

DRAFT 2022 WACRAO Veterans Conference Agenda

Western Technical College

Lunda Center

319 7th Street North

La Crosse, WI 54601

Sponsored by:



Wednesday, June 29, 2022

	Continental Breakfast Available in Atrium – 7:00 AM-10:30 AM
8:00 Am- 8:50 AM	UW System Meeting – Dennis Rhodes -Lunda Center- (Room A) WTCS Meeting -Colleen Larsen & Brandon Trujillo- (Room B) Virtual Meeting Login: Zoom-
9:00 AM	Start of WACRAO Conference Opening Remarks- Lunda Center (Room A) Welcome- Jackie Helgeson & Joe Rasmussen
9:10 AM – 10:00 AM	WIGI Bill for Public and Private Colleges- Connie Hutchison- Executive Direction HEAB, Brandon Trujillo-Education Director-WTCS, Colleen Larsen-Education Director-WTCS & Dennis Rhodes-Office of Policy Analysis and Research-UW System
10:05 AM- 11:00 AM	Approval Process- Andrew Martin- Education Consultant State Approving Agency, Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs
11:05 PM-12:00 PM	VR&E Chapter 31- Anne Sobotta & Dean Berlin Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Department of Veterans Affairs
12:00 PM-12:45 PM	Lunch- Served in Atrium - 12:30 PM Sponsor Spotlight Optum Serve
1:00 PM-1:50 PM	VA Digital GI Bill & New Enrollment Manager – Virtual Presentation Meaghan W. Sullivan-VBAVACO & Joseph Preisser- Sr. Management & Program Analyst, Operations Support-VACO Education Service (outbased St. Louis)
2:00 PM -2:55 PM	VA Debt Management- In person TBA
Break – 10 min	
3:05 PM -3:50 PM	Risk Based Surveys- Andrew Martin- - Education Consultant State Approving Agency, Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Best Practices-Emily Liesch-Intern for UW Oshkosh FACES, Jackie Helgeson- Western Technical College-SharePoint VETAPP
5:15 PM -8:00 PM	Meet & Greet Social- River Cruise- Launch at Riverside Park- Boarding starts at 5:15pm & Boat Launch is at 5:30pm

Thursday, June 30, 2022

7:00 AM- 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast- Lunda Center Atrium
8:00 AM -8:10 AM	Opening Remarks & Welcome

8:10 AM-9:00 AM	Major Joy Staab, Education Services Officer- Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs
9:10 AM-10:00 AM	National Guard Grant – Jessica Wagner, Grants Specialist -Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs
10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM-11:00 AM	VETWAYS- Ross J. Benbow Researcher with the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
11:10 AM-2:00 PM	ArmyIgnited Updates -Virtual Presentation Sharma D. Wolfe, M.A. Education Services Specialist
12:00 PM-12:45 PM	Lunch- Lunda Center Atrium - Mentor Meet Up!
1:00 PM-1:50 PM	Blue Ribbon Commission update -Tentative
2:00 PM-2:45 PM	Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs Updates- April Heim & Jeff Darby Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs
3:00 PM- 3:45 PM	Apprenticeships and Ch. 35 DEA – Sebastian Walters- Senior Veteran Programs Specialist- Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs
Give Away & Closing Comments Safe Travels!	