



MAINE COMPACT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Maine’s Economic Imperative: To Dramatically Increase the Education and Skill Level of Maine’s Current and Future Workforce

The Sixth Maine Symposium on Higher Education

Thursday, October 13

Unum, Portland

Preliminary Agenda

9:00 a.m. **Registration & Coffee**

9:30 **Opening Session**

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

9:45 **The Challenge: Maine’s Workers Must be Among the Best Educated and Highly Skilled in America to Enable Our Businesses to Compete**

Keynoter sets the stage by making the links among education achievement and economic prosperity, current and future workforce skill and education needs, and socio/economic trends.

Keynoter: **John Dorrer**, Program Director, Jobs for the Future

11:00 **Recognition of Maine Businesses & Employers**

Maine businesses and employers will be recognized for ‘taking one more step’ to support their workers’ training and education, through the Maine Employers’ Initiative.

Remarks and recognition by **Governor Paul LePage**

11:30 **Networking Lunch**

12:15 p.m. **The Opportunity: Innovations in Public Policy, Higher Education, Philanthropy and Business**

Keynoter describes best practices in state government policies, higher education institutions, and business partnerships that increase educational attainment.

Keynoter: **Jamie P. Merisotis**, President & CEO, Lumina Foundation for Education

2:00 **Adjourn**

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