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Speaker and Panelist Biographies

Maura O. Banta



Maura O. Banta is IBM's East Coast regional manager for corporate citizenship and corporate affairs. She joined IBM in 1973 as a marketing representative and held positions in sales, insurance industry consulting and marketing management before joining the external programs department in 1989.

Banta is a board member of United Ways of New England, Mass Taxpayers Foundation, Boston Plan for Excellence, Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy, and the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. She is the immediate past chair of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education. In July 2008, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick appointed her chair of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. She earlier served on former Gov.

Paul Cellucci's Economic Development Task Force.

Banta holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Marymount College.

John Bowen



John Bowen is Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson & Wales University (JWU), where he oversees more than 17,000 students and 2,000 employees at four domestic campuses in Providence, as well as North Miami, Fla.; Denver, Colo.; and Charlotte, N.C. Bowen donates his time and expertise to a number of board affiliations including the president's leadership council of Save the Bay, the governing boards of Crossroads Rhode Island and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the board of the Rhode Island Commodores. He also currently serves as a director for Washington Trust Co., and previously served as a director and member of the advisory council for Citizens Bank of Rhode Island and chair of the Providence Foundation. He has been honored with the David E. Sweet Award from Leadership Rhode Island, the Governor's Award for Service to Rhode Island, and the Business Leadership Award from *Providence Business*

News.

Bowen holds an associate degree from the Culinary Institute of America, a bachelor's from JWU, and a master's in management from the American Management Association.

Gail Carberry



Gail Carberry has been president of Quinsigamond Community College since 2006. During her tenure, enrollment has increased by 52% to a record 9,000-plus students. She opened a campus in Southbridge in 2009 and increased online educational programs to serve almost 2,500 students each semester.

Carberry began her career teaching in the Worcester Public Schools. During a 30-year career at Springfield Technical Community College, she advanced strategic planning and led resource development efforts, raising in excess of \$125 million for innovative programs, services and facilities.

She currently serves on numerous boards including the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Latino Education Institute, Bay Path Regional/Vocational High School Foundation, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, Worcester Educational Collaborative, Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, Central Mass Workforce Investment Board, Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Worcester Business Development Corp. and the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives. She co-chairs the Mayor's Commission for Hispanic Education Excellence and chairs the Early Education Matters Task Force.

Carberry holds a bachelor's degree from Worcester State University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, specializing in organizational development, strategic planning and staff development.

Robert L. Caret



Robert L. Caret was named president of the five-campus, 68,000-student University of Massachusetts system in January 2011. UMass was established in 1863 and consists of the flagship campus in Amherst, along with campuses in Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester. The Worcester campus is the home of the Commonwealth's only public academic medical center. The state's new public law school is based at UMass Dartmouth. The University has an operating budget of \$2.8 billion and graduates more than 13,000 students a year. UMass research expenditures exceed \$500 million and the university has become a national leader in generating licensing income.

Before joining UMass, Caret was president of Towson University, where he gained national acclaim for eliminating race-based graduation disparities at Towson. Prior to that, he was president of San Jose State University, where he championed a joint city/university effort to build the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in San Jose.

He has served on a variety of boards and currently serves on the Massachusetts Economic Development Planning Council, the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Board, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Board and the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center Board.

An organic chemist by training, Caret has authored many articles in business and professional publications in the fields of chemistry, chemical education and higher education.

He holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics from Suffolk University and a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of New Hampshire.

Gerald Chertavian



Gerald Chertavian founded Year Up in 2000, an intensive one-year training and education program that provides low-income youth ages 18 to 24 with the technical, professional and communication skills needed to empower them to make successful transitions to careers and higher education.

With an annual operating budget exceeding \$40 million, Year Up is one of the fastest growing nonprofits in the nation. Year Up will serve more than 1,300 students in 2011 with sites in Atlanta, Boston, Providence, New York City, Washington D.C., San Francisco, Chicago and Seattle.

Chertavian's commitment to working with urban youth spans more than 25 years. He has actively participated in the Big Brother mentoring program since 1985 and has been recognized for his innovative approach to social change. In 2008, he was appointed by Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick to serve on the Massachusetts State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. He currently serves on boards of Bowdoin College, The Boston Foundation and the Harvard Business School Social Enterprise Initiative.

