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## **cIcu NYGEAR UP Webinar Series** **Information and Resources for Educators**

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**July 13 (Wed.)**  
**9:00 – 10:00am**

### **Increasing Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity to Diversity**

*Carol Dahir, Ed.D., Professor and Chair, School Counseling Department, NYIT*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/e3479e61d6b011da4ac87b605f06faf5>

Educators recognize the importance of increasing their knowledge and understanding of racial, cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity of Pre-K–12 students and their families. Part of this commitment to improving student achievement is taking the time to understand the similarities and differences of the many diverse populations we work with on a daily basis. Participants will heighten their understanding of cultural similarities and differences and the value of cultural uniqueness in the learning environment as a critical strategy to close the achievement, opportunity and attainment gaps.

**July 14 (Thurs.)**  
**10:00 – 11:00am**

### **Rising to the Challenge: College and Career Readiness for All!**

*Carol Dahir, Ed.D., Professor and Chair, School Counseling Department, NYIT*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/f800d15b277105b1d746f627e8486654>

With the national, state, and New York City emphasis on all students' college and career readiness, what does it take to create a college-going culture in your school? How do we motivate students to look to the future when we struggle to get them to come to school every day? College and career readiness means that every student graduates high school with the knowledge and skill to succeed in college and career. Explore how to facilitate students' understanding of the relationship between career planning, high school choice, and post-secondary opportunities, and motivate students to actively participate in the process.

**July 15 (Fri.)**  
**9:00 – 10:00am**

### **Routine for Learning**

*Phyllis A H Breland, M.Ed., Director, Opportunity Programs, Hamilton College*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/82569322980c98907c24e00bf0acd2b8>

This session will discuss how to help students uncover their own methods for acquiring and retaining information. Anything is possible, if you have a learning habit.

**July 25 (Mon.)**  
**9:00 – 10:00am**

### **Creating A College-Going Culture**

*Carol Dahir, Ed.D., Professor and Chair, School Counseling Department, NYIT*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/d775f82b0898ba768c34be5db4a05ad8>

School and college counselors recognize the importance of creating a school-wide, college- and career-going culture for elementary, middle and/or high school. This session will address how

to challenge mindsets and beliefs about students; the importance of becoming aware of student development; involving faculty in asset mapping; and how to help students acquire resiliency and self-reliance.

**July 26 (Tues.)**  
**9:00 – 10:00am**

### **Where are You in Implementation of a Comprehensive School Counseling Program?**

*Carol Dahir, Ed.D., Professor and Chair, School Counseling Department, NYIT*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/0f707509403d903ac5b9141539e44ee6>

With changing NYS regulations and new school counselor expectations on the horizon, you may not be sure what you need to do first or next to implement a comprehensive school counseling program. Do you realize that you are already well on your way? Using user-friendly tools, learn how to “map” your program with the new ASCA Mindset and Behavior Standards (2014) and see how far along with implementation you already are!

**July 27 (Wed.)**  
**10:00 – 11:00am**

### **The Importance of Early College and Career Awareness: A Curriculum**

*Susan Nesbitt Perez, Vice President, Outreach and Financial Aid, Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu)*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/d128658b1c98f5228c34be5db4a05ad8>

Research shows that 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade are pivotal years for students as students transition from middle school to high school. To familiarize students with the importance of their efforts in high school and its impact on opportunities for college and beyond, this session will introduce a curriculum cIcu developed with GEAR UP grant funds awarded to the cIcu by the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), overviewing its content and suggesting strategies for implementing the curriculum in classrooms, guidance sessions, other periods.

**July 29 (Fri.)**  
**2:00 – 2:30pm**

### **Connecting Students to STEM Opportunities**

*Nyoka Joseph, Academic Counselor, Pre-Collegiate Program, Academic Success and Enrichment Program, Barnard College*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/3944d19c77e1a93534538d7d4481ef37>

Increasingly, research points to the importance of exposing students to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields because it increases their expectations for pursuing careers in STEM, and also prepares them for the jobs of the future. This session will discuss how to inspire students to pursue postsecondary education leading to careers in STEM, health-related fields or the licensed professions.

**August 2 (Tues.)**  
**10:00 – 11:00am**

### **Financial Aid Counseling 101 – Basics Your Students and Parents Need to Know**

*LaSonya Griggs, Director of Financial Aid, Tompkins Cortland Community College*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/03e2925829ac555ecde7dc3c8da9331e>

If you are confused by the financial aid application process with all of its rules and regulations, imagine how overwhelmed your students and their families will be. This session will provide you with a broad overview of the basics of financial aid, working up to the application process. Get a head start on how to help families initiate the financial aid application process, where to send families for information online, basic eligibility criteria and the types of programs available from the federal and state government.

**August 9 (Tues.)**  
**10:00 – 10:30am**

### **Why 9th Grade is Important for College-Bound Students**

*Katie Szalda, Director of Admissions, Siena College*

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/a431178ff56bbd30d746f627e8486654>

Learn the value and importance of early college awareness and preparation beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Looking at the qualities colleges hone in on when reviewing admission applications, such as core courses, minimum requirements, the value of advanced coursework, extracurricular activity, etc., session attendees will collectively develop a list of activities and resources to use to convey the value of consistent academic effort and other activities and preparation inside and outside school.