

## **Agenda**

### **Addressing Achievement Gaps: How Community Colleges Contribute to Equity in Education and the Workforce**

**Monday, May 21 – Tuesday, May 22, 2007**

**Educational Testing Service  
Conant Hall, Lounge C  
Princeton, New Jersey**

#### **Monday, May 21, 2007**

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**      **Conference Registration, Conant Hall**  
**Participants can purchase lunch in the cafeteria**
- 12:45 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m.**      **Opening Remarks**
- Moderator:                      Michael Nettles, Senior Vice President and Edmund W.  
Gordon Chair, ETS Policy Evaluation and Research Center.
- Speakers:                         Kurt Landgraf, President and CEO, ETS
- George Boggs, President and CEO, American Association  
of Community Colleges  
*(Community Colleges: Solutions to Emerging Challenges)*
- 1:30 p.m. -- 2:15 p.m.**      **Session I -- What Did We Learn? What Did We Do?**  
**Looking Back on Five Decades of Achievement**  
**Experience. A Focused Conversation between Dennis**  
**McGrath and Richard C. Richardson, Jr.**
- Moderator:                      Linda Scatton, Director, Policy Evaluation and Research  
Center, ETS
- Speakers:                         Dennis McGrath, Professor of Sociology, Social Science  
Department, Community College of Philadelphia
- Richard Richardson, Professor of Higher Education and  
Department Chair, Administration Leadership and  
Technology, Steinhardt School of Education, New York  
University

**2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Session II – Enrollment and Attendance Patterns at Community Colleges, Present and Future**

Moderator: Piedad Robertson, Vice Chair, ETS Board of Trustees

Speakers: Monte Perez, Vice President for Student Services, Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA (*In California and the Nation: Challenges Facing Community Colleges in Enrollment and Completion*)

Daniel Jacoby, Harry Bridges Professor of Labor Studies, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Program, University of Washington-Bothell (*Chill: How Reliance upon Part-time Faculty in Community Colleges “cools out” Student and Faculty Aspirations*)

**3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Session III – Closing Gaps in Math, Literacy, ESL**

Moderator: Rose Payán, Policy Researcher, Policy Evaluation and Research Center, ETS

Speakers: Linda Serra Hagedorn, Chair and Professor, Department of Educational Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Florida (*Achievement Gaps in Developmental Studies in Mathematics: A View of Community College Students*)

John Young, Senior Research Scientist, Center for Validity Research, ETS (*Developing an ESL Placement Test for Community College Students*)

Dolores Perin, Associate Professor of Psychology and Education, Coordinator, Reading Specialist Program, Teachers College, Columbia University (*Intervention Study for Literacy/Academic Skills*)

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Session IV – Crisis Prevention or Disaster Recovery: Implications of America’s Perfect Storm and the ETS Community College Initiative**

Moderator: Samuel Cargile, Senior Director of Grantmaking, Lumina Foundation

Speakers: Irwin Kirsch, Distinguished Presidential Appointee, ETS (*America’s Perfect Storm*)

Linda Tyler, Associate Vice President, Higher Education Division, ETS (*ETS Community College Initiative*)

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.      Reception**

**Tuesday, May 22, 2007**

**7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.      Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.      Opening Remarks**

Michael Nettles

**8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.      Session V: How Do Two-Year Minority-Serving Institutions Fare in Closing Gaps?**

Moderator:                      Glen Gabert, President, Hudson County Community College (NJ)

Speakers:                      Michael Pavel, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology, College of Education, Washington State University (*The Enduring Role of Tribal Colleges and Universities*)

Elaine Johnson Copeland, Professor, Educational Psychology, and President, Clinton Junior College (SC) (*The Role of Two-Year Colleges in Addressing the Achievement Gap: An African American Perspective*)

Margarita Benitez, Senior Associate, Institute for Higher Education Policy (*Front Line or Bottom Line? A Critical Look at What We Know About Two-Year Hispanic-serving Institutions*)

**9:45 a. m - 10:45 a.m.      Session VI – Community Colleges Preparing Students for the Workforce**

Moderator:                      James McKenney, Vice President for Economic Development and International Programs, American Association of Community Colleges

Speakers:                      Gail Schwandner, Dean, Workforce Development, Long Beach City College (*Virtual Job Shadows: Web-Based Reality Speaks to High School Students and Job Applicants*)

Cheryl Blanco, Vice President for Lifelong Learning Policy and Research, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning  
*(Exploring the Re-Entry Pipeline)*

William Spriggs, Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, Howard University  
*(Occupational Differences by Education: Are Associate's Degrees Different?)*

**10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Break**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session VII – PK-20 Alignment**

Moderator: Christine McPhail, Professor and Director, Community College Leadership Doctoral Program, Morgan State University

Speakers: Shirley Malcom, Head, Education and Human Resources, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
*(Smoothing the Points of Transition: A Special Challenge in STEM)*

Paul Elsner, Chancellor Emeritus, Maricopa Community College District  
*(Tough Choices or Tough Times: New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce)*

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Address**

Moderator: Casey Crabill, President, Raritan Valley Community College (NJ)

Speaker: Patricia Stanley, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, US Department of Education  
*(Serving Community Colleges: Investing in Our Future)*

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Session VIII – Breakout Sessions A and B**

**Session A: Placement and Remediation Approaches**

Moderator: Patricia Donohue, President, Mercer County Community College (NJ)

Speakers: Cathy Engstrom, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Higher Education Program, School of Education, Syracuse University  
*(Impact of Learning Communities for Under-Prepared Students: Critical Foundation for Success)*

Bridget Terry Long, Associate Professor of Education and Economics, Harvard University (*Remediation at Community Colleges: Student Participation and Outcomes*)

Amaury Nora, Professor and Director, Department of Educational Leadership and Cultural Studies, College of Education, University of Houston (*The Role of Perceptions of Remediation on the Persistence of Developmental Students in Higher Education*)

### **Session B: Barriers to Transfer and Retention**

Moderator: Leonardo de la Garza, Chancellor, Tarrant County College District (TX)

Speakers: Edward St. John, Professor of Higher Education, University of Michigan School of Education (*Improving Opportunities for Success and Transfer for College Students: Lessons Learned from the Indiana Project on Academic Success*)

Kevin Dougherty, Associate Professor of Higher Education and Program Coordinator, Higher and Postsecondary Education, Teachers College, Columbia University (*Transfer Troubles: Problems and Policies Involving Transfer from Community Colleges to 4-Year Colleges*)

Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, Senior Research Associate, MDRC (*Paying for Persistence: The Louisiana Opening Doors Project*)

**2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Break**

**2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Session IX – Defending the Community College Equity Agenda**

Moderator: Carolyn Williams, President, Bronx Community College (NY)

Speakers: Thomas Bailey, George and Abby O’Neill Professor of Economics and Education, and Director, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University (*The Community College Equity Agenda*)

James Jacobs, Director of Workforce Development, Macomb Community College, and Associate Director, Community College Research Center, Teachers College,

Columbia University (*The Equity Agenda and Community  
College Workforce Development*)

**3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

Speaker:

Michael Nettles