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# COUNSELOR CONNECTION



*NM School Counselors'*  
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## PREPARING FOR FISH! FOR SCHOOLS AT THE COUNSELOR CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022

As shared in last month's newsletter, New Mexico counselors will be introduced to the FISH! Philosophy for Schools at the upcoming statewide Counselor Conference, Feb. 23, 2022.

The FISH! practices aren't something extra to do. They're about "who you are being" while you're already doing what you're doing. FISH! reduces time spent dealing with unproductive behaviors, so staff and students can focus on what they need to accomplish.

Our February 23<sup>rd</sup> Counselor Conference kicks off with the FISH! Philosophy as a single session lasting approximately four hours. In order to get the most out of the training and be able to share it with others in your school, we encourage you to make plans now to attend the full FISH! session. Additionally, our speaker for the session, J. Lynn Jones, would like all attendees to watch the training video prior to February 23.

The training video, which is 18 minutes long, lays the foundation for the training J. Lynn will provide. **To benefit most from the morning session, we strongly encourage everyone to view the video prior to attending. We will also be showing the video at the February 16 monthly meeting.**

To access the video, click [here](#) or on the image below. It is important to note that while the training video may share some footage as the short video shared last month, it is not the same.



## NMSCA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!



The 2022 New Mexico State Legislative Session started on January 18 and NMSCA would like to hear from all counselors throughout the state. They want to know what your biggest advocacy concerns are for the coming year.

Please complete this short survey and let your voice be heard!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf1vhKsaGRRSRZ1dOAq8YSy\\_PXqUfjAXoosQHaRNzfRFyvvw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf1vhKsaGRRSRZ1dOAq8YSy_PXqUfjAXoosQHaRNzfRFyvvw/viewform)

Not a member of NMSCA yet and want to join? Go to: <https://nmschoolcounselor.org/>

## NMACTE MONTHLY SOCIALS CONTINUE

The New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education (NMACTE) continues to host monthly socials! They take place the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m., which means the next social is March 2, 2022. After brief announcements, divisions break out to collaborate. There is a division specifically devoted to counselors, where the focus is on best practices in college and career advisement. Socials are open to anyone (teachers, administrators, counselors, etc.), regardless if you are a NMACTE member. Please save the Zoom link below in your calendar!

Join NMACTE Socials: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81659039380>

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH AP?



### Advanced Placement Spring Workshop

**Call for Presenters:** We are now accepting proposals for engaging one-hour professional learning presentations. Please complete the [AP Spring Presenter Proposal](#) by February 10, 2022. Your willingness to share best practices

supports dynamic professional development and can enhance student achievement. For questions, reach out to Melissa DeLaurentis at [Melissa.DeLaurentis@state.nm.us](mailto:Melissa.DeLaurentis@state.nm.us) or 575-490-3512.

**Big Future Scholarships:** College Board is offering students in the class of 2023 scholarship opportunities by completing steps to plan for college. Students who build a college list can win \$500 or even a \$40,000 scholarship. The earlier students develop their college list, the more chances they have at winning. Check out [BigFuture Scholarships](#) for details.

**AP Potential:** When considering scheduling, recruitment, and registration for AP courses, consider using College Board's AP Potential tool – in addition to grades, student motivation, and teacher recommendations – to increase equitable access. [AP Potential](#) uses score data to identify students who are ready for AP. It is accessible to school SAT coordinators, AP educators, and students who have taken any exam in the SAT suite.

Free technical assistance is available! Contact Melissa DeLaurentis at [Melissa.DeLaurentis@state.nm.us](mailto:Melissa.DeLaurentis@state.nm.us) or 575-490-3512.

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Join us on February 23, 2022  
for the New Mexico  
School Counselors'  
Community  
Virtual Conference

Learn More and Register



## GIRLS WHO CODE SUMMER PROGRAM

Girls Who Code is inviting current high school students who identify as girls or non-binary to apply for their free programs this summer! The two-week, introductory Summer Immersion Program (SIP) hosts current 9-11th graders in live, virtual classrooms led by industry-leading companies like EA, Pfizer, and ViacomCBS.

Students will learn HTML, CSS, and JavaScript while getting an inside look into the tech industry. Meanwhile, their Self-Paced Program offers independent study and real-world projects for current 9-12th graders to earn beginner-level badges in HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for web development or an intermediate-level badge in Python for cybersecurity.

Programs are available June 17-August 12, 2022. The early application deadline is February 16, 2022, and regular-decision applications are due March 18, 2022.

Complete the application [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 14, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. – Eric Shener PLC – Join us for Eric's second, and final, session. [Learn More and Register](#) - [View First Session and Access Materials](#)

### FEBRUARY 16, 2022

- 3:00 p.m. – Counselor Community Monthly Meeting – Learn more about the upcoming conference, including how to access sessions. [Learn More](#)

### FEBRUARY 23, 2022

- 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – NM School Counselors' Community Virtual Conference – [Learn More and Register](#)

## JANUARY WINNER!



Congratulations to a counselor from Albuquerque Public Schools!

The APS counselor was the January winner of a \$50 Amazon gift certificate for posting on one or more of the Community Collaboration boards on the NM School Counselors' Community [resource website](#).

Each Thursday, we will send out an email with a new Community Collaboration activity.

**Participate to be entered in the drawing!**

(Entries for the monthly drawing are limited to one per counselor per week. Only NM school counselors are eligible to win.)



## 2022 PREPÁRATE CONFERENCE APRIL 4-5, 2022

College Board is excited that this year's [Preparate™: Educating Latinos for the Future of America](#) conference will be held in New York City, April 4–5! Don't miss your chance to join your colleagues in person to discuss educational and college access best practices and strategies for Latino students.

The conference highlights educator and access professionals' strategies for successful supports and outcomes for Latino students across the nation. The two-day program is shaped by educators working predominantly with Latino students and is part of College Board's commitment to educational excellence and equity for all students.

Make sure to [view the program](#), register before April 4, and join us in New York City!

[Register Today](#)

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