WELCOME TO THE 2017 SKILLS SUMMIT!

You’re here in Washington, D.C. at a critical time. A new Congress and administration will tackle a range of federal policies that impact our shared skills agenda, from reauthorization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and of the Higher Education and Perkins Acts, to potential new investments in infrastructure. The new leadership in Congress and the White House must hear from us, united as a coalition – our perspectives, our expertise, and our shared vision of an America where every person and every industry has the skills to compete and prosper.

The good news is that we have a blueprint for that agenda. In your packets, you’ll find a copy of *Skills for Good Jobs: An Agenda for the Next President*. It’s a comprehensive plan for putting millions of young people and adults across the country on a pathway toward good paying, middle-skill jobs while helping American businesses compete and grow. More than 200 diverse, bipartisan stakeholders helped shape the document: labor and business, colleges, anti-poverty groups, immigration and civil rights groups and the public sector – many of those voices are here at the Skills Summit today.

We are already sharing it with the new administration and Congress; and this week, it will be the basis of hundreds of conversations with Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill and in the new administration.

Our advocacy is as important as ever because the middle-skill gap is as present as ever. The latest National Skills Coalition analysis shows it’s a continuing challenge in almost every state in the country. Key industries struggle to hire workers with the right skills, young people and workers are unable to move up in their careers, and our economy is unable to grow.

The skills gap is more evidence that workers and businesses need investments to ensure a skilled workforce. Despite this, we could see proposals to decrease investments – all the more reason for Congress and the administration to hear about the positive impact you’re having on your communities.

We hope the 2017 Skills Summit renews your commitment to shape America’s workforce and education policies, to shrink the skills gap that holds America’s workers and America’s businesses back, and to engage our elected representatives to advance workforce and education policies.

Thanks for being here!
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Pick up your Summit materials at the Summit registration desk.
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  - Sunday, February 5th, 8:00am-5:00pm
  - Monday, February 6th, 8:00am-5:00pm
  - Tuesday, February 7th, 8:00am-11:00am

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ENJOY THE SUMMIT! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!
AGENDA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1:00 - 2:30 Opening Plenary: Federal Policy Update
> Presidential Ballroom

Welcome
Andy Van Kleunen, CEO, National Skills Coalition (NSC)

Federal Policy Briefing
Kermit Kaleba, Federal Policy Director, NSC
Amanda Bergson-Shilcock, Director of Upskilling, NSC
Rachel Zinn, Director, Workforce Data Quality Campaign, WDQC

2:30 - 3:00 State Delegations: Optimizing the Summit
> Presidential Ballroom
Jessie Hogg Leslie, National Network Director, NSC

3:00 - 3:15 Coffee Break
> Upper Lobby


TANF Reauthorization and Welfare Reform
> Federal A/B
The past decade has seen a range of innovative state and local efforts to expand access to education and training for recipients of public assistance, including TANF and SNAP E&T. With Congressional leaders signaling a strong interest in re-examining work and eligibility requirements across a range of “welfare” programs, it will be critical for workforce advocates to ensure that such efforts help low-income individuals obtain the skills to get and keep family supporting jobs. In this session, we will discuss the current political dynamics around TANF and broader welfare reform discussions, provide an overview of NSC’s recommendations for TANF reauthorization, and highlight key messages for lawmakers.

Morna Miller, House Ways & Means Committee
Ife Floyd, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Kerry Desjardins, American Public Human Services Association
Moderator: Kermit Kaleba

Higher Education Act Reauthorization
> Senate
Higher education was a key issue in the 2016 campaign, as candidates on both sides of the aisle responded to concerns about college affordability and the value of postsecondary education for meaningful career pathways. With Congress set to consider a comprehensive reauthorization for the first time since 2008, it is critical for workforce advocates to ensure that reforms meet the needs of working students. In this session, we will review the status of HEA reauthorization efforts, highlight ways that community colleges and other partners are working together to align education/training with labor market demand, and outline NSC’s top policy recommendations for HEA reauthorization.

Colleen Campbell, Association of Community College Trustees
Katherine Valle, House Committee on Education and the Workforce
Jamey Rorison, Institute for Higher Education Policy
Moderator: Rachel Zinn

Millions of U.S. Apprentices: Is Washington Ready to Take the Next Step?
> South American A/B
Apprenticeship has become the workforce buzzword among federal policymakers. Since President Obama proposed to double the number of registered apprentices by 2020, the Department of Labor has issued more than $250 million in new apprenticeship grants, including $90 million appropriated by Congress with bi-partisan support. With less fanfare, the Department of Education has been pointing to efforts by colleges and high schools to extend apprenticeship to working adults and in-school youth. Will the Trump administration and Congress continue these efforts, and, if so, will that be enough to take American apprenticeship to scale? This session will feature national organizations that are weighing in on these workforce and education policy questions as we look beyond the 2020 goal to a possible next phase of federal policy proposals.

