

CLIMB Conference 2017
October 30, 2017
The University of Texas at Austin

The CLIMB Conference was a national event dedicated to advancing upward mobility through higher education. Inspired by recent research, it brought together senior college and university administrators, researchers, nonprofit leaders, philanthropists, and policymakers to discuss the latest research on higher education and upward mobility. It launched the CLIMB Initiative, highlighted how some colleges and universities are leading the way, and began to define a new policy agenda through the College Movement nonprofit.

Welcome

Maurie McInnis, The University of Texas at Austin
Stefanie Sanford, The College Board

Opening Remarks

John B. King, Jr., The Education Trust
Margaret Spellings, The University of North Carolina System
Moderated by David Leonhardt, The New York Times

Panel 1: System and College Role

Michael M. Crow, Arizona State University
Daniel Greenstein, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
James B. Milliken, The City University of New York
Eloy Ortiz Oakley, California Community Colleges
Moderated by Ben Wildavsky, The College Board

Panel 2: Federal and State Role

Mike Krause, The Tennessee Higher Education Commission and Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation
Ted Mitchell, American Council on Education
Zakiya Smith, The Lumina Foundation
Nancy L. Zimpher, The State University of New York
Moderated by James Kvaal, The College Movement

Research Findings

David Deming, Harvard University
John N. Friedman, Brown University

Breakout Session: How to Get More Low-Income Students into Selective Colleges

Connie Betterton, The College Board

Susan Dynarski, The University of Michigan

Catharine Bond Hill, Ithaka S&R

Richard D. Kahlenberg, The Century Foundation

Logan Powell, Brown University

Moderated by James Montoya, The College Board

Breakout Session: Connecting Colleges and Careers

Harrison Keller, The University of Texas at Austin

Mark S. Schneider, American Institutes for Research

Louis Soares, American Council on Education

Michael J. Sorrell, Paul Quinn College

Jeff Strohl, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

Moderated by Emily Hanford, APM Reports

Breakout Session: How Colleges Can Learn from Each Other

Bridget Burns, University Innovation Alliance

Jonathan Cowan, The KIPP Foundation

Tiffany Jones, The Ed Trust

Mamie Voight, Institute for Higher Education Policy

Moderated by Doug Lederman, Inside Higher Ed

Moderated Conversation

Raj Chetty, Harvard University

David Coleman, The College Board

Moderated by Derek Thompson, The Atlantic

Closing Remarks

James Kvaal, The College Movement