DOING THE MOST WITH THE LEAST: HOW STATE POLICYMAKERS CAN SUPPORT WELLBEING, BELONGING AND SUCCESS AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR AN EQUITABLE PANDEMIC RECOVERY

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INTRODUCTION AND NEBHE UPDATES

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TODAY'S PANELISTS

Sara Goldrick-Rab | Founder, The HOPE Center for College, Community and Justice; Professor of Sociology at Templeton University; Award-Winning Author

Linda Garcia | Executive Director, Center for Community College Student Engagement

Pam Eddinger | President, Bunker Hill Community College

Alfred Williams | President, River Valley Community College

Audrey Ellis | Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Northern Essex Community College

Eudania Aquino | Student Ambassador, Northern Essex Community College
KEY DATA POINTS AND TRENDS

RACHEL CONWAY, POLICY AND RESEARCH CONSULTANT, NEBHE

SENATOR DAVID WATTERS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, CO-CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MODERATOR)

ENROLLMENT DECLINES

INSUFFICIENT AID

BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY

MENTAL HEALTH

TECHNOLOGY

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NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

SARA GOLDRICK-RAB
Founder and President, The HOPE Center for College, Community, and Justice, Professor of Sociology & Medicine at Temple University, Chief Strategy Officer for Emergency Aid at Edquity, Founder of Believe in Students, and Award-Winning Author

LINDA GARCIA
Executive Director, The Center for Community College Student Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin

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REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

PAM EDDINGER
President, Bunker Hill Community College (Boston, MA) and Chair, U.S. Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship

ALFRED WILLIAMS
President, River Valley Community College (New Hampshire)

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ON-THE-GROUND PERSPECTIVES

AUDREY ELLIS
Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Northern Essex Community College (Boston, MA)

EUDANIA AQUINO
Student Ambassador, Northern Essex Community College; Human Services major

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

MODERATOR: RACHAEL CONWAY, POLICY AND RESEARCH CONSULTANT, NEBHE

1. CONNECTICUT
2. MAINE
3. MASSACHUSETTS
4. NEW HAMPSHIRE
5. RHODE ISLAND
6. VERMONT

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

• What are some of the top legislative priorities for your state when it comes to higher education and workforce development?

• Every New England Governor has now delivered their State of the State Address. How do your Governor's priorities align with your legislative agenda around higher education/workforce issues?

• This is an unusual year, in part because many states have additional federal coronavirus emergency resources to spend. How do you see this fact impacting your work and/or legislative priorities in 2022 in the areas of higher education and workforce development?
Less selective institutions like community colleges are not seeing the same increase in application volume that moderately or highly selective institutions are seeing.

Fewer first-year applications leads to shrinking revenue streams for these institutions.
REGIONAL TRENDS IN TUITION & FEES

- Average annual price of in-state tuition and fees in New England, before financial aid:
  - $5,365 at public two-year institutions
  - $13,096 at public four-year institutions

- Average in-state tuition and fees have increased by 2.7% at both public two and four-year institutions since 2019-2020

- Since 2010-11, average in-state tuition and fees at public two- and four-year colleges in New England have increased by 36% and 48% respectively
  - Median household income in the region has increased by only 19% over the past 10 years.

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REGIONAL TRENDS: COLLEGE MERGERS

- **CONNECTICUT:** Merger of Connecticut’s 12 community colleges approved by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
  - Under the plan the state’s individual community colleges will become Connecticut State Community College

- **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Senate lawmakers poised to move ahead with a plan to merge Granite State College in Concord with the University of New Hampshire (H.B. 1218)

- **VERMONT:** A 2021 proposal will unify the state’s three residential colleges, Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College, under a common accreditation in Academic Year 2023-2024
  - The combined institution will be named Vermont State University. The new president is expected to be named April 15, 2022.

- **MASSACHUSETTS:** A possible candidate?
  - Enrollment at Massachusetts community colleges has dropped 32.61 percent over the past decade
  - Declines range from 56.2 percent at Roxbury CC to 23.27 percent at Bunker Hill CC
  - This change was expected based on population and demographic shifts, but the pandemic impact may have specifically impacted low-income students and students of color.
OTHER NEBHE UPDATES

A NEW REPORT ABOUT PROMISE PROGRAMS (FREE COLLEGE POLICIES) IN NEW ENGLAND

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- We are seeking legislative participants from all six states who have a keen interest in prison higher education. If you are interested or know of someone who might be feel free to contact: Sheridan Miller smiller@nebhe.org

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