



## 2025 KENTUCKY STUDENT SUCCESS SUMMIT

February 10-11, 2025

University of Kentucky

Gatton Student Center, 160 Ave. of Champions, Lexington, KY 40508

Monday, February 10, 2025

*SUMMIT DAY 1*

1:00-2:30 p.m.

### **WELCOME FROM THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

CPE President Aaron Thompson will welcome attendees and set the stage for this year's Summit, focusing on our accomplishments, highlighting where challenges remain, and providing a path forward.

### **FROM SEAMLESS ADMISSIONS TO SEAMLESS TRANSFER: WHAT'S GOING ON IN LOUISIANA**

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation at the Louisiana Board of Regents, is known as a national leader in transformational work using data-driven education redesign. Louisiana's attainment goal mirrors that of Kentucky - 60% of all working-age adults (ages 25-64) in Louisiana to hold a degree or high-value credential by 2030 - and their work is proving successful. In this session, Dr. Denley will focus on the state's initiatives to create seamless transitions for students from admissions to transfer as well as policy changes and innovative practices that aim to improve accessibility, reduce barriers, and streamline the path for students moving between two-year and four-year institutions.

### **MERGING PATHWAYS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

Dr. Lilly Massa-McKinley, Assistant Vice President, Kentucky Student Success Collaborative (KYSSC), will provide an update on KYSSC's work and outline how the annual Student Success Summit is the anchor and launch of important work to come.

2:30-3:00 p.m.

### **NETWORKING AND TRANSITION BREAK**

3:00-4:00 p.m.

### **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (REPEATS ONCE)**

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4:15-5:15 p.m.

#### **1 Connect the Path: Dual Enrollment and Equity Pathways**

Aurely Garcia Tulloch is a senior research assistant at the Community College Research Center (CCRC), where she investigates effective strategies for supporting historically underserved students in dual enrollment and transfer. At CCRC, she co-authored the DEEP (Dual Enrollment Equity Pathways) Insights report and in this session, she'll elaborate on the findings using her personal experience as a former dual enrollment and transfer student to bring the message home.

#### **2 Chart the Path: Faculty Mindset Impact on Student Academic Success**

Dr. Chris Hulleman is a professor of education and public policy at the University of Virginia as well as the founder and director of the Motivate Lab, which collaborates with educational practitioners to help ameliorate systemic racism and inequality. In this session, he will explore the power of the Faculty Mindset and how faculty and instructors across disciplines can apply principles to enhance student Growth Mindset, Purpose, and Belonging in their courses which then lead to improved academic success and decreased equity success gaps.



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- 3 **Continue the Path: Impact of Belonging & Basic Needs on Mental Health**  
Dr. Erica Riba is the Director of Strategic Higher Education Initiatives at The JED Foundation where she oversees special projects and initiatives focused on Higher Education building communities of practice focused on mental health and suicide prevention. In this session, Dr. Riba will explore the impact of belonging and basic needs on student mental health and wellness and how we can proactively support students to reduce and address mental health concerns.
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- 4 **Complete the Path: What about Quality?**  
Dr. Carol G. Schneider is the president emerita of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) and is widely recognized as both a voice and force for strengthening the quality of student learning in college for all students and especially those historically underserved in U.S. higher education. Her session will focus on recent work on initiatives related to equitable access that addresses both students' career aspirations in an innovation-fueled economy and graduates' development as capable and engaged citizens.

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4:00-4:15 p.m. **TRANSITION BREAK**

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4:15-5:15 p.m. **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (REPEAT FROM 3:00-4:00 P.M.)**

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5:30-7:00 p.m. **NETWORKING DINNER & RECOGNITION CEREMONY**  
Following the last breakout session, attendees return to the plenary space for dinner and an awards ceremony in which the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative recognizes the great strides that have been made over the last year.

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

***SUMMIT DAY 2***

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8:00-8:50 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAKFAST**  
Join your fellow attendees for a hot breakfast and table topic conversation. Buffet will close 10 minutes before the morning keynote.

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9:00-10:30 a.m. **THE STUDENT JOURNEY TO COLLEGE**  
Back by popular demand, day two of this year's Summit features a student panel moderated by Lena Blackstock, partner and managing director of the Process/Practice Studio. Her work focuses on building better systems and cultures to deliver human-centric services as well as mapping journeys, systems, and environments through a collaborative approach. This panel will feature soon-to-be high school graduates and their inputs and insight on the ideal journey map from K-12 to college.

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10:30-10:45 a.m. **TRANSITION BREAK**



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### 10:45 a.m. - NOON **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS (DOES NOT REPEAT)**

Four sessions will be offered to attendees that will focus on the intersections of pathways & equity as a cross-cutting priority of the statewide Strategic Agenda. Speakers and details for sessions are under development.

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1 **Connect the Path – Belonging & Transfer Success**

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2 **Chart the Path – Dual Credit & Gateway Course Success**

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3 **Continue the Path – Basic Needs & Adult Attainment**

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4 **Complete the Path – Graduate Profile Academy & Workforce Readiness**

Dr. Angela Christie is a faculty director at Georgia State University where she oversees the development, refinement, and implementation of Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP): College to Career: Career Readiness through Everyday Competencies. She works with departments to design their plans for QEP participation, conducting periodic surveys and assessments to measure the QEP's success, and planning activities to raise faculty and student awareness about the QEP on all campuses.

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### NOON-1:15 p.m. **CLOSING KEYNOTE & LUNCH**

Dr. Tia Brown McNair is the Vice President in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success and Executive Director for the Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Campus Centers at the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC. She oversees both funded projects and AAC&U's continuing programs on equity, inclusive excellence, high-impact practices, campus climate, and student success. Her session is under development.

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### 1:15-1:30 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

CPE staff will reflect on the key takeaways from the 2025 Summit and provide next steps to continue the momentum of success for all students.