



Pathways That Work: Skills. Credentials. Mobility.

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June 9, 2026

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Atlantic City

Breakfast (7:30 am)

Welcoming Remarks (9:00 am)

Catherine Starghill, Esq., Vice President and Chief Workforce Innovation Officer, New Jersey Council of County Colleges and Executive Director, New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development

Chris Emigholz, Chief Government Affairs Officer, NJ Business and Industry Association

Dr. Michael McDonough, President, Raritan Valley Community College and Chair, New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development

Margo Chaly, Secretary, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

Julie Diaz, Deputy Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Building Careers Through Credentials (9:45 AM)

Rachel Khan, Senior Director, Community College Growth Engine, Education Design Lab

Pathways Projects Networking (10:45 AM)

Data Driving Workforce Strategy (11:30 AM)

Dr. Nicol Nicola, Director, Division of Economic & Demographic Research, Office of Research and Information, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Lunch (12:15 PM)



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A Conversation of Presidents – What More Can We Do to Collaborate, Align, and Stack for Student Pathways (12:45 PM)

Dr. Michael Avaltroni, President, Fairleigh Dickinson University and
Chair, NJ Presidents' Council

Dr. Jonathan Koppell, President, Montclair State University

Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett, President, Camden County College

Dr. Anthony Iacono, President, County College of Morris

Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin, President, UCNJ Union College of
Union County, NJ

AI in Action: Building New Jersey's Innovation Economy (2:00 PM)

Liat Krawczyk, Executive Director, NJ AI Hub

David Cole, Chief Innovation Officer, NJ Innovation Authority

Senator Zwicker, NJ State Senator and Head Public Engagement
and Development, Princeton Plasma Physics Lab

Pathways in Action: Projects Driving Impact (3:00 PM)

NJ Micro Business Hydroponics Network

Pathways to Careers in Teaching

Pathways Projects Networking (3:45 PM)

Partnerships Powering Pathways (4:15 PM)

Fran Kuhn, Executive Director, Atlantic County Workforce
Development Board

Retired Judge Sandson, Superior Court of New Jersey

James Horne, President, Junior Achievement of NJ