He began his career on Wall Street as an officer of the Chemical Banking Corp. and moved on to head marketing at Transnational Financial Services in London. He cofounded Conduit Communications in 1993, which ranked as one of England's fastest growing companies from 1993 to 1998. When Conduit was sold to i-Cube in 1999, Chertavian turned his full attention to building opportunities for urban youth.

He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Bowdoin College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Dan DeMaioNewton



Dan DeMaioNewton is director of Director of Strategy and Business Development at Monster Worldwide. As Director of Workforce Solutions Strategy, he leads Monster's largest efforts to help job-seekers get better jobs faster, help employers obtain the best talent more efficiently, and transform talent-supply chains.

For nearly a decade, he has been called upon by government leaders in human capital and economic development to design, deliver and drive measurable change. In his most recent work, he is helping the U.K. government tackle chronic unemployment, has been called on by the Ministry of Iraq to help with police recruitment, and worked with the World Bank to acquire the talent needed to fix the global economic crisis. In the U.S., he's most-recently worked on building more effective Pathways Out of Poverty, created meaningful ex-offender career solutions, crafted youth career planning solutions by youth for youth, and helped transitioning soldiers and veterans achieve their career goals.

DeMaioNewton has served as the chief architect leading the re-engineering of USAJOBS—the award-winning official job site for the U.S government. Under his leadership, USAJOBS became the 5th most-visited job site on the Internet. He has also driven high performance in influential career sites including: the Clinton Global Initiative on Poverty; STEMPower (in Central Massachusetts); StudentJobs; Helmets to Hardhats; and the Democratic and Republican National Convention Volunteer Sites.

He has three patents-pending relating to technologies that help job-seekers get jobs and has introduced more than a dozen innovations into Monster.com to help it deliver greater value to employers and job-seekers.

Nicholas C. Donohue



Nicholas C. Donohue became president and CEO of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation in 2006.

Established in 1998, the Nellie Mae Education Foundation is one of the largest charitable organizations in New England, and the largest focused exclusively on education.

Donohue was previously a Special Master at Hope High School in Providence, where he was appointed to oversee implementation of the Rhode Island Commissioner of Education's Decision and Order to reconstitute the school.

Before his role at Hope High School, Donohue was commissioner of education for the state of New Hampshire, where he provided professional support and technical assistance to the state Board of Education, the Governor's office, and the Legislature on all aspects of education policy and improvement strategies. He was responsible for developing department-wide initiatives, such as the statewide assessment program and accountability and standards system. He also designed the state's responses to federal education legislation and regulations.

He has also served as a trustee of the University System of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Community Technical College System. He has held a seat on the New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission, the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium Commission, and the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

His previous positions include director of district and school services for Learning Innovations, where he planned and implemented school-improvement strategies, focusing on organizational and professional development; project director of the Boston Leadership Academy at Boston University, where he designed and delivered ongoing support and training for 16 Boston public schools as part of the School Leadership for Student Achievement Project; and Coordinator of the Citywide Educational Coalition in Boston, where he created the SchoolWorks Exchange, a resource bank and networking service for Boston public schools.

Donohue holds a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a master's from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

John Dorrer



John Dorrer is director of labor market and workforce research at Jobs for the Future (JFF) Building Economic Opportunity Group, which focuses on advancing the education and careers of low-skilled adults and low-wage workers. He leads JFF's emerging work in the development and application of labor market information and workforce research, including helping states use longitudinal data to align their education and training investments with the needs of dynamic regional economies.

Dorrer has 30 years of experience in workforce development at the state and local levels. He joined JFF from the Maine Department of Labor, where he served as acting commissioner and director of the Center for Workforce Research and Information for eight years. He also served as deputy director of workforce programs at the National Center on Education and the Economy, where he worked with America's largest cities and leading states to assess policies and practices and provided technical assistance and consultation. He has consulted to the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration on labor market information systems development, capacity building, and workforce strategies. For two decades, he was senior vice president of Training & Development Corp., a Maine-based nonprofit focused on workforce and regional development.

Dorrer holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's in resource economics, both from the University of New Hampshire.

Brian K. Fitzgerald



Brian K. Fitzgerald joined the Business Higher Education Forum in 2005 and has since led the organization to develop an ambitious long-term policy and programmatic agenda focused on college readiness, access and success, particularly in high-need disciplines such as science and math.

