



MAINE COMPACT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

**Maine's Economic Imperative:
To Dramatically Increase the Education and Skill Level of Its Workforce**

The Fifth Maine Symposium on Higher Education

**Tuesday
September 28**

**Unum
Portland**

Agenda

9:30 **Registration & Coffee**

10:00 **Opening Session**

Welcome, review agenda, Compact overview.

Joseph Foley, Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer, Unum;
Chair, Compact for Higher Education Board of Directors

Henry Bourgeois, Executive Director, Maine Compact for Higher Education

10:15 **Our Challenge – 40,000 More Degree and Certificate Holders by 2020!**

Keynote address on the link between education achievement and economic prosperity and the economic imperative for achieving the Compact's goal.

Keynoter: **Anthony P. Carnevale**

Director, Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University

Author of *Help Wanted, Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018*

11:00 **Maine Businesses in Action**

Business leaders will describe actions they are taking to increase the education and skill level of their workers and lessons they have learned for others to consider.

Moderator: **John Witherspoon**, President & CEO, Skowhegan Savings Bank

Panelists:

Kevin Gildart, Vice President – Human Resources, Bath Iron Works

Pete McAllister, Human Resources Manager, Mid-State Machine Products

Deborah Whitworth, Managing Director, Lebel and Harriman, LLP

11:45

Employer's Recognition

Employers will be recognized for 'taking one more step' to support their workers' education, through the Maine Employers' Initiative (MEI).

Recognized by:

Joseph Foley, Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer, Unum

Laurie Lachance, President & CEO, Maine Development Foundation

Patricia Hart, Senior Program Director, MEI, Maine Development Foundation

12:00

Networking Lunch

1:00

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.

Introduction: **Meredith Jones**, President, Maine Community Foundation

Presenter: **Colleen Quint**, Executive Director, Mitchell Institute; co-author of white paper.

1:15

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.

Moderator: **Jennifer Rooks**, Journalist & Moderator, *Maine Watch*, Maine Public Broadcasting Network

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

2:30

Adjourn & Reception