



The Fact Sheet
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Calendar for Spring,
2008

First, important dates for workshops, if you're interested in attending any of these, return the form below to Dana or Rose Dunn.

Feb. 28, 29, March 1 Great College Workshop
Deadline for sign-up is Feb. 21. No cost to the participant or their department. The location is TBA. This is our second Workshop for our first year of Achieving the Dream. Visit with one of those folks who attended the November workshop and get the best description available. We'll take around 25 members of our NPCC community away for 2 ½ days of reflection on our students' successes and priorities for the coming four years of the grant. Oh, and for some relaxation. If you have some ideas about funding projects through Achieving the Dream, this is the place to share your thoughts and have input for the coming years. The Workshop begins with dinner on Thursday, Feb. 28, and continues through lunch on Saturday, March 1. Reimbursements are available to other faculty who cover classes for participants.

March 7 (Friday) Bridges out of Poverty
Deadline for early bird sign-up: Jan. 14 (\$65)
If you are interested, but miss the deadline, get the form in as quickly as possible. Location is Pulaski Tech.

Description: This one-day seminar gives the social service provider, the educator, and the community member key lessons in dealing with individuals from poverty. This seminar is based on the book *Bridges Out Of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*, a work by Ruby K. Payne, Philip DeVol, and Terie Dreussi Smith. Phil's experience includes developing school based, substance abuse prevention, intervention and student assistance programs, and Terie is an experienced educator and

prevention coordinator. This seminar is designed for employers, community organizations, law enforcement, educators, counselors, health care and social service providers.

You'll receive the book *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities* and the accompanying workbook. Lunch is included.

Participants will understand:

- how economic class affects behaviors and mindsets
- the eight resources of a student, client or employee
- language registers, discourse patterns, and story structure
- how mental models are effective interventions for language and cognitive barriers
- practices for improving outcomes with individuals from generational poverty

April 2 – 3 Each One, Reach One: 2008 New Student Symposium (Wed. evening – Thurs.)

Deadline for early bird sign-up: Feb. 1 (\$95)
If you are interested, but miss the deadline, get the form in as quickly as possible. Location is Pulaski Tech.

Description: This symposium grew out of the Foundations of Excellence Project. Learn about best practices from experts who have proven strategies for engaging new students and improving retention. Build alliances, share ideas and find out what is going on at other two- and four-year colleges and universities in Arkansas. Invited speakers include John Gardner, Executive Director of the Policy Center on the First Year of College; Wendy Troxel, Assistant Professor of Educational Administration and Foundations, Illinois State University; Phyllis Curtis-Tweed, Interim Associate Provost at Medgar Evers College, CUNY; Tom Carskadon, Professor of Psychology, Mississippi State University; Sybil Hampton, former President of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation; and Greg Lampe, Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost of University of Wisconsin. Possible session

topics: assessment, transfer issues, at-risk students, retention, and motivation.

Symposium schedule:

Wednesday, 5 PM Registration
6 PM Dinner and Program
(ends at 8:30 PM)
Thursday, 7:30 AM Breakfast with John Gardner
8:45 AM Session 1
10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM Session 2
12:15 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Closing (ends by 2:45 PM)

Other dates on the NPCC Dream Calendar

Jan. 9 3 PM Team meeting
Jan. 11 9 AM Math Summit for
Curriculum Development
Feb. 5 – 8 Strategy Institute for AtD
(Atlanta)
Feb. 28 Last revisions to AtD data folks
March 6 – 7 Coaches from AtD on campus
March 31 Draft Implementation Proposals
due to AACC (this is the BIG one)
April 1 – 20 Feedback received on
Implementation Proposal
May 15 Final draft of Proposal due
July 1 Notification of Successful
Application

Behind the scenes, the Student Success Committee, the Data Team, and the Core Team will be gathering information from our NPCC community for inclusion in our proposal to AACC and the Lumina Foundation.

Clip this and send it to Dana or Rose Dunn if you're interested in any or all of our upcoming workshops.

NAME: _____

I'm interested in attending:

_____ Great College Workshop

_____ Bridges out of Poverty Workshop

_____ Each One, Reach One: New Student Symposium

I'm interested in contributing to our Achieving the Dream work by:

_____ Serving on a committee

_____ Participating in a Teaching Circle related to AtD topics

_____ Telling others about my experience at the Great College Workshop

Here are my thoughts on how I can help with Achieving the Dream: