



# Creating a Vision for the Future

June 8-9, 2007  
Cheyenne Mountain Resort  
Colorado Springs

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## Program

### Friday, June 8

12.00 – 1.15 pm

*Rio Grande/Gunnison*

#### **Lunch: Welcome, Participant Introductions, and Opening Comments**

This opening session will present a framework for Colorado's Higher Education Summit. Ray Baker, chair of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, and David Skaggs, executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, will welcome participants, lead introductions, and outline the goals of the summit.

#### **Speakers:**

Ray Baker, Chair, *Colorado Commission on Higher Education*

David Skaggs, Executive Director, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

1.15 – 2.30 pm

*Arkansas/Platte*

#### **Setting the Stage: A Look at Colorado's Demographic and Educational Context**

Well-educated people are essential to both a democratic society and a competitive economy. This session will provide foundational information for the discussions to follow, examining how Colorado currently compares with other states and countries with regard to the educational attainment and the nature of the demands that will be placed on the postsecondary education system in order to sustain and enhance the state's economy and human capital needs.

#### **Moderator:**

David Skaggs, Executive Director, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

#### **Speaker:**

Dennis Jones, President, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*

2.30 – 2.45 pm

*Coffee Break Kiosk*

#### **Break**

## Friday, June 8 (continued)

**2.45 – 4.00 pm**

*Arkansas/Platte*

### **How Does Colorado Stack Up? The State's Economic Context**

Colorado's fiscal policy context is like no other state in the country. Due to various constitutional and statutory limitations, we face substantial fiscal challenges. TABOR, Amendment 23 (driving K-12 funding), the six percent general fund spending cap, and other provisions have generated major financial pressures on state government. Looking at both national and state perspectives, this session will examine Colorado's economic environment and outlook.

Moderator:

Nancy McCallin, President, *Colorado Community College System*

Speakers:

Josh Harwood, Chief Economist, *Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting*

Diane Lindner, Chief Financial Officer, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

Scott Pattison, Executive Director, *National Association of State Budget Officers*

**4.00 – 5.00 pm**

*Arkansas/Platte*

### **Higher Education Finance in Colorado: Just One Piece of the Budget Puzzle**

Not only is Colorado's economic environment unique, its approach to higher education finance is breaking new ground. The College Opportunity Fund (COF), combined with performance contracts and fee-for-service contracts, has created opportunities and challenges for all those involved. This session will discuss in-depth what these policies mean for the state; how well our most significant higher education finance components – appropriations, tuition, and financial aid – fit together; and the areas that are in need of attention.

Moderator:

Tim Foster, President, *Mesa State College*

Speaker:

David Longanecker, Executive Director, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

**5.00 – 6.00 pm**

**Break**

**6.00 – 6.30 pm**

*Grand Rivers Terrace*

**Reception**

**6.30 – 8.00 pm**

*Rio Grande/Gunnison*

### **Dinner: Why Higher Education is Critical to Colorado's Future**

Introduction:

David Skaggs, Executive Director, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

Speaker:

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., *Colorado*

## Saturday, June 9

6.30 – 8.30 am

Mountain View Dining Room

### Breakfast

8.30 – 9.45 am

Arkansas/Platte

### Finding a Solution: Examples from Other States

States often look to one another to find potential solutions to comparable problems, borrowing new ideas and avoiding pitfalls. With a focus on appropriations, tuition, and financial aid policy, this session will examine strategies recently used in two Western states – Arizona and Nevada – that are similar to Colorado in an effort to surface ideas for solutions to some of the higher education financing problems facing the state.

Moderator:

Paul Lingenfelter, President, *State Higher Education Executive Officers*

Speakers:

Jaime Molera, Partner, *Molera Alvarez Group, LLC* and former Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Arizona*

Jane Nichols, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, *Nevada System of Higher Education*

9.45 – 10.15 am

Coffee Break Kiosk

### Break and Hotel Check-Out

10.15 – 11.00 am

Arkansas/Platte

### ***Making Opportunity Affordable*** through Lumina Foundation for Education

Lumina Foundation for Education recently launched a new initiative, *Making Opportunity Affordable: Reinvesting in College Access and Success*, which is focused on assisting states and institutions in addressing three fundamental problems – stagnant educational attainment, escalating spending, and eroding quality. Learn about this important and exciting endeavor and how Colorado might be able to participate.

Moderator:

David Longanecker, Executive Director, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Travis Reindl, Program Director, *Jobs for the Future*

11.00 – 12.00 pm

Arkansas/Platte

### Idea Exchange - Open Dialogue about Solutions

After hearing examples of how other states have tackled similar policy problems, this solution-focused session will provide an opportunity for participants to share their ideas, opinions, and views about how Colorado can address some of its challenges and create a *practicable* vision for the future.

Facilitator:

Barbara O'Brien, Lieutenant Governor, *Colorado*

Resource Expert:

Dennis Jones, President, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*

## Saturday, June 9 (continued)

**12.00 – 1.30 pm**

*Rio Grande/Gunnison*

### **Lunch: Idea Exchange - Open Dialogue about Solutions (Continued)**

This session will begin with lunch and continue the idea exchange dialogue.

Facilitator:

Barbara O'Brien, Lieutenant Governor, *Colorado*

Resource Expert:

Dennis Jones, President, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*

**1.30 – 1.45 pm**

*Coffee Break Kiosk*

### **Break**

**1.45 – 2.45 pm**

*Arkansas/Platte*

### **Reality Check: Creating a Vision for the Future**

An objective summary of what has been discussed both formally and informally at the summit will guide participants in assessing what must and can be accomplished to put higher education in Colorado on a sustainable track.

Moderator:

Don Elliman, Director, *Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade*

Facilitator:

Floyd Ciruli, President, *Ciruli Associates*

**2.45 – 3.00 pm**

*Arkansas/Platte*

### **Closing: How We Move Forward**

Moderator:

David Skaggs, Executive Director, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

Speaker:

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., *Colorado*

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## Partner Organizations



### Colorado Department of Higher Education

The Colorado Department of Higher Education has coordination and oversight authority for all Colorado's public institutions of post-secondary education, licenses and regulates private occupational schools, and manages the state's student loan program and tax-exempt tuition savings plans. The authority regarding coordination and oversight of Colorado's colleges and universities is carried out principally through the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, an eleven-member citizen board appointed by the Governor. Among the principal responsibilities of the Department and the Commission are to:

- Recommend to the legislature levels and distribution of higher education funding;
- Review and approve new degree programs;
- Review and recommend to the legislature institutions' capital construction requests;
- Administer statewide student financial assistance programs; and
- Establish higher education enrollment policies and admission standards.



### Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and its 15 member states work collaboratively to expand educational access and excellence for all citizens of the West. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy among states and institutions, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life. Our programs – Student Exchange, WCET (the Western Cooperative for Education Telecommunications), Policy Analysis & Research, and Mental Health – are working to find answers to some of the most critical questions facing higher education today. WICHE is the only organization in the West that focuses exclusively on higher education issues, from access and accountability to tuition and fees to distance learning and innovation. Public higher education is the primary backbone of the Western economy, and WICHE's policy research and collaborative programs support the West's citizens and its constantly evolving cultures.



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