Grant Shmeler, Independent Electrical Contractors, Chesapeake Chapter
Mary Alice McCarthy, New America Foundation
Daniel Bustillo, Healthcare Career Advancement Program
Moderator: Andy Van Kleunen
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast
> Upper Lobby

9:00 – 10:00 Morning Plenary: How the Presidential Transition Will Impact Federal Agencies
> Presidential Ballroom
  Kim Ford, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education
  Gerri Fiala, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor


Perkins Act Reauthorization
> South American A/B
Congress last year came very close to passing the first significant reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Act since 2006, and there is still strong bipartisan support for renewing the nation’s primary investment in secondary and postsecondary CTE. But there are still questions about how best to connect Perkins to other education and workforce systems, and ensure that CTE is aligned with the needs of local industries. In this session, we will review where the 114th Congress left off, and outline some key ways that the 115th Congress can build on those efforts in 2017.

  James Redstone, House Education and Workforce Committee
  Steve Voytek, ACT
  Karishma Merchant, Office of Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)
  Moderator: Kermit Kaleba

Upskilling the U.S. Workforce
> Federal A/B
Federal policies can play a powerful role in helping the 36 million US adults with limited reading, math, or English language abilities to build key foundational skills, obtain recognized credentials and earn higher wages. But for that to happen, policies need to provide meaningful on-ramps for people who lack these basic skills. As we look ahead to a new Administration and a new Congress, this session will examine the opportunities and challenges for advocates, including potential policy vehicles that may provide equitable opportunities for immigrants and other populations with basic skills barriers.

  Lul Tesfai, CNA Institute for Public Research
  Jennie Murray, National Immigration Forum
  Moira Lenahan-Razzuri, Office of Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)
  Moderator: Amanda Bergson-Shilcock

Rebuilding Our Infrastructure Workforce
> Congressional
President Trump has signaled that he will make new infrastructure investments a top priority in his first year in office, calling for up to $1 trillion in new funding for roads, bridges, and other critical projects. If enacted, this proposal could result in thousands of new job opportunities, including for individuals who have historically struggled to enter infrastructure occupations. In this session, we will discuss some of the key lessons learned through the last major stimulus package – the 2009 Recovery Act – and talk about NSC’s policy recommendations to ensure that new infrastructure investments create meaningful economic opportunities for all communities.

  Nicole Smith, Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce
  Brett Levanto, Obadal, Filler, MacLeod & Klein, P.L.C.
  Angela Hanks, Center for American Progress
  Moderator: Rachel Unruh

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch and Keynote Plenary
> Presidential Ballroom
  Representative Brett Guthrie (R-KY2) invited
  Chauncy Lennon, JP Morgan Chase & Co.

1:00 - 1:15 Break

1:15 - 2:30 Hill Prep
> Presidential Ballroom

2:30 - 2:45 Coffee Break
> Upper Lobby

2:45 - 3:45 Hill Boot Camp for First Timers
> Federal A
This session is an opportunity for new Skills Summit attendees to get a "nuts and bolts" course on what to expect during their Hill visits and how to build long-term relationships with their elected representatives. Experienced Summit attendees from different states will share their advice and guidance on how to best prepare for and make the most of the day on the Hill.

  Julie Kerksick, Public Policy Institute
  Bishara Addison, Towards Employment
  Andrew Bradley, Indiana Institute for Working Families
  Moderator: Jessie Hogg Leslie

2:45 - 4:30 INVITATION ONLY:
National Advisory Panel Meetings
  Worked Based Learning > Federal B
  Post Secondary Education > South American A
  Skills Equity > South American B

4:30 – 6:00 Awards Reception
> North Gate Grill
  Speaker: Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA3) invited
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Artillery Officer in the 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault at Fort Campbell. Guthrie later earned a Master's Degree from Yale University in Public and Private Management.

First elected to public office in 1998, Guthrie represented the 32nd District in the Kentucky Senate. In Frankfort, he served on the Education Committee, the Economic Development, Tourism and Labor Committee, and chaired the Transportation Committee.