Under Fitzgerald's leadership, both of BHEF's key initiatives—Securing America's Leadership in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and the College Readiness, Access and Success Initiative (CRI)—have grown in scope and impact.

Prior to joining BHEF, Fitzgerald was staff director for the federal Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, which advises Congress on higher education and student aid policy. During his tenure, the advisory committee released several influential reports, including: *Access Denied*, *Empty Promises*, and *The Student Aid Gauntlet*; and also commissioned *The Condition of Access* (edited by Donald Heller). Fitzgerald has written numerous articles and papers on policies to improve college access and success. He also served as an adjunct associate professor of government at American University, and earlier in his career, served as assistant dean and lecturer in education at Bates College.

Fitzgerald holds a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a master's and doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Robert A. Foose



Robert "Randy" A. Foose represents the Merrimack 1 District in the New Hampshire State House of Representatives, where he serves on the Finance Committee and the Special Committee On Education Funding Reform

Foose is a former vice president and associate dean at Vermont Law School. He also served as president of R and G Enterprises, vice president of Colby Sawyer College and vice president of Philadelphia College of Art.

He is a delegate to the New England Board of Higher Education and director of the New Hampshire Endowment for Health.

Foose holds a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Maria Flynn



Maria Flynn is vice president of the Jobs for the Future (JFF) Building Economic Opportunity Group leads, where she leads JFF's work to help low-skilled adults advance to family-sustaining careers, while enabling employers to build and sustain a productive workforce. Flynn guides the activities of several key JFF projects and partnerships, including the National Fund for Workforce Solutions, Jobs to Careers, and Breaking Through.

Flynn has nearly 20 years of experience in the workforce development field. As the administrator of the Office of Policy Development and Research in the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, she oversaw the assessment and development of employment and training policies, managed the design of the agency's research and evaluation strategy and provided direct support to agency budget and appropriations activities.

Flynn previously led the ETA's Division of One-Stop Operations, where she developed the policy and technical assistance framework necessary to enable states and local communities to establish comprehensive One-Stop delivery systems designed to provide quality services to job-seekers, workers and employers. She also served as team leader for the interagency policy group charged with implementing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. In the 1990s, she played key roles in the National School-to-Work initiative and in the launch of the Secretary Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) Initiative.

Flynn holds a bachelor's degree in international relations and economics from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia and a

master's of government administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

Charles J. Fogarty



Charles J. Fogarty was confirmed as director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training in February 2011. He is responsible for leading a staff of more than 450 people and managing an annual budget of nearly \$1 billion.

The department encompasses the Division of Income Support including Unemployment Insurance and Temporary Disability Insurance programs; the Division of Workforce Development including the statewide netWORKri one-stop career centers; and the Divisions of Labor Market Information, Workers' Compensation, and Workforce Regulation and Safety.

Prior to his work at the department, Fogarty served two terms as Rhode Island's lieutenant governor, where he chaired the Small Business Advocacy Council, the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council and the Emergency Management Advisory Council. As lieutenant governor, he established Rhode Island's Amber Alert program, helped developed the Health Care Reform Act of 2004 and the Nursing Home Reform Act of 2005, as well as ongoing forums for small businesses including Women in Business and the Latino Business Expo.

Before being elected lieutenant governor, Fogarty served four terms in the Rhode Island state Senate and at times held the positions of majority whip and Senate president pro tempore. As state senator, he authored numerous piece of landmark legislation, including the College Savings Program, the Healthcare Quality Reporting Act, Lifetime Community Supervision for Child Sexual Abusers, Habitat Restoration Legislation and the Government Fiscal Accountability Act of 1995.

Most recently, Fogarty has worked as director of policy for the Providence-based government relations firm The Mayforth Group, where he represented a number of clients in the business community, nonprofit sector and labor unions. Since 2007, he has been on the faculty of Johnson & Wales University where he teaches the Leadership Studies course.

Fogarty holds a bachelor's degree from Providence College and a master's in public administration from the University of Rhode Island.

Jason J. Giuletti



Among his volunteer efforts, Jason J. Giuletti is president of the New England Economic Partnership (NEEP). NEEP is a member-supported, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing objective economic analyses and forecasts. Twice a year NEEP economists (known as Forecast Managers) publish macroeconomic forecasts of the New England region and its six individual states. In addition to providing historical data, these projections forecast quarterly data over a five-year horizon and include information on employment, income, labor force, net interstate migration, as well as population estimates.

