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Thursday, November 20th
College Career and Beyond
7441 Second Ave. Detroit, MI 48202

- 8:30 a.m. **Class Arrival & Breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. **Welcome**
- 8:55 a.m. **K-12 Overview and Reinventing the Education System**
Dr. Venessa Keesler, Ph.D., President and CEO, Launch Michigan
- 9:25 a.m. **Rebuilding Traditional Public Education and Providing Michigan a Reform Model of Improvement, Dr. Nikolai Vitti**, Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools
- 9:55 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:10 a.m. **Fixing Michigan's K-12 Education System**
Mike Duggan, Mayor, City of Detroit
- 10:45 a.m. **K-12 Journey Walk/Community College Adult Learner Experience (Interactive Activity) and Midnight Golf Tour**
Melissa Hamann, Partner/Executive Director, Diploma Equity Project, LD 35
Allysa Cole, Director of Media and Public Relations, College Career and Beyond
Winston Coffee, Director of College, Corporate and Community Partnerships, College Career and Beyond
- 11:45 p.m. **State of Education and Talent**
Greg Handel, Chief Education Officer, TalentEd, Detroit Regional Chamber, LD 22
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Making College More Accessible**
Cyekeia Lee, Executive Director, Detroit College Access Network
Sarah Szurpicki, Deputy Director, MiLEAP
Dr. Darryl Gardner, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Student Success, Support, and Engagement, Wayne State University, LD 44
*Moderator: **Wytrice Harris**, Senior Director, Detroit Promise, Detroit Regional Chamber, LD 44*



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- 1:45 p.m. **Regional Health Care Talent Collaborative**
Catherine Susko, Vice President of HR Planning, Development, and Belonging, Henry Ford Health, LD 45
Dr. Phillip E. Strong, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University
Dr. Tanya McFadden, Ed.D., Executive Director of Health Professions/Dean of Nursing, Oakland Community College
Moderator: **Christi Taylor**, Senior Director, Employer Engagement, Detroit Regional Chamber
- 2:30 p.m. **Networking Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **College Career and Beyond**
Allysa Cole, Director of Media and Public Relations, College Career and Beyond
- 3:00pm **Corporate Affinity Group Mentorship Panel**
Kevin Heard, Sr. Manager, Engagement Programs & Partnerships, USA Today Co.
Brittanie Chin-Merkerson, Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Rocket
Megan Williams, Senior Vice President & Chief People, Culture & Human Resources Officer, AAA – The Auto Club Group
Moderator: **Marnita Harris**, Vice President, Economic Equity and Inclusion, Detroit Regional Chamber, LD 36
- 3:45 p.m. **Group Discussion**
Discuss key takeaways from today's session. Did the presentations spark ideas or desires to get more involved in professional and student mentorship, and in what ways can you get more involved and get your organizations more involved as leaders?
- 4:30 p.m. **Wrap Up and Class Announcements**
- 5:00 p.m. **End of Session**