

# Building Pathways

to Equity & Economic Prosperity

**June 11-13, 2024**

## Preliminary Agenda

**New Jersey's 18 Community Colleges** play a vital role in addressing the economic, social, technological, demographic, and climate changes facing our state. Each year, more than **230,000 New Jerseyans** of all ages and backgrounds turn to their local Community Colleges. Helping a diverse array of students achieve academic, economic, and social mobility is the central mission of our institutions. **New Jersey's Community Colleges** also play an increasingly critical role in addressing workforce needs. Our graduates power the state's key industries, including health care, technology, infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, and supply chain management.

Join the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** and **NJ's 18 Community Colleges** for a 3-day Summit focused on our new **Opportunity Agenda**, grounded in equity, collaboration, opportunity, and innovation.

The **Summit** is both for **NJ's Community College** faculty, staff, and leaders AND our partners from high schools, colleges and universities, employers, unions, community-based organizations, the public workforce system, state and local government, and others with a commitment to the shared goals of equity and economic prosperity.

*Special events include an Awards Dinner and Affinity Group Breakfasts!*

# June 11

## New Jersey's Opportunity Agenda: Building Pathways to Equity and Economic Prosperity

**Quarterly Council Meeting** (11:00am)

**Lunch** (12:00pm)

**Welcome/Themes for the NJCCO Summit: The Four Pillars of the Opportunity Agenda**

**Dr. Aaron Fichtner**, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges

**Dr. Michael Gorman**, President, Salem Community College and Chair of NJ Community College Presidents

**Dr. Sheetal Ranjan**, Chair of NJCCC and Trustee of Bergen Community College

**Greetings from the Murphy Administration**

**Robert Asaro-Angelo**, New Jersey Commissioner of Labor, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Amid AI Revolution, Opportunities for Community College Innovation**

**Dave Cole**, Chief Innovation Officer, The State of New Jersey

**Developing Community College AI Programs: Lessons from an AI Pioneer on Equity, Academics, Industry Partnerships, and Degrees**

**Dr. Madeline Burillo-Hopkins**, Vice Chancellor Workforce Instruction & President Southwest College, Houston Community College

**Opportunity Agenda: Building Pathways to Equity and Economic Prosperity: Partner Insights on the Four Pillars**

**Dr. Carin Berkowitz**, Executive Director, NJ Council for the Humanities

**Althea D. Ford**, Vice President, Government Affairs, New Jersey Business and Industry Association

**Kiran Handa Gaudio**, CEO, United Way of Northern New Jersey

**Dr. Laura A. Sullivan**, Director, Economic Justice Program, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice



# June 11 (Cont.)

## New Jersey's Opportunity Agenda: Building Pathways to Equity and Economic Prosperity

**Daniela Carolina Velez**, Entrepreneur Program Coordinator, Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ

**Networking/Visits with Summit Sponsors** (3:15pm)

### **Pillar 2: Fostering Student Success and Completion in Postsecondary Education and Training**

**Dr. Constance Barnes**, Director, CUNY ASAP|ACE National Replication Collaborative, The City University of New York, Office of Academic Affairs

**Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin**, President, Union College of Union County, NJ

**Dr. Christopher M. Reber**, President, Hudson County Community College

**Dr. Jessica Rowland Williams**, Senior Director of Client Service Delivery, National Institute for Student Success at Georgia State University

**Break** (5:00pm)

**Awards Dinner** (6:15pm)

**Bonus Session (8:00am on Wednesday, June 12 [Open to All]) – Reckoning with Relevance: 2023 State of the Sector**

**Dr. Tara Zirkel**, Director, Strategic Research, EAB



# June 12

## New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities Summit: Expanding Innovative Education and Workforce Partnerships

**Breakfast Buffet** (7:45am)

**Introductions and Opening Remarks** (9:00am)

**Catherine Starghill, Esq.**, Vice President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges and Executive Director, New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development

**Chris Emigholz**, Chief Government Affairs Officer, NJBIA

**Dr. Brian Bridges**, Secretary of Higher Education, New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

**The Success of the New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities**

**Dr. Michael McDonough**, President, Raritan Valley Community College

**Catherine Starghill, Esq.**, Vice President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges and Executive Director, New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development

**Pathways: Equity and Access to High Quality Industry Credentials and Associate Degrees**

**Chauncy Lennon**, Vice President for Learning and Work and Senior Strategy Advisor, Lumina Foundation

**Break** (10:45am)

**Credential Transparency for Competencies and Skills: The Benefits to Students, Jobseekers, and Employers**

**Scott Cheyney**, CEO, Credential Engine

**Ken Sauer**, Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer, Indiana Commission for Higher Education

**Networking Break** (11:45am)

**Lunch** (12:00pm)



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## New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities Summit: Expanding Innovative Education and Workforce Partnerships

### Education Pathways and The Future of Work

**Charlotte Cahill**, Associate Vice President, Education, Jobs for the Future

### Industry and Pathways – The Intersection of Education and Workforce Development

**Keith Witham**, Vice President of Education Philanthropy, Ascendium Education

**Amanda Winters**, Program Director, Post-Secondary Education, National Governors Association

**(Moderator) Paul Fain, Journalist**, Work Shift and The Job, and The Cusp Podcast (former Reporter/Editor, Inside Higher Ed)

### Break (2:15pm)

### New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities: The Centers of Workforce Innovation

**Raritan Valley Community College** – Aseptic Processing and Biomanufacturing

**Brookdale Community College** – Film and Television Production

**Camden County College** – Esports Production Content Creation Hub

**County College of Morris** – Robotics and Automation

### Break (4:00pm)

### New Jersey Pathways to Career Opportunities: The Path Forward

**Catherine Starghill, Esq.**, Vice President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges and Executive Director, New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development

