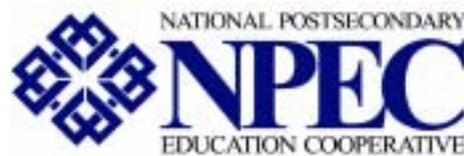


# **The National Symposium on Postsecondary Student Success**

*Spearheading a Dialogue on Student Success*

November 1-3, 2006

Capital Hilton Hotel  
Washington, DC



**THE NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
ON POSTSECONDARY STUDENT SUCCESS**  
*Spearheading a Dialogue on Student Success*

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006**

**11:30 AM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

**OPENING LUNCHEON AND  
WELCOME**

**Welcome:**

Edward O. Blews, Jr.  
Chair, NPEC Executive Committee  
President, Association of  
Independent Colleges and  
Universities of Michigan

**Welcome:**

Mark Schneider  
Commissioner, National Center for  
Education Statistics

**KEYNOTE**

***Why College Students  
Should Be Learning More***

**Featured Speaker:**

Derek C. Bok  
Interim President  
Harvard University

*President Bok's keynote address, which draws from his latest research, will provide a context for the rest of the Symposium.*

**1:15 PM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

**PLENARY SESSION I**

***What is Student Success  
and How Do We Know It?***

**Panel:**

John M. Braxton  
Professor  
Vanderbilt University  
George D. Kuh  
Chancellor's Professor  
Indiana University Bloomington

John C. Smart  
Professor  
University of Memphis

Scott L. Thomas  
Associate Professor  
University of Georgia

Vincent Tinto  
Distinguished University Professor  
Syracuse University

**Moderator:**

James Hearn  
Professor of Higher Education  
University of Georgia

**Introduced by**

Trudy Bers  
Executive Director of Institutional  
Research, Curriculum, and  
Strategic Planning  
Oakton Community College

*Authors of NPEC commissioned papers, charged with answering the question "what is student success?" will describe their unique perspectives on student success.*

**3:00 PM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

**PLENARY SESSION II**

***Policymakers: Going Beyond  
Graduation Rates to Describe  
Student Success***

**Panel:**

Donna M. Alvarado  
Vice Chair  
Ohio Board of Regents

Earl S. Richardson  
President  
Morgan State University

Piedad F. Robertson  
Former President  
Education Commission of the States

The Honorable John J.H. (Joe) Schwarz  
United States Congress

**Moderator:**

Patricia McGuire  
President  
Trinity University (Washington, DC)

*A panel representing institutional, state, and federal policymakers will respond to the student success perspectives presented by the authors of the NPEC commissioned papers.*

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

BREAKOUT SESSIONS A1–A5  
4:30 PM

*Let's Talk About Student Success*

*Five different conversations between the authors of NPEC commissioned papers, policymakers, and Symposium participants regarding the implications of their student success papers and perspectives.*

**A1: Teaching for Student Success  
Federal A**

**Presenter:**  
John M. Braxton  
Professor  
Vanderbilt University

**Respondents:**  
Donna M. Alvarado  
Vice Chair  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Geanie Morrison  
State Representative and Chair of  
Higher Education Committee  
Texas House of Representatives

**Moderator:**  
Julie Davis Bell  
Education Program Director  
National Conference of State  
Legislatures

**A2: What Matters to Student Success?  
Senate**

**Presenter:**  
George D. Kuh  
Chancellor's Professor  
Indiana University Bloomington

**Respondents:**  
Jonathan Brown  
President, Association of  
Independent California Colleges  
and Universities  
Melvin Johnson  
President  
Tennessee State University

**Moderator:**  
David Longanecker  
Executive Director, Western  
Interstate Commission for Higher  
Education

**A3: Reducing the College Success Gap  
Federal B**

**Presenter:**  
Scott L. Thomas  
Associate Professor  
University of Georgia

**Respondents:**  
Piedad F. Robertson  
Former President  
Education Commission of the States  
Mary Evans Sias  
President, Kentucky State  
University

**Moderator:**  
Gary Cox  
President, Association of  
Independent Kentucky Colleges and  
Universities

**A4: What Can Colleges and States Do to Help Students Succeed?  
Congressional**

**Presenter:**  
Vincent Tinto  
Distinguished University Professor  
Syracuse University

**Respondents:**  
Evelyn Lynn  
Senator and Chair of Education  
Committee  
The Florida State Senate

Martha Smith  
President, Anne Arundel  
Community College

**Moderator:**  
Jack Warner  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Rhode Island Board of Governors  
for Higher Education

