# PCACAC & Richmond Area Public Schools
# College Admissions Workshop
### Meadowbrook High School
### Richmond, VA

**Thursday, August 13**
**8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**8:30 AM**      **General Session I:  Ethics in Admissions:**
This session will provide an overview of the Statement of Principles of Good Practice (SPGP) of NACAC. Participants will use case studies to generate discussion on how to use the SPGP in different college counseling situations.

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*Robyn Lady, Chantilly High School (VA)*
*Rebekah LaPlante, Virginia Tech (VA)*

**9:30 AM**      **Break**

**9:45 AM**      **Session 2A:  The College Essay – Finding your Voice**
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**Session 2B:  Ensure that Your Recs are Not a Wreck**
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**Session 2C:  Early College Awareness – The Middle School Experience**
Research indicates that the earlier a student knows that college is an option for them after high school, the greater the chance he/she will attend.  Learn what you can do to help develop this belief and aspirational thinking.

*Tania Rachkoskie, The Common Application (VA)*
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**Session 2D:  Completing Winning Applications**
Learn how to complete applications that effectively articulate and celebrate all that you have accomplished in high school.  This includes helping students convey their most definitive traits, making the match to specific schools, revealing themselves through the essay, and piecing all of the components together to best maximize the cyber white space within the confines of each individual application**.**

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**11:15**     **Session 3A:  Let's Talk College**
Participate in an established college awareness program developed for parents and students for grades 6-9. This session will build on information shared in the Early College Awareness presentation during session 2.

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**12:30 PM**     **Lunch**

**1:30 PM**     **Session 4A:  Developing a Dynamic College Admissions Program**
Learn how to create a calendar of events (parent, student, and teacher programs) that effectively scaffold the college admissions process.

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### Session 4B:  Recommendations Writing for High School and/or Summer Programs

This session is adapted from the one above and will target letter writing for elementary and middle school counselors.

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**2:30 PM**      **General Session 5: PTI (Pardon the Interruption) Current Issues and Future Trends: Q&A with Faculty**
PCACAC's take on ESPN's PTI segment: Faculty will move through about 10 predetermined hot topics and then open the floor up for further discussion/questions.

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