

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
8 A.M. – 10 A.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION BREAKFAST
CARPE DIEM: DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE
OF COLLEGE SUCCESS

Jamie P. Merisotis

PRESIDENT AND CEO, LUMINA FOUNDATION
FOR EDUCATION

Jamie P. Merisotis is president and chief executive officer of Lumina Foundation for Education, one of the nation's 45 largest private foundations. Under his leadership, Lumina employs a strategic, outcomes-based approach in pursuing its mission of expanding college access and success, particularly among low-income, minority and other historically underrepresented populations.

Before joining Lumina in January 2008, Merisotis founded and served for 15 years as president of the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Higher Education Policy, one of the world's premier education research and policy centers. He previously served as executive director of the National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Postsecondary Education, a bipartisan commission appointed by the U.S. president and congressional leaders. Merisotis also helped create the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps), and has served on numerous national and international boards of directors, including Scholarship America, the European Access Network in London, and Bates College in Maine.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
11:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION LUNCHEON
ENGAGEMENT IN ACCREDITATION

Judith S. Eaton

PRESIDENT, COUNCIL FOR HIGHER
EDUCATION ACCREDITATION



Dr. Judith S. Eaton is president of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). A national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation, CHEA is an association of 3,000 degree-granting colleges and universities.

Prior to her work at CHEA, Dr. Eaton served as chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, where she was responsible for leadership and coordination of 32 institutions serving more than 162,000 students statewide. Previously, she was president of the Council for Aid to Education, Community College of Philadelphia and the Community College of Southern Nevada, and served as vice president of the American Council on Education. She also has held full- and part-time teaching positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

An expert on higher education issues both in the United States and internationally, Dr. Eaton currently serves on a range of boards and has authored numerous books and articles on higher education and accreditation topics.



ACCREDITATION: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES IN RESPONSE TO KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Belle S. Wheelan

PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan currently serves as president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and is the first African American and the first woman to serve in this capacity. Her career spans 35 years and includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services officer, campus provost, college president and the state of Virginia Secretary of Education.

Dr. Wheelan received her Bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas with a double major in Psychology and Sociology; her Master's from Louisiana State University in Developmental Educational Psychology; and her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in Educational Administration with a special concentration in community college leadership.

She has received numerous awards and recognition including four honorary degrees; the Distinguished Graduate Award from Trinity University, and from the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin; Washingtonian Magazine's 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, DC; and the AAUW Woman of Distinction Award.



Barbara Beno

PRESIDENT, ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES (ACCJC)

Dr. Barbara Beno is the President of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has served in that capacity since 2001. Prior to her appointment as President of the ACCJC, she served as a commissioner for both the ACCJC and the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association.

She was President for twelve years at Berkeley City College in Berkeley, California, and has served as Assistant Chancellor and Director of Research and Planning for community college districts in California. The founding president of the Research and Planning Group of California Community Colleges, Dr. Beno has long been interested in the use of data to assess and improve institutional effectiveness. She has served on the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative and as chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions. She has published articles on institutional evaluation and planning in community colleges.

Dr. Beno received her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in History and Sociology from Stony Brook University. Before coming to community college work, she was Instructor of Sociology at Queens College, City University of New York, and Assistant Professor of Sociology at Hofstra University.





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
NOON – 2 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION LUNCHEON
THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S
CHALLENGE TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Martha J. Kanter

UNDERSECRETARY OF EDUCATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DC

Dr. Martha J. Kanter was nominated by President Barack Obama on April 29, 2009, to be the under secretary of education and was confirmed by the Senate on June 19, 2009. In this position, she reports to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and oversees policies, programs, and activities related to postsecondary education, vocational and adult education, and federal student aid.

From 2003 to 2009, Dr. Kanter served as chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. Her extensive experience in education includes teaching at Lexington High School, M.A., the Public Schools of Tarrytown, N.Y., and the Searing School in New York City; she established the first program for students with learning disabilities at San Jose City College. Dr. Kanter served as a director, dean and vice chancellor for policy and research, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and San Jose City College, vice president of instruction and student services, and president of De Anza College, Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Dr. Kanter has served as a board member in a wide variety of national, state, and local organizations, including the League for Innovation in the Community College, the Community College League of California, the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley, and the California Association of Postsecondary Educators of the Disabled.

Dr. Kanter holds a doctorate from the University of San Francisco, her master's degree in education from Harvard University, and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Brandeis University.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
10:15 A.M. – NOON

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION BRUNCH
THE DAY HAS COME FOR AMERICA'S
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Gene A. Budig

PROFESSOR AND SENIOR PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISER, THE COLLEGE BOARD

Dr. Gene A. Budig serves as a professor and senior presidential adviser at The College Board. He served on the faculty at Princeton University, as president of the American League and oversaw the operations of 14 baseball clubs, and the construction of \$2.2 billion worth of new ballparks. He was a senior adviser to Major League Baseball, a \$5.6 billion-a-year enterprise.

Dr. Budig is an accomplished author, having written a book on the economics of baseball, *The Inside Pitch, and More*, for the West Virginia University Press in 2004 and *A Game of Uncommon Skill*, a book on leading the modern college and university, published by the American Council on Education Series on Higher Education in 2002. He chairs College Ed, a national program funded by the Gates Foundation, which is designed to increase college attendance by 15 to 18 percent. Dr. Budig is a member of the National Commission on Writing in America's Schools and Colleges, and a member of the National Center for Innovative Thought.

Dr. Budig served as president and professor at Illinois State University, West Virginia University, and the University of Kansas.

Dr. Budig attended McCook Community College (formerly known as McCook Junior College) in Nebraska.

