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**DRS. LENORE RODICIO AND JOHN ENAMAIT
ANNOUNCED AS 2026 DALLAS HERRING
LECTURE RESPONDENTS**

MEET OUR RESPONDENTS



DR. JOHN ENAMAIT
STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



DR. LENORE RODICIO
ACHIEVING THE DREAM



NOVEMBER 17 • 10 A.M. ET

We are thrilled to welcome **Stanly Community College President John Enamait** and **Achieving the Dream President and CEO Lenore Rodicio** as this year's Dallas Herring Lecture respondents. With decades of leadership experience, they bring valuable, timely perspectives to the **Value Agenda** and its implications for North Carolina's community colleges and across the nation.

Held in honor of **W. Dallas Herring**, whose visionary leadership shaped the founding of North Carolina's community college system, this annual event convenes leaders from across the state and nation to reflect on **pressing issues** in higher education and **envision collaborative paths** forward.

This year's lecture features [Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State Community College](#) – a top 10 finalist for the 2027 Aspen Prize. Her address, “The Value Agenda: A Systems Approach to Student Success,” will take place virtually on **Tuesday, November 17, at 10 a.m. ET**, followed by a moderated fireside chat with Drs. Enamait, Rodicio and Belk Center Executive Director Audrey J. Jaeger, Ph.D.

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REGISTER TO ATTEND
VIRTUALLY

ON THE GROUND

Advancing Accelerated Course Terms: Great in 8 Community of Practice



Leaders and educators from 13 North Carolina community colleges recently gathered for the final session of the **Great in 8 Community of Practice**, concluding a full year of peer learning and collaboration dedicated to **advancing accelerated course terms**.

Facilitated by the Belk Center, the yearlong initiative connected mentor and mentee institutions to share **best practices**, **exchange insights** and **build sustainable support** for shorter term structures.

This concluding session centered on faculty engagement and institutional readiness, exploring key strategies around intentional course redesign, effective sequencing and expanding student access. The collaborative effort highlights how colleges across the state are **actively innovating** to **enhance flexible learning pathways** for students.

NC Community Colleges Boost: Visiting Central Carolina Community College

Researchers from the **Belk Center**, along with representatives from the North Carolina Community College System Office and EducationNC, recently traveled to Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) to kick off the second year of site visits for the **NC Community Colleges Boost** implementation study.



During the visit, the team toured the campus, interviewed key program leadership and staff, and hosted a student focus group to **learn firsthand** how the Boost program is supporting participants.



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The team also piloted a collaborative **rapid qualitative analysis** session on-site to synthesize initial findings together. The findings from CCC and subsequent campus visits through October will inform ongoing research into how the **Boost program** is being launched and implemented across North Carolina community colleges.

IN THE CONVERSATION

SARAH A. DEAL

EMILY R. VANZOEST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 • 1 P.M. EST

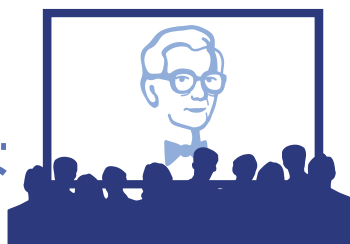
Texas Tech's ExpandedED Webinar
HOW TO TURN ADULT LEARNER RESEARCH INTO
PRACTICAL REENTRY STRATEGIES AND CAMPUS CHANGE

ExpandedED Webinar: From Research to Reality

Last week, Belk Center Director of Research **Sarah Deal, Ph.D.**, and Visiting Research Scholar **Emily VanZoest, Ph.D.**, addressed a key question: How can community colleges move from adult learner research to measurable institutional change? During an ExpandedED webinar hosted by **Texas Tech University**, "From Research to Reality: Action-Focused Community College Partnerships for Adult Learner Success," Deal and VanZoest shared key insights from recent adult reentry research and introduced a collaborative framework to help institutions bridge the gap between data collection and student outcomes.

Host a Watch Party – #DHL2026

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Make this year's Dallas Herring Lecture an event to remember by hosting a #DHL2026 Watch Party! Gathering colleagues in a classroom, conference room or other shared space is a simple and impactful way to watch the lecture together.

Ready to host your own? Check out our

#DHL2026 WATCH PARTY REGISTRATION

[Watch Party Guide](#) for recommendations on planning attendance, reserving the right space, setting up pre-lecture networking with refreshments and utilizing our post-lecture discussion prompts.

Give the Gift of Learning: New Study Abroad Program in Croatia

Help us open doors to global learning for the next generation of community college leaders. The Belk Center and NC State's College of Education are launching a new Study Abroad program in Croatia specifically designed for doctoral students in our Community College Leadership Ed.D. and Community College and Career Education Ph.D. programs. *To make this life-changing experience possible for every deserving student, we need your support.*



Your gift directly funds student travel and removes financial hurdles, making sure cost doesn't stand in the way of a great opportunity. Give today to support the future leaders who strengthen North Carolina's community colleges and communities.

Give the Gift of Learning: Donate Today!

SUPPORT STUDY ABROAD

Community College Leadership Doctoral Program: Upcoming Info Sessions



This month, the Belk Center is hosting two virtual information sessions on the College of Education **Community College Leadership Doctoral Program** at NC State! One of the oldest of its kind in the nation, this program provides a unique opportunity for working professionals to complete the Ed.D. in three years – with a structure that allows for a balance of work responsibilities with academic commitments.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how NC

State can help you take the next step in your leadership journey. Register today!

**MONDAY, OCT. 12
AT 12 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, OCT. 27
AT 12 P.M.**



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