

CONNECTING THE DOTS

Thursday, November 20th
Pamela's on the Hudson
1 Park Pl., Newburgh, NY 12550

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

5:30pm - 6:15pm	Guest Arrival, Welcome & Refreshments
6:15pm - 7:15pm	Speakers & Panel Discussion • Welcome and Introductions by Tom Ritzenthaler • Keynote Speaker, Steven Neuhaus • Panel Discussion Moderated by Conor Eckert
7:15pm - 8:00pm	Networking with Food & Drinks

PANEL DISCUSSION



Conor Eckert | OCP

Conor Eckert, President and CEO of Orange County Partnership, is well known and respected within the business and economic development communities of Orange County and the Mid-Hudson region. Before joining the Partnership, he served as Executive Director of the Town of Montgomery Industrial Development Agency and Director of Economic Development for the Town of Montgomery, where he played a key role in driving growth. In these roles, he led business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts, overseeing a project portfolio exceeding \$200 million, while also managing public relations, community affairs, and the overall operations of the IDA.

During his tenure with the Montgomery, Conor spear-headed new marketing initiatives, organized community engagement events, and implemented effective economic development strategies. Under his leadership, the town and IDA established a development pipeline exceeding one million square feet of commercial space.

PANELISTS & BIOS



Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell | NECSD

Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell serves as Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District—the largest in the Hudson Valley. She oversees a \$360 million operating budget, \$250 million in grants, and a \$250 million Capital Bond project, leading 2,500 staff members who serve nearly 12,000 students.

Dr. Campbell is deeply committed to cultivating opportunity and pathways that empower both students and staff. In 2024, she was invited by Congressman Pat Ryan to join a national roundtable on Career Pathways with U.S. Education Secretary Dr. Miguel Cardona, underscoring her leadership in workforce development.

Since assuming the role of Superintendent, Dr. Campbell has reinvigorated a previously stalled Capital Bond project—most notably advancing the construction of the Newburgh Free Academy Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center. Scheduled to open in August of 2026, the new center will offer students a collegiate learning environment with hands-on training, industry certifications, and college credit opportunities, all designed to strengthen connections between education, workforce development, and economic growth across the Hudson Valley.



Johnnieanne Hansen | Council of Industry

Johnnieanne Hansen is the Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Industry, the manufacturers association of the Hudson Valley. She leads the organization's strategic direction to promote the success of its member firms and their employees and, in doing so, contributes to the economic growth of the region.

Since joining the Council, Ms. Hansen has spearheaded a number of strategic initiatives designed to strengthen the regional manufacturing sector and support business expansion, including, regional workforce training programs, expanded public-private partnerships, and the development of tools and programs to help manufacturers recruit, retain, and upskill talent. Under her leadership, the Council has launched and grown a New York State Department of Labor-sponsored apprenticeship program, created the Manufacturing Career Hub, and relaunched *GO MAKE IT*, a K-12 initiative designed to build early interest in manufacturing careers.

She also serves on numerous regional and national boards and committees, and teaches leadership and human resources courses as an adjunct professor at SUNY New Paltz.

PANELISTS & BIOS



Dr. Kristine Young | SUNY Orange

Dr. Kristine Young, President of SUNY Orange, is a collaborative leader who has aligned with colleagues and external partners to grow enrollment and reshape the daily experience for community college students of today, while simultaneously guiding the College to thrive through its 75th year and beyond.

Dr. Young's strategic approaches to improving support services, acquiring transformational federal and state grants, and blending the best elements of Guided Pathways principles with the College's historic academic strengths have positioned SUNY Orange to better serve students and the community-at-large.

Additionally, Dr. Young is positioning SUNY Orange's role in regional economic development by delivering workforce certification and training programs that lead to sustainable wages and employment growth for area residents.

Dr. Young also offers her leadership to her peers as President of the New York Community College Presidents and co-chairs the Mid-Hudson Regional Development Council. She also serves on multiple local boards, including the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

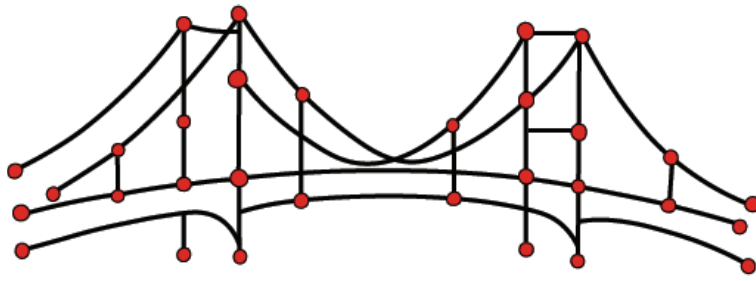


L. Todd Diorio | HVBCTC

L. Todd Diorio is a third-generation Union Leader and currently serves as Special International Representative with the Laborers Union of North America and Business Manger of the Eastern New York Laborers District Council.

Todd has also proudly served for over 30 years as President of the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, representing over 29 trade locals and more than 7,000 members, and has negotiated over 100 PLAs. The Diorio family-including his grandfather, father, brother, and most recently his son Christian-have proudly led Laborers Local 17 since 1959. Todd serves as Chairman of the Local 17 Trust Funds, President of Laborers' Local 17, Chairman of the Local 17 Training Fund, Chairman of the NYS Laborers' Political Action Committee, and Trustee on the NYS Laborers Organizing Fund.

His responsibilities include pre-job conferences, settling of jurisdictional disputes, safe guarding the rights of workers, negotiating collective bargaining agreements, promoting the union labor movement, promoting economic development in the Hudson Valley, negotiating PLAs meeting with developers and working closely with signatory Union contractors.



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PANEL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking ahead, what trends do you see shaping the future of work, and how can we proactively prepare for them?
2. Can you share an example of a successful collaboration or initiative that “connected the dots” and led to workforce impact?
3. What advice would you give to organizations, educators, or students to help bridge the gaps and strengthen workforce connections?

Q&A WITH THE AUDIENCE TO CONCLUDE