**REP. ROBERT C. SCOTT (D-VA3)**

**Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce**


During his tenure in the Virginia General Assembly, Congressman Scott successfully sponsored laws critical to Virginians in education, employment, health care, social services, economic development, crime prevention and consumer protection. His legislative successes included laws that increased Virginia’s minimum wage, created the Governor’s Employment and Training Council and improved health care benefits for women, infants and children. He also sponsored the Neighborhood Assistance Act, which provides tax credits to businesses for donations made to approved social service and crime prevention programs.

Congressman Scott currently serves as the Ranking Member on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, a committee he has served on since his arrival to Congress in 1993. In his capacity as the most senior Democrat on the Committee, he is leading the fight for access to quality early, secondary and higher education for all of America’s children with an emphasis on solving the growing problem of student debt, closing the achievement gap and dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline. In 2015, he was one of the four primary negotiators of the Every Student Succeeds Act for the first time in 13 years replacing the No Child Left Behind Act. Additionally, he is focused on ensuring that millions of Americans have the opportunity to go to work every day and know that they will be treated fairly, paid a decent and living wage, given a safe environment in which do their jobs and provided access to affordable health care.

Previously, Ford served as the Dean of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of the District of Columbia Community College (UDC-CC). She provided leadership and direction for all programs related to and associated with workforce development, career and technical education and continuing education. She promoted an environment of student success focused on building community, instituting feedback loops and helping students transition. Dean Ford also secured federal, local and private funding to support her division.

Prior to joining UDC-CC, Ford served in the Obama Administration’s Recovery Implementation Office, which was responsible for implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. She directed working relationships between the Office of the Vice President and eight federal agencies on over $350 billion dollars of Recovery Act programs. While at the White House, she also coordinated the neighborhood revitalization initiative for the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation at Saint Elizabeths.

Ford holds a B.S. in International Business from Vanderbilt University and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

**GERRI FIALA**

**Deputy Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Administration**

Gerri Fiala is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training for the U.S. Department of Labor. She is currently responsible for guiding the Department’s implementation of WIOA -- the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Prior to her time at DOL, Gerri served as Staff Director to the HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety chaired by Senator Patty Murray. Here Gerri drafted Senator Murray’s “Innovations in 21st Century Careers” bill to make education more relevant for high school students. She also developed bills introduced by Senator Murray during the economic stimulus debate. Key components of these bills were ultimately included in Recovery Act funding provisions for the Department of Labor.

Gerri served for nearly eight years as Administrator, Office of Policy Development, Evaluation and Research, in the U.S. Department of Labor. This includes a year as a loaned executive to serve as Senior Counselor for Economic Development to the American Association of Community Colleges. As Administrator, she led interagency efforts to drive job training reform. This work culminated in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000 (creating the Senior Community Service Employment Program). Her leadership on interagency teams also secured the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act, and Welfare to Work program, and provided direction to a DOL effort to draft and implement regulations for each of these programs.

Gerri has a Masters of Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa, and Associate of Arts from North Iowa Area Community College.
CONCURRENT SESSION SPEAKERS

BISHARA ADDISON
Bishara Addison is the Senior Manager of Policy and Strategic Initiatives at Towards Employment. Based in Ohio, Towards Employment helps low-income people move up the career ladder through job readiness training, placement, retention, and supportive services. She is a graduate of The George Washington University.

KIM BECICKA
Kim Becicka is Vice President, Continuing Education and Training Services at Kirkwood Community College. She serves on the LERN Board of Directors, the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) Board of Directors; and the Creative Corridor Diversity Focus Board. Kim’s regional leadership has supported Kirkwood’s development of strong relationships with businesses, organizations, and community leaders on both a local, state and national scale.

ANDREW BRADLEY
Andrew Bradley is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Indiana Institute for Working Families. Andrew also serves as coordinator of the Indiana Skills2Compete Coalition, a bipartisan group of state policymakers and employer, labor, and community stakeholders coming together to close the state’s skills gap, and on the Research Advisory Group of the Indiana Network of Knowledge and the State Workforce Innovation Council’s taskforce on Career Counseling. Prior to joining the Institute, Andrew served as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

DANIEL BUSTILLO
Daniel Bustillo is Director of the Healthcare Career Advancement Program (H-CAP), a national organization of SEIU unions and healthcare employers who are partnering in support of developing innovative career pathways and quality healthcare career education models. He also serves as a Vice President for the H-CAP Education Association, a related organization comprised of a network of industry-based healthcare training partnerships. Daniel has extensive experience working with healthcare industry partners and the public workforce system, coordinating a variety of federal and state grants designed to provide upskilling and on-the-job training opportunities for healthcare workers, with a focus on innovative strategies to expand access to and reduce the cost of education and training that builds the skills of U.S. workers.

