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## MONTHLY MEMO FOR COUNSELORS

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*From the Executive Director*

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Dear Counselors,

We are in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah to present at the NACAC Annual Conference this week. If you are here too, we hope you were able to attend the Access College Fair with us yesterday to learn more about supporting your students. If not, how about attending a virtual information session as part of the College Board's fall webinar series? [Register here](#). Afterwards, this webinar will be available on-demand as well. We hope that the following updates help your students navigate what is sure to be a busy October.

### **Webinar for Your Students and their Families**

This month, we will host webinars for students who would like to learn more about MyCoalition, including the Profile, Locker, Collaboration Space, and Application components. This presentation will offer a brief live demonstration of key features and then respond to student-generated questions. Webinars will be on [Thursday, October 18](#) and [Tuesday, October 30](#) at 7:30 PM ET. Please spread the news and invite students who would benefit from attending. Students simply log on using this links in this message.

### **New Access to Opportunities in Texas and Virginia**

For the first time, students in Virginia can use the same application to apply to the College of William and Mary, James Madison University, the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech (and all Coalition schools). Similarly, it is the first time that students in Texas can use a single application to apply to The University of Texas-Austin and the over 100 colleges and universities in the Coalition.

### **Expanding Access through Application Innovation**

We are thrilled that three member institutions were awarded the first ever Coalition Innovation Grants to creatively enhance their admissions process. You can learn more about the Innovation Grants, [here](#).

I hope that you and your students find time amid the busyness for Friday dance parties and cups of cocoa!

Most Sincerely,

Annie Reznik  
Executive Director, Coalition for College

P.S. Did you know that colleges and universities in the Coalition have an average 4-year graduation rate that is 30 points higher than the national average 4-year graduation rate?

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