Future Ready Iowa Summit 2021
Transforming Education for the Workforce

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Pre-event reception open to all attendees (registration required)
Science Center of Iowa
401 West Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa

Thursday, September 16, 2021
Future Ready Iowa Summit 2021: Transforming Education for the Workforce
Iowa Events Center - Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center – Level 4 Ballrooms Area
730 Third Street | Des Moines, Iowa

MC: Jeff Weld, Executive Director of the Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Registration/Check In – Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:00 to 9:10 a.m. “Transforming Education for the Workforce” – The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa

9:10 to 9:15 a.m. “I’m Depending on You – Prepare Me for the Future!” – Langston Saint, ninth-grade student

9:15 to 9:40 a.m. Three Iowa Employers: Seeking a Strong Talent Pipeline

9:40 to 10:10 a.m. Educator Reaction Panel – Implications for Iowa’s Talent Pipeline
Moderated by Cindy Dietz, Associate Director, State Government Relations
United Technologies Corporation

10:10 to 10:20 a.m. Break – Transition to Break-Outs

10:20 to 11:05 a.m. Breakout Session I: Work-Based Learning
1. Working to Learn – Registered Apprenticeships and Internships
2. WBL Models and Resources: STEM BEST, Externships, Clearinghouse
3. Serving the Underserved: WBL Accessibility for Students with Disabilities
4. Employers Driving Work-Based Learning

11:05 to 11:15 a.m.  Break

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  Breakout Session II: Computer Science Education
1. Computer Science is Elementary – K-6 CS Integration
2. Future Tech Workforce Cultivators – Transforming CS Education
3. Statewide Computer Science Working Group (House File 2629) Recommendations & Actions
4. Iowa’s Tech Workforce: What Employers Need from K-12 Schools

12:00 to 1:20 p.m.  Lunch + Keynote
12:25 – Special video presentation: K-12 Work-Based Learning Innovation
12:30 – Keynote remarks - Emily Calandrelli, Host and Co-Executive Producer of the Netflix series “Emily’s Wonder Lab”

1:20 to 1:50 p.m.  Economic, Workforce, and Education Actions to Transform Education for the Workforce
  • Debi Durham, Director, Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority
  • Beth Townsend, Director, Iowa Workforce Development
  • Steve Schultz, President, North Iowa Area Community College
  • Barbara Wilson, President, University of Iowa (invited)

1:50 to 2:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks – The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor of Iowa

2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Special Session for Educators
AEA Learning Online – Summit Course Credit Introduction Meeting (registered participants only)
Laura Williams and Craig Mohr, Instructional Designers, AEA Learning Online