COLLEEN CAMPBELL
Colleen Campbell is the senior policy analyst at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), where she conducts research and policy analysis on issues faced by community colleges and their students. She is the lead author of A Closer Look at the Trillion: Borrowing, Repayment, and Default at Iowa’s Community Colleges, a report that shed light on default trends among community college borrowers. She has a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Public Policy, and a Master of Arts in Higher Education from the University of Michigan.

KERRY DESJARDINS
Kerry Desjardins is a Policy Associate working at the American Public Human Services Association’s Center for Employment and Economic Well-Being. She supports the Center in all operations, including research, development, and analysis of policies and best practices related to workforce engagement and economic mobility. Kerry comes from a direct human services background and has worked in both non-profit and public agencies. Kerry holds a Masters in Social Work from George Mason University.

IFE FLOYD
Ife Floyd is a Policy Analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Prior to joining the Center, Floyd served as an AmeriCorp VISTA with Culture Connect, Inc. and developed a cultural competency workshop series for professional workplaces in the Atlanta area. In addition, she also worked with the Atlanta Community Food Bank’s Prosperity Campaign as a benefits screener to increase access to programs like SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid for low-income families.

ANGELA HANKS
Angela Hanks is the Associate Director for Workforce Development Policy on the Economic Policy team at New America, where she examines the intersection between higher education, workforce development, and job training policies. The Center is dedicated to building learning-based pathways to economic opportunity that can begin inside or outside of formal higher education. Prior to joining New America, Mary Alice worked at both the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor where she led a variety of technical assistance initiatives in the areas career pathways, credentialing, and competency-based education.

MOIRA LENEHAN-RAZZURI
Moira Lenehan-Razurri is a Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island.

BRETT LEVANTO
Brett Levanto is vice president of operations of OFM&K, a managing firm and client communications in conjunction with regulatory and legislative policy initiatives. He provides strategic and logistical support for the Aeronautical Repair Station Association. Mr. Levanto has experience with organizational and policy issues in both aerospace and government sectors. He obtained a bachelor’s degree from the George Washington University and a Master of Public Policy from the College of William and Mary.

MARY ALICE MCCARTHY
Mary Alice McCarthy is the former Executive Director of the Policy Priorities. Prior to joining the Center on Budget and Economic Policy Priorities, McCarthy worked at the Association on the American Public Human Services Association’s Center for Employment and Economic Well-Being.
Girard Melancon, PhD is the Executive Director for Workforce Education at Baton Rouge Community College. In the last four years BRCC workforce education department has grown from serving 350 students to meeting the needs of over 2500 students a year. Dr. Melancon also serves as an executive board member for The National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE).

KARISHMA MERCHANT
Karishma Merchant is legislative assistant for education and labor policy for Senator Tim Kaine. A former teacher, she holds a bachelor’s degree from Duke University, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Vanderbilt University, and a Master of Public Policy degree specializing in education policy from American University.

Morna Miller is the Democratic Staff Director for the House Ways and Means Committee’s Human Resources Subcommittee, which has House jurisdiction over a number of antipoverty and family support programs, including the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. She has held a variety of positions in the House of Representatives over the past 20 years, including serving as lead analyst for income security programs at the House Budget Committee.

JENNIE MURRAY
Jennie Murray is the director of integration programs at the National Immigration Forum. She brings years of experience working at the intersection of immigration services and the private sector, as well as in refugee resettlement and career pathway support. Jennie leads the New American Workforce citizenship and English-language training initiative and the newly formed Corporate Roundtable for the New American Workforce.

Laurie Moran is the President of the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, a position she has held since January 2002. A past chair of the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), Laurie currently serves on the board and is a past president of the West Piedmont Workforce Investment Board. She also chairs the steering committee of the Dan River Region Collaborative, a National Fund for Workforce Solutions (NFWS) affiliated sector partnership.

JAMES REDSTONE
James Redstone is a professional staff member on the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the United States House of Representatives. Prior to his current position, he worked as a legislative aide for the Special Committee on Aging. He is a graduate of American University.

JAMEY RORISON
Jamey Rorison, Ph.D., is a senior research analyst at the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP). He manages the Postsecondary Data Collaborative (PostsecData), an initiative working to improve the quality of our nation’s postsecondary data through research, policy advocacy, and coalition building. Rorison is also a nationally-recognized expert on issues related to college access, choice, and affordability; federal, state, and institutional financial aid policy; higher-education finance; and postsecondary data systems.

