

20TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT

Increasing Student Achievement Leads to a Successful Workforce: An Education and Workforce Development Symposium will be held February 16 and 17, 2010 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Symposium Description: Students entering the workforce of tomorrow will be facing challenges much different than new workers of the past. Globalization and new and emerging technologies are but two of the factors presenting challenges for new workforce entrants. These challenges will impact new workers whether they enter the workforce directly after high school or after earning a two- or four-year degree. National, state and local leaders will present their views on what steps Pennsylvania needs to take to increase student achievement that will lead to a successful workforce. Small group sessions will present best practices and programs. The symposium will highlight initiatives and programs such as Industry Partnerships, Career Pathways, STEM, High Schools That Work, Middle College, dual enrollment, integration of academic and career and technical education, programs of study, Regional Career Education Partnerships, Career Education and Work Standards, College and Career Success Initiatives and 2+2+2 Workforce Leadership Programs.

Sponsors: The Symposium is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, the Association of Workforce Investment Boards, the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Education, the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Association of Private School Administrators, the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges, Ben Franklin Technology Partners, the Pennsylvania STEM Initiative and Pennsylvania Partners.

Symposium participants will be awarded up to eight hours of Act 48 credit.

AGENDA FORMAT

February 16, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.Registration
12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.Opening Keynote Session
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.Small Group Workshops/Presentations
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.Reception
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.Dinner with Speaker

February 17, 2010

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.Small Group Workshops/Presentations
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.General Session
11:45 a.m. - NoonWrap-up