

**REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST****8:15 - 9:00**

~ Main Foyer

**WELCOME****9:00 - 9:10*****Lia Hallett, Chair-Conference Planning Committee*****BREAKOUT SESSIONS****9:15 - 10:30*****Retaining First-Year Students:***

*~Learn more about programs that work! And how you can start or strengthen your own retention program.*

Mr. Thomas Hersey, Canisius College  
Ms. Loretta Ward, Buffalo State College  
Mr. William Wild, University at Buffalo

***Pursuing your Doctorate***

*~ Thinking about continuing your education...while you work too! Talk to colleagues who have successfully completed this pursuit!*

Virginia Taylor, Genesee Community College  
Lavonne Ansari, Niagara County Community College  
Kerry Collins-Gross, University at Buffalo  
Erik D'Aquino, University at Buffalo

***"Best Practices"***

*~ this session is not a panel but will be a round-table discussion with a moderator- please come and share with others the methods/techniques that are used at your school.*

**BREAK/NETWORKING****10:30-10:45****PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT****10:45-12:00**

An interactive session led by Dr. Catherine G. Ansuini, Ed.D, Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Health and Wellness at Buffalo State College. She is best recognized for her energetic and humorous delivery of accurate Health and Wellness information that is described as both inspirational

and motivational. She is very active within the field of health promotion as an author, researcher, television personality, nationally recognized keynote speaker, grant-writer and motivational leader within her community. Topics include, "De-stress Yourself; Humor, Healing, Health, Happiness and Hope; Older and Wiser; Working Wellness; Manage This; Men, Women, and Things Than Drive Us Crazy; Anger as a Recreational Sport;" in addition to the creation of uniquely individualized organizationally specific programs. She has received various awards and recognition including: *Who's Who among Faculty in American Colleges and Universities*, Outstanding Service Award, Campus Leadership Award, Hero Award—Special Services for Students with Disabilities Office.

**LUNCH****12:00-1:30****KEYNOTE ADDRESS****1:00-1:30*****Janina Kaars, University at Buffalo, Senior Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs***

Recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Former positions include: Director of Advisement and Assistant Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education; Director of Academic and Financial Processing Services; Instructor and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Biochemistry at UB; Research technician in Electron Microscopy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Genetics; Biology High school teacher. Recipient of a grant from the National Science Foundation for the development of instructional software. Author and coauthor of 8 publications. Coauthor of two copyrighted sets of instructional software.

**PANEL PRESENTATION: SCHOOL COUNSELORS****1:45-2:45**

*~ Learn more about the school counselor's role in preparing students for post-secondary education...how can we benefit from learning about our students while they prepare to transition out of high school.*

- ❖ Mr. Peter Reiser, Canisius High School
- ❖ Mrs. Jo Ann Meyer, City Honors High School
- ❖ Mr. Trey Gardiner, Clarence High School
- ❖ Ms. Mary Jo Farley, Hutch Tech High School
- ❖ Ms. Megan Hewitt, Lancaster High School
- ❖ Ms. Julie VanBorgandeen, Starpoint High School
- ❖ Mr. John Colvin, Sweet Home High School

**WRAP UP/EVALUATIONS****2:45-3:00**

*Advisors Networking for  
Student Success*

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



*“Back to Advising Basics”*

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