

NC Presidents' Academy Program Summary

Continued Conversations: Leading Equity Work

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- A virtual event for North Carolina community college presidents titled Continued Conversations: Concepts from the Dallas Herring Lecture
- This session built upon Dr. Pam Eddinger's remarks from the Dallas Herring Lecture, which occurred on November 10, 2020.
- The presidential panel focused on two main questions from the Belk Center's lecture participant guide based upon Dr. Eddinger's remarks:
 - How does the president:
 - Ensure that the college does not inadvertently build biases into the interaction with and guidance to students?
 - Know what is being done to know students in their lived context as well as in their data profile?

ATTENDANCE

- 18 community college presidents attended the virtual session

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The following North Carolina presidents hosted the presidential panel:

- Rachel Desmarais, President of Vance-Granville Community College
- John Gossett, President of Asheville-Buncombe Community College
- Pamela Senegal, President of Piedmont Community College

FACILITATION

Dr. Marty Rittling - Professor of Practice, Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research | President Emerita, Davidson County Community College

Dr. Kim Sepich - Director of Executive Leadership Programs, Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research

Julia Ahms Hoffman - Research Associate, Belk Center for Community College Leadership and Research

RESOURCES PROVIDE

- Access to the recording of the Dallas Herring Lecture and the participation guide

OVERALL FEEDBACK

- Presidents shared their appreciation for the presidential panel, continuing to emphasize the value in learning about the work of their colleagues
- Based on the conversations, several presidents shared they were planning to use Dr. Eddinger's and the presidential panelists' remarks to take a deeper look at their institution's data to amplify student voices
- Additionally, many presidents indicated that their institutions are positioning themselves to become a hub for their service areas and were able to identify partnerships that need to be created and fostered

FUTURE PLANNING

This session concluded the the Belk Center Presidents' Academy equity-focused series. In 2021, the Belk Center is partnering with the Aspen Institute and Achieving the Dream to deliver a four-session series focused on presidential leadership in teaching and learning grounded in equitable policy, practice, and student outcomes.

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