Professionally, Giuletti recently became director of alumni relations for the University of Connecticut Health Center, School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine. In this capacity, he oversees all aspects of the alumni giving program, implementing programs and events that support the building of an alumni pipeline, and develops relationships with a wide range of current students and alumni located locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Before moving to UConn Health Center, he was a research economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA), where he conducted extensive research on the economy, public policy issues and business matters.

He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Connecticut.

Michael Goodman



Michael Goodman is associate professor and chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where he directs the face-to-face and fully online Master's in Public Policy program.

A leading analyst of the Massachusetts and New England economies, Professor Goodman is a past president of the New England Economic Partnership, a nonprofit organization made up of leading regional analysts that produces semi-annual economic forecasts of the economic outlook for each of the six New England states. He currently serves as co-editor of *MassBenchmarks*, the journal of the Massachusetts Economy published by the UMass Donahue Institute in cooperation with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Goodman holds a master's and doctorate from Boston University.

Joyce Judy



Joyce Judy became president of Community College of Vermont (CCV) in March 2010, after serving as interim CCV president since June 2009. She began her career at CCV in 1983 as coordinator of academic services at the college's Springfield office, subsequently served as dean of students, and became the college's first provost in 2001.

Judy has been a driving force behind many of CCV's prominent partnerships and programs. She led the development of CCV's far-reaching dual-enrollment program for high school students and spearheaded the Career Readiness Certificate, now providing workforce readiness training throughout the state. She helped develop the partnership between CCV and Johnson State College to deliver Johnson State's External Degree Program, offering several bachelor degree options to students statewide through all CCV locations.

She has served on boards including the Central Vermont Community Action Council and Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass., and on several New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation teams for colleges throughout New England.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and a master's in organization and management from Antioch New England Graduate School.

Fred Kocher



Fred Kocher is president of the New Hampshire High Technology Council and of Kocher & Co. Inc., a marketing firm for high-tech companies. He is the producer and host of "New Hampshire's Business" interview segment on WMUR-TV (ABC).

He is the founder of "Politics and Eggs," the New Hampshire Presidential Primary series with the candidates, held at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College. He also co-founded of the N.H. International Trade Resource Center and the "NH Forum on the Future." He was named Business Leader of the Year in 2007 by *Business NH Magazine*.

He serves on boards of Global Relief Technologies in Portsmouth, N.H, the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center, Granite State College and Chester College.

He holds degrees from Ohio University in liberal arts and Ohio State University in journalism.

Martha Laboissiere



Martha Laboissiere is an associate principal in McKinsey & Co.'s Social Sector office. Based in San Francisco, Laboissiere focuses her work on economic development and opportunity creation, specifically on labor markets, postsecondary education/workforce development, and talent and human capital. She primarily serves foundations and higher education institutions on topics of strategy, operations and organization. Her recent efforts include identifying best practices to improve completion and cost-efficiency in higher education institutions and helping higher education institutions with the transformation of programs to improve student outcomes.

Prior to joining the Social Sector office, Laboissiere was a senior consultant at the McKinsey Global Institute, a private economics research group within McKinsey where she led knowledge efforts focused on labor markets and productivity of workforce systems around the world. She joined McKinsey in 2001 in the Sao Paulo office.

Previously, she pursued an academic career, first as a research fellow at the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of California-San Francisco and later as professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Brasilia, Brazil.

She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Brasilia and a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dannel P. Malloy



Dannel Patrick Malloy was elected in November 2010 to be the 88th governor of Connecticut and the first elected under the state's clean elections program.

The youngest of eight children, Gov. Malloy was born in Stamford, Conn. Growing up, he struggled to overcome learning and physical disabilities, eventually gaining the skills to go on to graduate *magna cum laude* from Boston College and continue on to Boston College Law School.

He became a prosecutor in Brooklyn, serving for four years as an assistant district attorney where he won 22 convictions in 23 felony cases. Returning home to Stamford, he served on the boards of Finance and Education before running for mayor and winning in a landslide victory in 1995. He went on to be the city's longest-serving mayor, when he left office in 2009. He brought nearly 5,000 new jobs to the city, led the fight for more affordable housing, championed transportation efforts such as the Stamford Urban Transitway, and helped reduce the crime rate by 60%. He also implemented the first citywide pre-kindergarten program, ensuring that all four-year-olds could attend school regardless of their parents' financial situation.