**A5: Predicting and Understanding Student Success  
South American**

**Presenter:**  
John C. Smart  
Professor  
University of Memphis

**Respondents:**  
Kitty Boyle  
Chair-Elect, Board of Directors  
Association of Community College  
Trustees

Watson Scott Swail  
President and CEO  
Educational Policy Institute

**Moderator:**  
Carol Rookstool  
Dean of Academic Development  
Fashion Institute of Design and  
Merchandising

**6:00 PM Reception**

# Thursday, November 2, 2006

## CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:15 AM - Capital Terrace

### PLENARY SESSIONS III AND IV

**7:45 AM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

#### PLENARY SESSION III

##### *Value-Added Learning Assessment: Accountability's New Frontier?*

**Speakers:**

Howard Cohen  
Chancellor  
Purdue University Calumet

John D. Welty  
President  
California State University, Fresno

Jon Young  
Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Fayetteville State University

**Moderator:**

George Mehaffy  
Vice President, Academic Leadership and Change  
American Association of State Colleges and  
Universities

Introduced by

Fred Lillibridge  
Campus Institutional Effectiveness and Planning  
Officer, Doña Ana Community College

*Panelists will share their experiences and perspectives on student learning assessment, and address the question "Is American postsecondary education ready for a learning assessment model?"*

**9:00 AM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

#### PLENARY SESSION IV

##### *Getting the Whole Story on Student Success*

**Panel:**

Thomas R. Bailey  
Director, Community College Research Center  
Columbia University

William G. Demmert, Jr.  
Professor of Education  
Western Washington University

Bridget Terry Long  
Associate Professor of Economics  
Harvard University

Laura I. Rendón  
Chair, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies  
Iowa State University

**Moderator:**

Michael Nettles  
Chair-Elect, NPEC Executive Committee  
Senior Vice President and Edmund W. Gordon Chair  
of Policy Evaluation and Research  
Educational Testing Service

*Panelists will discuss how well the student success perspectives presented by the authors of the NPEC commissioned papers address the success of underrepresented students.*

**10:15 AM**      **Coffee Break**

Thursday, November 2, 2006

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS B1–B9**  
**10:45 AM**

*Let's Talk More About Student Success*

*Nine more conversations among researchers, policymakers, and Symposium participants regarding the implications of student success papers and alternative perspectives.*

**B1: Teaching for Student Success**  
**Federal A**

**Presenter:**  
John M. Braxton  
Professor  
Vanderbilt University

**Respondents:**  
Roderick Chu  
Interim President  
Education Commission of the States  
Alice Harden  
Senator  
Mississippi State Senate

**Moderator:**  
E. Joseph Savoie  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Louisiana Board of Regents

**B2: What Matters to Student Success?**  
**Senate**

**Presenter:**  
George D. Kuh  
Chancellor's Professor  
Indiana University Bloomington

**Respondents:**  
David Nething  
Senator, North Dakota Legislative Assembly  
Jack Wilson  
President  
University of Massachusetts

**Moderator:**  
Judith Eaton  
President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation

**B3: Reducing the College Success Gap**  
**Federal B**

**Presenter:**  
Scott L. Thomas  
Associate Professor  
University of Georgia

**Respondents:**  
Wilhelmina Delco  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Huston-Tillotson University  
Sebetha Jenkins  
President  
Jarvis Christian College

**Moderator:**  
Ellen Chaffee  
President, Valley City State University

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**B4: What Can Colleges and States Do to Help Students Succeed?**  
**Congressional**

**Presenter:**  
Vincent Tinto  
Distinguished University Professor  
Syracuse University

**Respondents:**  
Larry Earvin  
President and CEO  
Huston-Tillotson University  
Larry Isaak  
President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact

**Moderator:**  
Dawn Geronimo Terkla  
Executive Director  
Institutional Research  
Tufts University

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**B5: Predicting and Understanding Student Success**  
**South American**

**Presenter:**  
John C. Smart  
Professor  
University of Memphis

**Respondents:**  
Christine Kearl  
Governor's Education Deputy  
Utah Governor's Office  
Susan McBride  
President  
Jefferson Davis Community College

**Moderator:**  
Frank Thompson  
Chairman, Gulf Coast Workforce Board, The Worksource

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**B6: Success for Community College Students**  
**California**

**Presenter:**  
Thomas R. Bailey  
Director, Community College Research Center  
Columbia University

**Respondents:**  
Ken Burke  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Association of Community College Trustees  
Carolyn Williams  
President  
Bronx Community College

