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| **10 a.m. – Noon**  
Registration | **7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.** - Breakfast  
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HOW INSTITUTIONS PROMOTE STUDENT SUCCESS  
Dr. Brian Noland, President, East Tennessee State U.;  
Janice Gilliam, President, Northeast State Community College;  
and Jessie Kinsey, School Director, Grundy County Schools (TN) | **7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.** - Breakfast | **8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**  
CHANGING THE NARRATIVE:  
ABOUT APPALACHIA-ABOUT SELF  
Roger May, Director  
Looking at Appalachia Project | **8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**  
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Welcome and Lunch – Seating by States  
Conference Overview, Jeffrey Schwartz,  
Power Initiative Manager, ARC | **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SUCCESS  
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EQUIPPING & EMPOWERING APPALACHIAN STUDENTS FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SUCCESS  
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make the transition to academic life. Targeted to freshmen, the First Year Seminar introduces students to rigorous academic study and helps them overcome the barriers they might encounter.

Jennifer Roark, MA, LPC, Great Expectations Program Coordinator

The Great Expectations Program, implemented at 18 community colleges in Virginia, helps individuals that have been affiliated with the foster care system transition to college. This session will identify the support services the students receive – services designed to promote a successful college experience.

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION GROUPS

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - BREAK

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – DINNER

Andy Offutt Irwin - Storyteller, Humorist, Musician, Public Speaker, Educator, Whistler and Show-Off

Douglas, Academic/Career Coach, White County Schools; and Russell Beaty, School Counselor, Alvin C. York Institute.

From a high school perspective, follow along as staff members trace the journey of an at-risk student as he progresses through high school and commits to his promising future at the annual Academic Signing Day event. From a postsecondary campus, watch as staff members take a new cohort of students to meet their new school family – individuals who will prepare them for their successful lives.

11:15-Noon PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Noon – 12:45 p.m. – Luncheon Seating by Pillar Discussion Groups

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Commentary and Introductions Earl Gohl, Federal Co-Chair, ARC

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ENGAGING ALL STAKEHOLDERS

Reuben Jacobson, Deputy Director, Coalition for Community Schools

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. - Travel to Workshops

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

CMT EMPOWERING EDUCATION - A COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE

Lucia Folk, Vice President, Public Affairs, Country Music Television (CMT)

This session will highlight CMT’s partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges’ member schools in support of local events to encourage prospective students - specifically nontraditional and adult students - to overcome their fears of and obstacles to pursuing further education. The discussion will highlight the power of public/private partnerships and the use of storytelling to make an impact.

THE EDUCATION COUNCIL: A MODEL FOR RURAL SUCCESS - Kimberly Rees, Executive Director, Potter County (PA) Education Council. The Council offers postsecondary education and adult workforce training convenient for residents in the rural area - "Connecting you to the World through Education." This session will include information about the programs and partnerships that the Council has established to plan and coordinate programs based on community needs.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR TRIO PROGRAMS IN APPALACHIA - Sharee St.Louis Smith and Holly Johnson Evans, College Access Counselors, Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, Morehead State University (KY)

This session will introduce and/or reacquaint participants with the different TRIO programs available in Appalachia. Participants will learn the mission and goal of each program and the types of students eligible. At the end of the session, participants will have a better understanding of the TRIO programs and how they benefit students.

AsU GUIDE: ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSETS FOR WESTERN NC YOUTH - Bradley Tunstill, GEAR UP Coordinator, Appalachian State University

AsU GUIDE teaches the skills and mindsets necessary to become a successful, well-rounded student entrepreneur. The discussion will focus on the program - how it works, how local partnerships benefit the students, and how data is collected and used. It will also identify the plans to grow the program to fit the needs of the students as they mature.

TIPS AND TOOLS FOR THE 2017-18 FAFSA - Maisha Challenger, Awareness & Outreach Specialist, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education

This session will focus on the two major changes for the 2017–18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It will highlight these changes as well as identify helpful tips and tools to help individuals prepare for the October 1, 2016 launch. The presentation will also include pertinent resources available from ED as well as a suggested timeline for the launch of the 2017–18 FAFSA that will provide insight and guidance to attendees.

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break & Travel to Plenary Session

10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. - Travel to Plenary Session

10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. ADVANCING EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY IN APPALACHIA

Gina Burkhardt, President, Jobs for the Future

11:50 a.m. – Noon – WRAP UP and ADJOURN
**BUILDING BRIDGES: CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO SCHOOLS** - Meredith C. Fleming, Economic Development Assistant, Panola Partnership, Inc.; and La’Keldra Pride, Career and Technical Director, North Panola School District (MS). How can your community connect to your local schools through a liaison? In this session, participants will learn how one community uses their Chamber of Commerce to build that bridge and understand the community's stake in the game. Participants will share their successes and identify the challenges they face.

**A BROADER, BOLDER APPROACH TO EDUCATION (BBA)** - Reuben Jacobson, Deputy Director, Coalition for Community Schools, IEL; and Elaine Weiss, National Coordinator, Broader Bolder Approach to Education, Economic Policy Institute. The BBA advances policies that combine evidence-based strategies to mitigate poverty with meaningful input from the community regarding its unique needs and its assets. BBA is developing case studies of communities taking this approach, some of which employ the full-service community schools strategy promoted by the Coalition for Community Schools. Using BBA's newest case study - on efforts in Berea, Kentucky that are supported by federal grants, including Promise Neighborhood and, more recently, a community schools grant – this workshop will explore how isolated, rural, and high-poverty communities can engage communities to build resilience, boost student achievement, and increase high school graduation and college attendance.

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