



NATIONAL SUMMIT ON

Equal Opportunity in Higher Education

NATIONAL SUMMIT ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

July 26, 2023 | 8:30AM-4:00PM ET

Agenda At-A-Glance

- 8:30-9:00am** **Arrival and Registration**
- 9:00-9:05am** **Welcome and Introduction**
James Kvaal, Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
- 9:05-9:12am** **Remarks from the White House**
Neera Tanden, Director, White House Domestic Policy Council
- 9:12-9:15am** **Introduction**
Merhawi Tesfai, Student Regent, University of California, Los Angeles
- 9:15-9:30am** **Opening Keynote Address**
Secretary Miguel Cardona, U.S. Department of Education
- 9:30-10:20am** **Committing to Educational Opportunity for All Students**
- 10:20-10:35am** **College Admissions after *Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA) v. Harvard College* and *SFFA v. University of North Carolina***
Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education
Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Justice
- 10:35-10:50am** **Break**
- 10:50-11:30am** **What's Next in College Admissions**
- 11:30-12:10pm** **Rebuilding Affordable Higher Education Pipelines**
- 12:10-12:50pm** **Break for Lunch**
- 12:50-1:00pm** **Student Voices Video**



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- 1:00-1:40pm** **Focusing on Equitable Completion**
- 1:40-1:45pm** **Looking Ahead at Next Steps**
Nasser Paydar, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S.
Department of Education
- 1:45-1:50pm** **Introduction**
Christopher Everett, Student Body President, The University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1:50-2:00pm** **Closing Remarks**
Steve Benjamin, Director, White House Office of Public Engagement

Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Off the Record)

2:00-3:00pm **Breakout Session, Round 1** **Training & Development Center**

Admission Strategies: Undergraduate Student Admissions
Recruitment and Pipeline Programs: Targeted Recruitment
Affordability Initiatives: State Strategies
Completion and Retention: Campus Climate and Institutional Policies

3:00-4:00pm **Breakout Session, Round 2**

Admission Strategies: Graduate Student Admissions
Recruitment and Pipeline Programs: Transfer
Affordability Initiatives: Directing Institutional Funds
Completion and Retention: Student Belonging



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States, higher education systems, and college and university leaders each play a critical role in fostering racial and ethnic diversity in higher education to ensure equal opportunity for all students. Panelists would present a forward-looking vision about how they plan to engage and recruit diverse students, create welcoming campuses and communities, and provide the supports necessary for all students to thrive and succeed in higher education.

Panelists:

Michael Drake, President, University of California System
Christina Paxson, President, Brown University
Gary May, Chancellor, University of California-Davis
Stephanie Rodriguez, Secretary, New Mexico Higher Education Department
Juan Salgado, Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago

Moderator:

Denise Forte, CEO, The Education Trust

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The U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division will provide an overview of the impact of the Supreme Court's decisions on student admission processes at colleges and universities and discuss the obligation of colleges and universities that receive federal financial assistance not to discriminate in their programs or activities based on race, color, or national origin, sex, disability, and age.

Presenters:

Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights, U.S.
Department of Education

Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, U.S. Department
of Justice

10:35-10:50am Break

10:50-11:30am What's Next in College Admissions

Higher education leaders across the country are exploring a range of admissions practices to help build racially diverse student bodies through lawful and appropriate means. Presenters will highlight a range of promising practices, including consideration of measures of adversity in holistic admissions, top percent plans, direct admissions, and other strategies.

Panelists:

Dennis Olson, Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Angel Pérez, CEO, National Association for College Admission Counseling

L. Song Richardson, President, Colorado College

G. Gabrielle Starr, President, Pomona College

Moderator:

Eric Hoover, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

11:30-12:10pm Rebuilding Affordable Higher Education Pipelines

Beyond admissions practices, higher education leaders must work together to rebuild affordable higher education pipelines for all students. Presenters will discuss affordability initiatives, pipeline programs, and targeted recruitment strategies that remove barriers and promote inclusive access and success.

Panelists:

Sandra L. Boham, President, Salish Kootenai College

Joshua Garcia, Superintendent, Tacoma Public Schools

Patricia McGuire, President, Trinity Washington University



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Eloy Ortiz Oakley, President & CEO, College Futures Foundation

Moderator:

Alia Wong, *USA Today*

12:10-12:50pm	Break for Lunch	Cafeteria
12:50-1:00pm	Student Voices Video	LBJ Auditorium
1:00-1:40pm	Focusing on Equitable Completion	

Now, more than ever, college and university leaders are considering the impact that campus climate has on student success and completion. Presenters will focus on a range of equitable completion strategies, including fostering a sense of student belonging on campus, providing holistic advising, and supporting student basic needs.

