



# Alternative HIGH SCHOOL INITIATIVE

High School to Career  
& College Transition  
Mini Convening

January 28 -30, 2009  
Indianapolis, IN

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Wednesday January 28, 2009

Day One

3:00 PM

**University Place Conference Center and Hotel**

850 W. Michigan St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
317-269-9000

**Hotel Check-In &  
Conference Registration**

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Presidents Room*

- o Shezwae Fleming, Director, National College Transition Network
- o Shaunette Byers, Coordinator, Alternative High School Initiative
- o Scott Bess, Superintendent of the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School
- o Talmira Hill, Director, Alternative High School Initiative
- o Lauren Smock-Randall, Network Support Coordinator & Special Events Coordinator, Alternative High School Initiative

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Dinner**

*Indiana Room*

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Overview of Convening**

*Presidents Room*

Facilitators: Shezwae Fleming, Big Picture Learning and Shaunette Byers,  
Alternative High School Initiative

- o Review our collective and individual agendas
- o Provide an in-depth overview of the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School visit

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Getting to Know One Another: The Bragging Protocol**

Facilitator: Shezwae Fleming, Big Picture Learning

- o To provide an opportunity for attendees to connect and engage and share program successes and future initiatives



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Thursday, January 29, 2009

Day Two

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| 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM     | <b>Continental Breakfast</b>  | <i>Bistro</i> |
| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM     | <b>Travel time to Indianapolis Metropolitan High School</b><br>1635 W. Michigan Street<br>Indianapolis, IN 46222  |               |
| 8:30 AM - 8:40 AM     | <b>Welcome to Indianapolis Met High School</b><br>Scott Bess, Superintendent and Robert Moses, Chief of Operations  |               |
| 8:40 AM - 9:00 AM     | <b>Tour of Indy Met</b> - Led by Student Ambassadors  |               |
| 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM    | <b>Introduction to the Programs and Services of Indianapolis Metropolitan High School</b><br>Presenters: Indianapolis Met High School Staff and Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Scott Bess, Chief Operating Officer</li><li>o Nick Reich, Director of Student/Family Services</li><li>o Cindy Kicinski, Manager, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)</li><li>o Masimba Rusununguko-Taylor, Student Council Advisor &amp; Sophomore Advisor</li><li>o Timothy Wright, Sophomore Student, Student Council Representative</li><li>o Heather Roth, College Transition Counselor, 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Support</li><li>o Tieree Smith, College Transition Director, Senior Institute (11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Grades) and Alumni Support</li></ul> |               |
| 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM   | <b>Break</b>  |               |
| 10:45 AM - 12:15 Noon | <b>Showcasing Intermediary Career and College Programs and Services</b><br>Facilitators: Shezwae Fleming, Big Picture Learning and Shaunette Byers, Alternative High School Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Each participant will have an opportunity to share their student career and college preparatory programs and services with specific interest paid to entry, mid-point and exit strategies and/or components.</li></ul>   |               |
| 12:15 PM -1:15 PM     | <b>Lunch</b>  |               |
| 1:15 PM - 3:00 PM     | <b>Big Picture Learning Longitudinal Study</b><br>Facilitators: Dr. Karen Arnold, Boston College and Principal Investigator for the BP Longitudinal Study; Shezwae Fleming, Big Picture Learning and Mario De Anda, Big Picture Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Introduce the mission and purpose of the longitudinal study</li><li>o Share findings and implications for groups/organizations working with first-generation low income students</li></ul>   |               |

- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM      **Debrief the Day**  
Facilitator: Shaunette Byers, Alternative High School Initiative  
○ WOWs and WONDERS of the day!
- 3:30 PM      **Travel back to the hotel**
- 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM      **Optional Tour of IUPUI**  
○ Attendees are invited to participate in a tour of the IUPUI campus and learn about IUPUI's programs, services and initiatives geared toward promoting access, support and degree completion for first generation students.
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM      **Dinner** *Presidents Room*
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM      **Cultivating Collaborative Relationships with Institutions of Higher Education and Community-Based Programs**  
Keynote speaker: Claire King, Associate Director, Indiana University, Center for Research and P-16 Collaboration
- 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM      **Award Presentations and Transition to Gallery Walk**
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM      **Gallery Walk** *Indiana Room*  
○ Participants will have an opportunity to network with local organizations that have national affiliates (Gap Year Programs, Pre-College Outreach Programs and National Scholarship Programs)



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Friday, January 30, 2009

Day Three

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| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM   | <b>Breakfast</b>  | <i>Bistro</i>    |
| 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM   | <b>Pick Me Up</b><br>Facilitator: Shaunette Byers   | <i>Room #226</i> |
| 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM   | <b>Break</b> (Check out of hotel)   |                  |
| 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  | <b>Debriefing and Building upon the Gallery Walk</b><br><i>Desired Result:</i> The purpose of this session will be to discuss the connections made during the previous day's gallery walk. The goal will be to identify organizations that we as a network would like to initiate collaborative relationships with. | <i>Room #226</i> |
| 10:30 AM- 11:30 AM  | <b>Moving Forward</b><br>What are our next steps? What can we do to improve our work together and communication? (We will briefly review the workgroup results framework.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Lit Review</li><li>o Post Secondary Data Base</li><li>o One Pager Feedback</li></ul>             | <i>Room #226</i> |
| 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | <b>Ending Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Short activity that ends the session on a nice high note</li><li>o Evaluations</li></ul>   | <i>Room #226</i> |