

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING™

Peoria College Changes Everything Conference

October 5, 2012 • Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, IL



Conference Agenda

8 am – Registration Opens & Continental Breakfast (*Pre-function Area*)

8:30-8:45 am – Welcome and Opening Remarks (*Salon CDE*)

- Lt. Governor Sheila Simon

8:45-9:15 am – District 150 Update (*Salon CDE*)

- Dr. Grenita Lathan, Superintendent, Peoria Public Schools District 150

9:15-9:45 am – Morning General Session: *Affirming the Goal* (*Salon CDE*)

- George Schlott, Senior Consultant, Illinois ACT Midwest Region

9:45-10 am – Break

10-11 am – Interest Sessions

- **Skill Sets for 21st Century Jobs, Expanding Student Pursuit of STEM Fields** (Plaza Room)

Attend this session to learn of the business community's needs as customers of our education system and how some secondary and postsecondary schools have partnered with businesses. This session also highlights the Illinois Pathways, the state's new STEM education initiative designed to support college and career readiness for all students that empowers students to explore their academic and career interests.

Presenters: *Judy Dietrich, Education and Business Liaison and Grant Coordinator, Illinois Central College; Steve Stewart, Director of Human Resources, Excel Foundry & Machine, Inc.; and Jeanne Kitchens, Associate Director, Springfield Illinois SIUC Center for Workforce Development*

Moderator: *Alison Oaks, Program Manager, Community Foundation of Central Illinois*

- **College and Career Readiness** (*Meeting Rooms 1 & 2*)

Learn how secondary and postsecondary schools work together to help students succeed in entry level general education classes and courses for career paths, not merely job training. Outcomes of the ICCB College and Career Readiness project will be shared.

Presenters: *Brian Durham, Senior Director for Academic, Career, and Education, Illinois Community College Board; and Julia Waskosky, Dean of Student Development, Kankakee Community College*

Moderator: *Beth Johnson, Board of Directors, Peoria Promise Foundation*

11-11:10 am – Break

11:10 am - 12:10 pm – Interest Sessions

- **Common Core Standards: Impact on College Access and Success** (Plaza Room)

Learn what you need to know as a college access stakeholder about Common Core Standards and the goal to better prepare Illinois students for success in college and the workforce in a competitive global economy.

Presenters: *Brian Durham, Senior Director for Academic, Career, and Education, Illinois Community College Board; and Sarah McCusker, Principal Consultant, Illinois State Board of Education, Division of College and Career Readiness*

Moderator: *Becky Petrany, Associate Director, Peoria Promise Foundation*

- **Retention Success: Keeping College Students on the Path to Completion**
(Meeting Rooms 1 & 2)

Over the last few decades, we've succeeded at increasing access to college for broader groups of students. However, a variety of challenges can make it difficult for many to stay in school. Learn about efforts of two- and four-year institutions to help more students remain on the path to completion.

Presenters: *Vicki Draksler, Dean of Students, Midstate College; Guy Goodman, Dean of Student Services, Illinois Central College; Dennis Mumaw, Dean of Transfer Relations, Robert Morris University; and Dr. Joyce Shotick, Executive Director, Student Development, Health & Transitional Services, Bradley University*

Moderator: *Janet Ozuna, Community Relations/Outreach Coordinator, Midstate College*

12:15-1:45 pm – Lunch Buffet & Program (Salon CDE)

- Hon. Jim Ardis, Mayor of Peoria
- Student Success Stories
 - Stephanie Sanchez
 - Hilary M. Holmes
- Keynote Speaker – Haley Glover, Lumina Foundation

1:45-2:30 pm – Networking/Resources Session (Salon CDE and Pre-function Area)

- *Networking opportunity to connect with other stakeholders and to gather resource information regarding programs and services available to help support students/families in being successful in reaching their education goals.*

2:30 pm – Adjourn