

## **Roundtable Discussion**

## **Engagement**

- 1. Share an inspiring experience or tale of progress about a student associate or what do you find most rewarding?
- 2. What is your favorite part about working with the students? What are the challenges you've had to overcome?
- 3. What is different about working with a student associate versus a new, adult entry-level employee?
- 4. What are your tips for effective communication and building positive relationships with students?
- 5. How do you give feedback to your students? Is it different than how you'd give feedback to an adult?
- 6. What do you see as your role as you work with student associates during these formative years of their lives?
- 7. What strategies do you use to keep your student associates motivated throughout the day?
- 8. What do you wish you had known or implemented during your first year with the program that you know or implement now?
- 9. How have your student associates or CWSP as a program surprised you?

## **Skill-Building**

- 10. What do your student associates actually DO?
  - a. Has their job description evolved?
  - b. Have you added or removed tasks from student associate job descriptions compared to what they've done in the past?
  - c. Have you capitalized on a student associate's skills or interests in order to shape their responsibilities?
  - d. How are you building new skills to challenge your student associate?
  - e. What technical skills or computer applications do your student associates use?
- 11. What routines do/will you assign to student associates are these documented in a checklist? Do/Will you check in with students at the start and/or end of their day (*strongly encouraged*)?

## **Belonging**

- 12. How did you welcome your student associate team into your office/department/company? Veterans, have you changed anything since your first year?
- 13. How do you acknowledge student associate accomplishments?
- 14. How do you ensure student workers feel connected to your team/department?
- 15. How have your colleagues reacted to the presence of student associates in the office? Has/Will the presence of student associates affect your office culture?

Anyone at the table you'd like to keep in touch with to get more info/share ideas? Don't forget to get their name/company or a business card.