Gov. Malloy is a former trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, a former president of the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, and a former member of the Stamford Cultural Development Organization.

Holiday Hart McKiernan



Holiday Hart McKiernan is vice president for operations and general counsel for Lumina Foundation for Education. McKiernan directs the foundation's legal affairs and also leads Lumina's exploration of the Bologna Process and its implications for reform in American higher education.

McKiernan began her career practicing law concentrating on nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations. Prior to joining Lumina in 2003, she was executive director and counsel for Alpha Chi Omega and advised universities on approaches to high-risk student behavior.

She serves on boards of ADI Inc., which holds the charters for two Indianapolis charter schools, the International Advisory Board for the Stetson University College of Law Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, Epsilon LLC, and the Higher Education Resource Services Inc.

McKiernan holds a bachelor's degree from DePauw University and a law degree from Indiana University.

Brandon Melton



Brandon Melton is senior vice president for human resources for Lifespan, the oldest health system in New England. Lifespan is comprised of five hospitals, employs 12,400 staff and has annual operating revenues of \$1.5 billion.

Prior to joining Lifespan, Melton served from 1988 to 2001 as vice president for human resources with Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a health system sponsored by 12 women's religious congregations comprising more than 120 health care facilities in 22 states.

Before that, he served from 1982 to 1988 as executive director of the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) of the American Hospital Association, the national professional society for human resources executives in the health care industry. Melton served as president of ASHHRA in 2002.

Melton holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and a master's in counseling psychology from the University of Evansville in Indiana.

Alicia Sasser Modestino



A senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Modestino leads research projects on regional economic and policy issues for the New England Public Policy Center. She specializes in the fields of labor, public finance and health economics. Her current research focuses on mismatches in the labor market, the impact of the housing market on migration, and health care reform.

Her work has appeared in journals such as *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Health Affairs* and *The New England Journal of Higher Education*.

Modestino holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from Boston University as well as a master's and doctorate in economics from Harvard University, where she also served as a doctoral fellow in the Inequality and Social Policy Program at the Kennedy School of Government.

Jane Oates



Jane Oates became assistance secretary for employment and training in the U.S. Department of Labor in June 2009. She leads the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in its mission to design and deliver high-quality training and employment programs for the nation's workers. Working with states and territories, municipalities, labor management organizations, employers, educational institutions, federal agencies and other partners, ETA strives to help workers gain skills and credentials needed to enter careers that pay family-supporting wages and offer opportunities for advancement.

Prior to her appointment, Oates was executive director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and senior advisor to New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine. There, she worked to strengthen the connections among high school, postsecondary education and the workforce.

Before that, she served for nearly a decade as senior policy advisor for the late U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts. She worked closely with the senator on a variety of education, workforce and national service legislative initiatives, including the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Oates began her career as a teacher in the Boston and Philadelphia public schools and later as a field researcher at Temple University's Center for Research in Human Development and Education.

Oates holds a bachelor's degree in education from Boston College and a master of education in reading from Arcadia University.

M. Lee Pelton



M. Lee Pelton is the 12th president of Emerson College in Boston and an internationally known speaker and writer on the value of a liberal education and the importance of leadership development, civic engagement and diversity in higher education.

He joined Emerson in July 2011 after 13 years as president of Willamette University in Salem, Ore. Prior to that, he was dean of the college at Colgate University and at Dartmouth College.

Pelton taught English and American literature at Harvard and served as senior tutor at Winthrop House. He later served on the Harvard Board of Overseers. He has been active in several higher education associations including the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the American Council on

Education, where he was chair.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Wichita State University and a doctorate in English from Harvard University with an academic focus on 19th-century British prose and poetry.

Paul R. Pescatello



Paul R. Pescatello is president of Connecticut United for Research Excellence Inc. (CURE).

CURE is a statewide, member-supported coalition of more than 100 educational and research institutions, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies and other supporting businesses. It is dedicated to promoting the growth and increasing public understanding of biomedical research and science in Connecticut, such as CURE's ongoing work to support stem cell basic research (including its successful advocacy for \$100 million in funds for such research) and its efforts to promote the translation of that research into new companies and therapies.

