

## ***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**  
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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*

- *Pete Shulman, Leader, Teacher/Leader Effectiveness Unit, Delaware Department of Education*
- *Debbie Stevens, Delaware State Education Association*
- *Brad Jupp, Senior Program Advisor, U.S. Department of Education*

**C. Leader Effectiveness and Evaluation: Incentives, Measures, and Supports**

- *Steve Godowsky, Superintendent, New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District*
- *Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary for College & Workforce Readiness, Delaware Department of Education*
- *Charles Baldwin, Director, Innovative Schools Models and Innovative Staffing, Innovative Schools*
- *Linda Jennings, Head of School, MOT Charter School*
- *Jackie Wilson, Associate Director, Delaware Academy for School Leadership*
- *Bradley Portin, Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Washington*

**D. Local School Board Members: Their Role in the Transformation of Our Schools**

- *Dan Cruce, Deputy Secretary, Delaware Department of Education*
- *David Sechler, Caesar Rodney School Board*
- *Joanne M. Gum, Delmar School Board, and President, Delaware School Boards Association*
- *Don Mell, Prestige Academy School Board*

**E. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Developing a State-wide Strategy for STEM Education**

- *Nancy Brickhouse, Deputy Dean, College of Education and Human Development, University of Delaware*
- *Jim Hiebert, Professor, School of Education, University of Delaware*
- *Michael Lach, Special Assistant for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education, U.S. Department of Education*
- *Mike Stetter, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Delaware Department of Education*
- *Susanne Spitsbergen, Math Teacher, John Dickinson High School*

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**

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*Honoring Ann D. Wick, Founding Chair, Delaware Early Childhood Council*

**Remarks**

Michelle A. Taylor, President, United Way of Delaware