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CO-CONFERENCE AGENDA

WELCOME TO THE FIRST2 NETWORK AND WEST VIRGINIA JOBS NETWORK CO-CONFERENCE! WE HAVE MANY EXCITING SESSIONS PLANNED FOR YOU.

IF YOU ARE NEW, WE RECOMMEND YOU VIEW AND JOIN BOTH OF OUR NETWORK PAGES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED:

FIRST2 WEBSITE
FIRST2NETWORK.ORG

WVJN WEBSITE
WVJOBSNETWORK.NET

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INTERNET PASSCODE INFORMATION: *PENDING*

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WEDNESDAY MAY 15TH:

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
1:00pm-4:00pm	Registration	
2:00pm-4:30pm	WVJN Steering Committee Meeting	
4:30pm-5:00pm	BREAK	
5:00pm-5:30pm	Welcome and Opening Session	Overview of conference goals, understand where the strongest overlap points are with WVJN and First2 Network [TBA]
5:30pm-6:00pm	Introductions	Facilitated networking to learn about who is attending [TBA]
6:00pm-7:30pm	Dinner and WVJN Reception	

THURSDAY MAY 16TH:

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
8:30am-3:30pm	Registration	

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8:30pm-10:00am	BREAKFAST	Buffet-style in conference room
9:00am-9:15am	WVJN Welcome and Opening Remarks	[Cree Lahti, West Virginia Jobs Network Coordinator, High Rocks Educational Corporation]
9:15am-10:00am	Introduction to WVJN and First2	Introduction to both networks and the connections between their organizations and participants [Sarah Riley, Executive Director, High Rocks Educational Corporation and PI, First2 Network]
10:00am-11:00am	State of the West Virginia Workforce	Demographics from Workforce WV [Jeffrey Green, Deputy Executive Director, Workforce WV; Dr. Heather Stephens, Director, Regional Research Institute (RRI), West Virginia University]
11:00am-11:15pm	SNACK BREAK	
11:15am-12:15pm	Resilient Leadership: Leading with Compassion	Leading with resilience and effectively leading a trauma-informed organization [Melissa Roberts, Executive Director, Applachian Promise]
12:15pm-1:15pm	LUNCH	

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1:15pm-1:30pm	First2 Welcome and Opening Remarks	[Sue Ann Heatherly, Senior Education Officer, Green Bank Observatory and PI, First2 Network]
1:30pm-2:30pm	Landscape of Remote Work in West Virginia	Thoughts on remote work and its effects on the future of businesses and employment in West Virginia [Moderator: Evan Nelson, Career Connector Manager, Generation WV; Panelist: Jessica Stidham, Assistant Director, First Ascent; Panelist: Tracy Samples, Director of Operations, Generation WV]
2:30pm-3:00pm	Power Skills	Information about the WVJN Power Skills Curriculum [Cree Lahti]
3:00pm-3:15pm	SNACK BREAK	
3:15pm-4:00pm	**Room A**: Building Better Workplaces in West Virginia **Room B:** Headshots **Room C:** Professional Development Series PDSA at WVU	**Room A:** Based on the Appalachian Connect model and the Power Grant [Sarah Riley; Melissa Roberts; Josiah Hannah, Community Impact Director, Coalfield Development] **Room C:** [First2 Student Directors Keyzar Dominguez, Rachel King, Ty Landis, Revan Buan, and Abigail Judy]

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4:00pm-5:00pm	**Room A:** Mentoring and Mock Interviews **Room B:** First2 Network Evaluation Data **Room C:** TBA	**Room A:** Presentation and Q&A Session [Tammy Baker, Senior Human Resources Manager, AVN; Craig Thomas, Regional Quality Manager, Syensqo] **Room B:** Presentation and review of current evaluation data for First2 [Johnavae Campbell, Lead External Evaluator, ICF]
5:00pm-6:00pm	Career Connector Mocktail Networking	
6:00pm	DINNER	Followed by live lounge music

FRIDAY MAY 17TH:

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
8:30am-9:30am	BREAKFAST	Buffet-style in conference room
9:00am-9:30am	Welcome and Agenda	[Dr. Erica Harvey, PI and Institutional Team Coordinator, First2 Network]

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9:30am-10:30am	Tech Industry and Employer Panel	Update on the tech sector and the work being done to improve broadband access in West Virginia [Moderator: Evan Nelson; Panelist: Kel Cecil, Vice President, Engineering, InspectionGo; Panelist: Annie Stroud, Broadbrand Program Director, Generation WV]
10:30am-11:30am	**Room A:** One-on-One Snack Break **Room B:** Trends in Workplace Development	**Room A:** Meet one-on-one with industry professionals for mentorship about college, employment, resumes, or interviews [Cree Lahti; Kel Cecil; Deana White, Executive Director, WV Alliance for STEM in the Arts; Dreama Craig-Buck] **Room B:** Roundtable discussion about both positive and challenging trends in the workplace [Facilitator: Dr. Heather Arnett, Program Coordinator, First2 Network]
11:30am-12:00pm	Collective Impact	Identifying common goals and impacts our organizations are focused on, and achieving [Sarah Riley]
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH	

