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# 2018 Business & Education Forum

How Business Can Affect the Talent Pipeline

Thursday, August 16 • Buffalo Marriott Niagara, Amherst, NY

## Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Registration, Continental Breakfast and Networking**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

- **Kevin B. Quinn**, *Head of Corporate Banking Midwest and New England Region*  
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**Morning Keynote Address**

“Quality Early Learning: A Competitive Imperative in a Global Economy”

- **Bill Millett**, *President*  
Scope View Strategic Advantage

10:00 - 10:40 a.m.

**Business Leaders and Policy**

1. [Pre-k: How Business is Driving the Early Childhood Education Conversation](#)

- **Fannie Glover**, *Business Leader Engagement Director*  
Early Care and Learning Council
- **Molly Blankenship**, *Community Advancement Manager*  
Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)
- **Ariane Hegewisch**, *Program Director Employment & Earnings*  
Institute for Women’s Policy Research

2. [ESSA 101: What Businesses Need to Know about the New Federal Education Legislation](#)

- **Amber L Mooney**, *Manager of Government Affairs*  
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
- **Caitlin Codella**  
*Senior Director, Policy and Programs, Center for Education and Workforce*  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- **Ian Rosenblum**, *Executive Director*  
The Education Trust – New York

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1 & 2

10:45 - 11:25 a.m.

**Why Equity Matters**

3. [Charter Schools: Myths, Politics and Policy](#)

- **Liz Evans**, *Director of Operations*  
Elmwood Village Charter School
- **Andrea Rogers Barry**, *Interim New York State Director*  
Northeast Charter School Network
- **Geoff Rosenberger**, *Board Chair*  
Rochester Prep Charter Schools

4. [Access and Equity: From Early STEM Education to Advanced Coursework](#)

- **Amy Kramer**, *Assistant Vice President in External Affairs*  
AT&T New York
- **Dr. Kriner Cash**, *Superintendent*  
Buffalo Public Schools
- **Michelle Kavanaugh**, *President*  
WNY STEM Hub, Empire STEM Network
- **Michael O’Sullivan**, *Senior Director of Government Relations*  
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3 & 4



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**Refreshment Break / Education Data Walk**

11:40 a.m. -  
12:00 noon

**Plenary Session**

- **Johanna Duncan-Poitier**

*Senior Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline  
State University of New York*

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**Luncheon**

**Welcome & Introduction**

- **Heather C. Briccetti, Esq.,** *President and CEO*

*The Business Council of New York State, Inc.*

**Luncheon Keynote Address**

- **Dr. John B. King, Jr.,** *Former U.S. Secretary of Education*

*President and CEO*

*The Education Trust*

1:30 - 2:10 p.m.

**Business Partnerships and Skills Development**

**5. Partnerships: How Business and Education are Improving Talent Pipeline**

- **Kevin B. Quinn,** *Head of Corporate Banking Midwest and New England Region*

*HSBC Bank USA, N.A.*

- **Peter Coleman,** *Executive Director*

*Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance*

- **Roberta Reardon,** *Commissioner*

*New York State Department of Labor*

- **Mike Russo,** *Director, US Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs*

*GLOBALFOUNDRIES U.S. Inc.*

**6. Essential Skills: And What it Means to be “Career and College Ready”**

- **Paul Speranza, Jr.,** *CEO*

*Paul Speranza Advisors*

- **Allison Dembeck,** *Executive Director of Congressional and Public Affairs Education,*

*Labor, & Workforce Development*

*U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

- **Kelly Malone Sturgis,** *Executive Director*

*NYS Network for Youth Success*

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 5 & 6

2:15 - 2:45 p.m.

**Closing Keynote:**

**Watson Education for Skills in 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

- **Dr. Lin Zhou,** *Program Director for Education Innovation*

*Watson Education; IBM Industry Academy Member*

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**

- **Amber L Mooney,** *Manager of Government Affairs*

*The Business Council of New York State, Inc.*

3:00 p.m.

**Conclusion**