

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 the New Jersey Council of County Colleges 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

Carin Berkowitz, Executive Director, NJ Council for the Humanities

Kiran Guadoso, CEO, United Way of Northern New Jersey

Laura Sullivan, Director of Economic Justice, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Additional panelists to be announced

June 11 (Cont.)

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

Networking & Visits with Summit Sponsors

Opportunity Agenda | Pillar 2: Fostering Student Success and Completion in Postsecondary Education and Training

Jessica Williams, Senior Director of Client Service Deliver, National
Institute for Student Success at Georgia State University

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

Dr. Chris Reber, President, Hudson County Community College

Dr. Constance Barnes, Director of the CUNY ASAP|ACE National Replication
Collaborative

Break (5:00pm)

Awards Dinner (6:15pm)



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

Michele Siekerka, President & CEO, New Jersey Business & Industry Association

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

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

Scott Cheney, CEO, Credential Engine

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

Networking Break

Lunch (12:00pm)

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The Future of Work

Speaker to be announced

Industry and Pathways: The Intersection of Education and Workforce Development

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

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

Additional speakers to be announced

Break

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 Community College – eSports Production Content
Creation Hub

County College of Morris – Robotics and Automation

Break

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

After Summit Break (5:00pm)

Pathways Reception (5:30pm)

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)

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Promising Practices: Community College Innovations to
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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)

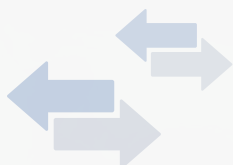
Track 2: Promising Practices (10:45am)

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)



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Lunch (12:00pm)

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

Governor McGreevey, New Jersey Reentry Corporation

Retired Judge Mark Sandson, Judiciary Opportunities for Success (JOBS) Program

Lori Margolin, Justice Program, Hudson County Community College

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

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

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



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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)

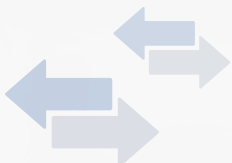
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Promising Practices – Concurrent Sessions

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)



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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

Additional speakers to be announced

Track 2: Promising Practices (2:45pm)

Promising Practices Closing Plenary

Supporting Adult Learners (Atlantic Cape Community College, Hudson County Community College, UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ)

Conference Concludes (3:30pm)