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TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
1:00pm-2:00pm	**Room A:** Finding Paid Internships **Room B:** Appalachian Culture Survey **Room C:** Headshots	**Room A:** [Dr. Cinthia Pacheco, Assistant Director, Office of Undergraduate Research at WVU; Dr. Michelle Richards-Babb, Professor-Associate Chair, Department of Chemistry, WVU] **Room B:** Results and discussion of the survey and its impact [Kristy Henson, Assistant Professor of Forensic Science, Fairmont State University]
2:00pm-3:00pm	**Room A:** Personal Pathways of First-Gen Students **Room B:** PDSA Idea Exchange **Room C:** WVJN Debrief	**Room A:** Panel with first-gen faculty and recent first-gen graduate(s) **Room B:** Workshop and discussion [Dr. Erica Harvey and Sue Ann Heatherly] **Room C:** WVJN Attendees
3:00pm-3:30pm	BREAK	
3:30pm-4:00pm	**Room A:** Math Anxiety PDSAs **Room B:** Policy Advocacy Training (1.5 hour session) **Room C:** Listserv PDSA	**Room A:** Math Affinity Group/Individuals [Facilitator: Marjorie Darrah, Professor of Mathematics, WVU] **Room B:** [Samantha Mitchell, Student Coordinator, First2 Network, High Rocks Educational Corporation; Margaret Falletta, Marketing and Support, First2 Network, High Rocks Educational Corporation] **Room C:** [Dr. Michelle Richards-Babb]

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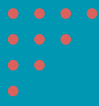| TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
4:00pm-4:30pm	**Room A:** Faculty/Advisor Coaching (1 hour session) **Room B:** Policy Advocacy Training (1.5 hour session) **Room C:** Small Campus Struggles	**Room A:** Empowering educators to help students achieve personal and professional success [Sherry Mitchell, Lifebound Coaching] **Room B:** [Samantha Mitchell; Margaret Falletta] **Room C:** Getting people involved and decreasing single student and faculty load at smaller colleges [Dr. Aida Jimenez-Esquilin, Associate Professor of Biology/Microbiology, WVU]
4:30pm-5:00pm	**Room A:** Faculty/Advisor Coaching (1 hour session) **Room B:** Policy Advocacy Training (1.5 hour session) **Room C:** Sustainability Support	**Room A:** Empowering educators to help students achieve personal and professional success [Sherry Mitchell, Lifebound Coaching] **Room B:** [Samantha Mitchell; Margaret Falletta] **Room C:** Presentation and discussion about obtaining financial and legislative support [TBA]
5:00pm-6:00pm	CPOS and First2 Student Experiences	Panel of Current First2 Students
6:00pm	DINNER	

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SATURDAY MAY 18TH:

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8:30am-9:30am	BREAKFAST	Buffet-style in conference room
9:00am-9:30am	Welcome and Poster Introductions	[Dr. Heather Arnett]
9:30am-10:30am	Poster Session	PDSA Posters, Student Research Posters and Carnegie Summit Poster
10:30am-11:30am	**Room A and B:** Affinity Group Break-Out Rooms **Room C:** Connecting with Faculty	**Room A and B:** Affinity Groups include: S-STEM, Campus Clubs, Immersion/Bridge Programs, Math Anxiety, Student-Faculty Social Interactions, Integration of Student Leaders in Institutional Teams **Room C:** Utilizing office hours, getting to know your professors, and acquiring letters of recommendation [TBA]
11:30am-12:30pm	**Room A:** Engagement with Student Success Offices **Room B:** Faculty/Advisor Coaching (1 hour repeat session) **Room C:** UC Impromptu Lecture PDSA	**Room A:** Presentation and discussion with representatives from Glenville State, University of Charleston, and Shepherd University **Room B:** Empowering educators to help students achieve personal and professional success [Sherry Mitchell, Lifebound Coaching] **Room C:** [First2 Student Directors Hailey Cox and Emily Hissom]

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SATURDAY MAY 18TH:

TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
12:30pm	BAGGED LUNCHES	Bagged lunches will be provided for you to eat during the Steering Committee Meeting or take with you
12:30pm-1:30pm	First2 Steering Committee Meeting	Including conference evaluation and debrief