

**We would like to thank our presenters today for sharing their time and expertise.**

**Don Crow** – Currently Don is program manager for the NE BOCES School Counselor Corps Grant involving 9 school districts in NE Colorado. Don has many presentation credits to his name, including NE BOCES districts and CASE, CASB, CSCA. He has an MA in school counseling from Adams State. Don was the Wray School District as school counselor for over 32 years. Through his vast involvement in professional organizations, Don served as Past President and Past Executive Director of CSCA.

**Pamela Decker.** Pamela is currently an Educational Consultant providing presentations, support and services to high schools and families throughout Colorado on navigating all aspects of the post-secondary/college going process. She also provides webinars and trainings for the Colorado School Counselor Corps Grant through CDE. Also, as a former school counselor and Director of Counseling for over 25 years in high schools, middle schools and virtual schools, Pamela's expertise includes facilitating systemic change to develop and/or improve comprehensive, proactive counseling programs to meet the needs of every student in all three counseling domains – academic, college/career and social/emotional. Pamela is currently the Professional Development Chair for CCHS/CR and Co-Director of the KOO Institute for new and experienced counselors. She has been honored as Colorado Counselor of the Year, Colorado Online Counselor of the Year and recently received the Hall of Fame Award from CCHS/CR.

**Jeff Gomez** –Jeff is starting his 28th year in Jefferson County Schools. After graduating from Metro State he taught 5th and 6th grade at Stevens Elementary. During this time he determined that his career path would be the principalship. Jeff graduated with a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado. For the next two and a half years was the Director of Teacher, Administrative and Classified Employment. Jeff's first principal position was at Pennington Elementary. His next administrative position was the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Working in a school was his passion and where he was me and spent the next ten years as the principal at Wilmore-Davis. Currently Jeff is starting his fifth year as the principal at Everitt Middle School.

**John Happs.** After retiring from Boulder Valley School District, John worked for College Summit out of Washington D.C. as a consultant. During that time he educated staff and faculties around the country about the college admissions process. He worked with College Summit and the Gates Foundation to look at the use of data to improve educational systems in Georgia, Florida, and Texas, where he facilitated groups of administrators, teachers, and counselors asking the question "what would you like to learn from data and what kind of data do you need?" He helped design a high school inventory to evaluate "College Going Culture", and spent 5 years using data to help schools improve their college going rate. Today, John has a private college consulting business and teaches a practicum class in school counseling for the University of Colorado Denver.

**Jamie Jeffery** - Jamie Jeffery is entering her 5th year as a principal and her 21st year in education. She is the principal at Weld Central Middle School in Keenesburg (District Re-3J). This is the second school where she has worked with a Counselor Corps Grant. Jamie has been part of many committees and educational opportunities during her 16 years of teaching math in Ohio, Idaho, and Oregon and now in her administration positions in Colorado. She has worked with 21st Century grants and EARSS grants, as well as the Counselors Corps. She is happy to be back home in her native state and is excited about the upcoming school year.

**Tammy Lawrence** - Tammy is going into her 21st year in education. She has served in many different capacities throughout her 21 years. She was an Early Childhood Education Director, Family and Consumer Science teacher and Counselor at Horizon High School. She is currently going into her second year as the District Counseling Coordinator of Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

**Terrell Price** – Terrell will begin his third year as AP at Northglenn High School in charge of curriculum and instruction. He began his career in education at Deer Trail School where he taught social studies. Also at Deer Train he was the Middle School Coordinator and coached several varsity sports. Mr. Price spent eight years at Byers School as secondary principal before joining the Northglenn Administration team.

**Lisa Ritchey** is in her 30<sup>th</sup> year of education, her 24<sup>th</sup> year at Lakewood High School. As an English teacher, she worked with at-risk students as well as honors students. She was an Assistant Principal from 2001-2013 and became the principal in 2014. She claimed that her first year as principal was the "Year of the Freshmen" and implemented several new policies and procedures aimed to help freshmen in their transition to the largest high school in the district. When not at school, she keeps herself very busy with her husband of almost 40 years, their two children, and three wonderful grandchildren.

**Katrina Ruggles** – Counselor at Center Consolidated School District where she works with students to address their academic, social, and emotional needs. Katrina teaches middle school health and guidance classes called Choices, and a post-secondary preparation class, Senior Seminar. She is also the ICAP coordinator and develops programs focused on student and staff health and wellness.

**Janette Walters** - Janette is starting her 28th year in education. She has served in various roles throughout her 28 years. Most recently she has been in Adams 12 Five Star Schools. She served as Curriculum & Instruction Assistant Principal and Principal at Thornton High School. She has been the Executive Director of Secondary Schools for Adams 12 since the fall of 2011.