

Caring for Students During Mergers and Closures

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Ben Schears — Fort Hays Tech | Northwest

- **Visibility and Consistency from Leaders**
- **Authentic Transparency**
- **Create Wins for Students**

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What do students need during closure and how did we work to provide it?

- Students need to be heard; they need to have their questions answered and their fears and uncertainties addressed.
- Students need a sense of normalcy in the classroom and on the campus.
- Students need information and options about how they can continue toward graduation after Fontbonne closes.

Jamienne Studley — WSCUC

Environment for Effective Change Management

- Accreditors as regulators, guides, and allies
- Harmonizing and satisfying multiple entities
- Characteristics and lessons of well-organized mergers and closures
- Surprises & slips | Technicalities & tensions

Paula Langteau – Presentation College Academic Game Changers

Teaching Out

- Preparation & Announcement Timeline
- Internal vs. External Teach-Out
- *No Student Left Behind*
- Teach-Out & Transfer Fairs
- Website

Direct Student Support

- Visibility & Accessibility / Communications
- Counselors / Advisors / Supporters
- Activities / Events
- New “Home Base”
- Tracking Student Placement

Reyes Gonzalez — St. Augustine College

Student First: Leading with Care

- Student-Centric Support
- Supporting Students Through Uncertainty
- After-Merger Support

Questions

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