Pescatello is an attorney and lobbyist with more than 20 years of technology and public policy experience. As special counsel to the governor, he was responsible for drafting and lobbying technology company tax and economic development "cluster" legislation for Connecticut. He currently serves on the boards of Connecticut Innovations Inc., a quasi-public seed and venture capital firm, and Developing World Cures, Inc., a start-up aimed at developing treatments for neglected diseases. He chairs the New England Biotech Association and co-chairs We Work for Health Connecticut. He also serves on the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee, the Connecticut Department of Public Health's Umbilical Cord Blood Bank Committee, the Statewide Biobank Feasibility Study Committee and the Healthcare Working Group's Clinical Trials Supersite Subcommittee.

Pescatello holds a bachelor's degree in political economy from Colorado College, a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and a doctorate from Cornell University.

Judith K. Resnick



Judith K. Resnick is executive director of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association's (CBIA) Education Foundation. She manages initiatives designed to help the state's businesses become more competitive by developing a skilled workforce. The projects establish best practices, building effective partnerships between business, government, and the workforce development system.

An affiliate of CBIA, the foundation was created in 1983 to help prepare a skilled workforce for Connecticut employers through the creation of public-private sector partnerships in education and job training. The foundation seeks grant opportunities to develop programs that further CBIA's public policy positions at the state and federal levels. Resnick also manages the Connecticut Energy

Workforce Development Consortium and is principal investigator for the National Science Foundation ITEST (Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers) grant.

She was project director for three U.S. Department of Labor Grants: An Advanced Manufacturing High-Skill Job Training

Initiative, to increase the competitiveness of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts manufacturers; an H1-B Grant in the biosciences; and an Incumbent-Dislocated Worker Training Demonstration Grant in manufacturing. She was also project manager for a Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Training Networks Program, a Workforce Solutions Collaborative of Metro Hartford Planning Grant and she managed the Employer Services Contract for Capital Workforce Partners.

Prior to joining CBIA, Resnick was the director of strategic planning and workforce development at the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. She founded the Business and Industry Services Network for the Connecticut Community College System and served as its state director for 12 years. She also served as the director of marketing for America Works of Connecticut.

She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan and a master's in higher education from Indiana University. She also holds a certificate from Harvard University's Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education and is a graduate of Leadership Greater Hartford.

Danielle N. Ripich



Danielle N. Ripich has been president of the University of New England (UNE) since 2006.

Before joining UNE, she was dean of the College of Health Professions, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where she was also a professor in the University's College of Medicine, Department of Neurology. Prior to that, she chaired the Department of Communication Sciences and was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

Under her leadership, UNE has seen substantial growth, as well as the construction of six new buildings, including a Center for Biomedical Research, the launch of a College of Pharmacy, and the 300-bed Sokokis Residence Hall in Biddeford. The university was honored with the 2009 Economic Achievement Award from the City of Portland, and the 2010 Robert R. Masterton Award for Economic Development from the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, for its contributions to the region's economic vitality.

Ripich is widely recognized for her work in child language and with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in speech pathology from Cleveland State University and a doctorate in speech pathology from Kent State University.

Eric S. Rosengren



Eric S. Rosengren became President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in July 2007. An economist by training, he joined the bank in 1985 as a member of the research department and rose to be executive vice president and head of the bank's department of supervision, regulation and credit, before being named president.

In his research, Rosengren has made significant contributions in the fields of banking and monetary policy, and he has written extensively on macroeconomics, international banking, bank supervision and risk management. He has been an author of a variety of papers on macroeconomics, banking, and risk management, including articles in many of the top economics and finance journals. He has served as an advisor on Japanese banking issues. A focus of his research has been how financial problems can impact the real economy. While in the bank supervision function, he obtained significant domestic and international regulatory experience related to the Basel II Capital Accord.

Rosengren holds a bachelor's degree from Colby College and a master's and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

John J. Sbrega



John J. Sbrega has served as president of Bristol Community College (BCC) since 2000, part of a community college career that has spanned more than 37 years.

During his tenure, BCC has experienced record enrollment growth of more than 75%. The college's service area has expanded to include a satellite location in Taunton as well as new campuses in New Bedford and Attleboro. Moreover, during his tenure, the BCC Foundation's endowment has risen by more than 177%.

