



Third Annual Rhode Island Education Summit

*The Equitable Delivery of a 21st Century Education:
Supporting and Creating Pathways for Quality High School and College Diplomas
and Technical Careers for Latino, Black, Asian and Native American Students*

**Wednesday,
October 29, 2014
8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

**State House
Senate Lounge
Providence, Rhode Island**
*Parking is available in the State House Lower Lot
Capitol TV will be filming LIVE*

Registration 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast will be provided

Welcome and Introductory Remarks 8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.

- **The Honorable Juan M. Pichardo**, Senator – District 2, Providence
- **The Honorable Harold M. Metts**, Senator – District 6, Providence

Session 1: The State of our Public Education System 8:40 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

- **Deborah A. Gist, Ed.D.**, Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education
Commissioner Gist will provide an update on our PK-12 public education system
- **Jim Purcell, Ed.D.** Commissioner of Postsecondary Education
Commissioner Purcell will provide an update on our postsecondary education system and ideas for improving minority enrollment, retention and completion
- **Eva Marie Mancuso, Esq.**, Chairperson of the Board of Education
Chairperson Mancuso will provide the board perspective about the importance of minority success in Rhode Island's PK-20 public education system
- **Monnica Chan**, Director of Policy and Research, New England Board of Higher Education
Ms. Chan will provide a broader perspective of higher education and what systems can do to improve results for our minority community

Session 2: Increasing and Supporting Minority Enrollment and Retention in Post Secondary Education 9:50 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

- **Gail E. Mance-Rios**, Acting Executive Director Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority
Ms. Mance-Rios will provide the audience with the changing role of the RIHEAA and how they can help minority students succeed in college
- **Charles P. Kelly**, Executive Director, Rhode Island Student Loan Authority
Mr. Kelly will provide an overview of RISLA and a description of the Bridge.jobs program and its possible expansion of internship/ apprenticeship programs to high school students
- **Dena Soled Johnson**, Director of K-12 Services, New England Region, The College Board
Ms. Soled Johnson will discuss how the SAT® and Advanced Placement® Exams serve as indicators for college readiness and success and how through the Access to Opportunity (A2O) initiative and partnerships with states, like Delaware, the College Board is seeking to increase the number of underserved students enrolling in college.
- **Elizabeth Walczak**, Education Program Officer, Success Boston, The Boston Foundation
Ms. Walczak will describe the Success Boston program and the partnerships it has created and used in supporting Boston Public School students enrolling and succeeding in college.
- **Ashley Greene**, Program Director, College Advising Corps, Swearer Center for Public Service at Brown University
Ms. Greene will discuss the College Advising Corps and the services it provides in assisting urban students to become college ready, to enroll in and to complete college

Session 3: Sustainable Jobs through Public Private Partnerships 11:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

- **President David Dooley, Ph.D.**, University of Rhode Island and **Katharine Flynn**, Executive Director, URI Business Engagement Center
President Dooley and Ms. Flynn will provide an update on URI enrollment and its efforts at increasing diversity and will discuss the URI Business Engagement Center's workforce training efforts
- **President Nancy Carriuolo, Ph.D.** and **Jenifer Giroux**, Associate Vice President of Professional Studies and Continuing Education – Rhode Island College
President Carriuolo and Ms. Giroux will provide an update on RIC's minority enrollment and discuss the Career Development Center
- **President Ray M. DiPasquale** and **Peter Woodberry, Ph.D.**, Dean of Business, Science and Technology, Community College of Rhode Island
President DiPasquale will provide an update on CCRI's overall and minority enrollment and will discuss workforce development efforts at the Center for Workforce & Community Education

Closing Remarks 12:20 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Honorable Harold M. Metts
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