

REACH HIGHER SUMMIT 2020:

Supporting Underserved Students by Strengthening Equity in Oklahoma



Reach Higher Summit Overview:

This summit will profile ongoing statewide efforts to advance educational equity in higher education throughout Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Regents' Reach Higher Adult Degree Completion Programs have outlined broad educational attainment goals across demographic groups in Oklahoma. This summit will focus on leading Oklahoma institutions of higher education with equity-minded strategies and highlight efforts across the state to strengthen this work.

Friday, Oct. 2

2-3:30 p.m.

Great Expectations on the Modern College Campus:

Empowering Administrators, Faculty and Staff; Inspiring and Elevating LGBTQ+ Students

Dr. Aaron Bachhofer

Associate Dean of Social Sciences Division at Rose State College

Supporting Gender Diverse Students

Dr. Lindsey Churchill

Director of Women's Research Center and BGLTQ+ Student Center and Program Director of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma

Tuesday, Oct. 6

10-11:30 a.m.

Supporting Latino Students in Their Pursuit for Post-High School Education

Dr. Raúl Font

President of the Latino Community Development Agency

Wednesday, Oct. 7

1-2 p.m.

Boots to Backpacks & Education to Vocation: Higher Education is a Vital Part of the Journey

Jennifer Trimmer

Director of Veteran Student Services at the University of Oklahoma

Monday, Oct. 12

10-11:30 a.m.

Equity First

Dr. Danette Howard

Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of LUMINA Foundation

Tuesday, Oct. 20

9-10:30 a.m.

Overcoming Roadblocks: The Return on Investment for Adult Degree Completion

Dr. Trevor Cox

Assistant Professor, Program Coordinator for Organizational Leadership and Assistant Department Chair at the University of Central Oklahoma

Tori Overton

Reach Higher Student at the University of Central Oklahoma

Wednesday, Oct. 21

10-11:30 a.m.

The Story of Success Central: Closing Graduation Gaps With an Innovative Peer Coaching Approach

Dr. Kathleen Shea Smith

Associate Provost for Academic Advising at the University of Oklahoma

Dr. Reginald Simmons

Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Central Connecticut State University

Wednesday, Oct. 21

1-2:30 p.m.

**(Re)Imagining and (Re)Conceptualizing Student Success for Black Students in Higher Education:
How Coded Academic Language Creates Barriers for Students of Color**

Dr. Rodney Bates

Director of Graduate Student and Postdoc Retention and Support and OK-LSAMP Campus Coordinator at the University of Oklahoma

Wednesday, Oct. 28

10-11:30 a.m.

Tribal Institution's Journey From Equality to Equity

Hollie Ledford

Academic Counselor and Reach Higher: DirectComplete Navigator at College of the Muscogee Nation

Mackie Moore

Registrar at College of the Muscogee Nation

All In It Together: Indigenous Adult Student Success

Tesia Zientek

Education Director at Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Stephanie Hawk

College Advisor at Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Thursday, Oct. 29

2:30-4 p.m.

Higher Education Practices for Students With Histories in Out-of-Home Care

Dr. Kerri Kearney

Associate Professor of Higher Education & Student Affairs and Program Coordinator in the College of Education and Human Sciences at Oklahoma State University

The Role of Mindfulness in Trauma-Responsive Care

Dr. Sara Coffey

Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

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