Panelists:

Pam Eddinger, President, Bunker Hill Community College

Shaun Harper, Founder and Executive Director, Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education, University of Southern California

Walter Kimbrough, Interim Executive Director of the Black Men's Research Institute, Morehouse College

Aneesh Sohoni, CEO, One Million Degrees

Moderator:

Scott Jaschik, Editor, *Inside Higher Ed*

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Breakout Session, Round 1

Training & Development Center

Admission Strategies: Undergraduate Student Admissions

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation focused on promising practices to build inclusive and diverse undergraduate student bodies, including by using measures of adversity. Discussants will also raise current admissions practices that may negatively affect the admissions chances of students from underserved communities.

Facilitator:

Jenny Yang, Deputy Assistant to the President for Racial Justice and Equity, White House Domestic Policy Council

Lead Discussants:

David Coleman, President, College Board

Art Coleman, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, Education Counsel

OiYan A. Poon, Co-PI, College Admissions Futures Co-Laborative, University of Maryland at College Park

Michael N. Bastedo, Professor, Marsal Family School of Education, University of Michigan

Recruitment and Pipeline Programs: Targeted Recruitment

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation focused on targeted recruitment practices that help to create more diverse student applicant pools, with a focus on building connections across K-12 and higher education.

Facilitator:

Cindy Marten, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

Lead Discussants:

Becky Pringle, President, National Education Association

Jonathan Alger, President, James Madison University

Michael Smith, CEO, AmeriCorps

Sean Reardon, Professor of Sociology, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University

Affordability Initiatives: State Strategies

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation highlighting promising strategies at the state level aimed at increasing higher education affordability for students with demonstrated financial need. Discussion will highlight free college programs, as well as other forms of scholarships and grant aid.



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Facilitator:

James Kvaal, Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

Lead Discussants:

Nancy Zimpher, President, National Association of System Heads (NASHE)

Susan Dynarski, Patricia Albjerg Graham Professor of Education, Harvard University

Completion and Retention: Campus Climate and Institutional Policies

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation highlighting institutional efforts to ensure that all students feel included and are able to succeed on campus. Discussion will include campus programming, activities, and supports. Discussants will also raise potential campus policies that may inhibit the success of different student populations, such as certain prerequisite course requirements or decentralized advising practices.

Facilitator:

Roberto Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education

Lead Discussants:

David Wilson, President, Morgan State University

Zachary Bleemer, Assistant Professor of Economics, Princeton University

3:00-4:00pm

Breakout Session, Round 2

Training & Development Center

Admission Strategies: Graduate Student Admissions

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation focused on promising practices to build inclusive and diverse graduate student bodies, including by using measures of adversity.

Facilitator:

Lisa Brown, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Education

Lead Discussants:

Ted Mitchell, President, American Council on Education

Joan Y. Reede, Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership, Harvard Medical School

Julie Posselt, Associate Professor of Education, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Southern California

Recruitment and Pipeline Programs: Transfer

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation on how transfer student partnerships can foster student body diversity.



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Facilitator:

Carmel Martin, Deputy Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Advisory to the Vice President, White House

Lead Discussants:

Alexander Cartwright, President, University of Central Florida

Tania Nguyen LaViolet, Director, Bachelor's Attainment Portfolio, Aspen Institute

Affordability Initiatives: Directing Institutional Funds

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation highlighting how targeting institutional grants and scholarships toward students with demonstrated financial need can increase both socioeconomic and racial diversity.

Facilitator:

Nasser Paydar, Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education

Lead Discussants:

Robert Jones, Chancellor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Dominique Baker, Associate Professor of Education Policy, Southern Methodist University

Completion and Retention: Student Belonging

Breakout discussants will lead a conversation focused on fostering student belonging on campus. Discussants will highlight promising practices on campus and in research to focus on how fostering student belonging for all members of the campus community can contribute to student retention and completion.

Facilitator:

Roberto Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education

Lead Discussants:

Lillian Carr, HBCU Scholar, Hampton University

Terrence Cheng, President, Connecticut State University System

Natasha Warikoo, Lenore Stern Professor in the Social Sciences, Department of Sociology, Tufts University

Kelly Slay, Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Public Policy, Vanderbilt University