University



Learning Differences
Mercyhurst
University



Achieve Program
Southern Illinois
University



College STAR



ACCESS
UNC-Greensboro



S.A.L.T Center
University of Arizona



UCONN
Beyond Access
University of
Connecticut



Learning
Effectiveness
University of Denver



BUILD Program
University of
Indianapolis



Center for Student
Support and Care
University of
Notre Dame



Jones Learning
Center
University of Ozarks

COLLEGE STAR CONFERENCE INFORMATION

About the Conference

The College STAR Virtual Conference: Preparing students who learn differently for college success is a low cost, online conference for professionals seeking meaningful resources and information about transition and access in higher education for students with diverse learning profiles.

This conference aims to provide tools and resources for professionals in identifying best practices when assisting students transition from high school to college. Our topic areas focus on the differences between high school and college, college departments and resources, and the successful habits of college students.

This year's conference is the third annual conference hosted by the College STAR National Student Support Network and it is made possible by the Oak Foundation.

Setting Up Zoom

The entire conference will take place over Zoom. Please see our [Zoom page](#) to create a free Zoom account and for more information about setting up Zoom on your device. If you have any challenges, College STAR Team members are available to help you access conference materials or the zoom meeting room. Please feel free to reach out to the College STAR Team at admin@collegestar.org. We will be happy to assist you with any issues you may run into.

Workshop Series for Students and Families

In addition to our virtual conference, College STAR is also offering a 4-week Virtual Workshop Series for students, parents, and families from **October 31st - November 25th, 2022**. Please be sure to share this information with students and families!

Conference Feedback

At the conclusion of the conference, you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts with us. Your feedback is extremely valuable and we are grateful for your time in completing the post-conference survey. To show our appreciation, we will be sharing a \$25 gift card to the first 20 people who complete the survey. Please complete the survey in its entirety and share your contact information at the end to be eligible for the gift card.



3rd Annual College STAR Conference Program and Schedule

11:00 – 11:15 AM ET **WELCOME AND CONFERENCE KICKOFF**

This session welcomes participants, reviews the agenda, and covers the technical aspects of the virtual conference.

Presenters: Adam Denney & Ellen Bunn

11:20 – 12:20 PM ET **TYPES OF POST-SECONDARY SETTINGS**

This session will provide participants with information about different types of post-secondary settings available after high school. Participants will learn about settings specifically where students with disabilities can be successful independently as well as with additional support if needed.

Presenters: Ellen Bunn & Alysha Gray

12:30 – 1:30 PM ET **HIGH SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE**

This session will highlight some of the key differences between high school and college that are helpful for college-bound students and their families to be aware of. We will also share transition tips related to each contrast, which students can use to start preparing for these changes long before arriving on campus.

Presenter: Danielle Dietz

1:40 – 2:40 PM ET **COLLEGE RESOURCES & DEPARTMENTS**

This presentation will cover important information about the college setting regarding disabilities, self-advocacy, the laws, and reasonable accommodations. Content will include information on common college/university programs, support services and departments that students may need to investigate prior to choosing the institution that's right for them.

Presenters: Krista Ackert, Maryellen Guardino, & Susan Jenkins

2:50 – 3:50 PM ET **SUCCESSFUL HABITS & BEHAVIORS**

This presentation will discuss strategies and tactics essential for success in college. Participants will learn about the habits and behaviors that are critical for student success, such as time management, organization, etc.

Presenter: Andrea Campbell

4:00 – 5:00 PM ET **STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM LIGHTNING ROUND**

This session will spotlight the various support programs within the College STAR Network. Participants will hear from various program representatives who will be sharing information about their unique programs and supports.

