New Orleans, LA  
September 19-21, 2018

Wednesday, September 19

11:30am-12pm  
Registration Opens  
Esplanade Ballroom

12-12:30pm  
Networking Lunch and Welcome  
- Cheryl Oldham, Senior Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

12:30-1:15pm  
Introductions and Ice Breakers

1:15-1:45pm  
Homeroom Introductions, Expectations, and Goal Setting  
Fellows will be separated into three small groups for discussion and fellowship. Homeroom Facilitators:
   - Travis Burton, Manager of Public Affairs, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
   - Tim Cairl, Director, Education Policy, Metro Atlanta Chamber
   - Tony Davis, Executive Director, Natchitoches Community Alliance Foundation, Inc.

1:45-2:15pm  
The Urgency of Now  
- Kati Haycock, Former CEO and Founder, The Education Trust

2:15-3:30pm  
Early Experiences Elevate Everything: Early Brain and Child Development and the Future of Society  
- Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, MPH, MSLIS, MD

3:30-4:30pm  
Innovation in Financing and Designing Early Education and Care  
- Joe Waters, Co-Founder and CEO, Capita

4:30-5:00pm  
Homeroom Session: Early Childhood Education in the States  
Homeroom 1: Bywater 1  
Homeroom 2: Salon 6  
Homeroom 3: Salon 7

5:00-5:15pm  
Day 1 Closing Remarks  
Esplanade Ballroom

5:15-7pm  
Welcome Reception
Thursday, September 20

7:30-8:15am Networking Breakfast
*Esplanade Ballroom*

8:15-9:15am Homeroom Session
*Homeroom 1: Bywater 1*
*Homeroom 2: Salon 6*
*Homeroom 3: Salon 7*

9:15-10:30am Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?
*Esplanade Ballroom*
- David Dunn, President, D2 Strategies
- Carmel Martin, Managing Director for State and Local Partnerships, Emerson Collective
- Moderated by Cheryl Oldham, Senior Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

10:30-11:30am Foundational Accountability and Advancing Equity with ESSA
- Kati Haycock, Former CEO and Founder, The Education Trust

11:30-12:30pm Show Me the Data
- Aimee Guidera, Former President and CEO, Data Quality Campaign

12:30-1:00pm Networking Lunch Break

1:00-5:00pm **Mini Sessions:** Attendees will be assigned to small groups, each attendee will participate in all four of the facilitated discussion sessions.

**Group 1:** 1-1:55pm
**Group 2:** 2-2:55pm
Choice: What Choices Exist and What Are the Current Debates?
*Bywater 1*
- James Shuls, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Director of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies University of Missouri- St. Louis

**Group 2:** 1-1:55pm
**Group 1:** 2-2:55pm
What’s New in Education Funding?
*Salon 7*
- Katie Hagan, Research Associate, Edunomics Lab at Georgetown University

**Group 1:** 3-3:55pm
**Group 2:** 4-4:55pm
Role of Standards, Assessments and Accountability
*Bywater 1*
- Caitlin Codella, Senior Director, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

**Group 2:** 3-3:55pm
**Group 1:** 4-4:55pm
Personalized Learning: Preparing All Students for Success
*Salon 7*
- Quentin Suffren, Managing Director, Innovation Policy, ExcelinEd

5:00-5:30pm Homeroom Session: Closing Reflections
Friday, September 21

8:30-9:00am  Networking Breakfast
  Esplanade Ballroom

9:00-9:45am  Using Data as a College and Career Indicator
  • Aimee Guidera, Former President and CEO, Data Quality Campaign

9:45-10:30am  CTE Policy Overview
  • Quentin Suffren, Managing Director, Innovation Policy, ExcelinEd

10:30-10:45am  Break

10:45-11:30am  Reinventing High School: College and Career Readiness for the 21st Century
  • Carmel Martin, Managing Director for State and Local Partnerships, Emerson Collective

11:30-12pm  Bridging the Soft Skills Gap
  • Travis Burton, Manager of Public Affairs, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

12-12:30pm  Networking Lunch

12:30-1:15pm  Building Your Coalition
  • Tony Davis, Executive Director, Natchitoches Community Alliance Foundation, Inc.
  • Brigitte Nieland, Vice President, Program and Workforce Development Director, Education and Workforce Development, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI)

1:15-1:45pm  Homeroom Session
  Homeroom 1: Bywater 1
  Homeroom 2: Salon 6
  Homeroom 3: Salon 7

1:45-2:00pm  Fellowship Review and Next Steps

2:00-2:15pm  Closing: Call to Action

2:15-2:30pm  USCCF Closing and Dismissal