

The background features a dark blue, textured surface with a faint, white line-art illustration of a diverse group of students of various ages and ethnicities. On the left side, there is a circular logo for Kessler School, which includes the text 'KESSLER SCHOOL' and a decorative border.

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COLLABORATIVE

Working Team Meeting

Integrating Student Voice and
Leadership Development

May 2023

Agenda Overview

- Icebreaker and Updates
- Student Voice and Feedback
- Leadership Development
- First-Generation College Celebration
- Next Steps and Looking Ahead



A Few Reminders...

- Book Summer Convening travel by June 1 and share your itinerary
- End of Year Reporting documents due July 15th
- NASPA SSHE Conference: Meet up with Kessler Scholars colleagues (June 25)
- Volunteer to participate in interview process for Kessler Scholars Collaborative Project Coordinator (May 15-17)

The Collaborative team is available to meet with you at any time to be a thought partner or answer your questions – **please reach out!**



Integrating Student Voice and Feedback

Goal: Create opportunities for students to develop their own voice and incorporate their feedback in meaningful ways into development of Kessler Scholars activities and structure

- Commitment Form: Program Onboarding
- Student Surveys: Distributed in fall (first-year scholars) and spring (all Kessler Scholars)
- Meetings with Professional Staff: Dedicated 1:1 meetings to learn more about students' experiences and input about how program is supporting their college journey
- Peer Mentors & Student Advisory Board: Structured opportunities for students to contribute and share their perspectives with their peers and program staff



Program-level Student Advisory Boards

Goal: Create formal opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and empower students to take an active role in shaping the Kessler Scholars Program and community.

Structure:

- Student-led initiative, supported by Kessler Scholar Program staff
 - Planning and implementation will evolve and iterate over time
 - Scope and size of advisory board will vary across institutions
 - Selection process may involve application, include term limits
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Activities:

- Plan social events, workshops, holiday celebrations, support training and onboarding
- Activities intended to connect students with one another and program and institutional resources



Collaborative Student Leadership Board

Goal: Create additional opportunity at the Collaborative level for further engagement, development, and integration of student feedback to better inform and guide our shared work.

- Launch date: Fall 2023
- Staff advisors: Shakima Clency, Collaborative Project Coordinator
- Student representation: Campus partners to select one student representative to serve on board
- Project areas:
 - LinkedIn and Social Media Engagement
 - Community Service
 - Other ideas... ?



Culturally Responsive Leadership Development

- Center and value students' culture and identities
- Create opportunities for students to identify their strengths and assets shaped by their lived experiences
- Incorporate culturally relevant content and pedagogical tools
- Support students to develop the skills and tools needed to succeed and thrive
- Increase greater equity for engagement across campus



*Adopted from Gloria Ladson-Billings scholarship around culturally responsive pedagogy

Reflect and Discuss

Thinking about the programmatic elements we have explored today:

- What features of the Kessler Scholars Program at your campus invite and actively incorporate student voice?
- How could the Kessler Scholars Program at your camps deepen efforts to engage student feedback and support student leadership growth?
- What questions do you have for us or for colleagues?





This annual celebration, was created to encourage colleges, universities, corporations, non-profits, and K-12 schools to recognize, honor, and celebrate the representation and success of first-generation college students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Once a day of activities, this event has steadily grown to a week-long celebration featuring at many campuses, workshops, speakers, social media campaigns, and other activities to highlight the first-generation community and promote student success.

Collaborative Cross-Site Virtual Events:

- Offer 2-3 workshops between November 1st - November 6th
- Tailored content designed to center FG students
- Student leadership board may serve as facilitators
- Opportunity for Kessler Scholars to connect with one another

Meeting Schedule

Working Team	Campus Partners	Team Meeting Dates	Meeting Topic
A-Plus Advocates	Brown University Cornell University University of Michigan UNC-Chapel Hill	June 8, 3 - 4 pm ET	Year-end Reflections and Looking Ahead
Better Together	Syracuse University Ohio State University UC-Riverside University of Dayton	June 7, 1 - 2 pm ET	Year-end Reflections and Looking Ahead
Creative Collaborators	Bates College Centre College St. Francis College Saint Mary's College	June 14, 10 - 11 am ET	Year-end Reflections and Looking Ahead
The DreamMakers	Johns Hopkins University Queens College University of Pittsburgh Wash. University in St. Louis	June 15, 11am - 12 pm ET	Year-end Reflections and Looking Ahead

Save the Dates:

NASPA SSHE Collaborative Dinner
June 25th

Annual Reporting Deadline:
July 15th

Summer Convening:
July 25-26, 2023
Cornell University,
Ithaca NY

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! We will see you next time!

