



APPALACHIAN HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK

2017 Annual Conference

June 27–29, 2017

THE RESORT AT GLADE SPRINGS • DANIELS, WEST VIRGINIA

Increasing Postsecondary
Education Attainment
in Appalachia:

Working Together FOR A CHANGE

Ensuring student success is a responsibility shared by four key stakeholder groups: family, institutions, communities, and students/self. As Dr. Aaron Thompson, Acting President, Kentucky State University, reminds us, “When all four are aligned in support of educational success, we see positive outcomes.” The AHE Network’s 4th Annual Conference will focus on why these stakeholder groups must collaborate, how to work in collaboration with other organizations and agencies (not just schools, colleges or universities), and what it takes (skills, knowledge, attributes) to work collaboratively.

Participants will discuss the issue(s) of working together in plenary and/or small group sessions with “critics and advocates as well as doers and thinkers.” Dr. Brad Mitchell, author of the Battelle for Kids’ report, “**Generating Opportunity and Prosperity: The Promise of Rural Education Collaboratives**,” will kick off and anchor the conference by sharing the latest information and insights on working together in rural America. Martin J. Blank, director of the Coalition for Community Schools will highlight “**How to Collaborate Effectively**.” Participants will hear from students taking different postsecondary education paths about the kind and quality of support they needed and, more importantly, received. Participants will develop and refine the skills of working together as well as individual attributes necessary for success (fund raising, dealing with change, understanding and using data, etc.). Small group sessions will also give participants an introduction to partnership programs that rural schools and communities might want to adopt. Back by popular demand, Roger May will close the conference discussing his latest work “**Looking at Appalachia**” to change the image “outsiders” have of Appalachia.

Join the Network for a time of thinking and learning about increasing postsecondary education in Appalachia while sharing information with colleagues from across the region. Learn more about the conference by contacting your state’s Appalachian Higher Education Network Center Director. Go to www.ahecenters.org.

The Resort at Glade Springs

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Call **877-814-7316** and ask for
AHE Network Conference Rate/Room Block

DIRECTIONS:

<https://goo.gl/PPhzYv>

REGISTRATION:

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\$125 includes conference materials and four meals.

The Appalachian Higher Education Network... working with schools, families, communities and diverse partners to increase postsecondary education attainment in Appalachia.

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