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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Briefing on the Effect that College Access, Persistence and Completion Rates Have on the Socio-Economic Mobility of Minorities

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will examine how access to and persistence through completion of higher education may have a disparate impact on the socioeconomic mobility of minorities. The Commission will also be examining in detail the barriers that minorities face in accessing higher education.

WHAT: Briefing on the Effect that College Access, Persistence, and Completion Rates Have on the Socio-Economic Mobility of Minorities

WHEN: May 28, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET
and
May 29, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET

WHERE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1150
Washington, DC 20425 (Entrance on F Street NW)

AGENDA:

DAY 1

Opening Remarks: 11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Panel I: 11:30 a.m. —12:00 p.m. – Financial Funding Formula Expert

- Dr. F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University

Lunch Break: 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Panel II: 1:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m. – Federal Government Officials

- Dan Weinberg, Ph.D., Census Bureau
- Dr. John Gawalt, National Science Foundation

- Dr. Tashe Inniss, National Science Foundation
- Valeria Carranza, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Break: 2:45 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Panel III: 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. – Socio-Economic Mobility and Family Structure I

- Fabian T. Pfeffer, University of Michigan
- Roger Clegg, Center for Equal Opportunity
- Diana Elliott, Pew Trusts
- Dr. William Flores, University of Houston-Downtown, The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
- Deborah Santiago, Excelencia in Education

Panel IV: 4:30 p.m. —6:00 p.m. - Socio-Economic Mobility and Family Structure II

- Kati Haycock, The Education Trust
- Rita Pin Ahrens, Southeast Asian Resource Action Center
- Stephan Thernstrom, Harvard University
- Leticia Bustillos, Ph.D, National Council of La Raza

DAY 2

Opening Remarks 9:00 a.m.—9:10 a.m.

Panel I: 9:10 a.m. —10:30 a.m. – Federal Government Officials

- Professor Stella Flores, Vanderbilt University
- Dr. Peggy Carr, US Department of Education
- Dr. James T. Minor, US Department of Education

Panel II: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. – University System Heads

- Dr. Timothy P. White, The California State University
- William E. Kirwan, Ph.D., University System of Maryland
- Dean Scott Miller, University of Virginia
- Dean Maurice Apprey, University of Virginia
- Vijay Pendakur, Cal State- Fullerton
- Dr. Darrick Hamilton, New School of Public Affairs

Lunch Break—12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Panel III: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. – Scholars I

- Neal McCluskey, CATO Institute for Economic Freedom
- Ron Haskins, Brookings Institute
- Michelle Siqueiros, The Campaign for College Opportunity
- Anne Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni

Break—2:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.

Panel IV: 2:45 p.m. —4:15 p.m. – Scholars II

- Megan McClean, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
- Richard Vedder, Center for College Affordability and Productivity
- Elizabeth Baylor, Center for American Progress
- Victor Goode, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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