



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