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## Annual College Ready New England Conference

### Getting to the Core: New Standards for Readiness and Success

**Dec. 7, 2009**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Worcester, Mass.**

#### Agenda

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|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>7:45 – 8:30 a.m.</b>        | <b>Registration/Continental Breakfast</b>  | <i>Assembly Area</i>         |
| <b>8:30 – 8:40 a.m.</b>        | <b>Welcome, Introductions</b><br>Michael K. Thomas<br>President and CEO<br>New England Board of Higher Education   | <i>Commonwealth Ballroom</i> |
| <b>8:45 – 9:00 a.m.</b>        | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Governor Donald Carcieri<br>State of Rhode Island  |                              |
| <b>9:00 – 10:10 a.m.</b>       | <b>Common Core Standards</b><br><br>Dane Linn<br>Director, Education Division<br>National Governors Association<br>Center for Best Practices<br><br>Gene Wilhoit<br>Executive Director<br>Council of Chief State School Officers<br><br>Jacqueline E. King<br>Assistant Vice President, Center for Policy Analysis<br>Division of Programs and Research<br>American Council on Education |                              |
| <b>10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Higher Education's Response to Common Core Standards</b><br><br><b>Facilitator:</b><br>Michael Thomas<br>President and CEO<br>New England Board of Higher Education<br><br><b>Panelists:</b><br>Richard Freeland<br>Commissioner<br>Massachusetts Department of Higher Education<br><br>Selma Botman<br>President   |                              |

University of Southern Maine  
Mark T. Cregan C.S.C.  
President  
Stonehill College

Julia McNamara  
President  
Albertus Magnus College

Helen Giles-Gee  
President  
Keene State College

Dorsey L. Kendrick  
President  
Gateway Community College

**11:30 - 11:40 a.m.**

**Break**

*Assembly Area*

**11:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Common Core Standards, K-12**

*Commonwealth Ballroom*

**Facilitator:**

J. Duke Albanese  
Sr. Policy Advisor  
Great Schools Partnership

**Panelists:**

Mark McQuillan  
Commissioner  
Connecticut Department of Education

Susan Gendron  
Commissioner  
Maine Department of Education

Mitchell Chester  
Commissioner  
Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education

Virginia Barry  
Commissioner  
New Hampshire Department of Education

Deborah Gist  
Commissioner  
Rhode Island Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education

Rae Knopf  
Deputy Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Education

- 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.**                      **Luncheon, Networking**  
*Boxed lunches will be set up in the Assembly Area where attendees will pick up their lunch and return to the Commonwealth Ballroom*
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.**                      **Keynote Speaker**    *Commonwealth Ballroom*  
**Matthew M. Chingos**  
**Co-Author, *Crossing the Finish Line***
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m.**                      **Underprepared Students in Higher Education:  
Remediation, Developmental Education**
- Facilitator:**  
Pamela Boisvert  
Vice President for Higher Education Access Services  
Colleges of the Worcester Consortium
- Panelists:**  
Michael L. Collins  
Program Director  
Jobs for the Future
- Thomas Bailey  
Executive Director, Community College Research Institute  
Teachers College, Columbia University
- Joan Becker  
Vice Provost for Academic Services  
University of Massachusetts Boston
- 3:30 p.m.**                                      **Book Signing**    *Assembly Area*  
**Matthew M. Chingos**  
*“Crossing the Finish Line”*