

Welcome to the second annual College Life Coaching Institute at Florida State University! Our talented and dedicated College Life Coaches have designed this program to share their innovative model in an interactive environment. Our goal is to provide you with the most personal and helpful experience possible. Whether you are seeking to build a program or focusing on hands-on skills development, I am confident that you will come away with new ideas about how to foster student success on your campus.

It is exciting and fulfilling to support students through the new experience of university life. Each student brings a unique story and set of experiences and reacts to the college transition in a distinctive way. What it means to find community and flourish in an academic setting also varies from student to student and involves developing a range of new skills.

Since 2008, the Florida State University Advising First Center for College Life Coaching has worked to help students make the smoothest possible transition to the university setting, engage fully in their own personal and professional development, and overcome obstacles that may lead to dismissal or withdrawal from the university.

To accomplish this, coaches must develop the expertise to establish a connection that empowers students to take their academic lives into their own hands. The results of college life coaching here at Florida State University have been quite inspiring. For the year 2016-17, we saw an overall first-year retention rate of 92% in the populations selected to receive coaching services as well as a significant improvement in students’ satisfaction with their educational experience.

We are excited to share with you what we have learned, learn from your experiences, and strategize together about how best to help students make the most of their college experience. Keeping students engaged, helping them make timely progress toward degree completion, and deepening their understanding of themselves and their world are common goals for all of us involved in higher education. I trust that your participation in the Institute will help bring you closer to achieving these goals and will enhance your commitment to this important work.



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**2018 College Life Coaching Institute**

Schedule at a Glance

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| **Garnet Track** |

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

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| 8:00 am-8:30 am | Shuttle Services |
| 8:30 am-9:30 am | Check-in & Breakfast |
| 9:30 am-10:15 am | Welcome & Keynote Address |
| 10:30 am-12:15 pm | Session |
| 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:45 pm-2:15 pm | Building Tour or Team Builder |
| 2:30 pm-4:30 pm | Session |
| 4:30 pm-5:00 pm | Shuttle Services |
| 5:30 pm | Networking at Madison Social (suggested) |

**Thursday, June 7, 2018**

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| 8:30 am-9:00 am | Shuttle Services |
| 9:00 am-11:00 am | Session |
| 11:15 am-12:15 pm | Concurrent Workshops |
| 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:45 pm-3:30 pm | Session |
| 3:45 pm-4:45 pm | Concurrent Workshops |
| 4:45 pm-5:15 pm | Shuttle Services |

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

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| 8:30 am-9:00 am | Shuttle Services |
| 9:00 am-10:00 am | Session |
| 10:15 am-11:30 am | Session |
| 11:30 am-12:00 pm | Closing Session |
| 12:00 pm-12:30 pm | Shuttle Services |

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6. Enter the username and password.
7. Click “Log In.”

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**Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Billy Close



Dr. Billy Close is currently an Assistant Professor and Director of Service Learning and Mentoring in the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the Florida State University (FSU). Dr. Close is also President, Paradigm Consultants & Associates, Inc. and Founder & Executive Director of Beyond the Athlete, Inc., a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization committed to harnessing the powers of faith, family, sport, service learning, and mentoring for educational, character, and life skill development among youth & young adults. Dr. Close graduated from Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Florida where earned High School All-American honors and was a two-time State Champion in Track and Field. Dr. Close earned a dual B.S. in Psychology and Criminology, and both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Criminology and Criminal justice from FSU.

Dr. Close has served as a Member of Florida’s Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and as Board Member for several organizations including: The Leon County School Foundation, The Florida State University Athletics, The Florida State University International Programs Association, Inc., The Florida Department of Education College Reach-Out Program Advisory Council, The Tallahassee Associated Marine Institute, The Lincoln High School Alumni Association, and The FSU Varsity Club. His current research interests include Racial and Ethnic Differences in Traffic Stops and Driver Treatment, as well as the general areas of Theory & Dynamics of Minority Criminality, Racial Profiling, Sports & Crime, Mentoring Strategies for African-American Youth, Ethnicity and Methodology, Black Crimmythology, Conflict Reduction, and Multiculturalism. Dr. Close is married to Fran T. Close, Ph.D. who is currently a Professor in the Institute of Public Health and the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Florida A& M University. They have three daughters, Nia Sekayi, Nataki Adia and Nyla Imani.

**Detailed Schedule**

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| WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 |

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| 8:00 am-8:30 am | **Shuttle Services** | Four Points/ Visitor Parking to the Student Services Building (SSB) |
| 8:30 am-9:30 am | **Check-in & Breakfast** | *Location: SSB Foyer & 203* |
| 9:30 am-10:15 am | **Welcome & Keynote Address** | Shae Roberts, Program ManagerDr. Billy Close, Keynote Speaker*Location: SSB 203* |
| 10:30 am-12:15 pm | **Program Overview & Coaching Skills****(Creating a Safe Space & Connection)** | Erica Cucinella, FTIC Senior CoachHannah Byrd, CARE Senior CoachJustin Hall, FTIC Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | **Lunch** | *Seminole Café* |
| 1:45 pm-2:15 pm | **Building Tour or Team Builder Activity** | **Building Tour**Erica Cucinella, FTIC Senior Coach*Location: William Johnston Building***Team Builder**Rolando Torres, FTIC Senior CoachFelicia Dilbert, FTIC Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 2:30 pm-4:30 pm | **Coaching Skills****(Active Listening & Empowering Questions)** | Rachel McPherson, FTIC Senior CoachJacourie Clark, CARE Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 4:30 pm-5:00 pm | **Shuttle Services** | SSB to Four Points/ Visitor Parking |
| 5:30 pm-until | **Networking (suggested)** | *Location: Madison Social**705 S. Woodward Ave #101**Tallahassee, FL 32304* |

