

The background features a dark blue textured surface. On the left side, there is a vertical strip containing a white line-art illustration of a diverse group of students of various ages and ethnicities. Overlaid on this illustration is a circular seal with the text "KESSLER SCHOOL" and a decorative border.

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COLLABORATIVE

All-Campus Partner Meeting

April 20, 2023

Agenda

- Welcome & Kudos
- Housekeeping and Announcements
- Onboarding and Welcoming Kessler Scholars
- Shareout, Discussion, and Questions
- Meeting Feedback Form

Welcome and Kudos

- **Welcome, new team members!**

- Dri Huber, Bates College
- Ramsey Piazza, The Ohio State University
- Donna Taylor - Schuman, Saint Mary's College
- Valerie Blackwell-Truitt, University of Dayton

- **Kudos**

- Brent Fujioka - Promoted to Director of Kessler Scholars Program at Johns Hopkins University
- Julio Reyes - Promoted to Director of the U-Fli Center at Brown University
- Breana Nieves Vergara - Interim Director of Kessler Scholars Program at Syracuse University
- April Belback - Launch of the Student Success Hub at the University of Pittsburgh

- **NASPA Student Success in Higher Education Conference Presenters**

- April, Adan, Kristen & Ify, Sabrina & Shakima

Updates & Housekeeping Items

- 2023 Summer Convening
- Spring Kessler Scholar Student Survey
- Professional Staff Survey
- Graduation Pins and Alumni Network Invitation



Onboarding and Welcoming Kessler Scholars

Aim: To highlight benefits and expectations of the Kessler Scholars Program and connect Kessler Scholars with one another and broader Kessler Scholars Collaborative Network

- **Kessler Scholars Commitment Form Template**
- **Summer Engagement**
 - Summer Bridge and Pre-Orientation Programs
 - Peer mentor/Ambassador engagement
 - Staff engagement and resources
- **Kessler Scholars Coin Ceremony**
- **Welcome Swag and Events**

Kessler Scholars Commitment Form

Aim: This customized form is intended to support the onboarding process for all incoming Kessler Scholars

- Convey program benefits, expectations, and collect general student information
- Invite students to share their goals and interests
- Support mentor and mentee matching
- Share with Collaborative as part of annual report due July 15th

Campus Partner Hub - [Commitment Form](#)



Summer Outreach and Engagement

This may take shape in many forms through summer bridge program, pre-orientation, or individual outreach efforts. Summer outreach can serve multiple purposes:

- Introduce students to campus resources
- Demystify process, procedures, and campus culture
- Dedicated space for students to ask questions and learn college success strategies
- Foster connections between upper-class students and first-year Kessler Scholars
 - Shared identity
 - Ease concerns and share lessons learned
 - Foster sense of belong and self-efficacy

U-M Kessler Scholars Welcome Kit

Mailed to new incoming students in the summer

- Build pride and affinity with program
- Share overview of program
- Foster sense of community and belonging



Summer Welcome Engagement Series

- Peer engagement and support
- Program benefits and expectations
- Kessler Scholars resources



Kessler Scholars Coin Ceremony

Aim: This annual festive event is intended to welcome and introduce new Kessler Scholars to the program and university community.

- Typically held during the fall semester
- Attended by all Kessler Scholars, senior leaders, representatives from the Collaborative and or Judy and Fred Wilpon Family Foundation
- Present new Kessler Scholars with a customized Kessler Scholars coin

Campus Partner Hub - [Coin Ceremony Guide for Execution](#)



Planning and Considerations

- Timing: Fall or Spring? Weekday or weekend?
- Location: On campus or off?
- Food: Dietary restrictions? Sit-down or buffet?
- Special guests? Speakers?
- Remarks: What is the message you want to convey?
- How to distribute coins and messaging?
- Consistent year-to-year or subject to change?



Lessons Learned and Advice

- Best to host the event early in the fall semester
- Plan early - there are a lot of moving parts to coordinate
- Distinguish the event - differentiate from other Kessler Scholar events
- Design smaller events and programming to supplement
- Refer to the Kessler Collaborative Coin Ceremony Guide

Swag Items and Welcome Events

Swag Items:

Build affinity, visibility, and pride among Kessler Scholars.

- Stickers
- Pens
- Shirts/Sweaters
- Collaborative welcome letter



Welcome Events:

Foster community and connect Kessler Scholars with one another and program staff.

- Kessler Scholars Orientation
- Retreat/Rope course
- Mentee/Mentor Social
- Excursion off-campus

Meeting Schedule

Working Team	Campus Partners	Team Meeting Dates
Better Together	Brown University Cornell University University of Michigan UNC-Chapel Hill	May 10 & June 7 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET
A-Plus Advocates	Syracuse University Ohio State University UC-Riverside University of Dayton	May 11 & June 8 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET
Creative Collaborators	Bates College Centre College St. Francis College Saint Mary's College	May 17th & June 14 10:00 - 11:00 am ET
The DreamMakers	Johns Hopkins University Queens College University of Pittsburgh Washington University in St. Louis	May 17 & June 15 11:00 - 12:00 pm ET

Save the Date:

Lunch & Learn:
Tuesday, May 9
12:00 - 1:00 PM ET

**Annual Reporting
Deadline:**
July 15th

Summer Convening:
July 24-25

Toward Continuous Improvement

We welcome your feedback!

- In our work together, Collaborative staff will build in regular points for your feedback and input
- Please stay online for a few last minutes to complete a brief survey about today's meeting



Thank you, and have a lovely weekend!