

COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING™

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Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, IL



Conference Agenda

8 am – Registration Opens & Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45 am – Welcome and Opening Remarks (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)

- Lt. Governor Sheila Simon
- Governor's Proclamation

8:45 - 9:15 am – Opening Keynote (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)

- Jamie Merisotis, President, Lumina Foundation

9:15 - 9:45 am – Morning General Session: *Affirming the Goal* (*South Pavilion 1 & 2*)

- April Hansen, Director of Program Solutions, ACT Midwest Region Educational Services

9:45 - 10 am – Break

10 - 11 am – Interest Sessions

- ***College and Career Readiness*** (*South Pavilion 3 & 4*)

Speakers: *Brian Durham, Senior Director for Academic, Career and Education, Illinois Community College Board; and Dr. Julie Schaid, Associate Dean, College Readiness and School Partnerships, Elgin Community College*

Moderator: *Bob Pritchard, State Representative*

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.

- ***Retention Success: Keeping College Students on the Path to Completion*** (*South Pavilion 5 & 6*)

Speakers: *Yesenia Sanchez-Giancola, Director of First Year Academic Success, DePaul University; Dr. Judith Marwick, Provost, Harper College; and Taisha Mikell, Program Coordinator, Student Success Center, Eastern Illinois University*

Moderator: *Dr. Leslie Navarro, President, Morton College*

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.

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

Speakers: *Dr. Douglas Brauer, Vice President of Economic Development and Innovative Workforce Solutions, Richland Community College; Judy Dietrich, Business and Education Liaison, Illinois Central College; and Jason Tyszko, Deputy Chief of Staff, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity*

Moderator: *Mary Anne Kelly, Board Chair, Instituto Health Sciences Career Academy, and retired VP of the Metro Chicago Healthcare Council*

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.

11 - 11:10 – Break

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

- ***Different Paths to Completion – Dual Credit and Dual Degree*** (South Pavilion 3 & 4)

Speakers: *Mike Davis, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, City Colleges of Chicago; Jill Regen, Manager of Early College Initiatives, Chicago Public Schools; and Dr. Linda Uzureau, Assistant to the President for Community College Partnerships, Governors State University*

Moderator: *Mike Dessimoz, Board Co-Chair, Illinois College Access Network*

Review the differences between dual credit and dual degree programs. Ensuring student opportunities for clear paths to completion without unnecessary classes is imperative to help our state reach Goal 2025, and to enable students to save time and money as they pursue their credentials.

- ***Catching Up: Meeting the Remediation Challenge*** (South Pavilion 5 & 6)

Speakers: *Jason Evans, Associate Professor of Developmental Writing and English, Prairie State College; Jeff Janulis, Associate Dean of Instruction at Wilbur Wright College; and Pamela Lau, Dean of Academic Services, Parkland College*

Moderator: *Tawakalitu Jogunosimi, Director of Education Policy/Partnerships, Office of the Mayor, Chicago*

A growing number of students need support from remedial or developmental education to help them get up-to-speed for college level coursework. However, national research shows that not only do scores on placement fail to predict success, but that developmental education itself is often a roadblock to success in completion – with few moving into college level work, and even fewer completing a credential. Learn about three colleges that are trying new ways to improve student success in developmental education.

- ***Nearing Completion: Getting to the Finish Line*** (Samuel Tinley Room)

Speakers: *Genevieve Boesen, Executive Director, South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium; and Clifton Williams, Center Director, Complete the Degree*

Moderator: *Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone, Vice President Student Development, Moraine Valley Community College*

To reach the 60% degree completion goal by 2025, the number of high school graduates going to college is not the only initiative. Session will focus on efforts with those nearing degree completion – including reverse transfer programs and Complete the Degree project.

12:10 - 1:15 pm – Lunch Buffet & Program

College Changes Everything 2012 Champion Award
Student Success Stories

1:15 - 1:30 pm – Break

1:30 - 2:30 pm – Interest Sessions

- **Common Core Standards: Impact on College Access and Success** (South Pavilion 3 & 4)
Speakers: *Jennifer Foster, Senior Director for Adult Education and Family Literacy, Illinois Community College Board; April Hansen, Director of Program Solutions, ACT Midwest Region Educational Services; Linda Reabe, Center for the Advancement and Support of Educational Initiatives, Illinois State University*

Moderator: *Jennifer Timmons, Senior Director for Student Development, Illinois Community College Board*

Learn what you need to know as a college access stakeholder about Common Core Standards.

- **Data Overload** (South Pavilion 5 & 6)
Speakers: *Pranav Kothari, Managing Director, Mission Measurement, LLC; and Charles Ansell, Project Team Leader, Center for Operational Excellence, City Colleges of Chicago*

Moderator: *Mary Charles, Grants Director, Apple Distinguished Educator, Loyola University Chicago*

While there is no shortage of data relevant to our work, knowing how to identify what is most useful and using it in the most effective ways is often a mystery. Explore how you look at data on hand, what data you need, and the data that just gets in the way.

- **Generations Serving Generations** (Samuel Tinley Room)

Speakers: *Russ Marineau, Committee Chair, Happy, Upbeat Retirees and other Residents Actively Helping (HURRAH), Naperville Community School District 203; and Donna Treadwell, Volunteer Coordinator, Springfield Public Schools District 186*

Moderator: *Jacquelyn Moreno, Managing Director of College Access Initiatives, Illinois Student Assistance Commission*

Older adults can assist the state in reaching 2025 goals. Learn about efforts to help students succeed, including relating college to career and stressing the importance of reading.

2:30 - 2:45 pm – Break

2:45 - 3:30 pm – Closing General Session: We're All in This Together: Collaboration for Success
(South Pavilion 1 & 2)

Speakers: *Eddie Brambila, Managing Director for Partnerships, Illinois Student Assistance Commission; Mary Kay Devine, Director of Community Initiatives, Women Employed; Laura Docherty, Immediate Past President, Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling; and Paula Luff, President, Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators*

Moderator: *Mike Dessimoz, Board Co-Chair, Illinois College Access Network*

Leaders of professional and service organizations will take part in a roundtable discussion on the values of collaborating as we strive toward Goal 2025. The focus will be on initiatives within and between organizations, and how they might be aligned to serve the interests of all stakeholders in the goal.

3:30 pm – Closing Remarks & Adjourn