



Bringing Quality and Equity Together:
Mapping Guided Pathways for First Generation Student Success

A LEAP* Centennial Forum Sponsored by the Association of American Colleges & Universities

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PROGRAM

“Students of color and students from low-income families will soon form the majority of the nation’s college-eligible learners. Their fortunes will shape—for better or worse—America’s economic and global future. These students are democracy’s hope and America’s future. They need and deserve the advantages of a horizon-expanding higher education. They need and deserve a twenty-first-century liberal education.”

Carol Geary Schneider, President of AAC&U

This forum is the fourth in a series of events that AAC&U is sponsoring as part of its Centennial Year. Discussions will be informed by new findings from a national survey—to be released in November—on AAC&U members’ priorities for supporting equity and quality learning in college. Highlighting quality learning as the next frontier for equity and expanded opportunity, the forum will bring together educational, policy, and foundation leaders to examine the learning all college students need to thrive in a knowledge economy and to participate actively and responsibly in a diverse and global society. Participants also will examine the sobering evidence that both completion levels and access to quality learning remain highly stratified across income and race/ethnicity.

The forum will explore emerging evidence on “what works” in supporting higher levels of underserved student success, and especially the evidence that quality learning pathways that are rich in relevant, inquiry-based, engaged practices are themselves a catalyst to increased completion for underserved students. With new research on the student success value of “guided learning pathways” now in hand, the forum will feature ways—in both broad access and selective institutions—that well-designed guided pathways can ensure the hallmark outcomes of a strong liberal—and liberating—education. The Forum will propose necessary components of high impact and equity-minded guided learning pathways.

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**LEAP is an acronym for Liberal Education and America’s Promise, AAC&U’s ongoing effort to provide the most empowering forms of learning to all college students, especially those from underserved communities. Through LEAP, hundreds of institutions and many state systems are making far-reaching educational changes to help all their students—whatever their chosen major field of study—achieve a set of essential learning outcomes that are fundamental to both success in work and problem-solving in democracy.*

8:15 – 8:45 am	REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Grand Ballroom Second Floor	AAC&U's Centennial Video will be shown in the ballroom, featuring the voices of educators, business leaders, and students at AAC&U member institutions and shining a spotlight on twenty-first-century liberal education practices and institutions at their best.
8:45 – 9:00 am	WELCOME AND OVERVIEW
Grand Ballroom Second Floor	Elsa Núñez , President, Eastern Connecticut State University Judith Shapiro , President, The Teagle Foundation
9:00 – 9:20 am	PLENARY SESSION
Grand Ballroom Second Floor	The Divides Are Deep – and Deepening Tia Brown McNair , Associate Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success, AAC&U
9:20 – 10:00 am	PLENARY DISCUSSION SESSION
Grand Ballroom Second Floor	Guided Pathways, Connected Learning: A Framework for First Generation Student Success Carol Geary Schneider , President, AAC&U
10:00 – 10:15 am	COFFEE BREAK
10:15 – 11:15 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Sutton Place Suite Third Floor	What Works for Underserved College Students: New Research on Student Support, Belonging, and Clear Pathways to Success Chair: Debra Humphreys , Vice President for Policy and Public Engagement, AAC&U Shanna Smith Jaggars , Assistant Director, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University Terrell Strayhorn , Director, Center for Higher Education Enterprise, The Ohio State University
Herald Square Suite Third Floor	Making Guided Learning Pathways to Student Success Work in Context: Lessons from Public Higher Education Chair: Tia Brown McNair , Associate Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success, AAC&U Scott Evenbeck , President, City University of New York Stella and Charles Guttman Community College Anny Morrobel-Sosa , Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, City University of New York Herbert H. Lehman College
Grammercy Park Suite Third Floor	Ensuring Integrative and Applied Learning in Guided Pathways: Lessons from Private Higher Education Chair: Carol Geary Schneider , President, AAC&U Lily D. McNair , Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wagner College Rebecca Thomas , Dean of the College, Bard College Roosevelt Montás , Director, Center for the Core Curriculum, Columbia University

11:30 am – 12:30 pm ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Crystal Ballroom

Second Floor

Committing to Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Participants will work in facilitated groups to identify where their institutions and programs are now in relation to quality and equity, and on the most promising directions for next-level planning and action.

12:30 – 2:00 pm

LUNCHEON AND ADDRESS

Grand Ballroom

Second Floor

The Quality Premium: Cautionary Lessons for U.S. Policy Priorities

Michael McPherson, President, The Spencer Foundation

2:15 – 3:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Grammercy Park Suite

Third Floor

Making General Education an Integrative Guided Learning Pathway

Chair: **Debra Humphreys**, Vice President for Policy and Public Engagement, AAC&U

Bret Eynon, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, LaGuardia Community College/City University of New York

Susan Traverso, Provost and Senior Vice President, Elizabethtown College

Crystal Ballroom

Second Floor

Testing the Power of Early Engagement in Problem-Centered Inquiry for Student Success—A Research Study

Chair: **Tia Brown McNair**, Associate Vice President, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success, AAC&U

Mary-Ann Winkelmes, Coordinator of Instructional Development and Research and Affiliate Scholar, Department of History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Andrea Salis, Faculty Fellow, Office of Academic Affairs, City University of New York
Queensborough Community College

Herald Square Suite

Third Floor

Mapping New Pathways to STEM Success for Underserved Students

Chair: **Kelly Mack**, Vice President for Undergraduate STEM Education, AAC&U

David Asai, Undergraduate Science Program Director, Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Kiron Sharma, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Sutton Place Suite

Third Floor

Making Writing a Priority for First Generation Student Success

Chair: **J. Elizabeth Clark**, Professor of English, LaGuardia Community College/City University of New York

Dominic DelliCarpini, Dean of Academic Affairs and Naylor Endowed Professor of Writing Studies, York College of Pennsylvania

Liane Robertson, Assistant Professor of English, and Director, Writing Across the Curriculum, William Paterson University

3:30 – 3:45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:45 – 5:15 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Grand Ballroom

Second Floor

**Organizing to Change Our Two-Tiered System:
How Do We Build Policy and Leadership Commitment to Quality and Inclusive Excellence**

A facilitated discussion with foundation and policy leaders.

Chair: **Debra Humphreys**, Vice President for Policy and Public Engagement, AAC&U
David Asai, Undergraduate Science Program Director, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Martha Kanter, Distinguished Visiting Professor, New York University
Paul Markham, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Gail Mellow, President, LaGuardia Community College/City University of New York
Louis Soares, Vice President, Center for Policy Research and Strategy, American Council on Education
David Soo, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Education

5:15 – 5:30 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Grand Ballroom

Second Floor

Braiding Quality and Equity Together: The Work Ahead
Judith Shapiro, President, The Teagle Foundation

5:30 – 6:30 pm

RECEPTION

Mezzanine

Second Floor

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and informal conversation.