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John R. Oishei Foundation Awards Consortium \$700,000 4-year Grant!

The John R. Oishei Foundation has awarded the Consortium a \$700,000 4-year grant to continue its work in three strategic areas: improving the college and career readiness of WNY students along the P-16 continuum, enhancing the economic development of the region, and improving the instructional quality at area colleges among other things by increasing the capacity of institutional collaborations within the Consortium's 21 member institutions. **"The Consortium is extremely fortunate to have the leadership and continued support of The John R. Oishei Foundation as we work to improve Western New York's economic future and the quality of education for WNY students along the P-16 continuum."** John Staschak, Chair, WNY Consortium of Higher Education and President, Bryant & Stratton College. Click [Press Release](#) for more information.

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Consortium Launches Its Economic Development Portal!

The *Economic Development Portal* is completed and has been successfully launched. The EDP was one of 6 web features presented to the Oishei Board of Trustees on July 18th. Board response to the EDP and the web site was overwhelmingly positive. The EDP has over 200 links to economic resources on our 21 member campuses including but not limited to centers of excellence, leadership development, entrepreneurship, and incubators. Thirteen *economic development partnerships* are highlighted and the *WNY Association of College Career Centers* anchors the portal.

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Women's Leadership Institute to Begin 2012-2013 Class

The Women's Leadership Institute is set to launch its second class in October 2012. This initiative was very well received by the 42 participants during its inaugural year. Last year we had 18 of 21 Consortium institutions participate and we are aiming for 100% participation in this highly impactful opportunity. The *Women's Leadership Institute* is a professional development opportunity for women leaders at member institutions who aspire to serve at the

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**Association of Consortium
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ACL is a national association that provides a forum for higher education professionals involved in

presidential or cabinet level. Participants are selected by presidents with each institution being allowed to send up to 2 participants.

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469 WNY, Rochester, and Central NY High Schools to Receive Consortium Marketing Package.

On September 17th, the Consortium will send 469 high school counselor offices marketing materials that promote the WNY College Connection web site. These materials include business card promotions for the web site, pens, pads, and posters. In anticipation of this effort, institutions have updated their College Degree Profiles on the web site. E-newsletters will be sent quarterly to maintain contact with the thousands of school counselors across this part of the state.

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Faculty Development Will Host Dr. Sanford Shugart on September 28th at Hilbert College.

The *Faculty Development Group* has selected nationally recognized Dr. Sanford Shugart as its presenter on September 28th at Hilbert College. Under President Shugart's leadership, Valencia College was recently awarded the very first \$600,000 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. He is a recognized expert on the subject of student learning-focused and access-focused higher education. Valencia is recognized for its success in preparing students both for the world of work and for further achievement in higher education. "We are delighted to be hosting Dr. Shugart's visit, and deeply grateful to all who have made it possible." *Dr. Mark Hijleh*, Chair of FDG and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Houghton College. Dr. Shugart's presentation aligns with the Faculty Development Group which "seeks to promote an environment in the area of faculty development that is mutually beneficial to the faculty, faculty development staff, administration, and students of its 21 member institutions as well as to the workforce organizations with which member institutions and the WNYCC forge regional partnerships." More information about Dr. Shugart can be found at <http://president.valenciacollege.edu/>.

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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 in early April that will include a keynote speaker, taskforce presentations of work accomplished over the past year, and table discussions on setting a course for the next year. More information to come!

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Consortium Partnering With NFIEC on Event - Knowledge Economy: Career Paths to a Prosperous WNY

One of the top priorities of the Consortium is to enhance the college and career readiness of WNY students. To that end, we are excited to partner with the **Niagara Frontier Industry and Education Council** on the program Knowledge Economy: Career Paths to a Prosperous WNY, which will take an in-depth look at the WNY regional economy and the collaborative role that colleges and universities, K-12 educators, and the business community will play in advancing the economic interests of the region. We are expecting K-12 superintendents, school counselors, business leaders, county leaders as well as members from Consortium groups like the Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Faculty Development Group, and the WNY Association of College Career Centers to be in attendance.

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College Law Officers Administrators Group Hosts Training

The **WNY College Law Enforcement Administrator Consortium Group** Sponsored Clery Act Training at Medaille College from August 7th to the 9th. The course was given by Delores Stafford who is a nationally renowned instructor on the Jeanne Clery Act. Approximately 30 personnel attended from both inside and some outside the consortium. This 2-1/2 day workshop was designed to be a comprehensive and intensive Clery Act training class, including all elements of the Clery Act and the new 2008 HEOA security and safety requirements, such as Fire Safety, Emergency Response, Missing Persons, and Additional Hate Crime Reporting requirements. The class covered all the basic requirements and then focused on the advanced elements of the law. The class included a significant amount of training in classifying crimes according to UCR (Federal Uniform Code of Regulations) Guidelines. Also included was a basic overview of the requirements of the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX legislation. Special thanks to Ron Christopher and Medaille College for hosting the event.

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Consortium Expanding Retention Group.

The Consortium is in the process of expanding its Retention Group. Chaired by Dr. Patrick Zengierski of Niagara University, the group consists of about 7 members of the Consortium but will be reaching out to other institutions in September 2012. Look for the information or please contact **Dr. Zengierski** directly if you are interested.

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