Presenters: Program Representatives



CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Krista Ackert (krista.ackert@marist.edu)

Krista Ackert has worked at Marist College for eight years. She is a Learning Specialist and an Assistant Director for the Office of Accommodations & Accessibility. Before coming to Marist in 2013, Krista's experiences ranged from teaching in the elementary through high school levels while also taking time to raise her two children. Krista received her bachelor's degrees in Education and Psychology from Assumption College. She also holds a master's degree in Reading- Remedial Reading and Language Arts from Southern Connecticut State University.

Ellen Bunn (bunnek@appstate.edu)

Ellen Bunn started began her journey in Higher Education in the Fall of 2015. Currently, she serves as an Access Consultant in the Appalachian State University Office of Disability Resources. A two-time graduate of App State, Ellen received her B.S. in Special Education from Appalachian in 2017 and her Masters in Special Education at Appalachian State and certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders in 2018. Additionally, Ellen is an adjunct instructor for the Reich College of Education's Reading and Special Education Department. Ellen is the acting Chair of the College STAR Conference planning committee and an active member of the College STAR Network.

Andrea Campbell (acampbell@ec3pa.org)

Andrea Campbell has been working in Higher Education for the past 9 years in a wide variety of roles. She received her master's in Elementary and Secondary School Counseling at Bloomsburg University in 2013. Andrea started her career in Higher Education at Seton Hill University working in their Trio Student Support Services Program in 2013. She moved closer home after securing a job at Mercyhurst University where she worked for 6 years in the Autism Initiative and Learning Differences programs. Andrea now serves as a College Counselor at Erie County Community College.

Adam Denney (denneya15@ecu.edu)

Adam Denney is the Director of the STEPP Program at East Carolina University. Adam has a Bachelor of Science in Special Education and a Master of Science in Counselor Education with a focus on Higher Education and Student Affairs, both from ECU. In his position, Adam is able to combine his educational experience with his passion for supporting students' personal, academic, and professional success.

Danielle Dietz (dietzd21@ecu.edu)

Danielle Dietz joined the team at the ECU STEPP Program last year as the Instructional Specialist. Before joining STEPP, Danielle worked in the K-12 setting as a high school special education teacher and most recently as a program specialist. In addition to her K-12 classroom experience, Danielle had also been teaching first-year classes for college success.

Alysha Gray (grayal18@ecu.edu)

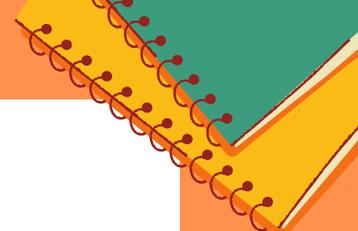
Alysha Gray is a Regional Coordinator for the Office of Exceptional Children with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In this role, she aids PSUs in matters of special education including issues in compliance, parent complaint follow-up, program planning, and other needs and concerns. Alysha has worked as a school psychologist in NC and has supported students with disabilities through the STEPP program at East Carolina University.

Maryellen Guardino (maryellen.guardino@marist.edu)

Maryellen Guardino graduated from Marist College with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and obtained her teaching certificates in elementary and special education in New York State and New Jersey. She is a certified School Psychologist with a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology and School Psychology. She has been working at Marist College since 2008 and is the Director of the Office of Accommodations and Accessibility at Marist College.

Susan Jenkins (susan.jenkins@marist.edu)

Susan Jenkins holds a BA in English from Virginia Tech and an M.Ed. in Special Education from George Mason University. She was a middle and high school special education teacher before starting at Marist in 2007 when she began working as a Learning Specialist in the Office of Accommodations & Accessibility (OAA). Susan currently works as a Learning Specialist and an Assistant Director for the OAA.



College STAR Workshop Series

Be sure to share information about our 4-week Virtual Workshop Series for students, parents, & families

College STAR Student & Family Workshop

Access to transition toolkit/curriculum and all workshop materials

Four (4) week workshop series

Access to live recorded sessions

Opportunities to connect with other students & families while engaging with other professionals

Learn about various support programs in higher education for students with disabilities

October 31st
-
November 25th

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[3rd Annual College STAR Conference Materials](#)

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