Delaware’s Race to Deliver

Vision 2015 Annual Leadership Forum
University of Delaware Knowledge-Based Partnerships Conference Series
September 28, 2010
Clayton Hall, University of Delaware, Newark Campus

7:30AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
Morning traffic in Newark can be congested. Please allow ample time for travel to Clayton Hall.

8:30AM Welcome
Patrick T. Harker, President, University of Delaware

8:35AM Opening Remarks and Introduction of Plenary Speaker
Lillian Lowery, Secretary of Education, State of Delaware

8:45AM Plenary Presentation: The National Race
Brad Jupp, Senior Program Advisor, U.S. Department of Education

9:00AM Respondents’ Panel: Race to the Top and Where We’re Going
Moderator: John H. Taylor, Jr., Executive Director, Delaware Public Policy Institute

Respondents:
- Lillian M. Lowery, Secretary, Delaware Department of Education
- Marvin N. “Skip” Schoenhals, Chairman, WSFS Bank, and Chair, Vision 2015
- Mervin B. Daugherty, Superintendent, Red Clay Consolidated School District
- Diane Donohue, President, Delaware State Education Association

10:15AM Audience Q&A

10:30AM Morning Plenary

New Approaches to Teaching and Learning

Delaware is squarely focused on driving student achievement. With funding from Race to the Top and the School Improvement Grant program, there’s unprecedented opportunity to infuse Delaware’s K-12 public schools, especially those with the greatest needs, with additional resources, greater flexibility, and new supports for educators and students, alike. In return, we must require greater accountability from all parties. National and local panelists will discuss new approaches to teaching and learning and demonstrate the possibilities for building a climate for success—spurring innovation, focusing on results, and ensuring accountability—so that every Delaware student is provided an excellent education that ensures post-secondary success.
Moderator: Paul A. Herdman, President and CEO, Rodel Foundation of Delaware

Presenter:
- Chad P. Wick, President & CEO, KnowledgeWorks Foundation

Respondents Panel:
- Shelley Holt, Director of Secondary Schools, Seaford School District
- Cristy Greaves, Principal, North Laurel Elementary School
- Sally Maldonado, Upper School Dean, Kuumba Academy Charter School

11:30AM  Audience Q&A
11:45AM  Break for Luncheon
12:00PM  Luncheon
Sponsored by Rodel Foundation of Delaware
12:00PM  Call to Order
Bill Budinger, Founder, Rodel Foundations

Introduction of Governor Markell
Mary Pinkston, Teacher, Brandywine High School and 2010 Delaware Teacher of Year

12:15PM  Remarks
Governor Jack A. Markell
12:30PM  Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Governor Jack A. Markell
12:35PM  Keynote Address
Joel I. Klein, Chancellor, New York City Public Schools
12:55PM  Audience Q&A
1:15PM  Concurrent Sessions

A. Turning Around our Lowest Performing Schools
- Sylvia Banks, Manager, Government Affairs & Corporate Contributions, DuPont Company, and Chair, Education Voters of Delaware
- Noreen LaSorsa, Leader, School Turnaround Unit, Delaware Department of Education
- Marcia Lyles, Superintendent, Christina School District
- Justin Cohen, President, School Turnaround Group, Mass Insight Education and Research Institute
- Sharon Walpole, Associate Professor, University of Delaware

B. Teacher Effectiveness and Evaluation: Incentives, Measures, and Supports
- Teri Quinn Gray, President, State Board of Education
2:45PM Break
3:00PM Afternoon Plenary

Delaware's New Statewide Goals and Initiatives for Early Childhood Education

Investing in high-quality early education for our youngest Delawareans is a shared goal among parents, policymakers, educators, and citizens. Over the last several years, Delaware has made important progress through collaborative efforts, including codifying Delaware Stars for Early Success (a quality rating and improvement system), establishing the State's Early Childhood Council, and creating “Early Success,” Delaware’s early childhood plan. Beginning in 2009, the “Policy Matters” initiative
established a clear vision and actionable strategies for statewide improvements to early childhood education. The goals, role, and membership of the Early Childhood Council have been reconfigured and strengthened, a new strategic plan is in development that builds upon and accelerates earlier initiatives, an enhanced statewide data system for early childhood is being created, and steps are being taken to strengthen the alignment and effectiveness of State early childhood programs and policies.

**Introductions and Session Moderator:** Connie Bond Stuart, President, PNC Bank, Delaware, and Vice Chair, Delaware Early Childhood Council

**Panelists:**
- W. Steven Barnett, Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research, Rutgers University
- W. Douglas Tynan, Program Director, Nemours Health & Prevention Services
- James Lesko, Director, Early Development and Learning Resources, Delaware Department of Education
- Daniel Rich, Chair, Delaware Early Childhood Council

4:00PM  **Audience Q&A**

4:15PM  **Conference Adjourns**

4:30PM  **Reception**
Sponsored by the United Way of Delaware
*Honoring Ann D. Wick, Founding Chair, Delaware Early Childhood Council*

**Remarks**
Michelle A. Taylor, President, United Way of Delaware