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“Higher Ed to Hired: Regional Highlights and Ideas for the Future”

Enrollment and confidence in postsecondary education after high school is falling. Financially attractive opportunities without a postsecondary credential seem possible now, especially in a “gig” economy, however, may not be sustainable. How do we reinforce the long-term benefits of postsecondary education, especially for those communities for which this could make generational change?

Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Nursing, and other fields provide an obvious link between education and career options, how about other programs? Providing clear pathways to opportunities for the broad array of academic programs and career fields is critical to addressing issues of college enrollment, addressing local and regional workforce needs, and in general the long-term success for generations of New Englanders to come.

New England states indeed have established and are developing programs and pathways of this nature, some of which been supported through state legislatures. In this LAC we'll share highlights from workforce and postsecondary connections in the New England region, as well as experts who can speak to what's happening beyond the northeast.

Selected Advance Readings:

- [How Community Colleges and Workforce Development Programs go Hand-in-Hand](#)
- [What is college for? \(PA\) Gov. Shapiro raises the question. Higher ed leaders are listening.](#)
- [Higher Education Can Connect Diverse Students to Lucrative, Technical Careers](#)
- [Workforce Development...tops list of state higher ed leaders' concerns](#)
- [Beyond STEM: Educating a Workforce of Thinkers and Doers](#)
- [We Can't Go it Alone – Forging Business and Industry Partnerships to Transform Higher Education](#)

Panelists:

- **Frank Avery** | Program Officer, Good Jobs Challenge, U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration
- **Dr. Shannon Gilkey** | Rhode Island Commissioner on Postsecondary Education
- **Joyce Judy** | President, Community College of Vermont
- **Mark Rubinstein** | Chancellor, Community College System of New Hampshire