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| THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018 |

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| 8:30 am-9:00 am | **Shuttle Services** | Four Points/ Visitor Parking to the Student Services Building (SSB) |
| 9:00 am-11:00 am | **Coaching Skills****(Holding Student’s Agenda, Prioritizing & Clarifying Direction)** | Rolando Torres, FTIC Senior CoachAnthony Garrett, FTIC Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 11:15 am-12:15 pm | **Concurrent Sessions:*****“Connections through peer coaching: A model for supporting student success”******-OR-******“Connecting the Team Before Impacting the Students’ Dreams: Using Personality Assessments to Create Team Cohesion”*** | **Peer Coaching**Dr. Reginald SimmonsAlexandra CastilloCentral Connecticut State University*Location: SSB 203***Team Cohesion**Shae RobertsFlorida State University*Location: SSB 208* |
| 12:30 pm-1:30 pm | **Lunch** | *Seminole Cafe* |
| 1:45 pm-3:30 pm | **Coaching Skills** **(Solution Focus, Affirm & Coach Confidence)** | Jorge Bustamante, FTIC CoachEmily Manning, FTIC Senior CoachBo Marcevski, CARE Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 3:45 pm-4:45 pm | **Concurrent Sessions:*****“Coaching as Advising for High Achieving Students”******-OR-******“Implementing a College Life Coaching Program within the Academic Advising Center: Small School Perspective”*** | **High Achieving Students**Megan GillmanFlorida State University*Location: SSB 203***Small School Perspective**Susan GleasonJodi BurnsUniversity of Pittsburgh-Bradford*Location: SSB 208* |
| 4:45 pm-5:15 pm | **Shuttle Services** | SSB to Four Points/ Visitor Parking |

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| FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018 |

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| 8:30 am-9:00 am | **Shuttle Services** | Four Points/ Visitor Parking to the Student Services Building (SSB) |
| 9:00 am-10:00 am | **Coaching Model** | Rolando Torres, FTIC Senior CoachErica Cucinella, FTIC Senior Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 10:15 am-11:30 am | **Guided Group Forum** | Hannah Byrd, CARE Senior CoachEmily Manning, FTIC Senior CoachJacourie Clark, CARE Coach*Location: SSB 203* |
| 11:30 am-12:00 pm | **Closing Session:****Passing the Baton** | Shae Roberts, Program Manager*Location: SSB 203* |
| 12:00 pm-12:30 pm | **Shuttle Services** | SSB to Four Points/ Visitor Parking |

**Workshop Abstracts**

Thursday, June 7, 2018 11:15 am-12:15 pm

**Connections through peer coaching: A model for supporting student success** – SSB 203

*Dr. Reginald Simmons and Alexandra Castillo, Central Connecticut State University*

There is increasing recognition that pairing successful undergraduates similar in background and experience with other undergraduates in a mentoring relationship can be effective, particularly for enhancing the academic success of under-represented and first-generation students (Coleman Tucker, 2014; Johnson, 2013; & Strayhorn, 2012). One of the problems that some first-generation students experience is a lack of connection to their college campus, which is one of the non-academic factors that is key to college success (Lotkowski, Robbins, & Noeth, 2004). This presentation will introduce the audience to Success Central, a university-supported intervention where junior and senior students are trained to use college coaching techniques in a mentoring relationship designed to support the success of freshmen and sophomore first-generation students.  The audience will hear from the mentoring team how they were chosen, trained, and supervised, as well as case-studies that demonstrate the intervention and the benefits to both the mentee and the mentor.

***Connecting the Team Before Impacting the Students’ Dreams: Using Personality Assessments to Create Team Cohesion*** *– SSB 208*

*Shae Roberts, Florida State University*

Every team has the loud extravert, the quiet introvert, the sharp overachiever and the disengaged worker. Juggling all of these dynamics can be challenging and frustrating, and to add even more difficulty, every time someone leaves and/or is added, you have a brand new team! The key to strengthening cohesion is to build trust and transparency between the team and leadership, and between colleagues**.** Assessments such as True Colors ©, Myers Briggs ©, and Strengths Quest © are all tools available to identify the personality types, and strengths and weaknesses of the members on your team. However, assessment is only part of the equation. This interactive discussion will focus on the True Colors © assessment, setting structure, hiring based on your program’s vision and needs, addressing conflict based on personality types, and the importance of team building activities.

Thursday, June 7, 2018 3:45 pm-4:45 pm

***Coaching as Advising for High Achieving Students*** *– SSB 203*

*Megan Gillman, Florida State University*

Coaching has proven a highly effective technique for increasing retention and success of at-risk college students, but how might it help students at the other end of the achievement spectrum? Often advisors and professors assume that gifted and high-achieving students have everything figured out, but the use of coaching strategies can encourage tremendous growth in these students as well. This presentation offers insight into how coaching can be integrated into every day advising sessions with high-achieving college students in order to help them develop a strong sense of autonomy and encourage them to achieve goals they may not have imagined.

**Implementing a College Life Coaching Program within the Academic Advising Center: Small School Perspective** – SSB 208

*Susan Gleason and Jodi Burns, University of Pittsburgh-Bradford*

The College Life Coaching (CLC) program was implemented as a pilot program at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (UPB) for the duration of the 2017-18 academic year. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford serves approximately 1,500 students. Students determined to be at-risk (provisionally admitted) were invited to participate in the inaugural CLC program. This population was chosen in an attempt to raise retention rates and lower the rate in which these students were placed on academic probation. This presentation will provide an overview of how a CLC program was implemented at a small institution with limited resources and an overlapping of staff responsibilities. We will also look through a critical lens at the outcomes of this crucial first year and will conclude by sharing our vision for the future.

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