



MAINE COMPACT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Fifth Maine Symposium on Higher Education

Maine's Economic Imperative:

To Dramatically Increase the Education and Skill Level of Its Current and Future Workers

Tuesday, September 28

Unum, Portland

Preliminary Agenda

10:00 a.m. **Registration & Coffee**

10:30 **Our Challenge – 40,000 More Degree and Certificate Holders by 2020!**

**Anthony P. Carnevale**, Director, Center on Education & the Workforce, Georgetown University will keynote the Symposium, presenting findings from his new report: *Help Wanted, Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018*.

11:00 **Maine Businesses in Action**

*Business leaders will describe their actions to increase the education and skill level of their workers and lessons learned for others to consider. Several firms will be recognized for 'taking one more step' to support their workers' education, through the Maine Employers' Initiative.*

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

12:45 **State Government in Action**

*A white paper will provide a framework for examining government policies and practices that will have the greatest impact on increasing education and skill levels.*

1:00 **What Would You Do, as Governor, To Increase Education Attainment?**

*Gubernatorial forum will give candidates for Governor an opportunity to respond to the white paper and present their plans to achieve the goal of 40,000 more degree-holders by 2020.*

**Confirmed: Eliot Cutler, Paul LePage, Libby Mitchell, Shawn Moody, Kevin Scott**

2:30 **Adjourn & Reception**

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