

Illinois Higher Education EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

Reclaiming Our Stories, Reimagining Student Success

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
	State of Education SIU System President, Dr. Dan Mahony
9:30 - 10:15 am	Opening Keynote: Affirming Action and Equity SIUC School of Law Dean, Camille Davidson
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 11:30 am	Presidents Panel: Engineering Equity Dr. Dan Mahony and Dr. James Minor
11:30 - 12:00 am	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

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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

Speaker Bios



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