### Closing Remarks (4:45pm)

**Dr. Aaron Fichtner**, President, New Jersey Council of County Colleges

### After Summit Break (5:00pm)

### Pathways Reception (6:00pm)

# June 13

## Holistic Student Supports Summit Promising Practices: Community College Innovations to Support Equity and Economic Prosperity

### Affinity Group Breakfasts (8:00am)

Additional details to follow

### Track 1: Holistic Student Supports (9:15am)

#### Welcoming Remarks

**Mark Dinglasan**, New Jersey Food Security Advocate

**Dr. Medha Havnurkar**, Director of Workforce Development, NJ  
Department of Health

#### Holistic Student Supports Morning Plenary

**Community to Opportunity: Strengthening Community to Build  
Opportunity** (The Tepper Foundation, Benefits Data Trust, Camden  
County College, Essex County College, Hudson County Community  
College, Sussex County Community College)

### Track 2: Promising Practices (9:15am)

#### Promising Practices – Concurrent Sessions

**Enhancing Institutional Access and Inclusivity through the Lens of an  
Online Learner** (County College of Morris, Rowan College of South  
Jersey)

**Gateway to Innovation: Transforming the Local Workforce Ecosystem**  
(Hudson County Community College)

**Driving Strategic Priorities with Flexible Work Arrangements** (Hudson  
County Community College, Middlesex College)

# June 13 (Cont.)

## Holistic Student Supports Summit

### Promising Practices: Community College Innovations to Support Equity and Economic Prosperity

#### Track 1: Holistic Student Supports (10:45am)

##### Holistic Student Supports – Concurrent Sessions

**The Caroline Huber Holistic Wellness Center** (Brookdale Community College)

**Strategic Initiatives That Strengthen Graduation: Removing Barriers to Student Degree Conferral and How Data and Analytics Moved the Needle in Meeting Student Success Goals** (Atlantic Cape Community College, UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ)

**Revolutionizing Advising for Student Success** (Hudson County Community College)

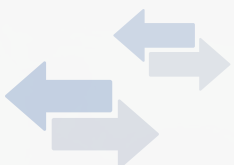
#### Track 2: Promising Practices (10:45am)

##### Promising Practices – Concurrent Sessions

**AI in Teaching** (UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ)

**Filling a Direct Support Professional (DSP) Workforce Need by Working in Collaboration with Various NJ Partners** (Bergen Community College, Rowan College of South Jersey)

**Enhancing Grant Compliance: Integrating Grants Office into Finance and Procurement** (Middlesex College)





# June 13 (Cont.)

## Holistic Student Supports Summit

### Promising Practices: Community College Innovations to Support Equity and Economic Prosperity

Lunch (12:00pm)

#### **Plenary: Serving New Jersey's Justice-Impacted Individuals** (12:00pm)

**The Honorable James McGreevey**, Executive Director, NJ Reentry Corporation

**Honorable Judge (Ret.) Mark Sandson, J.S.C.**, Judiciary Opportunities for Success, JOBS Program

**Lori Margolin**, Associate Vice President, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, and Director, Programs for Justice Involved Individuals, Hudson County Community College

**Dr. Alexandra Fields**, Academic Director, Center for Justice-Impacted Students, Middlesex College

**Genevieve Van Doren**, Director of Returning & Incarcerated Student Education (RISE) Program, Raritan Valley Community College

**(Moderator) Dr. David Stout**, President, Brookdale Community College



# June 13 (Cont.)

## Holistic Student Supports Summit Promising Practices: Community College Innovations to Support Equity and Economic Prosperity

### Track 1: Holistic Student Supports (1:45pm)

#### Holistic Student Supports – Concurrent Sessions

##### **Partnerships to Meet Community College Students' Basic Needs**

(Bergen Community College, Hunger Free New Jersey)

##### **Integrated Approach to Retention** (Ocean County College)

##### **Pipeline Programs That Empower Student Success: A College Promise Program, College for a Day, and Enabling Youth Pre-College Access**

(County College of Morris, Rowan College at Burlington County, Middlesex College)

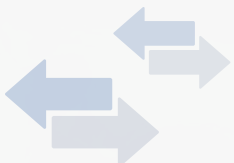
### Track 2: Promising Practices (1:45pm)

#### Promising Practices – Concurrent Sessions

##### **Social Justice Education: A Pathway for Inclusion** (Hudson County Community College)

##### **Best Practices in Strategic Course Scheduling for Student Success**

(Bergen Community College, Ad Astra)



# June 13 (Cont.)

## Holistic Student Supports Summit

### Promising Practices: Community College Innovations to Support Equity and Economic Prosperity

#### Track 1: Holistic Student Supports (2:45pm)

##### Holistic Student Supports Closing Plenary

##### Emerging Resources to Support Students: SNAP Employment & Training (E&T)

**Linda L. Rhoads, M.S.**, Senior Project Associate, Center for Policy and Practice

#### Track 2: Promising Practices (2:45pm)

##### Promising Practices Closing Plenary - Supporting Adult Learners

**Dr. Vanessa O'Brien-McMasters**, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness and Chief Strategy Officer, Atlantic Cape Community College

**Dr. Lisa Dougherty**, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment, Hudson County Community College

**Jasmine Jilus**, Director of Career Services, Union College of Union County

**Lauren Collier**, Senior Consultant, VantagePoint

#### Conference Concludes (3:30pm)

