



# 2026 FLORIDA LEARNERS TO EARNERS WORKFORCE SOLUTION SUMMIT

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## 8:30 AM - PROGRAM BEGINS

**THE MOVEMENT TO PREPARE TODAY'S LEARNERS TO BECOME TOMORROW'S EARNERS**  
Mark Wilson, President & CEO, *Florida Chamber of Commerce and Foundation*

**HELPING FLORIDA LEADERS LEAD WITH TOOLS TO MAKE DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS**  
Corrie Melton, Vice President of Talent Development for the Future of Work, *Florida Chamber Foundation*

**BUILDING A MODERN TALENT SYSTEM: ALIGNING POLICY, EMPLOYERS & EDUCATION FOR WORKFORCE OUTCOMES**  
Introduction: Dr. Christopher Mullin, Strategy Director, *Lumina Foundation*  
Dr. Henry Mack, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor

**WORKFORCE WINS: HOW LEADING EMPLOYERS GROW & RETAIN TALENT**  
Moderator: Adrienne Johnston, President & CEO, *CareerSource Florida*  
Jennifer Newlin, Market Director of People & Talent, *Tampa General Hospital*  
Karla Radtke, Senior Vice President of Human Resources & Administration, *Coca-Cola Beverages Florida*

**FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER: STATEWIDE STRATEGIES TO POWER FLORIDA'S TALENT PIPELINE**  
Moderator: Mark Wilson, President & CEO, *Florida Chamber of Commerce and Foundation*  
Dr. Kevin O'Farrell, Senior Chancellor, *Florida Department of Education*  
Dr. Tonjua Williams, President, *St. Petersburg College*  
Dr. Ashley Yopp Meros, Chancellor, Division of Career & Adult Education, *Florida Department of Education*

**UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: EXPANDING WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL FLORIDIANS**  
Moderator: Andry Sweet, President & CEO, *Children's Home Society of Florida*  
Erica Averion, Executive Director, *Florida Foundation for Correctional Excellence*  
Vicki Greene, Chief Growth Officer, *Pace AI*  
Rachel Ludwig, Vice President of Global Operations & Strategic Partnerships, *GED Testing Service*

**POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS: IMPROVING WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY ON THE PATH TO PROSPERITY**  
Terrie Ard, President & COO, *The Moore Agency and Representative, Florida Prepaid College Foundation*  
Sarah Marmion, Senior Manager of Education & Outreach Centers, *Florida Power & Light Company*

**TOMORROW'S TALENT TODAY: POSTSECONDARY INNOVATIONS FOR FUTURE CAREERS**  
Moderator: Caleb Hawkes, Director of Talent, Education & Quality of Life Policy, *Florida Chamber of Commerce*  
Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, *Tallahassee State College*  
Ariel Pechokas, Director of Adult Workforce Education, *Collier County Public Schools*  
Kristen Vanselow, Assistant Vice President of Innovative Education & Partnerships, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

**FUELING FLORIDA'S GROWTH INDUSTRIES: TALENT SOLUTIONS FOR AVIATION, MANUFACTURING & ENERGY SECURITY**  
Moderator: J. Alex Kelly, Florida Secretary of Commerce  
Gary Feldmann, Vice President & General Manager, *E-ONE*  
Ed Murray, Vice President of Government Relations, *ST Engineering*  
Curtis St. Brice, Vice President & Chief Intellectual Property Officer, *AMPERA*

**SCALING WORK-BASED LEARNING ACROSS FLORIDA**  
Ralph Aiello, Senior Director of Workforce & Education Strategy, *Xello*  
Mistie Palmer, Director of Workforce Development, *AdventHealth*

**FUTURE OF WORK: BUILDING AMERICA'S BEST WORKFORCE TO COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY (LUNCH KEYNOTE)**  
The Honorable Byron Donalds, U.S. Representative, *Florida's 19th Congressional District*

**FOUNDATIONS OF THE FUTURE: AN INTRODUCTION TO FLORIDA'S EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EFFORTS**  
Corrie Melton, Vice President of Talent Development for the Future of Work, *Florida Chamber Foundation*

**BUILDING THE K-12 FOUNDATION FOR FLORIDA'S WORKFORCE**  
Introduction: Dr. Don Applys, Senior Director of Strategic Engagement, *NAF*  
Anastasios Kamoutsas, Commissioner, *Florida Department of Education*

**AI UNLOCKED: DIGITAL LEARNING REIMAGINED**  
Sam Verghese, Incoming President & CEO, *Florida Virtual School*

**MATH MOMENTUM: ELEVATING THE EMPHASIS ON MATH SKILLS FOR FUTURE CAREER SUCCESS**  
Moderator: Dr. Evan Bonney, Research Program Associate, *Florida Chamber Foundation*  
Scott Daigle, North Florida Regional President, *Fifth Third Bank*  
Ashley Dietz, President & CEO, *Florida Philanthropic Network*

**BUILDING STRONG BEGINNINGS: FLORIDA'S EARLY LEARNING SYSTEM**  
Cari Miller, Chancellor, Division of Early Learning, *Florida Department of Education*

**EARLY LEARNING IN FOCUS: IMPROVEMENTS & IMPACT**  
Moderator: Dr. Dawn Belamarich, President & CEO, *Collaboratory*  
Dustin Becker, Senior Vice President & Director of Client and Community Relations, *PNC Bank*  
Molly Grant, Executive Director, *The Association of Early Learning Coalitions*  
Michele Watson, CEO, *Florida Alliance of Children's Councils & Trusts*

**PROMISING PRACTICES: INCREASING ACCESS TO CHILDCARE**  
Michael Boose, Senior Director of Human Resources & Organizational Development, *Arthrex*  
Tessa LeSage, Founder & CEO, *Collective Agora*

**FROM ACCESS TO ACHIEVEMENT: A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS**  
Introduction: Sharon Bonney, CEO, *COABE*  
Moderator: David Denor, President & Publisher, *Florida Trend*  
Brandon Arrington, Commissioner, *Osceola County*  
Dr. Kathleen Plinske, President, *Valencia College*

**WRAP-UP & CALL TO ACTION**  
Mark Wilson, President & CEO, *Florida Chamber of Commerce and Foundation*

## 4:00 PM - PROGRAM ENDS

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