The National Summit on Near Completion

September 13, 2011
The National Press Club
Washington, D.C.
8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

8:30 AM
REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
Holeman Lounge

9 AM
WELCOME
Michelle Asha Cooper, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)
Holeman Lounge

9:15 AM
DEFINING NEAR COMPLETION
Alisa Federico Cunningham, Vice President of Research, IHEP

9:45 AM
ADDRESSING NEAR COMPLETION: HIGHLIGHTING CURRENT PROJECTS
Panelists:
- Clifford Adelman, Senior Associate, IHEP—Project Win Win
- Patrick Lane, Project Coordinator, Policy Analysis and Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)—Non-Traditional No More and the Adult Degree Completion Network
- Aaron Thompson, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education—Kentucky Adult Learner Initiative

Moderated by Lacey H. Leegwater, Director of Planning and Special Projects, IHEP
Agenda

**10:45 AM**

**BREAKING DOWN NEAR COMPLETION: FILLING IN THE GAPS**
In breakout sessions, participants will discuss what else the higher education community needs to know about near completion in order to address near completion at the national, state, and local levels and what steps can be taken now to begin better serving the near-completion population.

**Morrow Room**

**Assessment**
*Co-Facilitators:*
- **Anne Bowles**, Policy and Outreach Associate, IHEP
- **Catherine Finnegan**, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness, Virginia’s Community Colleges
- **Chari Leader Kelley**, Senior Consultant, Higher Education Services, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning

**Lisagor Room**

**Recruitment**
*Co-Facilitators:*
- **Lacey H. Leegwater**, Director of Planning and Special Projects, IHEP
- **Cheryl D. Blanco**, Vice President for Special Projects, Southern Regional Education Board
- **Bruce Vandal**, Director, Postsecondary Education and Workforce Development Institute, Education Commission of the States

**White Room**

**Affordability**
*Co-Facilitators:*
- **Alisa Federico Cunningham**, Vice President of Research, IHEP
- **Sandy Baum**, Senior Associate, IHEP
- **Jennifer Engle**, Director of Research and Policy, Education Trust

**Holeman Lounge**

**Recognition of Completion**
*Co-Facilitators:*
- **Brian A. Sponsler**, Associate Director of Research and Evaluation, IHEP
- **Clifford Adelman**, Senior Associate, IHEP
- **Patrick Lane**, Project Coordinator, Policy Analysis and Research, WICHE

**12:15 PM**

**LUNCH ADDRESS: PUTTING NEAR COMPLETION IN CONTEXT—A VIEW FROM OUTSIDE HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Lee Fisher**, President and CEO, CEOs for Cities

Introduced by **Lorelle L. Espinosa**, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, IHEP

**1:15 PM**

**CLOSING**

**Michelle Asha Cooper**, President, IHEP