

Attending the University Guidance Dialogues was very informative. This PD allowed me (as a new Guidance Head) to hear directly from each of the Ontario universities and get updates on new programs, admission standards, enrollment projections, etc. In my role advising students about post-secondary pathways, this information is so very valuable as there seems to be constant flux in many of the above listed areas. Furthermore, things have changed a lot since my days applying to university, and it's good to be able to arm my students with the most up-to-date information so that they can make informed choices.

The afternoon session included a lecture from a current Laurentian University professor (and academic advisor) who highlighted what trends they are seeing regarding student readiness and transition issues. His talk confirmed a lot of the same struggles we see in our secondary schools every day including time management issues, cell phone/laptop misuse during class time, homework management, and much more. It reaffirmed that what we are working on in high school is supporting where universities would like to see students progressing towards. All in all, it was a great learning opportunity and I look forward to attending again in the future. Thanks.

Thank you,
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