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