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Thursday, November 19th
College Career and Beyond/Midnight Golf Program
7441 Second Ave. Detroit, MI 48202

8:30 a.m.	**Class Arrival & Breakfast**
9:00 a.m.	**Welcome and Sponsor Remarks**
9:10 a.m.	**K-12 Overview and Reinventing the Education System** **Dr. Venessa Keesler**, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Launch Michigan
9:50 a.m.	**2026 State of Education and Talent** **Greg Handel**, Chief Education Officer, TalentEd, Detroit Regional Chamber; LD 22
10:30 a.m.	**Break**
10:40 a.m.	**Rebuilding Traditional Public Education and Providing Michigan a Reform Model of Improvement** **Dr. Nikolai Vitti**, Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools Community District
11:20 a.m.	**Education Policy: Progress and What's Next** **Darrin Camilleri**, Senate Majority Leader-Elect, State of Michigan **Armen Hratchian**, Executive Director, Teach For America Detroit
12:00 p.m.	**Lunch**
1:00 p.m.	**K-12 Journey Walk and Community College Adult Learner Experience** **Melissa Hamann**, Partner/Executive Director, Diploma Equity Project; LD 35
2:00 p.m.	**Making College More Accessible** **Brandy Johnson**, President, Michigan Community College Association *Moderator*: **Wytrice Harris**, Senior Director, Detroit Promise, Detroit Regional Chamber; LD 44
2:40 p.m.	**Break**

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2:50 p.m.	**Mentorship and Youth Initiatives** **Dr. Chanel Hampton**, Senior Director, Youth and Education and Education Liaison, Mayor's Office, City of Detroit **Curtis Lewis, Ph.D.**, Founder and President, Boldly Moving Education Ahead
3:30 p.m.	**Discover College Career and Beyond** **Allysa Cole**, Director, Media and Public Relations, College Career and Beyond **Winston Coffee**, Director, College, Corporate and Community Partnerships, College Career and Beyond
4:20 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?
4:50 p.m.	**Wrap Up**
5:00 p.m.	**End of Session**