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# Stronger Together

Independent Higher Education in New York



**March 11-12**

Albany, NY



Attendees, guests, and colleagues—welcome!

Thank you for joining me for the 68th Annual Meeting of the Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The coordinators responsible for putting this event together have outdone themselves. I am grateful to all who invested their energy and creativity to provide us with a meaningful experience today.

This year's theme, Stronger Together: Independent Higher Education in New York, is inspired by our collective strength as a united sector. The ability to overcome the complex challenges facing higher education is best achieved through partnership, mutual support, cooperation, and collaboration.

The annual meeting is designed to offer multiple opportunities to connect directly with partners across the sector, including elected officials, policymakers, colleagues, and peers. I encourage you to share the topics and issues that matter most to your institutions and extend that opportunity to others.

Additional highlights of this year's Annual Meeting include celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Please refer to the attached calendar for a listing of all events.

Lastly, I would like to thank our generous sponsors who helped make this event possible. Additional information about them is included in your conference materials.

In partnership,

*Lola W. Brabham*

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President

# AGENDA

## Monday, March 11, 2024 | Stronger Together: Independent Higher Education in New York

| Time                                 | Event   | Speakers  | Location                              |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 8:30 – 9:30am                        | <b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Lola Brabham</li> </ul>  | Capital Center, 2nd Floor             |
| 9:30 – 11:30am                       | <b>CICU Board Meeting</b><br><i>(Presidents Only)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting of the Whole</li> </ul>  | Capital Center, 1st Floor, Rooms 2B–C |
| 9:30 – 11:30am                       | <b>Government Affairs Meeting</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justin Monk, NAICU</li> <li>Tom Schnurr</li> </ul>   | Capital Center, 1st Floor, Room 1B    |
| 12:00 – 1:30pm                       | <b>Lunch and Featured Speakers</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAICU President Barbara Mistick</li> <li>HESC President Guillermo Linares</li> <li>NYSDCS Commissioner Tim Hogues</li> <li>Sam Rowser, On Point for College</li> </ul> | Capital Center, 2nd Floor             |
| <b>Breakout Sessions</b>             |   |   |                                       |
| 1:45 – 2:45pm<br><i>(Choose one)</i> | <b>Session A</b>                                      | Pursuing Equity with Pipeline Programs  | Capital Center, 1st Floor, Room 1B    |
|                                      | <b>Session B</b>                                      | Effective Models for Long-Term Success  | Capital Center, 1st Floor, Room 2A    |
| 3:00 – 4:00pm<br><i>(Choose one)</i> | <b>Session C</b>                                      | The Path Forward: Teacher Preparation and Early Literacy  | Capital Center, 1st Floor, Room 1B    |
|                                      | <b>Session D</b>                                      | Navigating the Higher Education Regulatory Landscape  | Capital Center, 1st Floor, Room 2A    |
| 4:30 – 6:00pm                        | <b>Legislative Reception</b>                          | In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of TAP Assemblymember Sarah Clark  | Capital Center, 2nd Floor             |
| 7:00 – 9:00pm                        | <b>Presidents' Dinner</b><br><i>(Presidents Only)</i> | 677 Prime   | 677 Broadway                          |
| 7:00 – 9:00pm                        | <b>CICU Social Night</b>                              | Albany Black Chamber of Commerce  | 141 Washington Ave                    |

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024 | Stronger Together: Independent Higher Education in New York

|                 |  |   |                                 |
|-----------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| 9:00 – 10:00am  | <b>Breakfast with Key Policymakers</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senator Toby Stavisky</li> <li>Assemblymember Patricia Fahy</li> </ul> | Renaissance Albany: Dewitt Room |
| 10:00 – 10:25am | <b>Advocacy Overview</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Weinraub</li> <li>Michael Cassidy</li> </ul>                     | Renaissance Albany: Dewitt Room |
|                 | <b>Closing</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President Lola Brabham</li> </ul>                                      | Renaissance Albany: Dewitt Room |
|                 | <b>Adjourn to LOB for Legislative Meetings</b> |   | Legislative Office Building     |

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