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WNY Regional Economic Development Council Receives Best Plan Award!

The **WNY Regional Economic Development Council** took home the **Best Plan Award**, bringing \$100,300,000 back to WNY! The Consortium participated in almost every workgroup of the Council and Dr. Satish Tripathi, President of the University at Buffalo Co-Chaired the Council with Mr. Howard Zemsky, with Dr. Charles Edmondson, President of Alfred University serving as a Council member. In addition to the Higher Education Workgroup, the Consortium was mentioned in virtually every section of the **Final Plan** and was identified as one of the region's Top 3 assets!

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WNY Association of College Career Centers Launches Its New Web Site!

The **WNY Association of College Career Centers** launched its new web site in January, culminating a year worth of work and collaborative effort on behalf of the WNYACCC Executive Board. The web site will anchor our **Economic Development Portal** and provides sections for **Employers, Internships, and Students Services**. There is also an Event Calendar where employers can link to activities on member institutions. The combination of the WNYACCC web site and the already successful launch of www.wnycollegeconnection.com will increase web traffic and visibility. Finally, the linking of the two sites provides employers with easier access to our Career Centers and a multitude of other economic and workforce development services and programs.

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WNY College Connection Launches Phase One of Its Economic Development Portal!

The Economic Development Portal has been launched on the **WNY College Connection** web site. Currently, the **WNYACCC web site** anchors the Portal with **Employer Services** and **Internships**. The **Economic Impact** of the WNY Consortium of Higher Education is the next link and highlights the significant impact that the higher education sector has on the WNY region. Finally, additional links will be added over the next month that will enhance the portal and our services for the business community.

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ACL is a national association that provides a forum for higher education professionals involved in cooperative programs.

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Say Yes Comes to Buffalo!

In December 2011, the **Say Yes Foundation** announced that Buffalo would be the next Say Yes city in the nation. This opportunity brings with it the promise of a scholarship to **Buffalo Public Schools** students who graduate from high school. The announcement included over \$15,000,000 in funds raised by private and business donations as well as a \$15,000,000 investment by the Say Yes Foundation. Spearheading the Buffalo initiative is the **John R. Oishei Foundation** and the **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**. The WNY Consortium of Higher Education signed a letter of support for Buffalo's application and will work with Say Yes to develop the role our institutions will play as the city implements the initiative.

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P-16 Educational Leadership Initiative Focuses on the Future

The P-16 Educational Leadership initiative is expanding the representation of higher education and K-12 leadership. The next planning meeting is March 22, 2012 and will include an additional 30+ higher education representatives including chief academic officers, deans of schools of education, and faculty. Likewise, additional superintendents, curriculum developers, and teachers will be asked to participate. In the future, employers will also be included in the initiative. The goal of the group is to develop a vision and specific goals for the three task forces.

- Common Core Learning Standards
- Teacher Education Programs
- K-12 & Higher Education Partnerships

This initiative will partner with Say Yes and ultimately seeks to fix the "leaks" along the P-16 pipeline. This is critical to the Consortium in order to increase the number of students ready for college and to fill the expected 16% decline in traditional age college students.

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WNY College Connection Committee Convenes Its First Meeting

The WNY College Connection Committee met for the first time on January 23, 2012. This committee is composed of the chairs of each of the **Inter-Institutional Collaborations** and is charged with enhancing communication within the Consortium, promoting cross-functional collaborations, and assessing the Return On Investment for the Consortium and individual institutions. If you have any concerns you would like to raise on behalf of your collaboration, please let your chair know.

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an electronic newsletter that is emailed 6 times annually, every other month, starting August 2011. Deadlines for submission of content will be the 15th of August, October, December, February, April, and June (or, if the 15th falls on a weekend, the business day prior). Content submitted will be edited and may utilize links to web sites for additional information. Good quality photos in jpg format are also welcome for possible publication. Please limit the article to 150 words.

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Women's Leadership Institute Cultivates Higher Education Leadership

The ***Women's Leadership Institute (WLI)*** is intended for women who are preparing for higher education senior leadership positions. The Institute is designed to engage women in evocative dialogue regarding the complexity of issues facing higher education. With senior higher education leaders serving as panelists, mentors, and facilitators, program participants are gaining a broader perspective and understanding of the critical issues facing higher education. On January 11th, WLI hosted its third session on ***The Future of Higher Education***. Remaining sessions include: ***Moving the Ship: Crafting a Vision and Implementing a Plan, Leaders and Leadership***, and ***Reflections*** session where the participants will celebrate completion of the Institute's inaugural class!

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Consortium Welcomes New Chair!

We would like to congratulate John Staschak, President of Bryant & Stratton on his appointment to Chair of the WNY Consortium of Higher Education. We would also like to thank outgoing Chair, Paul Hurley, President of Trocaire College for his dedication and leadership.

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