2024 VIRGINIA EDUCATION SUMMIT

October 21 – 22, 2024 | Virginia Commonwealth University
James Branch Cabell Library, 901 Park Ave, Richmond, VA 23284

Day 1 | Monday, October 21, 2024

James Branch Cabell Library, 901 Park Ave, Richmond, Virginia 23284 | Lecture Hall 303

12:00 – 1:00 pm — **Registration and Optional Networking Lunch** (Members and Resource Experts only)

1:00 – 1:15 pm — **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Dr. Javaid Siddiqi,** President and CEO, The Hunt Institute
- **Dr. Michael Rao,** President, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **The Honorable Ghazala Hashmi**, Senate of Virginia, District 15 (2019 – Present), Summit Co-Chair
- **The Honorable Sam Rasoul**, Virginia House of Delegates, District 38 (2014–Present), Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 11, Summit Co-Chair

1:15 – 2:15 pm — **Embedding Quality into Early Learning**

Moderator:

- **Kathy Glazer,** President, Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

Resource Experts:

- **Jenna Conway**, Deputy Superintendent of Early Childhood Care and Education, Virginia Department of Education
- **Dr. Maryam Sharifian**, Executive Director, JMU CARE; Associate Professor, James Madison University

2:15 – 3:15 pm — **Developing K-12 Accountability Systems**

Introductory Remarks:

- **The Honorable Anne Ferrell Tata,** Virginia House of Delegates, District 99 (2022-Present)

Moderator:

- **Katrina Miller**, Director of Educational Partnerships, SAS Institute

Resource Experts:

- **The Honorable Lisa Coons,** Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia Department of Education
- **Grace Creasey,** President, Virginia Board of Education
- **Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt,** Superintendent, Alexandria City Public Schools

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3:30 – 4:30 pm

Innovative Approaches to Teacher Retention

Introductory Remarks:

- The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Senate of Virginia, District 18 (1991– Present), Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 7

Moderator:

- Dr. Angel Miles Nash, Program Officer, Wallace Foundation

Resource Experts:

- Shonaka Ellison, Senior Vice President and Strategic Director, K-12 Executive Engagement, Opportunity Culture
- Robert Gilstrap, Assistant Superintendent of Educator Preparation, Virginia Department of Education

Reception and Dinner (Invitation Only)

Hilton Richmond Downtown, 501 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Dinner Panel | Preparing Students for Higher Education and the Workforce

Welcome Remarks:

- The Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears, Lieutenant Governor, Virginia

Introductory Remarks:

- The Honorable Aimee Rogstad Guidera, Secretary of Education, Virginia

Moderator:

- Stephen Moret, President and CEO, Strada Education Foundation

Resource Experts:

- Dr. David Doré, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System
- Valerie Keating, Senior Director, K12, State, and District Partnerships, The College Board
- Michel Zajur, CEO and Founder, Virginia Hispanic Chamber

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Day 2 | Tuesday, October 22, 2024

James Branch Cabell Library, 901 Park Ave, Richmond, Virginia 23284 | Lecture Hall 303

8:00 – 9:30 am — **Breakfast and Professional Perspectives with Superintendents and Principals** (Members and Resource Experts only)

Moderator:

- **Scott Brabrand,** Executive Director, Virginia Association of School Superintendents

Resource Experts:

- **Dr. Sarah B. Calveric,** Superintendent, Caroline County Public Schools
  - **Joshua Just,** Principal, Caroline Middle School
- **Dr. Marceline R. "Marci" Catlett,** Superintendent, Fredericksburg City Public Schools
  - **Marcus Petty,** Principal, James Monroe High School
- **Dr. Francisco Durán,** Superintendent, Arlington Public Schools
  - **Peter Balas,** Principal, Wakefield High School
- **Kimberly Halterman,** Superintendent, Alleghany Highlands Public Schools
  - **Cynthia Morgan,** Principal, Jeter-Watson Elementary School
- **Dr. Michele Mitchell,** Superintendent, Newport News Public Schools
  - **Dr. Mary Hardesty,** Principal, Woodside High School
- **Dr. Verletta White,** Superintendent, Roanoke City Public Schools

9:45 – 10:00 am — **Welcome Remarks**

- **The Honorable Laura Novey,** Senior Vice President of State Government Relations, McGuireWoods Consulting; Board of Directors, The Hunt Institute

10:00 – 10:20 am — **Policy Update | Joint Subcommittee to Study Elementary & Secondary Education Funding**

Resource Experts:

- **The Honorable Mamie Locke,** Senate of Virginia, District 23 (2004-Present), Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 5
- **The Honorable Sam Rasoul,** Virginia House of Delegates, District 38 (2014–Present), Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow Cohort 11, Summit Co-Chair
- **Chris Duncombe,** Principal, Education Commission of the States

10:20 – 11:20 am — **Expanding Access to Higher Education through Pell Grants**

Moderator:

- **Dr. Tanya I. Garcia**, Vice President, The Institute for College Access & Success

Resource Experts:

- **Dr. Bret Danilowicz,** President, Radford University
- **Major General Cedric T. Wins,** Superintendent, Virginia Military Institute

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11:20 am – 12:20 pm **Postsecondary Attainment: Supporting Access and Completion for Adult Learners**

Introductory Remarks:

- **The Honorable Carrie Coyner,** Virginia House of Delegates, District 75 (2020–Present)

Moderator:

- **Dr. Waverly Whisenant,** Deputy Director of Higher Education, The Hunt Institute

Resource Experts:

- **Dr. Patrick Crane,** Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, North Carolina Community College System
- **Dr. Paula Pando,** President, Reynolds Community College

12:20 – 12:30 pm **Closing Remarks**

- **Dr. Javaid Siddiqi,** President and CEO, The Hunt Institute

12:30 – 1:00 pm **Lunch** (Members and Resource Experts only)

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