

MONTHLY MEMO FOR COUNSELORS

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From the Executive Director

Hello Counselors!

At this time of year, amid the flurry of graduations, a twinge of bittersweet hangs in the soon to be summer air. I usually cry, for myself, because they are leaving. But, I also smile for them, because they are going! Commencement, a beginning filled with uncertainties, nervousness, and excitement, too. I share these feelings as I am in what feels like a professional graduation—at the commencement of the Coalition application. I do promise that I won't cry—and I hope that you won't either. This is the first of regular messages intended to provide you with resources to support your students who are using the Coalition Locker, Collaboration Space, and Application. I hope that breaking the message into key announcements makes this document easy to navigate if you need to return to it.

Annual Membership Meeting

This week, the Coalition will host an annual meeting for members. We look forward to working collaboratively in advance of the Coalition application launch and as we develop important partnerships to improve accessibility to college for students. We are also eager to learn from remarks delivered by Alexander Clark, CEO of Technolutions maker of Slate, Ted Dintersmith, executive producer of the film *Most Likely to Succeed*, and former Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan.

Sending Secondary School Materials

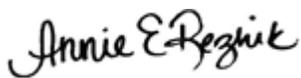
In late July, the tools for counselors to submit materials on behalf of their students will be available. In next month's message, I will provide you with an overview of the training resources that will be available, including demonstrations. Submitting documents for a student who is applying via the Coalition platform is simple and does not require an outside tool. The process is the same whether your counseling office uses GuidedPath, Maia Learning, Naviance, PowerSchool or any other school system. The electronic submission process closely resembles the process of attaching a document to an email.

58 Schools to Accept the Coalition Application in 2016

This fall, 58 of the Coalition colleges and universities plan to accept student applications from the Coalition Platform. All remaining Coalition member schools are deferring launch of the Coalition application to the 2017/2018 cycle. **For a complete list of schools who will accept the Coalition application in 2016, please visit our web site.**

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, or suggestions. If you know of a colleague who would like to receive communication from the Coalition, please invite them to request additional information at the bottom of our home page.

Most Sincerely,



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