



2014 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR ALL DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Wednesday April 16, 2014 - DRAFT Agenda as of 2014.03.27

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome**
- Gene Sharratt, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council
 - Keith Watson, President, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Keynote session**
- Rodolfo Arévalo, President, Eastern Washington University
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Who's at the college door? Demographic projections of recent high school graduates and returning adult students**
- Brian Prescott, Director of Policy Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
 - Jan Yoshiwara, Deputy Executive Director for Education, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 p.m. Superintendents panel: changing demographics and their implications for the work necessary in K-12 to promote educational attainment for underrepresented groups.**
- Superintendents discuss turnaround schools, districtwide STEM, promising practices and future directions, Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessment, and TPEP.
- Steve Myers, Superintendent, ESD 105
 - Minerva Morales, Superintendent, Mabton School District
 - Rick Cole, Superintendent, Sunnyside School District
 - John Cerna, Superintendent, Toppenish School District
- 11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. State policy update (working lunch): expanding educational opportunities and closing opportunity gaps**
- Panel discussion of key 2013 diversity- and equity-related legislation
- Implementing Strategies to Close the Educational Opportunity Gap
 - Real Hope Act (Washington's DREAM act)-extending State Need Grant eligibility to eligible undocumented students
- 1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Gaps in the story: changing demographics and their implications for the work necessary to promote postsecondary educational attainment for underrepresented groups**
- A brief introduction to the work of the Education Research & Data Center, followed by a panel presentation focused on the implications of changing demographics in Washington State for future diversity and equity work.

Panelists:

- Melissa Beard (facilitator), Data Governance Coordinator/Higher Education Analyst, Education Research and Data Center
- Jan Yoshiwara, Deputy Executive Director for Education, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
- Michael Tate, Chief Diversity Officer and Professor, Office of Equity and Diversity, Washington State University
- Nina Oman, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Heritage University
- Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m

Pathways to opportunity: Challenges and effective practices

During small group discussions with others from the same educational sector, participants consider challenges and effective practices relevant to their work to promote access and success for students of color. During share out, participants will learn effective practices relevant to their own educational sector and also increase their awareness of challenges and effective practices relevant to other educational sectors. The session opens with a summary of a 2013 statewide survey of challenges and effective practices.

- Marc Robinson (facilitator), Director, Culture and Heritage Houses, Office of Equity and Diversity, Washington State University.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Next steps: working together

During small group discussions with others from across educational sectors, participants identify common goals, strategic priorities, and opportunities for collaboratively working together, including collaboratively implementing recommendations outlined in the 2013 Educational Attainment for All report (http://www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/DiversityReport.FINAL.Revised.07-2013_0.pdf)

- Sheila Edwards Lange (co-facilitator), Vice President for Minority Affairs/Vice Provost for Diversity, Office of Minority Affairs, University of Washington
- Enrique Morales (co-facilitator), Sr. Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs, Office of Minority Affairs, University of Washington (10 minutes total with Sheila)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Networking reception