Sbrega is a member of many civic groups and is past chair of the 15-member Massachusetts Community Colleges Presidents' Council. He is also a member and past chair of CONNECT—a group of regional, state and community college presidents. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick appointed him to two statewide task forces, and he serves on the Executive Council of Community and State Colleges. Sbrega was recognized for his community service by the Fall River Chamber of Commerce when they presented him with the 2010 Roger Valcourt Award: Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

He has published four books and several articles on U.S. foreign policy. He has written articles about community college issues for *The New England Journal of Higher Education*.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Union College and a master's and doctorate in history from Georgetown University. He is the recipient of two Fulbright Scholarships; the first, in 1971, was at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The second, in 2010, took place in Russia where he and five other community college colleagues met with Russian educators to speak about the higher education system in the U.S. with a focus on community colleges.

Carol Geary Schneider



Carol Geary Schneider is president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. With more than 1,250 member institutions, half public and half private, with members drawn from the entire higher education community, large, small, two-year, four-year, selective and open admissions, AAC&U is the leading national organization devoted to advancing and strengthening undergraduate liberal education.

Under her leadership, AAC&U launched Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP), a public advocacy and campus action initiative designed to engage students and the public with what really matters in a college education for the 21st century. The LEAP campaign builds on AAC&U's major effort, "Greater Expectations: The Commitment to Quality as a Nation Goes to College," a multiyear initiative designed to articulate the aims of a 21st century liberal education and to identify comprehensive, innovative models that improve learning for all undergraduate students.

Additionally, under her leadership, AAC&U has become widely recognized as both a voice and force for strengthening the quality of student learning in college for all students and especially those historically underserved in U.S. higher education. AAC&U is working with hundreds of colleges and universities and numerous state systems to expand the benefits of liberal education across the entire curriculum, through new integration between the core outlines of liberal education and student learning in their major fields.

While a vice president at AAC&U in the 1990s, Schneider headed a major initiative at AAC&U on higher education and U.S. pluralism, called "American Commitments: Diversity, Democracy and Liberal Learning." She has published extensively on all the major areas of her education work and has taught at the University of Chicago, DePaul University, Chicago State University and Boston University.

Schneider holds a bachelor's degree in history from Mount Holyoke College. She studied at the University of London's Institute for Historical Research and holds a doctorate in history from Harvard University.

Andrew M. Sum



Andrew M. Sum is professor of economics and director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston.

He has authored or coauthored numerous articles for *The New England Journal of Higher Education* and other publications as well as, monographs, and books on regional, national, and state labor markets, the labor market behavior and problems of young adults and the role of education, literacy, and training in influencing the labor market experiences of adults.

Among his publications are: *Toward a More Perfect Union: Basic Skills, Poor Families, and Our Economic Future* (1988), *The Subtle Danger: Reflections on the Literacy Abilities of Young Adults* (1987), *Poverty and Adolescence* (1991), *From Dreams to Dust* (1996), *Literacy in the Labor Force: Results from the National Adult Literacy Survey* (1998), *State of the American Dream in New England* (1996), *Young Workers, Young Families, and Child Poverty* (1996), *The Road Ahead: Emerging Threats to Workers, Families and the Massachusetts Economy* (1998), and *A Second Chance for the Fourth Chance: A Critique of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998* (1999).

William Symonds



William Symonds is director of the Pathways to Prosperity Project, which is based at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The Pathways Project was created in 2008 to find promising solutions to our national failure to prepare many young adults for success. In February 2011, the Pathways Project released its research and recommendations in a report called, *Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Americans for the 21st Century*, which generated enormous interest around the nation. The Pathways Project now hopes to work with several states that would like to implement the Pathways vision for preparing their young people.

Symonds helped create the Pathways Project while he was a senior fellow at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2007-08. Prior to that, he spent nearly 25 years as a senior correspondent and bureau chief for *Business Week* magazine. There, he covered business in the U.S. and abroad, and led bureaus in Pittsburgh, Denver, Boston, Toronto and Rome. He also served as *Business Week* chief education correspondent for many years, and wrote extensively about the role of U.S. business in school reform.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in comparative literature and a master's in politics, philosophy, economics from the University of Oxford.

