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WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge Launched!

The Consortium has launched its student entrepreneurship initiative called Student 2 Biz Challenge. There will be a regional "pitch" competition along six tracks. Winners will be selected and will represent the region at the state level. There are over \$225,000 in prizes with the possibility of winners being selected by their host institutions to be incubated for a year starting in the summer of 2013. For more information, click on [Student 2 Biz](#).

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2012 a Record Year for WNY College Connection Web Site!

For 2012, we had over **23,280** unique visitors to our web site, with over **2,813,795** hits from over 93 different countries. Each unique visitor clicked on 8.78 pages per visit. There are several new additions to the web site including but not limited to:

- [Economic Development Portal](#)
- [WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge](#)
- [Economic Development Partnerships](#)
- [P-16 Consortium](#)

Make sure you visit the web site for up-to-date news articles under our Discover WNY section on the landing page:

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WNY Moves Up 5 Spots to #4 Midsize College Town in the US!

The higher education sector in WNY has once again garnered national recognition for the region. In one year's time, the WNY region moved up 5 spots to #4 College Town in the US for midsize cities. There are a number of indicators that were used to determine the ranking with WNY scoring highest in Student Diversity, Cost of Living, City Accessibility, Arts and Leisure, and Entrepreneurial Activity. Click [#4 College Town](#) for more information.

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[Association of Consortium Leadership \(ACL\)](#)

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

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Women's Leadership Institute Class of 2013

The Women's Leadership Institute has launched its 2nd class and has added a number of features to its new institute including book discussions and an all-classes reunion at the end of the year. This year there are 18 Consortium institutions represented with **42 classmates**. For more information, click [Women's Leadership Institute](#).

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NYS Statewide Plan for Higher Education.

The executive director of the Consortium presented to a panel of distinguished educational leaders that included John L. D'Agati, Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education; Commissioner of Education, Dr. John King; and Chancellor Emeritus Robert Bennett on the NYS Statewide Plan for Higher Education. The presentation provided an overview on the work of the Consortium and focused on the work of the P-16 Consortium. The panel looks forward to hearing more about our efforts. Commissioner King will serve as keynote for the P-16 Consortium April conference.

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Say Yes to Education Begins Implementation.

Say Yes to Education has begun its implementation and hosted an open house for Admissions and Financial Aid directors. During the session, Say Yes representatives reviewed the scholarship process, data tracking, and improved communication with the members of the Consortium. A workgroup was created to address specific questions relating to private institutions. In addition, the Consortium will work with Say Yes to promote the opportunities to Buffalo Public Schools students.

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P-16 Consortium Planning Spring Conference

The **P-16 Consortium** Steering Committee, in conjunction with the 40+ volunteers of the three taskforces, **Common Core Learning Standards**, **Teacher Preparation Programs**, and **K-12 and Higher Education Partnerships**, are planning a Spring conference on April 10th that will include a Commissioner Dr. John King as our keynote speaker, taskforce presentations of work accomplished over the past year, and table discussions on setting a course for the next year. This is an invitation only conference with invitations being sent out in February.

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Consortium Hires Associate

We have hired Rebecca Borowski as our Consortium Associate. Rebecca is a first year Ph.D. candidate at the University at Buffalo in their Higher Education Administration program. Rebecca comes to the consortium having worked 6 years at Ithaca College and has a Masters in

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Communications and Bachelors in Arts in Writing. Rebecca will focus on two Consortium priorities, the P-16 Consortium and Economic Development. We look forward to her joining our team on January 14th.

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WNYACCC to Host Jobsapalooza!

Formerly known as Job Quest, Jobsapalooza is the WNY Association of College Career Centers' annual flagship event connecting employers with students and members of the community. Jobsapalooza is an excellent resource for networking and informal interviewing activities centered on potential internship and job opportunities. Jobsapalooza will be held on January 10th at the Buffalo Marriott from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information visit your Career Services office.

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Consortium Meets with Presidents Across the Border.

Dr. Richard Jurasek, President of Medaille College and Steve Harvey met with Dan Paterson and Jack Lighthouse, presidents of Niagara College and Brock University respectively. The meeting examined how we could collaborate on research, internships, entrepreneurship, and other areas. The meeting was very successful and we are hopeful that future collaborations will come from it. (Click on **Bi-National** for more information).

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