**Moderator:**  
Barbara Beno  
President, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

Breakout Sessions B1–B9 continued on next page

**Thursday, November 2, 2006**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS B1–B9 (continued)**

**10:45 AM**

***Let's Talk More About Student Success***

*More conversations among researchers, policymakers, and Symposium participants regarding the implications of student success papers and alternative perspectives.*

**B7: Success for American Indian Students**

**New York**

**Presenter:**

William G. Demmert, Jr.  
Professor of Education  
Western Washington University

**Respondents:**

Cheryl Crazy Bull  
President  
Northwest Indian College

James Shanley

President  
Fort Peck Community College

**Moderator:**

Michael Pavel  
Associate Professor  
Washington State University

**B8: Success for African American Students: Making Research More Relevant**  
**Massachusetts**

**Presenter:**

Bridget Terry Long  
Associate Professor of Economics  
Harvard University

**Respondents:**

Wynetta Lee  
Associate Vice President, Academic  
Planning, Research, and Graduate  
Studies, California State University  
Monterey Bay

Ernest McNealey

President, Stillman College

**Moderator:**

Sharon Thomas-Parrott  
Senior Vice President of  
Government and Regulatory Affairs  
and Chief Compliance Officer  
DeVry University

**B9: Success for Latino Students**

**Pan American**

**Presenter:**

Laura I. Rendón  
Chair, Educational Leadership and  
Policy Studies  
Iowa State University

**Respondents:**

Sarita Brown  
President  
Excelencia in Education

José Jaime Rivera

President  
Universidad del Sagrado Corazón

**Moderator:**

Ruth Burgos-Sasscer  
Chancellor Emeritus  
Houston Community College  
System

**Thursday, November 2, 2006**

**LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE**

**PLENARY SESSION V**

**12:00 PM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

**LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE**

*American Dream 101: The Future of Higher Education in America*

**Featured Speaker:**  
Margaret Spellings  
U.S. Secretary of Education

**1:30 PM**  
**Presidential Ballroom**

**PLENARY SESSION V**

*What are We Doing to Foster Student Success?*

**Panel:**  
Charles Blaich  
Director of Inquiries  
Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College  
Thomas Brock  
Director, Young Adults and Postsecondary Education  
MDRC  
Ann Coles  
Senior Vice President of College Access Programs  
and Director of Pathways to College Network  
The Education Resources Institute  
Arnold Kee  
Managing Director of Programs  
Institute for Higher Education Policy  
**Moderator:**  
Cecilia López  
Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs  
Harold Washington College

*Leaders of national student success initiatives will describe the work their organizations are doing and the results of these efforts.*

**2:30 PM**      **Coffee Break**

Thursday, November 2, 2006

BREAKOUT SESSIONS C1–C10  
3:00 PM

*Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success*

*NPEC and Association of Institutional Research (AIR) focused grant recipients, other researchers, and leaders of state and national initiatives will describe program outcomes and research findings, and Symposium participants will discuss the results of these efforts.*

**C1: Success for Nontraditional  
and Community College  
Students**  
**New York**

**Presenters:**

Thomas R. Bailey  
Director, Community College  
Research Center  
Columbia University

Sandra Kortesoja  
University of Michigan

Josipa Roksa  
Assistant Professor  
University of Virginia

**Moderator:**

Fred LillibrIDGE  
Campus Institutional Effectiveness  
and Planning Officer  
Doña Ana Community College

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**C4: Successful Transitions  
from High School Through  
College**  
**Federal B**

**Presenter:**

Ann Coles  
Senior Vice President of College  
Access Programs and Director of  
Pathways to College Network  
The Education Resources Institute

**Moderator:**

Toni Larson  
Executive Director  
Independent Higher Education of  
Colorado

**C2: Success for  
Underrepresented  
Students**  
**Massachusetts**

**Presenters:**

Fernando Lozano  
Assistant Professor  
Pomona College

Audrey Alforque Thomas  
Harvard University

**Moderator:**

Sandra Espada-Santos  
Legal Counsel  
Puerto Rico Council on Higher  
Education

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**C5: Success in the  
Community College**  
**South American**

**Presenter:**

Thomas Brock  
Director, Young Adults and  
Postsecondary Education, MDRC

**Moderator:**

Kent Phillippe  
Senior Research Associate  
American Association of Community  
Colleges