Michael K. Thomas



Michael K. Thomas is president and chief executive officer of the New England Board of Higher Education. Thomas joined NEBHE in 2002 and served as both senior director and senior vice president, directing NEBHE's policy, research and programmatic activities. Thomas has worked in corporate training and human resources and held varied administrative positions in higher education institutions, both public and independent, including as executive assistant to the president at Lesley University.

He has been a faculty member, adjunct professor and lecturer at several universities and served as trustee and vice chair of the board of Worcester State University.

Thomas holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Brigham Young University and master's degrees in higher education from Teachers College, Columbia University and Harvard University. He holds an MBA from Boston University and a doctorate in education and social policy from Harvard University.

Mary Jo Waits



Mary Jo Waits is director of the Economic, Human Services, and Workforce Division (EHSW) with the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices. As director of the EHSW, Waits oversees research, policy analysis, technical assistance and resource development for the division. The EHSW Division's work includes the 2011 NGA Chair's Initiative Growing State Economies, which provides governors and other state policymakers with options to assess the economic environment in their state and strategies designed to foster business growth.

Prior to joining the NGA Center, she was with the Pew Center on the States, where she was an author of *Investing in Innovation*, a report released during the NGA's Innovation America Initiative.

Before that, Waits led a public policy consulting firm, Mary Jo Waits and Associates LLC, which in its initial two years helped several states and cities, including assisting the city of Phoenix develop a downtown strategy centered on a new Arizona State University campus and a new Biomedical complex and helping the Arizona Board of Regents with a redesign of Arizona's public university system. Also in 2004, the Arizona Board of Regents and key business leaders asked Waits to outline a "Meds and Eds" strategy to help Arizona leapfrog ahead in the knowledge economy.

For more than a decade, she was associate director of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University. Waits was assistant director for the Arizona Governor's Office of Policy Development and Planning during the Bruce Babbitt administration. She also served as a senior economic policy advisor to the governor and lieutenant governor of Alaska. Gov. John Fife Symington III appointed Waits to serve as an executive board member of the Governor's Strategic Partnership for Economic Development. She served four years as a member of the North American Development Bank's Advisory Board, appointed by President Clinton, and four years as a member of the Phoenix Planning Commission.

Waits holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

Judy West



Judy West joined Maine Medical Center in March 2007 as vice president for human resources. Maine Medical Center is a 637-bed tertiary care, level-one trauma center and teaching hospital in Portland, Maine, that is affiliated with the Tufts University School of Medicine. West supports the Maine Health System in her role as vice president of human resources.

Before joining Maine Medical Center, West was vice president of human resources at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, N.J. Englewood is a 520-bed community/teaching hospital. West was responsible for all human resource and organizational development functions as well as patient satisfaction and managing/resolving patient incident reporting.

Prior to that, she was vice president of administrative services at The Westerly Hospital, a 125-bed community hospital that has an affiliation with Yale-New Haven. West's responsibilities included human resources, information systems and technology, physical plant, engineering, hospital construction, security, food services and housekeeping.

For 10 years, West was a faculty member at Roger Williams University and Springfield College.

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from New Hampshire College (now Southern New Hampshire University). She is also certified as a Labor Relations Specialist through Cornell University.

Sheldon Whitehouse



U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I) is a tireless advocate for jobs and economic development, healthcare, the environment and the future for children.

In the Senate, and before that as Rhode Island's attorney general and U.S. attorney, Whitehouse focused on the well-being of families, children and seniors; protecting consumers; helping small businesses grow and create jobs; and assisting the unemployed and all those hit by the recession, a changing economy and hard times.

Earlier this year, he launched his "Making it in Rhode Island" initiative, listening to Rhode Island small businesses and manufacturers in an effort to make Rhode Island businesses more competitive, provide continued access to capital, and eliminate the tax incentives encouraging companies to move jobs overseas.

Whitehouse served as a policy advisor and counsel to the governor of Rhode Island and as the state's director of business regulation before being nominated by President Clinton to be Rhode Island's U.S. attorney in 1994. He was elected state attorney general in 1998, a position in which he served from 1999 to 2003.

In 2006, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he is a member of the Budget Committee; the Environment and Public Works Committee; the Judiciary Committee; the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee; and the Special Committee on Aging. He chairs the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism and the EPW Subcommittee on Oversight.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.