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Strengthening Communities  Sustaining Economies

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Welcome to the COMBASE Annual Conference

Community and technical colleges throughout the nation are no strangers to *Resilience*. Central to mission, colleges strive to build communities by playing a pivotal role in growing and sustaining economies. National trends in fiscal uncertainty in higher education place college leaders in unique positions to re-imagine strategic goals and leverage resources in dynamic and progressive environments. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 COMBASE Annual Conference!

The 2018 COMBASE Conference theme, *Resilience: Strengthening Communities; Sustaining Economies* speaks to the very essence of the important work taking place at community and technical colleges each day. Since 1974, COMBASE has provided a unique platform for college leaders to gather and assess promising trends, discuss future directions, and discover implementation strategies for effective programs that build communities. This year’s program provides a robust agenda of presentations that illuminate the power and importance of resilience within organizational change, curriculum development, college affordability, effective communication, strengthened partnerships, crisis management, and expanded access for students and communities.

Thank you for joining us! We look forward to a great conference.

William S. Wainwright, President
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**Welcome**

Dr. Will Wainwright, 
COMBASE President and Chancellor, Northshore Technical College, LA
Dr. Everette Freeman 
President, Community College of Denver, CO

Community and technical colleges across the nation are facing unprecedented challenges ranging from reduced state appropriations to rising costs to declining enrollments to increased tuition. Despite these distractions, colleges must remain focused on the critically important mission of the two-year college sector. In this session, Monty Sullivan, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System will share how Louisiana has remained competitive and focused on its mission.

**Presidents’ Roundtable**

Dr. Will Wainwright, Facilitator

**Institutional Representatives’ Roundtable**

Mr. Sunil Gupta and Ms. Susan Norton, Facilitators
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<td>Assistant Director for Adult Learner Initiatives at THEC</td>
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<td>Tennessee Reconnect is a last-dollar grant that opens doors for adults to complete an Associate degree tuition-free. Mr. Hanson will describe the grant and integrated wraparound support, report on applicant numbers and demographics, and discuss future plans.</td>
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<td>Using Technology To Close The Achievement Gap</td>
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<td>Dr. Antonio Pérez</td>
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<td>President (retired), Borough of Manhattan Community College, NY</td>
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<td>Dr. Pérez stepped down from his position as president of Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) in August, and has focused his energy on further developing his app, HiddenChalk.</td>
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<td>During his time as college president, Pérez noticed that many students were entering college unprepared for their coursework and exams. He believes that educational institutions often use the same techniques over and over again but never look for a different approach to help students succeed. To Pérez, the different approach to learning can be found within students’ cellphones. Pérez states, “My approach in creating this app was that I realized how much time students spend on their cellphones and that their cellphones are always with them. For example, they might forget their textbook or they may forget their notebooks, or their pens and pencils, but they never forget their phones. I’m providing them with the opportunity to have it all at their fingertips.”</td>
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<td>Removing the Financial and Access Barrier of Course Content with Open Educational Resources to Increase Persistence</td>
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<td>The high cost and access barriers of course content prevents students from attaining their educational goals. Ms. Finkbeiner will present the Rice University Open Educational Resources project which impacts more than two million students per year.</td>
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1:45 – 2:30p  Forum 4  Assembly Room

**Georgia's Dual Enrollment Opportunities: Expanding Options and Preparing Students for the Future**

*Mr. Mark Peevy, Assistant Commissioner for Secondary Education Initiatives, Technical College System of Georgia*

*Ms. Dianne Lassai Barker, Director of Secondary Education Initiatives/Dual Enrollment, Technical College System of Georgia*

Mr. Peevy and Ms. Barker will discuss Georgia’s efforts to expand dual enrollment opportunities over the last two years that have led to unprecedented enrollment growth and tremendous new opportunities for students across the state. The program is a win-win for both the state and its students.

