Apprenticeships At Work

July 9, 2025

Heartland Community College

Agriculture Center

9 am – 9:30 am Registration / Coffee

9:30 am Welcome and Introductions (AGC 1070)

9:45 am Keynote Address– John Colborn, Executive Director for Apprenticeships for America (AGC 1070)

10:45 am – 11:30 am Break-Out Session #1

* From Transactional to Transformational: Modernizing Employer Engagement for Apprenticeship Growth
* The Apprenticeship Journey:  Success Stories and Stumbling Blocks
* Apprenticeship 101
* Building Stronger Apprenticeships: The Critical Role of Mentoring and Harper College's Train-the-Trainer Course

11:40 am – 1 pm Lunch & Campus Confidential: Presidents Share Their Innermost Thoughts on Apprenticeships (AGC 1070)

College of DuPage – Dr. Muddassir Siddiqi

Heartland Community College – Dr. Keith Cornille

Lake Land College – Dr. Josh Bullock

Parkland College – Dr. Pam Lau

1:15 pm – 2 pm Break-Out Session #2

* Apprenticeship with Impact: Building a Stronger Student Experience
* Support That Sticks: How Holistic Case Management Drives Apprentice Retention and Completion
* Apprenticeship Industry Specific and Partnership Development and Collaboration

2:15 pm – 3 pm Break-Out Session #3

* Generations in the Workforce
* Building Bright Futures: Advancing Early Childhood Education Through Registered Apprenticeships
* Pre-Apprenticeship: 7 Days to Career Success
* Get Set, Go: The First Steps Toward Education-Aligned Apprenticeships

3 pm – 3:15 pm Snack

3:15 pm – 4 pm Your Feedback, Our Future: Insights from the Survey

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