**C3: Financial Aid Effects  
on Student Success**  
**California**

**Presenters:**

Rong Chen  
University of Michigan

Anna Chung  
Research Area Specialist  
University of Michigan

Lora Cohen-Vogel  
Assistant Professor  
Florida State University

**Moderator:**

William Fendley  
Executive Director, Institutional  
Research and Assessment  
The University of Alabama

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**C6: Success in Science,  
Technology, Engineering,  
and Math**  
**Federal A**

**Presenters:**

A. James Hicks  
Senior Program Director  
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority  
Participation  
National Science Foundation

Arnold Kee  
Managing Director of Programs  
Institute for Higher Education Policy

**Moderator:**

Jacqueline King  
Director, Center for Policy Analysis  
American Council on Education

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS C1–C10 (continued)  
3:00 PM

*Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success*

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**C7: Success in the Liberal Arts and Liberal Education**

**Pan American**

**Presenters:**

Charles Blaich  
Director of Inquiries  
Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts  
at Wabash College

Ross Miller

Director of Programs, Office of  
Quality, Curriculum, and  
Assessment, Association of  
American Colleges and Universities

**Moderator:**

Mark Putnam  
Chief Planning Officer, Office of  
University Planning and Research  
Northeastern University

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**C10: Success for Disabled Students**  
**Ohio**

**Presenter:**

Renée Cameto  
Senior Research Social Scientist  
Center for Education and Human  
Services  
SRI International

**Moderator:**

George L. Pry  
President  
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

**C8: Thinking Outside the Box to Foster Student Success**

**Senate**

**Presenter:**

James Purcell  
Associate Vice Chancellor  
Strategic Planning and Analysis  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
Education

**Moderator:**

Charles Manning  
Chancellor  
Tennessee Board of Regents

**C9: The Future is Here: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education**  
**Congressional**

**Presenter:**

Vickie Schray  
Deputy Director for Management  
and Planning, The Secretary of  
Education's Commission on the  
Future of Higher Education  
U.S. Department of Education

**Moderator:**

Cheryl Blanco  
Vice President for Lifelong Learning  
and Research, Council for Adult and  
Experiential Learning

Thursday, November 2, 2006

BREAKOUT SESSIONS D1–D9  
4:15 PM

*Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success*

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**D1: Underrepresented Student Success**  
**Ohio**

**Presenters:**

Hansel Burley  
Associate Professor  
Texas Tech University

James Wetzel  
Professor of Economics  
Virginia Commonwealth University

**Moderator:**

Michael Keller  
Director of Policy Analysis and  
Research, Maryland Higher  
Education Commission

**D2: Moving Through College**  
**California**

**Presenters:**

Amy Caison  
Director of Research  
Memorial University of  
Newfoundland

Sara Goldrick-Rab  
Assistant Professor  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Po Yang  
Columbia University

**Moderator:**

Violet Boyer  
President and CEO, Independent  
Colleges of Washington

**D3: Postbaccalaureate Success**  
**New York**

**Presenters:**

Rachelle Brooks  
Director of Data Collection Center  
Northwestern University

Lamont Flowers  
Distinguished Professor  
Clemson University

Laura Wilson-Gentry  
Professor  
University of Baltimore

**Moderator:**

Thomas Wickenden  
Director of Accreditation  
Accrediting Council for Independent  
Colleges and Schools

**D4: Motivation in Test Taking and Success Through Innovations in Learning**  
**Massachusetts**

**Presenters:**

James Cole  
Visiting Research Associate  
Indiana University

Susan Kahn  
Director, Institutional Effectiveness  
Indiana University-Purdue  
University Indianapolis

**Moderator:**

Michelle Coon  
Statistician, National Center for  
Education Statistics

**D5: Student Success Through Accelerated Learning**  
**Federal B**

**Presenter:**

David Longanecker  
Executive Director  
Western Interstate Commission for  
Higher Education

**Moderator:**

Thomas Meredith  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Mississippi Board of Trustees of  
State Institutions of Higher Learning

**D6: Success in the First Year of College**  
**South American**

**Presenter:**

Mary Stuart Hunter  
Director, National Resource Center  
for The First-Year Experience and  
Students in Transition

**Moderator:**

Hans L'Orange  
Director, SHEEO/NCES Network  
State Higher Education Executive  
Officers

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**BREAKOUT SESSIONS D1–D9 (continued)  
4:15 PM**

***Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success***

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**D7: Achieving the Dream**

**Congressional**

**Presenter:**

Carol A. Lincoln  
Senior Associate  
MDC, Inc., Managing Partner for  
Achieving the Dream: Community  
Colleges Count

**Moderator:**

Kay McClenney  
Director, Community College  
Survey of Student Engagement  
University of Texas at Austin

