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Virtual Speaker Series: Leadership
September 18, 2024, 12pm - 1pm via Zoom

Topics include:

- Financing your Education
- Practical Experiences
- Differences in Pay
- WNYWF's mPower Program



Peggy Sullivan: Moderator

Peggy, a renowned keynote speaker, author, consultant, and researcher, has uncovered the damaging effects of busyness on health, happiness, and success. She's now sharing her solution worldwide, blending humor, heart, and honesty to help individuals and businesses escape the busyness trap. Her mission is to dispel the notion that "busy" equals success, enabling peak performance, self-care, and genuine happiness. Peggy's clientele spans from small teams to Fortune 500 giants like Google and Bank of America. Her upcoming book, "Beyond Busyness: How to Achieve More by Doing Less," details her actionable three-step "Busy Busting" method, which has transformed the lives of thousands.



Christina Horner:

Christina has worked in Higher Education for nearly 20 years, with her career set to reach this milestone in October. She began her journey in Admissions at Villa Maria College in October 2004 and transitioned to the Financial Aid office at the same institution in July 2008. In May 2011, Christina joined the Financial Aid office at the University at Buffalo (UB), where she currently serves as the Financial Aid Outreach Coordinator. In this role, she coordinates speaker requests from UB departments and high schools seeking a financial aid speaker for their events. Christina enjoys working directly with students and their families, helping them understand the financial aid process and reviewing their awards.



Wende Lescynski:

Wende is the Director of Adult Learning Initiatives & the North County Extension Center at Jamestown Community College. Wende holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Special Education degree. She has a solid educational foundation and a passion for helping others to meet their educational and personal goals. Taking pride in supporting student successes at JCC is a top priority. Our adult learning initiatives can help students' problem-solve to overcome academic and personal barriers and use their strengths to reach their educational and career goals.



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Gina Burkhardt:

Gina has been the President and CEO of the Buffalo Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) since 2017. Previously, she served as Senior Vice President at the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), CEO of Jobs for the Future, Executive Vice President of the American Institutes for Research (AIR), and CEO of Learning Point Associates (LPA), which merged with AIR. Gina holds an M.Ed. in Educational Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed the Executive Education Program at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She currently holds and has held several professional board appointments.



Jenell Spitale:

Jenell has a robust background in higher education, specializing in experiential learning and student employment. She holds a MS in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration from Canisius University along with a BA in Spanish Language and Literature from UB, which has informed her approach to student support and professional development. At Springboard, she excelled as a Program Success Manager, implementing initiatives that improved student engagement and retention. During her tenure as a Student Services Advisor at the UB School of Social Work, she provided academic and career advisement and helped establish the Racial Justice Network to promote equity. Additionally, as a Career Counselor and Instructor at Buffalo State University, Jenell strengthened employer relationships and integrated professional development into the academic experience.



Mara Montante:

Mara, the Knowledge Management Coordinator at the WNY Women's Foundation, conducts research, analyzes data, and organizes information crucial for the foundation's data-driven advocacy for gender equity and economic mobility. With degrees from Skidmore College and NYU's Wagner School of Public Service, Mara brings expertise from previous roles at Planned Parenthood of NYC and the NYC Office of Management and Budget. Beyond her work at WNYWF, Mara directs People's Park and serves as a board member for Gardens Buffalo Niagara, leading the Lunenfeld Beautification Grant program.



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