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## MONTHLY MEMO FOR COUNSELORS

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*From the Executive Director*

Hello Counselors!

Summer—remember when it was the *slow* time of the year? I regret disrupting a well-earned opportunity to rest and refuel for next year. Though, I imagine many of you are like me, spending your summer working with intermittent tastes of the season. I hope that you enjoy reading this message from a sunshine-filled, relaxing destination as I am outside writing to you while my children run around without shoes on and catch minnows. The fresh air is good for my soul—even as I am busily working in advance of the launch of the application component of the Coalition platform. This message provides an overview of the upcoming training and resources that you can access as you support students applying through the Coalition application.

### **Application Fee Waiver**

The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success will provide a single, universal application fee waiver to students from lower income backgrounds that applies to all member schools. [You can read more about it here.](#)

### **Submitting Secondary School Materials**

In late July, the tools for counselors to submit materials on behalf of their students will be available. In addition, we will provide a suite of resources and support as you familiarize yourselves with a new tool.

1. We will offer live demonstrations for counselors covering the document submission process. **You can register through our website now.**  
[August 4 1:30-2:30 ET](#)                      [August 25 1:30-2:30 ET](#)
2. We are creating short video tutorials on various segments of the Coalition platform. These videos will be available on our site by the end of the month.
3. Finally, by the end of the month, we will provide a comprehensive Counselor Manual available online and as a downloadable PDF.

### **Schools Planning to Accept the Coalition Application in 2016**

This summer, as colleges integrate the application with their information systems, we expect that there will be adjustments to the list of schools that plan to accept the Coalition Application. All plans will be final by August 1 and a final list of schools that will accept in 2016/2017 cycle and defer to 2017/2018 cycle will be listed on our site. [For the current list of schools that will accept the Coalition application in 2016, visit our web site.](#)

As always, I welcome your questions, comments and suggestions. Please invite your colleagues to receive these updates as well by registering for our mailing list at the bottom of the Coalition home page.

Most sincerely,

Annie Reznik