

## 2014 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR ALL DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

### Wednesday April 16, 2014 - Agenda

- 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
  - Tony Washines “Kwyamat,” Elder, Yakama Nation
  - Marcie Maxwell, Senior Policy Advisor on Education, Governor's Office
  - 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.      Closing the opportunity gap for students: superintendents panel**
- Superintendents discuss turnaround schools, districtwide STEM, promising practices and future directions, Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessment, and TPEP.
- Enrique Morales (co-facilitator), Sr. Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs, Office of Minority Affairs, University of Washington
  - Steve Myers (co-facilitator), Superintendent, ESD 105
  - Minerva Morales, Superintendent, Mabton School District
  - John Cerna, Superintendent, Toppenish School District

11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

**State policy update (working lunch) - topics: Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, Real Hope Act**

- Rachelle Sharpe, Senior Director of Student Financial Assistance and Support Services, Washington Student Achievement Council (facilitator)
- Stacy Gillett, Director, Office of the Education Ombuds
- Zack Hudgins, State Representative, 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Barbara Bailey, State Senator, 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Bruce Chandler, State Representative, 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Ricardo Sánchez, Vice President, Communications and Educational Services, Sea Mar Community Health Centers

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1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

**Gaps in the story: changing demographics and their implications**

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
- 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**

This session opens with a summary of results from the 2013 statewide survey of challenges and effective practices. During small group discussions with others from the same educational sector, participants will consider challenges and effective practices relevant to their work to promote access and success for students of color. During large group discussion, participants will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of challenges and effective practices relevant to other educational sectors.

- 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 will identify common goals, strategic priorities, and opportunities for collaboratively working together. These may include collaboratively implementing recommendations outlined in the 2013 Educational Attainment for All Report.

<http://www.wsac.wa.gov/diversity-and-equity>

- 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), Senior Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs, Office of Minority Affairs, University of Washington

**4:30 p.m.**

**Closing**

- Gene Sharratt, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council
- Cristina Gaeta, Policy Intern, Washington Student Achievement Council

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Networking reception**