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CHARGE: Identify ways and means for STEM Council to support and interface with school counselors across Iowa toward post-secondary and career coaching in the STEM spectrum of majors, jobs.

Activities

- Represented Iowa at Michelle Obama's White House Convening on School Counseling and College Advising November, 2015
- Meeting with Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds to update her on Iowa School Counselor Association (ISCA) activities.
- Current ISCA Leadership:
Casey McMurray, ISCA President, Bondurant-Farrar H.S.

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Strategies

1. Elevate evidence-based practices that improve college access and completion as part of supporting Iowa's statewide goal of 70% degree and credential attainment by 2025.
2. Promote effective cross-sector collaboration at the state and local levels to best meet the needs of Iowa students; working together to develop Iowa's college and career readiness infrastructure.
3. Align Iowa organizations regarding policy and/or program and professional development, as necessary and appropriate for Iowa.
4. Ensure work is aligned and coordinated with other statewide efforts (i.e., Future Ready Iowa, Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Task Force, etc.), as well as the efforts of individual agencies and organizations.



Strategic Outcome

Increase postsecondary enrollment, persistence and completion, with particular attention to improving outcomes for underrepresented populations.

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Member Agencies & Organizations:

Area Education Agencies
Des Moines Area Community College
Des Moines Public Schools
Drake University
Iowa Association for
College Admission Counseling
Iowa Board of Educational Examiners
Iowa College Access Network
Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council
Iowa School Counselor Association
Iowa State Education Association
Iowa Student Learning Institute
Iowa TRIO Programs
School Administrators of Iowa
University of Iowa

Impact on new CTE Legislation

- Op. Ed. from ISCA in Des Moines Register.
- 12 of 18 members of a DE Committee to write the high quality career guidance component of the CTE Career Standards were ISCA members.
- ISCA will advise DE on requirements for vendors of career exploration software.

Project: ISCA Counselor Research Survey

- **Guiding Research Questions:**

- a. How do education stakeholders envision the role of school counselors (as defined by the American School Counselor Association) with regard to preparing students for college and career?

- b. What do stakeholders understand that school counselors currently do to prepare students for college and career?

- c. What is the relationship between the current functions of school counselors in preparing students for college and career compared to the state and national standards?

- **Stakeholders:** (71)superintendents, (91)principals, (19)board members, (296)school counselors.

- Survey sent; data received and in analysis; results available Fall 2016

- **Funded by:** Heartland AEA & Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)

What's Next....

- Iowa College Student Aid Commission
 - Counselor Academy online professional development, Fall 2016
 - Teacher and Admin Modules available
 - Customized to Iowa - need STEM customization

Needs:

1. Support for materials and training that Counselors can use in promoting STEM Careers.
2. More tools showing career opportunities in STEM fields to show to K-12 students.
3. Presentations at annual ISCA Conference of activities of the Governor's STEM Council.