

Issues that Matter to Community Colleges Forums

Background

In order to facilitate critical discussions between community college leaders, and to share the relevant content of those discussions with the interested national community, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) is convening four meetings of leading community college presidents and chancellors to discuss their challenges and successes surrounding a set of urgent issues faced by many institutions.

Overview

OVAE seeks to support the leading role of community colleges in serving the needs of students, and in fostering innovation and improvement in policy and practice. This project will assemble leaders from community colleges in a series of discussion sessions. Each group of leaders convened under this project will be selected from institutions that have demonstrated creditable products or services of broad interest and practical value to their peers. The day-long sessions will illuminate the workings of effective policies and practices related to high-profile challenges faced by institutions across the country. The forums will identify challenges, priorities, and strategies for improvement. The following topical forums are planned:

Forum 1: *Fostering Career Pathways in High Growth Industries*. November 7, 2007, Washington DC

Forum 2: *Integrating Developmental Education*. January 23, 2008, New Orleans, Louisiana

Forum 3: *Establishing Statewide Articulation Agreements Innovations Conference*. March, 1, 2008, Denver, Colorado

Forum 4: *Serving Low Literacy Adults*. April 21, 2008, Austin, Texas

This work is funded by a \$379,500.00 grant to MPR Associates. Among the outcomes of this project, OVAE plans to document the ideas generated by these high-value discussions by preparing a series of short reports for broad dissemination. Meeting attendance for this project is by invitation from the U.S Department of Education.

Timeline

Fall 2007 through Summer 2008

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