



MONTHLY MEMO FOR COUNSELORS
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From the Executive Director

Dear Counselors,

The day before Coalition Day, I was honored to share closing remarks for the New Jersey ACAC conference. The conference theme emphasized people, passion, and purpose. I said that working for the Coalition is best job in the world because I work alongside people who share both passion and purpose when it comes to meaningfully addressing the inequities of opportunity. Through the collaboration of member colleges as well as partners with a shared mission, like Altice USA, one of the largest broadband internet providers in the country, events like Coalition Day at Truman High School in the Bronx offer a glimpse of the potential on the horizon. I invite you to take a moment to watch [this short video](#) which captures the spirit of Coalition Day and of our organization.

And, now, I'd like to offer lots of information for the fall, including technical enhancements to MyCoalition coming next week!

MyCoalition Enhancements

On Thursday, June 28 improvements to the Profile will be released. You will notice the following enhancements:

1. For the first time, student users will begin MyCoalition by answering a short series of questions which will enable the Profile to display "Recommended" and "Optional" sections based upon the student's responses to these questions.
2. New adjustments to High School Information, 9th-11th Grade Coursework, 12th Grade Coursework, College Information, and College Coursework provide a simplified process for students to document courses and grades throughout high school.
3. Several redundant questions that were previously completed for each course have been collapsed into High School Information so that students only need to report the information once.
4. We reviewed and adjusted all data value lists in 9th-11th Grade Coursework and 12th Grade Coursework. Our goal was to empower students by offering them a clear choice for all students and to do so with the fewest possible choices on any given list.
5. The [Coalition Veteran Fee Waiver](#) will be added to Personal Information.
6. Extracurricular Activities section will be renamed Activities/Experience and all language will be inclusive of all student experiences.
7. CBOs that are part of the [Coalition Registry](#) (and have a Coalition CBO ID or CCID) will be included on a drop down list (with city, state included in the search) which will enable students to select their affiliation. By the fall, over 200 CBOs will be represented on the list.
8. Students will be able to see a list of which colleges/universities require a Profile section so that they can decide whether to complete it or not.
9. Students will be able to click "Profile Check" to highlight sections or questions that are missing or incomplete.
10. In September, MyCoalition will debut a collection of significant improvements for student supporters, including counselors and CBO advisors.
11. Finally, please know that **MyCoalition is in compliance with the European Union's General Data Privacy Regulations (GDPR).**

From The Roanoke Times: "Virginia Tech to revamp application process for potential new students"

In case you missed it, [Virginia Tech announced](#) that they will replace their institutional application with the Coalition Application. For the first time students in Virginia will be able to apply to Virginia Tech alongside other state public universities and distinguished institutions nationwide.

Board of Directors Officer Election Results As we build on the momentum of the past year's growth, our officers will play a vital and powerful role in further charting the trajectory of this organization. Newly elected leaders will assume their roles on July 1. The new Coalition Officers of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Jeremiah Quinlan (Yale), Chair
Christopher Gruber (Davidson), Vice Chair
Kedra Ishop (University of Michigan), Vice Chair
Audrey Smith (Smith), Vice Chair
Stacey Kostell (University of Vermont), Secretary
Kristine Dillon (COFHE), Treasurer

I hope that this detailed and lengthy message is helpful (not overwhelming). Next month, we will provide dates for webinars to help any student supporters who would like to increase their understanding and familiarity with MyCoalition. Finally, I hope you all are planning vacations and actually taking them!

Most Sincerely,

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