

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING CONFERENCE

Wednesday • July 27, 2011

Tinley Park Convention Center/Holiday Inn • Tinley Park, IL



Conference Agenda

8 am – Registration Opens
Continental Breakfast

8:45 - 9 am – Welcome and Opening Remarks (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)
Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon (video)
Governor's Proclamation – Miguel del Valle, Chairman, Illinois P-20 Council

9 - 9:30 am – Opening Keynote (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)
Kim Cook, Executive Director, National College Access Network (NCAN)

9:45 - 10:45 am – Interest Sessions

- *Education Pays (South Pavilion 5 & 6)*

Speaker: Sandy Baum, Independent Higher Education Policy Analyst and Consultant
Hear from one of the authors of the College Board's *Education Pays 2010* report as she discusses the benefits of higher education for individuals and society. The uneven rates of participation in higher education across different segments within our country should be a matter of urgent concern for public policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels.

- *Creating a Culture of Completion (South Pavilion 3 & 4)*

Speakers: Dr. Al Goldfarb, Western Illinois University (retired); Mablene Krueger, Robert Morris University; Dr. Toyia Younger, Towson University; and Don Laackman, Harold Washington College

Graduating more students requires institutions to create a culture focused on completion. This can be particularly important for colleges and universities serving students with multiple challenges to graduation. Participants will learn effective solutions to creating an institution-wide focus on making sure students walk away with a certificate or degree.

10:45 - 11 am – Break

11 am - 12 pm – Interest Sessions

- *KnowHow2GO Illinois Partners – Programs in Action (South Pavilion 5 & 6)*

Speakers: Dr. Kim Armstrong, Black Hawk College; Mary Charles, Loyola University Chicago; Marci Koblenz, Center for Companies That Care

KnowHow2GO (KH2GO) is a national initiative to increase college access and success and promote network development. KH2GO Illinois partners will highlight the programs and services they provide (e.g., academic coaching, mentoring, STEM programming) and what they're doing to build sustainable networks in their regions.

- *Making Remediation Work (South Pavilion 3 & 4)*

Speakers: Diana Glosser, Lake Land College; Dr. Donna Colondres, Chaffey College; and Dr. Jose Aybar, Richard J. Daley College

A growing number of students are languishing in developmental or remedial education, while others may get discouraged and drop out. Learn proven strategies, such as bridge and accelerated programs, for improving student learning and completion of remedial coursework.

12 - 1:30 pm – Lunch (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)

Lunch Program: *College Illinois Corps! Overview & Highlights*

With funding from a federal grant, ISAC has deployed over 78 recent college graduates throughout the state to work with students and families on planning, finding, and applying for college and navigating the financial aid process. An emphasis has been placed on working with students who are low income and/or the first in their family to go to college.

John Sinsheimer, Interim Executive Director, Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Enrique Castillo, College Illinois! Corps Member
Joseph Remiasz, College Illinois! Corps Member
Andrea Kelsey, College Illinois! Corps Member
Senator Kimberly Lightford, Illinois General Assembly
Beth Arey, College and Career Coordinator, Evanston Township High School
Napolean Haney, Village Administrator, Village of Robbins
Senator Linda Holmes, Illinois General Assembly

1:30 - 1:45 pm – Break

1:45 - 2:30 pm – Interest Sessions *continued*

- *Electronic and Data Initiatives and Resources (South Pavilion 5 & 6)*

Speaker: Abel Montoya, Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Learn more about and take advantage of electronic and data exchange resources and services available at no cost to you and your students to promote college access and success: What's Next Illinois (online college and career planning portal); Electronic Transcript Exchange; and FAFSA Completion Data Sharing.

1:45 - 2:30 pm – Interest Sessions *continued*

- *Eliminating the College Graduation Gap for Students of Color (South Pavilion 3 & 4)*

Speakers: Dr. Rita Ali, Illinois Central College; Dr. James Sandoval, University of California-Riverside; and Dr. Donna Colondres, Chaffey College

It is possible to eliminate the graduation gap for students of color, and this session will show you how. Learn more about how to institute policies and programs that can make a significant difference in college graduation rates for all of your students.

2:30 - 2:45 pm – Break

2:45 - 3:15 pm – Resource Sharing Roundtable Discussions (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)
See folder for separate handout of topics

3:15 - 4 pm – Closing Keynote (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)
Stan Jones, President, Complete College America

4 - 4:30 pm – Closing Remarks/Call to Action (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)
Dr. Martha J. Kanter, Under Secretary of Education

4:30 pm – Thank you and adjournment

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