



## **P-20 Conference Session**

**HEAR Annual Conference – Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

Join the Higher Education Association of the Rockies (HEAR) at a one-day P-20 Conference Session focused on Colorado higher education and P-20 issues, in association with the 41st Annual CASE Convention.

### **What's Planned for July 27th?**

A lively, daylong discussion of issues that impact both Colorado higher education and P-20, with opportunities to network and build connections with colleagues from across the state and region. The HEAR P-20 Conference will be offered prior to the annual CASE Convention, and those attending the HEAR conference can also choose to register for the CASE (Colorado Association of School Executives) Convention, July 28-30, at a special rate.

### **Who Should Attend?**

Higher education and P-20 administrators, staff, faculty, students, and policymakers with an interest in issues impacting higher ed, P-12, and workforce development.

### **What's the Cost?**

Cost of the one-day HEAR program is \$195 for HEAR members and nonmembers and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Those paying \$195 can attend all the events on that day at no extra charge: AM/PM P-20 Conference (8:00 am – 2:15 pm), Rural Educators Conversation (2:30 pm – 4:30 pm), and the Networking Reception (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm).

### **PROGRAM AGENDA**

#### **P-20 Conference – AM Session (8:00 am – 12:30 pm)**

- 7:30 am – 8:00 am**     **Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
**8:00 am – 9:40 am**     **The Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids/Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness**  
Moderator:             Joseph Garcia, President, Colorado State University-Pueblo  
Panelists:              • Cheryl Lovell, Chief Academic Officer, CDHE  
                                 • Vicki Leal, Academic Policy Officer and Governor's Advocate, CDHE  
                                 • Matt McKeever, Director, Extended Studies, CDHE  
                                 • Jason Presley, Director, Institutional Research and Analysis, CDHE

The Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K) is a bipartisan reform effort to create a seamless pathway from preschool to college or the workplace and beyond. State higher education and K-12 leaders are collaborating on a model that is replacing the existing Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) with new state content standards targeted at promoting postsecondary and workforce readiness. A panel of experts will discuss the goals and progress of CAP4K reform and the challenges ahead from a higher education perspective.

- 9:40 am – 10:00 am**     **Legislative Update**  
Moderator:             Carol Svendsen, Metropolitan State College of Denver  
Panelists:              • Helen Littlejohn, U.S. Department of Education  
                                 • Heather DeLange, Degree Authorization Act Officer, CDHE

This has been a watershed year for education at the federal and state levels. Panelists will provide updates on current legislation and previews of “coming attractions” at the state and federal policy level.

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### 10:15 am – 11:30 am A Strategic Plan for Colorado Higher Education

- Panelists:
- Kim Poast, Deputy Director, CDHE
  - Cheryl Lovell, Chief Academic Officer, CDHE

The Colorado Department of Higher Education has embarked on a strategic planning process to create a new road map for the future of higher education in the state. Four major priority areas were identified for concerted attention: Pipeline, Accessibility, Sustainability, and Role and Mission. Presenters will offer a preview of the findings and conclusions of the CDHE strategic planning committees.

### 11:30 am– 12:30 pm Roundtable and Lunch

Join your fellow participants for discussions on topics presented during the morning program.

## P-20 Conference – PM Session (12:45 pm – 2:15 pm)

### 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm Joint Session with CASE Members on P-20 Alignment and Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness

Moderator: Joseph Garcia, President, Colorado State University-Pueblo

#### What does P-20 really mean?

Participants will engage in a candid discussion on how to focus and align P-12 and higher education and what that means in light of the current push for comprehensive educational reform. Topics include:

#### Standards and Assessment

- Panelists:
- Geri Anderson, Assistant Vice President and Provost, Colorado Community College System
  - Elliot Asp, Assistant Superintendent, Cherry Creek Public Schools
  - Vicki Leal, Academic Policy Officer and Governor's Advocate, CDHE
  - Jo O'Brien, Standards and Assessment, CDE
  - Diana Sirko, Deputy Commissioner, CDE

On December 10, 2009, the State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education adopted standards that secondary students must meet to be considered postsecondary and workforce ready. These standards include content knowledge as well as behavioral skills. This year, the focus shifts to the next phase – redesigning our state assessment system to replace CSAP. What are these standards, and what will the redesigned assessment look like?

#### Teacher Preparation and Effectiveness

- Panelists:
- Jami Goetz, Executive Director, Office of Professional Services, CDE
  - Greg Reed, Director of the Alternative Licensure Program, Metropolitan State College of Denver
  - Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent, Jefferson County Public Schools

The panel will discuss efforts to determine how well we are preparing teachers: What makes a teacher effective? What teacher preparation paths produce the best teachers? Do teacher preparation programs align with new state standards for students' readiness for postsecondary and workforce participation? Presenters will also review the preliminary conclusions on a definition of teacher effectiveness developed by the Council on Educator Effectiveness appointed by Governor Ritter.

**For information and to register for the HEAR P-20 Conference go to the CASE Web site: [www.co-case.org](http://www.co-case.org).**

Cost to attend the full day P-20 Conference session is \$195. The afternoon conversation only on P-20 alignment is \$35.

HEAR members also can attend the full CASE Convention July 28-30 for the CASE member rate. Contact Leisa Sacry at CASE at 303-762-8762. Look for the strand for higher education leaders.