GRANT SHMELZER
Grant Shmelzer has been the Executive Director of the Independent Electrical Contractors Chesapeake Chapter for more than 20 years. As a member of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council for the 10 years and appointed by the last three Maryland Governors he has significant interest in the continued growth of apprenticeship programs. Most recently Gran was appointed Chairman of the Maryland Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Council.

LUL TESFAI
Lul Tesfai is the Senior Policy Director for the CNA Corporation. Formerly, she served as the Director of Policy for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education for United States Department of Education. She holds a master’s degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Northwestern University.

KATHERINE VALLE
Katherine Valle serves as a higher education policy advisor for the Democratic staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce. Her portfolio includes federal loans, access programs, competency based education and minority-serving institutions. Prior to her work in Congress, Valle was a senior research analyst at the Institute for Higher Education Policy focused on the legislative history of financial aid programs and strengthening community partnerships to increase postsecondary attainment.

STEVE VOYTEK
Steve Voytek is the Federal Government Relations Program Manager for ACT. In this role, he advocates for the organization’s federal policy priorities on Capitol Hill and works to advance the organization’s national policy objectives. Prior to this, Steve was the Government Relations Manager for Advance CTE—the national organization representing state and territory leaders for Career Technical Education (CTE).
SKILLS CHAMPION AWARD

Carrie Thomas,
Chicago Jobs Council

National Skills Coalition’s annual Skills Champion Award recognizes a Coalition member whose exceptional organizing and advocacy efforts have moved the skills agenda forward over the past year. This member embodies the Coalition’s mission to seek an America that grows its economy by investing in its people, so that every worker and every industry has the skills to compete and prosper.

As Executive Director of Chicago Jobs Council, Carrie leads efforts to organize Chicago-area community-based training organizations, advocacy groups, businesses and individuals to work together to ensure access to employment and career advancement opportunities for people living in poverty. Prior to joining CJC Carrie spent ten years advocating on behalf of low-wage, un- and underemployed, and dislocated workers in Minnesota, including as Policy Director for the JOBS NOW Coalition.

Carrie has been a leader in driving NSC’s development and impact dating back to early organizing discussions in 2000. She served on NSC’s former Leadership Council and more recently as a member of the Work-Based Learning National Advisory Panel, helping to shape the Coalition’s federal policy agenda. She has been an unflagging advocate for federal skills policy, bringing delegations of CJC partners to the Skills Summit every year and keeping her local coalition engaged in federal advocacy throughout the year.

At the state level, Carrie served as co-chair of Skills2-Compete Illinois in 2008 and has since led highly effective efforts to shape local and state workforce policy and practice. In 2016, she served as a member of the steering committee for NSC’s first annual Skills in the States Forum and will co-chair the kick-off of NSC’s cross-state SNAP E&T working group.

NSC staff, leadership, and members have benefited tremendously from Carrie’s generosity in sharing her expertise, strategic thinking and frank opinions. She is a tenacious advocate on behalf of those in her state and throughout the country. We are thrilled to name her NSC’s 2017 Skills Champion.
PARTNERS IN CRIME AWARD:

Young Invincibles
NSC partners with national networks to multiply the impact and reach of our federal advocacy efforts. This award recognizes a national partner that has mobilized their network in partnership with NSC to advance improved federal skills policy. Over the last year, Young Invincibles partnered with NSC’s Workforce Data Quality Campaign and Business Leaders United to bring together local business owners and college students to advocate for the Student Right to Know Before You Go Act and the JOBS Act through social media campaigns and joint meetings with Members of Congress.

POWER NAP-PER AWARD:

Brenda Dann-Messier,
Institute for Public Research
NSC’s National Advisory Panels (NAPs) are made up of thought leaders from across the country who help develop and advance the coalition’s policy agenda. This award recognizes an individual who has gone above and beyond in their contributions as a NAP member. Brenda served on NSC’s Skills Equity and Postsecondary Education NAPs and went above and beyond in helping to shape NSC’s Skills for Good Jobs Agenda for the new Administration.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS AWARD:

Steve Long,
St. Louis Community College Workforce Solutions Group
Business leaders are particularly effective advocates on Capitol Hill. This award recognizes a member of the Coalition for their outstanding efforts in mobilizing business partners to advocate for improved federal skills policy. Steve has consistently engaged his business partners in advocacy, bringing them to Business Leaders United advocacy fly-ins and speaking to other community college leaders about the value of mobilizing business partners.
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