2:45 – 3:30p  Forum 5  Assembly Room

**Resilience in Serving Adult Students in a Changing Landscape: Solutions and Innovations in Prior Learning Assessment**

*Ms. Jeannie McCarron, Director, Higher Education at the Council for Adult & Experiential Learning*

As the adult learner becomes an even bigger factor in today’s postsecondary landscape, community colleges and technical colleges will most certainly become an even greater influence in serving this growing population. As a research and solutions membership organization, and as the recognized pioneer and leader in Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) has developed several methodologies and best practices that have helped over 2000 institutions of higher learning achieve their goals in serving adults. Through CAEL’s research and depth of experience implementing PLA, CAEL has identified best practice solutions and innovations that can help your institution prepare for or grow a PLA program. Join us for insights, innovations, and ideas, as together we discuss how PLA can translate into student success – and institutional resilience in a landscape of changing demographics and learner expectations.

3:30p  Day Wrap Up — Closing Remarks / Dinner on Your Own
### Forum 6 – Presented by Community College of Denver, CO

Health Sciences – Competency-Based Education & Apprenticeships

**Connections to Community & Four-Year Partners**

- Ms. Stephanie Harrison, CCD Dean, Center for Health Sciences
- Ms. Michelle Hoffer, CCD Program Chair, Health & Wellness
- Mr. Derek Patton, CCD Assoc. Professor & Chair, Medical Assistant & Nurse Aide
- Ms. Lorraine Yost, CCD Program Chair, Radiologic Technology

Healthcare careers are always in high demand in the Denver metropolitan area. The education and training for these careers offers students, educational institutions and employer's unique opportunities to build a resilient workforce and to enhance critical thinking skills. Join us to hear about CCD's healthcare competency-based programs, pathways from concurrent enrollment to certificate/associate degrees and onto 4-year degrees and personalized community partnerships.

#### Speakers

- Stephanie Harrison
- Michelle Hoffer
- Derek Patton
- Lorraine Yost

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### Forum 7

Community College as Tool for Social Mobility and Workforce Development – Examples from the Rocky Mountains

**Moderator:** Dr. Everette Freeman, President, Community College of Denver, CO  
Mr. Andy Dorsey, President, Front Range Community College, CO  
Mr. Ron Granger, President, Northern Colorado Community College, CO  
Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College, CO  
Dr. Linda Lujan, President, Lamar Community College, CO  
Dr. Carmen Simone, President, Trinidad State College, CO

Six Colorado Community College presidents will relate how their colleges have been a force for change as they seek to provide students with opportunities for better lives and family sustaining careers.

#### Speakers

- Everette Freeman
- Andy Dorsey
- Ron Granger
- Michele Haney
- Linda Lujan
- Carmen Simone
10:15 – 11:00a  Forum 8

Ready or Not! Managing Community College Crises in Advance and in Real Time

Dr. Belinda Miles
President, Westchester Community College, NY

Dr. Justin Lonon,
Executive Vice Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District

Session presenters will share insights to actual events at their respective institutions involving reputational threats, public outcry, media scrutiny and other potentially deleterious impacts. What were the lessons learned in hindsight? What pre-emptive practices are most useful? Share and explore formal and informal strategies and resources that can build capacity for effectively preventing and/or managing institutional crises in this lively and timely discussion of real predicaments that find their way to community colleges.

11:15 – Noon  Forum 9

More Coloradans: Educating the 44%

Dr. Dan Baer
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education

Today, 56 percent of Coloradans hold a credential and are equipped to contribute meaningfully to their lives, the workforce and our communities. But what about the 44 percent of Coloradans without a credential? In this presentation, Executive Director Dan Baer will share the Department’s recent work to explore this demographic, recognizing that reaching our statewide attainment and equity goals are contingent on all Coloradans succeeding.

Noon  Conference Closing Remarks

COMBASE, an abbreviation for COMMUNITY BASED, is a consortium of many leading community and technical colleges in the nation dedicated to sharing innovative solutions to meet the challenges of our nation’s rapidly changing economy.

In 1974, when COMBASE was established, a high school education was enough for most Americans to obtain a middle-class job. Today, everyone recognizes the importance of education and training beyond high school to be college and career ready and ultimately attain a good job and a living wage. America has turned to its community colleges to deliver what both students and employees need with new and innovative programs that leverage partnerships throughout the community and the nation.

SAVE THE DATE for the COMBASE 2019 CONFERENCE

September 14–16, 2019
Nashville, TN – Hotel Indigo

Hosted by Dr. Janet Smith, President, Columbia State Community College and Dr. Shanna Jackson, President, Nashville State Community College