



Women Coaches Leadership Forum
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 | 9:30am to 3:30pm | Marist College

- 9:00-9:30am **Registration** (coffee, water, fresh fruit, bagels, yogurts)
- 9:30-9:45am **Welcome and Speed Meet**
Marlene Bjornsrud, Alliance of Women Coaches, Executive Director
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference, Commissioner
- 9:45-10:45am **Success in Coaching – Best Practices**
Mary Burke, Bryant, Head Women’s Basketball Coach (NEC)
Theresa Grentz, Lafayette, Head Women’s Basketball Coach (Patriot)
Krissy Turner, Monmouth, Head Women’s Soccer Coach (MAAC)
Moderator: Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference, Commissioner
- 10:45 – 11:00am Break/Networking
- 11:00am-12:00pm **Importance of Building Relationships – Team, Coaches & Athletic Staff**
Jessica Mannetti, Sacred Heart, Head Women’s Basketball Coach (NEC)
Caitlin Cucchiella, Albany, Head Women’s Soccer Coach (AE)
Karin Torchia, Rider, Associate AD for External Rel. & Development/SWA (MAAC)
Moderator: Irma Garcia, St. Francis Brooklyn, AD (NEC)
- 12:00-12:30pm Lunch/Networking
- 12:30-1:20pm **Job Search – Applying, Interviewing and Deciding to Accept or Not**
Linda Cimino, Binghamton, Head Women’s Basketball Coach (AE)
Patrick Elliott, Binghamton, AD (AE)
Pat Meiser, Former AD/Consultant
Lenika Vazquez, Canisius, Head Volleyball Coach (MAAC)
Casey Brown, Holy Cross, Head Women’s Soccer Coach (Patriot)
Moderator: Marilyn McNeil, Monmouth, AD (MAAC)
- 1:20-2:10pm **The Unique Challenges of Being a Female Coach**
Mary McConnell, Bryant, Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach (NEC)
Colleen Mullen, Army, Associate Head Women’s Basketball Coach (Patriot)
Becky Carlson, Quinnipiac, Head Women’s Rugby Coach (MAAC)
Moderator: Amy Huchthausen, America East, Commissioner
- 2:10-3:15pm **Breakout Sessions (30 minutes per session, 2 rotations)**
- *Fundraising 101: Nick Wormley, Sacred Heart, Exec. Dir. Univ. Advancement (NEC) **(60 minutes)***
 - *Transition from Asst to Head Coach: Lenika Vazquez, Canisius, Head VB, (MAAC) & Casey Brown, Holy Cross, Head W. Soccer (Patriot)*
 - *Dealing with Parents/Outside Influencers: Becky Carlson, Quinnipiac, Head W. Rugby Coach (MAAC)*
 - *Creating a Safe Environment for LGBTQ Athletes: Kim Griffin, Canisius, Head Softball (MAAC) & Colleen Mullen, Army, Assoc. Head W. Basketball (Patriot)*
 - *Team Building Activities: Carla Johl, Bryant, Asst. Field Hockey (NEC)*
- 3:15-3:30pm **Staying in the Game – Stronger Together, We Are the Alliance**
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