Reclaiming Our Stories, Reimagining Student Success

**Illinois Higher Education**

**EQUITY SYMPOSIUM**

**OCTOBER 19**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm: Registration
- 7:30 - 8:30 am: Breakfast
- 8:55 - 9:00 am: Reading of the Land Acknowledgment Statement, Dr. Sheila Caldwell
- 9:00 - 9:30 am: Welcome, SIUE Chancellor, Dr. James Minor
- 9:30 - 10:15 am: State of Education, SIU System President, Dr. Dan Mahony
- 10:15 - 10:30 am: Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 am: Opening Keynote: Affirming Action and Equity, SIUC School of Law Dean, Camille Davidson
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Presentation: The Journey of a People, Professor and Producer, Mr. Ted Williams III
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm: Networking Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:10 pm: SIUE Gospel Choir Selection
- 1:10 - 2:00 pm: Keynote: Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr.
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm: The Impact of DEI, Representative Carol Ammons
- 2:30 - 2:45 pm: Break
- 2:45 - 3:30 pm: The Story of South Africa and Apartheid, Dr. Edward Mienie, South Africa
- 3:30 - 4:15 pm: The Story of the Holocaust, Mr. Ron Coppel
- 4:15 - 4:45 pm: Leveraging AI to Advance Storytelling in ADEI, KFA President Greg Bush
- 4:45 - 5:00 pm: Question and Answer Session
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm: Book Signing by Rev. Wheeler Parker, Jr.
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm: Networking Dinner

**OCTOBER 20**

- 7:30 - 8:30 am: Networking Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:00 am: Keynote: Increasing Equity and Retention Rates at SIUE, Dr. Jessica Harris, Dr. Earleen Patterson, and Ms. Nicole Dixon
- 9:00 - 9:30 am: Advancing Equity and Hope in Chicago, Dr. Janice Jackson, CEO of Hope Chicago
- 9:30 - 10:15 am: Elevating Equity in Neighborhoods, Moderator: Michele Howard, COO of Hope Chicago, Panelists: Dr. Mona Davenport, Dr. Paul Frazier, Ms. Deanna Stewart, and Ms. Brittany Swims
- 10:15 - 10:30 am: Break
- 10:30 - 11:15 am: Elevating Equity for Latino/Hispanic Students in Illinois, Moderator: Mr. Raffi Mikaelian, Panelists: Mr. Joe Saucedo and Ms. Mercedes Terrazas
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Closing Keynote: Partnership for College Completion, Dr. Claudia Mercado, Senior Director of College and University Partnerships
- 12:00 - 12:15 pm: Closing Comments
- 12:15 - 1:30 pm: Networking Lunch

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