MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 • NEW YORK CITY • DELEGATES DINING ROOM at the UNITED NATIONS



Managing Through Existential Crises

NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY

NETWORKING: *Meet and Greet, with Coffee* 9:00-10:00

WELCOME AND GOALS: *Carol Carter, CEO GlobalMindED* 10:00-10:10

TRANSFORMATIONAL COLLEGE LEADERSHIP 10:10-11:00

Courage to Collaborate in Conflicted Times



MODERATOR: **Dr. Yolanda Watson Spiva,** President and CEO, Complete College America
Terry Brown, VP, Academic Innovation, American Association of State Colleges & Universities
Alfonzo Alexander, President and CEO, The PhD Project
Deborah Santiago, Chief Executive Officer, Excelencia in Education
Dr. Mary Papazian, Fellow, University Design Institute, Arizona State University

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF WELLNESS 11:00-11:50

Fostering Vitality, Resiliance, Social Capital, and Comfort With Ambiguity



MODERATOR: **Dr. Angie Paccione,** Chief Impact Officer, Verus Global Training & Management
Jerome "JYD" Williams, Author, producer, businessman, former NBA player, New York Knicks
Melba Wilson, Restaurateur, author, and Food Network personality, Melba's Restaurant, Harlem
Gordon Bell, Treasurer, Chief Financial and Operating Officer, The Steve Fund
Carlista Moore Condé, Consumer Goods Industry Executive

LUNCH *and Table Networking* 12:00-1:00

PROMOTING PEOPLE SKILLS IN THE AGE OF AI 12:30-1:00

Resilience, Resourcefulness, Resolve



MODERATOR:
Carol Carter
Founder & CEO
GlobalMindED

Torian Richardson, CEO, DBR77, former Global Director, External Partnerships, NVIDIA
Isabelle Hau, Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning

FROM CLASSROOMS TO LABS 1:00-1:50

How Four Universities Are Connecting (and Constraining) AI—

Exploring the structural disconnect between institutional AI investment and faculty/research/classroom adoption.



MODERATOR: **Jay Nappy,** AI Research & Programs, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
Dr. Jonathan Fozard, VP Information Technology, Chief Information Officer, Florida State Univ.
Jennifer Sparrow, Chief Academic Technology Officer, New York University
Dr. William H. J. Hubbard, Professor of Law, Univ. of Chicago, Law School AI Committee Chair
Chris Ott, Head of AWS Academy, Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Why This Matters

- 94% of higher ed workers use AI, but only 54% know their institution's policies (EDUCAUSE 2026)
- 56% use unsanctioned tools, creating shadow IT risk
- 89% of CTOs lack a comprehensive AI strategy (Thinklytics 2026)

BEYOND THE ALGORITHM 2:00-2:50

Rethinking Teaching for an AI Era



Amit Sevak, Chief Executive Officer, Educational Testing Service (ETS)
Arne Duncan, Managing Director, Chicago CRED; former U.S. Secretary of Education

CLOSING REMARKS: *Carol Carter* 2:50-3:00

NETWORKING RECEPTION: *Delegates Dining Room* 3:00-4:00

We all need wider circles for impact during these unscripted times. Network to meet people who can collaborate with you for actionable, meaningful, and lasting outcomes that transform our current reality.

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