



## Growth Before Grades: Building College Readiness Conference

**Rationale:** Strong initiatives throughout the state of Florida have been started to have students be well prepared for the transition from high school to the workforce. While a concerted effort is underway to have students be “college and career” ready by mastery of the Florida Postsecondary Readiness Competencies, there is not a current avenue to discuss current evidence-based practices for educators and community members to improve their college-readiness practices to aid in that goal.

**Conference Overview:** The FSW College Readiness Conference has called upon local and national experts to present a variety of topics on college-readiness. While a strong focus is on the Early College High School model and research, educators who specialize in college readiness school programs such as AP, IB, AVID, AICE and others will be encouraged to participate.

**Objective:** To host a conference to help network educators (administrators, counselors, and teachers) and community members regarding current research and practices on college readiness.

### Conference Host and Partners:

- Florida SouthWestern State College & Collegiate High Schools
- Conference Advisory Panel of Local and National Experts and Leaders

Additional information and reservation information at <https://www.fsw.edu/wp/lchs/academics/college-readiness-conference/>

## Conference Schedule

### Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

**3:00-4:00 pm**– Conference Registration, Meet & Greet w/ hors’doeuvres

**4:00-5:00 pm**– FSW College Readiness Panel w/ Pre-asked Questions from participants

**5:00-6:00 pm**– Keynote: Dr. Julie Edmunds, *College Readiness for All: Lessons Learned from the Early College Initiative*

**6:00-7:30 pm**– Dinner

### Friday, February 3rd, 2017

**8:00-9:00 am**– Breakfast

**8:00-12:00 am**– Classroom Visits, open times with student assistants, sign-up via registration

**9:00-10:00 am**– Dr. Jerry Israel, *Rethinking Learning: Focusing on the How not the What*

**10:00-11:00 am**– Troy Miller, Florida College Access Network, *Leading College Readiness with School & State Data*

**11:00-12:00 am**– Dr. Eileen DeLuca, *Student Perceptions on College Readiness*

**12:00-1:30pm**– Lunch & Educator Forum: Breakout for counselors, administrators, teachers, and community members– *Best practices in the field*

**1:30-2:30 pm**– Small group presentations: Breakout sessions\*

**2:30-4:30 pm**– Post-Conference Session: Dr. Julie Edmunds, “The Early College Movement: Where the Research Says We Are and Where We Are Going”

\*Topics TBA