

# AGENDA / DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 | 12:30 - 5:40 PM

**1:30 - Opening Plenary, Riverfront Ballroom**

**2:35 PM**

**Welcome & Overview**

Mark Brainard, President, Delaware Technical Community College

**Delaware Pathways: Essential To Economic Development**

Governor John Carney

**Preparing Students For Success Beyond High School**

Dr. Bob Schwartz, Jobs for the Future & Harvard Graduate School of Education

**Delaware Pathways Student Story**

Introduction from Chef Tom Hannum, Buckley's Tavern  
Story from Beatriz Ramirez

**Breakout Session Overview**

Vicki Gehrt, Delaware Pathways Steering Committee

**2:40 - Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**3:25 pm** See descriptions on the next page

**3:35 - Concurrent Breakout Sessions Repeat**

**4:20 pm** See descriptions on the next page

**4:25 - Closing Plenary, Riverfront Ballroom**

**5:00 pm**

**Delaware Pathways Parent Story**

Introduction from Verna Hensley, Easter Seals  
Story from Ellen Coulston, Parent

**Partnerships For Success**

Michelle Taylor, CEO, United Way Of Delaware

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH  
**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Cause and Effect: Delaware's College Remediation Rates Class of 2015** ① ② ③ Riverfront Ballroom

40% of Delaware's high school graduates enrolling in college are required to take at least one remedial course. For students continuing on to post-secondary education at our local colleges and universities, this can lengthen time to completion and increase the overall cost of college. This is an important piece of the puzzle as we seek to build strong 9-14 pathways for Delaware students. This session will share highlights from Delaware's 3rd annual College Success Report and explore Delaware's progress in reducing the remediation rate for all Delaware students.

- **Shana Payne**, Director, Delaware Higher Education Office
- **Laura Jiminez**, Center for American Progress

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**PLANNING FOR  
YOUR FUTURE?**

**DELAWARE  
PATHWAYS  
EXPO**

Presented by United Way of Delaware

**MARCH 29 | 4:30 - 8 PM**  
**CHASE CENTER | FREE**



What's your BIG idea?

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**Shaping Students Outside of School** ① ② Harlan Room  
Community-based Organizations (CBOs) play an integral role in shaping students during non-school hours, whether students engage with an after school program, summer job, or work-based learning. Delaware CBO leaders convene to discuss how these organizations can position youth for college and career success.

- **Ty Jones**, United Way of Delaware (*Moderator*)
- **George Krupanski**, Boys and Girls Club of Delaware
- **Sophie Namugenyi**, Jewish Family Services
- **Peggy Geisler**, Sussex County Health Coalition
- **Paul Calistro**, West End Neighborhood House
- **Kathy Jennings**, New Castle County

**Inclusion** ① ② Hollingsworth Room  
15% of Delaware's students will need additional support or an accommodation before high school graduation. At this conference and in the coming years, Delaware Pathways is focusing in on ensuring inclusion in pathways implementation, and supporting the State's coordinated efforts to provide ALL young Delawareans with increased opportunities and pathways to career success.

- **Jocelyn Langrehr**, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (*Moderator*)
- **Kerry Delgado**, Christiana Care Health System
- **Audrey Van Luven**, Christiana Care Health System
- **Rick Carte**, The Hospitality Group
- **Dave Frye**, Downstate Transition Services
- **Dale Matusевич**, Exceptional Children

**Ask the Experts: Work-Based Learning** ① ③ Dravo Auditorium  
Pathways to Prosperity member experts from around the country will share their best practices for work-based learning, thanks to The Pathways to Prosperity Network, who hosted their Spring Institute in Wilmington March 27-28th.

- **Kevin Dickerson**, Milford School District (*Moderator*)
- **Danielle Mezera**, Pathways Tennessee
- **Jean Egan**, Long Beach School District, California
- **Charlotte Cahill**, Jobs for the Future
- **Carrie Leishman**, Delaware Restaurant Association
- **Sareen Dunlevy Keenan**, Greater Twin Cities United Way
- **Alisha Bryson**, ACE Mentoring Program & Wayman Fire Protection

# AGENDA / DAY 2

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 | 8:30 - 12:30 PM

**8:00 - Registration & Breakfast, Riverfront Ballroom**

**8:50 am**

**Opening Plenary, Riverfront Ballroom**

**9:00 -**

**10:10 am Welcome & Overview**

Gary Stockbridge, President, Delmarva Power

**Flash Forward: 2025**

Secretary Susan Bunting, Dept. Of Education

Secretary Patrice Gilliam-Johnson, Dept. Of Labor

Secretary Bernice Whaley, Economic Development Office

Gary Stockbridge, Delmarva Power

**Delaware Pathways Student Story**

Introduction from Paul Morris, Del Tech

Story from Joe Zecca

**Breakout Session Overview**

Paul Herdman, President, Rodel Foundation Of Delaware

**10:15 - Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**11:00am** See Descriptions On The Next Page

**11:05 - Concurrent Breakout Sessions Repeat**

**11:50am** See Descriptions On The Next Page

**12:00 - Closing Plenary, Riverfront Ballroom**

**12:45 am Welcome Back**

Secretary Bernice Whaley, Economic Development Office

**Zip Code: Not All Pathways Look The Same**

Ben Dupont, Co-Founder, Zip Code Wilmington

Rick Gessner, Senior Vice President, Capital One

**Zip Code Student Story**

Story from Dawn Milnamow, JPMorgan Chase

**Closing Remarks**

Jennifer McDermott,

Executive Director for Global Technology, JPMorgan Chase

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# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## Role of the Intermediary 1 3 Riverfront Ballroom

Delaware Technical Community College houses the Delaware Pathways intermediary, connecting students with employers and work-based learning opportunities. Attendees will understand how they can work with the intermediary, whether you're an educator or employer.

- **Paul Morris**, Delaware Technical Community College
- **Kim Joyce**, Delaware Technical Community College

## Apprenticeships 2 3 Hollingsworth Room

After leaving this session, you will have an understanding of what Registered Apprenticeship is and how to get involved using it as a workforce tool. In addition, you will learn about new initiatives and how Registered Apprenticeship is aligned with Pathways.

- **Stacey Laing**, Division of Employment & Training
- **Rachel Turney**, Division of Employment & Training

## Partnership Panel 1 2 3 Harlan Room

The Delaware Workforce Development Board is leading a strategic planning process for development of Delaware's talent pipeline, requiring many of Delaware's state agencies, employers, school systems, and outside supports to work together in new ways. Learn about what this work will mean for Delaware, and how successful partnerships play a key role.

- **Bill Potter**, Delaware Workforce Development Board
- **Robin McKinney-Newman**, Delaware Workforce Development Board
- **Robert Ford**, Delaware Pathways

## Ask the Experts: Work-Based Learning Dravo Auditorium

State and national experts will discuss myths and facts related to work-based learning. The session will include an introduction from the facilitator, followed by a series of moderated questions. The session will conclude with time for audience Q&A. 1 3

- **Charlotte Cahill**, Jobs for the Future
- **Rob Eppes**, Junior Achievement of Delaware
- **Sheila Jackson**, Jobs for the Future

Join the conversation

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