

Governor's Workforce Summit 2008
Round Table Discussion
10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Educating Maryland's Future Workforce: Aligning Education, Economic Development and Industry Needs

Maryland's education system (PreK-20) plays a critical role in developing a highly skilled workforce. In preparing a 21st Century workforce, educators face challenges of teacher shortages, demands for school reform, increasing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) instruction, and keeping pace with new technology and rapidly changing workforce skill requirements. Panelists will discuss the alignment of the education system's mission, goals and outcomes with Maryland's economic and workforce needs.

Moderated by Karen Elzey - Karen R. Elzey is executive director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW), an affiliate that promotes high educational standards and effective workforce training systems that are aligned with each other and with today's business demands.

Panel Members:

Andres Alonso has been the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System since July 1, 2007. Dr. Alonso's reform agenda includes increasing the graduation rate, supporting students with interventions to ensure academic success, and expanding work experiences for student as well as supporting parent and community engagement.

Raymond (Buzz) Bartlett is the executive director of advancement for the University of Maryland College of Education. Buzz is the former president and CEO of the Council for Basic Education, which advocated for a liberal arts education for all students. Previously, as the director of corporate affairs for Lockheed Martin, Buzz was responsible for corporate-wide community relations and the Lockheed Martin Foundation. He is a member of the boards of the Institute for Educational Leadership and DC Voice.

Karl Behringer is the director of science and technologies for the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. He directs the programs for Mathematics, Science, the Centers of Applied Technology, Business Education, Technology Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, Music, Health, Physical Education, and Outdoor Education.

Stuart Bounds has served as the fourth president of Chesapeake College since July 1, 1997. Dr. Bounds previously served for thirteen years at the College, first as the vice president for academic and administrative services and then as the executive vice president. He currently serves as co-chair of the Joint Committee of the University System of Maryland and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges on Articulation and Transfer.

James Dinegar has been the president and CEO of the Greater Washington Board of Trade since July 2006. He oversees all internal and external operations for the Board of Trade, the largest regional network of business and non-profit leaders and the only local organization representing all industry sectors.

Roy Dyson is serving his third term as a state senator for District 29, which covers the lower third portion of Calvert County, all of St. Mary's County, and the Benedict / Hughesville area in Charles

County. Senator Dyson's is assigned to the Senate Education, Environmental and Health Committee.

Stewart Edelstein has served as the executive director of the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), a regional center of the University System of Maryland located in Montgomery County, since 2002. Dr. Edelstein has expanded the number of Maryland public universities offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs at USG to nine, with more than 2,600 students enrolled in more than 50 degrees programs.

Dennis Fallen joined Fisher BioServices in July 2007 as vice president and general manager. He has over twenty-five years of experience in the health care industry and has been a manager and leader with start up ventures as well as large public companies and organizations.

Glen Fountain is the project manager of the New Horizons mission to Pluto which was launched in January 2006. In Glen's early career he was a member of APL's technical staff that developed a number of space missions. Beginning in 1974, he has held a number of line and project management positions in APL's Space Department. In 2007 Mr. Fountain received the Von Braun Award for outstanding space program.

Jacqueline C. Haas is the superintendent of Harford County Public Schools. Dr. Haas is a 36-year educator having spent much of her career in general education, as well as working with severely and profoundly handicapped children. A graduate of the University of Delaware with a Master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, she earned her doctoral degree from the University of Maryland.

Kenneth McCreedy serves as the installation commander at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Colonel McCreedy is currently preparing for expansion of Fort Meade as a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), which is expected to result in a 25 percent increase in population and 5,700 jobs. During his 26 years in the service Colonel McCreedy has earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Joseph Scantlebury is a senior policy officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Joe's policy advocacy grantmaking is focused in the Education Division on two areas: helping high schools better prepare all students for college, work, and citizenship; and reducing financial and other barriers to higher education.

June Streckfus has served as the executive director of the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education (MBRT) since its founding in 1992. June leads the MBRT, a coalition of more than 120 leading Maryland businesses that have made a long-term commitment to support education reform and improve student achievement in Maryland.

Thelma Thompson serves as the 13th president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Thompson also chairs the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Council of Chief Executive Officers. Among her recent accolades, Black Engineer and Information Technology magazine recognized Dr. Thompson as one of the "100 Most Important Blacks in Technology" for 2007, and in 2006, she received a Governor's Award for Innovative Leadership.

Barry Williams was appointed as the director of the Baltimore County Office of Workforce Development (BCOWD) in June 2003. Mr. Williams came to BCOWD from the Baltimore City Public School System, where he served in different years as principal; managing director of pupil services; and area executive officer in charge of 22 schools.