

Preliminary Agenda
Friday, November 17, 2006
The Biltmore Hotel, Providence, RI

The New England Board of Higher Education Presents:

**College Ready/World Ready: New England Higher
Education in a Global Student Marketplace**

And

***Connection: The Journal of the New England Board of Higher Education's 20th Anniversary
Dinner Celebration***

**7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by TD Banknorth**

8:30 a.m. Introductions and Welcome

Evan S. Dobelle *President & CEO, New England Board of Higher Education*
The Hon. Mary R. Cathcart *Chair, New England Board of Higher Education*

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Where in the World is New England?

Is New England prepared for the challenges and opportunities offered by a shrinking world? Saint Michael's College President **Marc A. vanderHeyden*** facilitates a discussion featuring Rhode Island Economic Policy Council Executive Director, **Christopher L. "Kip" Bergstrom**, *American Demographics* magazine founder **Peter Francese**, economist **James Glassman** of JPMorgan Chase and Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education President **Mary S. Harrison**.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Internationalization of Higher Education

Will the world's students continue to beat a path to the United States and New England in the post 9/11 era? Are our institutions capitalizing on the latest global trends and opportunities? Rhode Island School of Design President **Roger Mandle** facilitates a discussion featuring Boston College international education expert **Philip G. Altbach**, University of Rhode Island President **Robert Carothers**, Middlesex Community College President **Carole A. Cowan** and Cambridge College President **Mahesh Sharma**.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon
Sponsored by JPMorgan Chase Bank

Greetings

Larry E. Christensen
Vice President, Export Controls, JP Morgan Chase Vastera

Luncheon Address

S. Frederick Starr
Chair, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute at Johns Hopkins University

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**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Balance of Trade: Foreign Enrollment, Study Abroad and
New England's Place in the World**

“College in New England” is a phrase with worldwide meaning. It's a global brand. But is the region's brand being squandered? **Michael Lestz** director of the O'Neill Asia Cum Laude Endowment and Trinity College associate professor of history, facilitates a discussion among School for International Training President **Carol Bellamy**, Institute of International Education President **Allan E. Goodman**, Roger Williams University President **Roy Nirschel** and Harvard Vietnam expert **Tom Vallely**.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. International Education Exhibits

Sponsored by NBH Solutions

Learn about international education programs and study abroad opportunities available at area colleges and universities.

6:00 p.m. Reception

**Dinner honoring former U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell
and celebrating the 20th Anniversary of *Connection: The Journal of the New England Board
of Higher Education***

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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The Honorable **Zhu Shanlu**, Secretary, Beijing Education Commission, Beijing Municipal Government and Vice Mayor, City of Beijing gives greetings from China. Mayor Zhu is responsible for all the higher education institutions in the greater Beijing area. NEBHE welcomes him as our special guest.

U.S. Sen. **Jack Reed** of Rhode Island, NEBHE Chair **Mary R. Cathcart**, NEBHE President and CEO **Evan S. Dobelle** and others honor a New England giant and national higher education hero, former U.S. Sen. **Claiborne Pell** of Rhode Island. The evening program also includes special presentations by University of Massachusetts President **Jack M. Wilson** honoring UMass President-Emeritus **David C. Knapp** and NEBHE Chair Elect, **Sen. Joan Menard** recognizing former Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Chancellor **Judith I. Gill**.

Former University of Maine System Chancellor **Robert L. Woodbury** and *Providence Journal* Vice President and Editorial Pages Editor **Robert Whitcomb** reflect on 20 years of NEBHE's own *Connection: The Journal of the New England Board of Higher Education*.

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