

# COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ANNUAL RETREAT

Colorado Mountain College  
Glenwood Springs, Colorado

## Agenda

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

**11:00 – 12:00p Presentation and Discussion (1 hour)**

**Topic:** Financial Aid in Colorado

**Presenter:** Celina Duran, Director of Financial Aid, DHE

**12:00p - 1:30p Lunch and Presentation and Discussion (1.5 hours)**

**Topic:** Financial Aid in the U.S.

**Presenter:** Dr. Sandy Baum, Senior Fellow, George Washington University Graduate School of Education

**1:30p – 1:45p Break**

**1:45p – 5:15p Discussion of Master Plan Feedback from Campuses (3.5 hours)**

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012

**8:00a - 9:00a**

**Discussion of Master Plan (1 hour)**

**9:00a – 10:15a**

**Presentation and Discussion (1.25 hours)**

**Topic:** National Best Practices in Financial Aid

**Presenter:** Dr. Nate Johnson, HCM Strategists

**10:15a- 10:30a**

Break

**10:30a – 12:00p**

**Panel Discussion (1.5 hours)**

**Topic:** Financial Aid on Campus

**Presenters:**

Ellie Miller, Financial Aid Director, Regis University; James Broscheit, Financial Aid Director CU-Denver; Curt Martin, Financial Aid Director at CMU; Karla Nash, Financial Aid Director, CCCS.

**11:45a-12:00p**

Break

**12:00p – 3:00p**

**Working Lunch & Discussion (3 hours)**

**Topic:** Complete discussions on master plan

## **Sandy Baum**

Sandy Baum is an independent higher education policy analyst and consultant. Senior Fellow at the George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development and Professor Emerita of Economics at Skidmore College, Dr. Baum earned her B.A. in sociology at Bryn Mawr College, where she is currently a member of the Board of Trustees. She earned her Ph.D. in economics at Columbia University. She has written and spoken extensively on issues relating to college access, college pricing, student aid policy, student debt, affordability, and other aspects of higher education finance.

Dr. Baum is a Senior Associate at the Institute for Higher Education Policy, Affiliated Consultant for HCM Strategists, and consultant to the College Board. She has managed and co-authored the annual publications Trends in Student Aid and Trends in College Pricing for the College Board since 2002. She also developed and co-authors Education Pays: The Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society for the College Board. Under the auspices of the College Board and with funding from multiple foundations she co-chaired the Rethinking Student Aid study group, which issued comprehensive proposals for reform of the federal student aid system in 2008 and is leading a project to Reimagine Pell Grants. She chaired a Brookings Institution study group that issued its report, Beyond Need and Merit: Strengthening State Grant Programs in May 2012.

## **Nate Johnson, Senior Consultant**



Nate serves as a consultant to HCM Strategists on higher education policy, funding, and student success issues. He has worked in education policy, planning and institutional research at the national, state, and institutional levels.

Nate served for five years as executive director of planning and analysis for the State University System of Florida in the office of the chancellor. He facilitated the first statewide strategic plan for the Board of Governors after it was created in the Florida Constitution in 2003. He also served as associate director of institutional research at the University of Florida and as a policy analyst in Florida's nationally-recognized Office of Articulation, where he helped develop policies related to inter-sector transfer, high school graduation standards, and college admissions.

Nate serves as the Lumina Foundation's external higher education productivity adviser to the state of Tennessee, and is the leader of a Lumina-sponsored "strategy lab" on student incentives to complete courses and programs. He has also served on a National Academy of Sciences panel on measuring higher education productivity.

Nate grew up in Oregon. He earned his bachelor's degree from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and his Ph.D. in English literature from Cornell University.

Nate lives in Tallahassee, Florida with his wife, Aimée Boutin, who is an associate professor in the modern languages department at Florida State University, and his two elementary-aged children, Alex and Zita.