Conference Schedule

8:30am  Registration

9:00am  Welcome, Auditorium
Presented by: Dr. Eric A. Weldy, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management – Northern Illinois University

9:15am  Plenary Session: Peer Mentoring Panel Discussion, Auditorium
Moderated by: Dr. Laurie Elish-Piper, Presidential Engagement Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education at Northern Illinois University and Presidential Advisor on College and Career Readiness; Effective July 1, NIU Interim Dean, College of Education – Northern Illinois University
Panelists:
Dustin Seeman, Coordinator of Student Services - Northwest Suburban High School District 214
Stacey Macchi, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication - Western Illinois University
Tracey Williams, Student Retention Specialist, Success Center - Highland Community College
Michelle Griggs, Academic Retention Coordinator, Project Succeed TRiO Program - Highland Community College
Michelle Bringas, Director, Asian American Center – Northern Illinois University

10:00-10:15am  Break/Travel

10:15-11:00am  Breakout Session #1

Session #A1: Running Multiple Peer Mentoring Programs Without Duplication, Room 162
Presented by: Michelle Griggs, Academic Retention Coordinator, Project Succeed TRiO Program - Highland Community College & Tracey Williams, Student Retention Specialist, Success Center - Highland Community College
Hosted by: Nancy Partch

Session #B1: Creating and Sustaining a High School Peer Mentoring Program, Room 164
Presented by: Dustin Seeman, Coordinator of Student Services - Northwest Suburban High School District 214
Hosted by: Angela Hite-Carter

Session #C1: Administering Peer Mentoring Programs, Room 166
Presented by: Michelle Bringas, Director, Asian American Center – Northern Illinois University with “O’Hana!” Peer Mentoring Program students
Hosted by: Alyssa Humbles

11:00-11:15am  Break/Travel

11:15-12:00pm  Breakout Session #2

Session #A2: The Power of Peer Mentors, Room 162
Presented by: Marilyn Lorch, Engaged Learning Coordinator, Office of Student Engagement & Experiential Learning - Northern Illinois University and Stacey Macchi, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication - Western Illinois University with Brenna Smith, peer mentor
Hosted by: Steve Gustis

Session #B2: Implementing LINK Crew: A Freshman Mentoring Program, Room 164
Presented by: Lauren Kato, Special Education Teacher and Assistant Athletic Director & Girls Volleyball Coach - Waubonsie Valley High School and Andrew Krueger, Spanish Teacher and Key Club Sponsor & Link Crew Coordinator - Waubonsie Valley High School
Hosted by: Lisa Matich

Session #C2: Current Research on Peer Mentoring, Room 166
Presented by: Michael Day, Professor & First Year Composition Program Director, Department of English - Northern Illinois University and Tawanda Gipson, Research Associate, Office of Assessment Services - Northern Illinois University and Lebena Varghese, Graduate Assistant, Industrial/Organizational Psychology Program – Northern Illinois University
Hosted by: Lucy Parker

12:00-1:00pm  Lunch & Networking, Dining Room
1:00-1:45pm “Fishbowl” Student Panel, Dining Room
Moderated by: Michelle Bringas, Director, Asian American Center – Northern Illinois University
Students: “O’Hanai” Peer Mentors – Northern Illinois University and Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning (OSEEL) Students – Northern Illinois University
Hosted by: Amy Franklin

1:45-2:30pm Round Table Discussions, Dining Room
Introduced by: Dr. Eric A. Weldy, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management – Northern Illinois University and Dr. Laurie Elish-Piper, Presidential Engagement Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education at Northern Illinois University and Presidential Advisor on College and Career Readiness; Effective July 1, NIU Interim Dean, College of Education – Northern Illinois University

High School Round Table #1
Facilitated by: Dustin Seeman, Coordinator of Student Services - Northwest Suburban High School District 214
Note taker: Lucy Parker

High School Round Table #2
Facilitated by: Mark Kovak, Associate Superintendent for Student Services, Township High School District 211
Note taker: Angela Hite-Carter

Community College Round Table #1
Facilitated by: Mary Tosch, Student Life Manager, Student Life - Waubonsee Community College
Note taker: Megan Scanlan

Community College Round Table #2
Facilitated by: Michelle Griggs, Academic Retention Coordinator, Project Succeed TRiO Program - Highland Community College & Tracey Williams, Student Retention Specialist, Success Center - Highland Community College
Note taker: Nancy Partch

4-Year College/University Round Table #1
Facilitated by: Michelle Bringas, Director, Asian American Center – Northern Illinois University
Note taker: Tawanda Gipson

4-Year College/University Round Table #2
Facilitated by: TBD
Note taker: Lisa Matich
2:30-2:45pm **Round Table Reports, Dining Room**
Facilitated by: **Dr. Eric A. Weldy**, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management – Northern Illinois University and **Dr. Laurie Elish-Piper**, Interim Dean, College of Education – Northern Illinois University

2:45-2:55pm **Common Themes and Next Steps, Dining Room**
Presented by: **Dr. Eric A. Weldy**, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management – Northern Illinois University and **Dr. Laurie Elish-Piper**, Presidential Engagement Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education at Northern Illinois University and Presidential Advisor on College and Career Readiness; Effective July 1, NIU Interim Dean, College of Education – Northern Illinois University

2:55-3:00pm **Closing Remarks, Dining Room**
Presented by: **Dr. Eric A. Weldy**, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management – Northern Illinois University

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Thank you!