

Colorado Commission for Higher Education Meeting

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Boundless Potential: Considerations for Colorado Higher Education



Bridget Burns, University Innovation Alliance

Bridget Burns is the founding Executive Director of the University Innovation Alliance (UIA). The UIA is a national consortium of public research universities working collaboratively to close achievement gaps and improve outcomes for all students. For the last decade, Bridget has advised higher education leaders on strategies to expand access to higher education, address costs and promote completion for students of all backgrounds.



Ryan Craig, University Ventures

Ryan Craig is the founding Managing Director of University Ventures (UV). Ryan is the author of *College Disrupted: The Great Unbundling of Higher Education* and *A New U: Faster Cheaper Alternatives to College*. He is a frequent commentator on the importance of last-mile training programs, the emergence of bootcamps, income share agreements and staffing and apprenticeship models as preferred pathways to good first jobs.



Maria Flynn, JFF

Maria Flynn is the president and CEO of JFF, a national nonprofit that drives transformation in the American workforce and education systems. Maria is a frequent commentator on the future of work, the role of technology in the labor market, career pathways for underserved individuals and employer engagement. Before joining JFF in 2007, Maria was a senior official with the U.S. Department of Labor where she oversaw the development of training programs for youth and adults and supervised the agency's research strategy.



Jeff Selingo, Author & Journalist

Jeff Selingo has written about higher education for two decades and regularly counsels universities on their innovation strategy and storytelling. A former editor of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Jeff is the author of two *New York Times* best sellers, a special advisor to Arizona State University and a visiting scholar at Georgia Tech's Center for 21st Century Universities. His next book, *Who Gets In & Why: A Year Inside College Admissions*, will be published in September.



Moderator: Alison Griffin, Whiteboard Advisors

Alison Griffin has spent her career working at the intersection of education and employment, policy and practice. Alison leads Whiteboard Advisors' Colorado office and helps entrepreneurs, foundations and investors navigate the complex intersection of policy, the media and technology. Her career in postsecondary education policy includes two terms as an advisor to the U.S. House of Representatives and a senior executive with Strada Education Network.

