

# WV CAREER COLLABORATIVE AND FIRST2 NETWORK

## SPRING CO-CONFERENCE

Building Connections to Make Appalachia a  
Great Place to Learn, Work, and Call Home



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### MONDAY MAY 11TH - FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY FALCON CENTER

12:00pm  
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1:00pm

Lunch

WV Career Collaborative and First2 Network Introductions, and  
Welcome Remarks

Break: 1:00pm - 1:15pm

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2:15pm

Concurrent  
Session A

Stronger Together: Building Collaborative Industrial Advisory Boards

Reframing Student Employment as Workforce Development

Resume/Cover Letter One-on-One Meetings, WVCC Virtual  
Reality Video Demonstrations, & Professional Headshots

Break: 2:15pm - 2:30pm

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3:30pm

Concurrent  
Session B

Panel: Developing Competencies in AI for the STEM Workforce

Resume/Cover Letter One-on-One Meetings, WVCC Virtual  
Reality Video Demonstrations, & Professional Headshots

Break: 3:30pm - 3:45pm

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4:45pm

Concurrent  
Session C

Applied Learning for Regional Impact: Student-Driven Solutions in Central  
West Virginia

Making the WV Career Collaborative Virtual Reality Videos, and The  
Cognitive Scaffolding Through Microlearning Spiral

Networking Reception: 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Dinner: 5:15pm - 6:15pm

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7:15pm

Keynote  
Presentation

WorkForce WV: Programs and Workforce Data

# TUESDAY MAY 12TH - HOLIDAY INN MORGANTOWN - UNIVERSITY AREA

Breakfast: 8:30am - 9:30am

Welcome Remarks: 9:30am - 9:45am

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10:45am

Plenary  
Panel

Building Connections to Make Appalachia a Great Place to Learn,  
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Break: 10:45am - 11:00am

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12:00pm

Concurrent  
Session D

Resume/Brand Building and Job Searches in the Era of AI

Bridging Pathways: Building a Culture of Leadership for Career  
Readiness Across Educational Contexts

Networking Lunch: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Door Prizes: 1:00pm - 1:15pm

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Concurrent  
Session E

Designing for Impact: Lessons Learned from a Near-Peer Mentoring Model  
for First-Generation Students

From "Me" to "We": Building a High-Performing, High-Retention Team

Break: 2:15pm - 2:30pm

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Concurrent  
Session F

Co-Mentoring for Change: Empowering Undergraduates Through  
Improvement Science

ILLUME: Building a Brighter Future, and Self-Determination and  
Self-Advocacy Skills for Students with Disabilities

Break: 3:30pm - 3:45pm

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4:45pm

Concurrent  
Session G

Building Career Pathways Early: Connecting Elementary Career  
Exploration to High School CTE Success

Using Generative AI to Improve STEM Course Relevance

Break: 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Dinner: 5:15pm - 6:15pm

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Scholarly Poster Presentations

# WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH - HOLIDAY INN MORGANTOWN - UNIVERSITY AREA

Breakfast and Welcome Remarks: 8:30am - 9:30am

Break: 9:30am - 9:45am

9:45am - 10:45am	Concurrent Session H	First2 Network Institutional Team Presentations - Part 1
		A Path to Success Uncovered: Charleston Job Corps Center

Break: 10:45am - 11:00am

11:00am - 12:00pm	Concurrent Session I	First2 Network Institutional Team Presentations - Part 2
		Transformational Internships for Next-Generation Leaders: Voices from the Field

12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	First2 Network Steering Committee Meeting, and WV Career Collaborative Workforce Advisory Board/Program Management Board Meeting
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*\*Please note that co-conference sessions are subject to change prior to the event*

Learn more at  
[www.wvcareercollab.org](http://www.wvcareercollab.org) and [www.first2network.org](http://www.first2network.org)

STILL NEED TO REGISTER?



There is no fee to register, and all  
meals during the co-conference are included!

Questions?

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