**D8: Success in Science,  
Technology, Engineering,  
and Math  
Federal A**

**Presenters:**

Susan H. Hixson  
Program Director, Division of  
Undergraduate Education  
National Science Foundation  
Richard Taber  
Program Officer  
National Academy of Engineering

**Moderator:**

Mary Frase  
Deputy Division Director  
Division of Science Resources  
Statistics  
National Science Foundation

**D9: Using State Financial  
Aid to Foster Student  
Success  
Senate**

**Presenter:**

Stanley Jones  
Commissioner  
Indiana Commission for Higher  
Education

**Moderator:**

Diane Barrans  
Executive Director  
Alaska Commission on  
Postsecondary Education

**Friday, November 3, 2006**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
8:30 AM - Capital Terrace**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS E1–E8  
9:00 AM**

***We Can't Just Leave It Here!***

*Symposium participants will discuss how to move forward various research and policy initiatives that have been discussed throughout the Symposium.*

**E1: What Additional Research  
is Needed?  
Congressional**

**Discussion Leaders:**

James Hearn  
Professor of Higher Education  
University of Georgia

Vincent Tinto  
Distinguished University Professor  
Syracuse University

**Recorder:**

Carol Fuller  
Consultant, Higher Education Data  
Policy Committee, Association for  
Institutional Research

**E2: What Additional Research  
is Needed?  
California**

**Discussion Leader:**

Linda Serra Hagedorn  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Educational  
Administration and Policy  
University of Florida

**Recorder:**

Robert Barak  
Professor Collaborator  
College of Human Sciences  
Iowa State University

**E3: Assisting Institutions in  
Assisting Students  
Massachusetts**

**Discussion Leader:**

Trudy Banta  
Senior Advisor to the Chancellor for  
Academic Planning and Institutional  
Improvement, Indiana University-  
Purdue University Indianapolis

**Recorder:**

Marsha Krotseng  
Associate Vice President  
Valdosta State University

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**E4: Assisting Institutions in  
Assisting Students**

**Federal B**

**Discussion Leader:**

Antonio Flores  
President and CEO  
Hispanic Association of Colleges  
and Universities

**Recorder:**

John Clement  
Strategic Planning Staff  
Office of Postsecondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education

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**E5: How Can National  
Programs Bring About the  
Greatest Results?  
Pan American**

**Discussion Leader:**

Samuel Cargile  
Senior Director of Grantmaking  
Lumina Foundation for Education

**Recorder:**

John Porter  
Associate Chancellor  
State University of New York

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**E6: How Can National  
Programs Bring About the  
Greatest Results?  
Federal A**

**Discussion Leader:**

Mark Musick  
James H. Quillen Chair  
East Tennessee State University

**Recorder:**

Elise Miller  
Program Director, Postsecondary  
Institutional Studies Program  
National Center for Education  
Statistics

**Breakout Sessions E1–E8 continued on next page**

## Friday, November 3, 2006

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS E1–E8 (continued) 9:00 AM

#### *We Can't Just Leave It Here!*

*Symposium participants will discuss how to move forward various research and policy initiatives that have been discussed throughout the Symposium.*

#### **E7: Implications for Federal and State Policies South American**

**Discussion Leader:**

David Bergeron  
Director, Policy and Budget  
Development Staff, Office of  
Postsecondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education

**Recorder:**

Renée Gernand  
Senior Director, Guidance  
Publishing Information Service  
The College Board

#### **E8: Implications for Federal and State Policies Senate**

**Discussion Leader:**

Paul Lingenfelter  
President, State Higher Education  
Executive Officers

**Recorder:**

Hans L'Orange  
Director, SHEEO/NCES Network  
State Higher Education Executive  
Officers

**10:30 AM Coffee Break**



#### **11:00 AM Presidential Ballroom**

#### **PLENARY SESSION VI**

#### *What Does It All Mean?*

**Speakers:**

Peter Ewell  
Vice President, National Center for Higher Education  
Management Systems

Jane Wellman  
Senior Associate  
Institute for Higher Education Policy

**Moderator:**

Mary Sapp  
Assistant Vice President, Planning and Institutional  
Research, University of Miami

*Peter Ewell and Jane Wellman will summarize  
the findings and discussion of the Symposium  
with an emphasis on next steps.*

#### **12:00 PM Presidential Ballroom**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Edward O. Blews, Jr.  
Chair, NPEC Executive Committee  
President, Association of Independent Colleges and  
Universities of Michigan