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**CRITICAL ISSUES FORUM**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Georgia Public Broadcasting, Atlanta**

**“Closing the Higher Education Attainment Gap”**

The message is resounding...By 2020, over 60 percent of Georgia jobs will require some form of a college education. Today just 42 percent of young adults have a college education. Moving from today's 42 percent to 60 percent will require at least 250,000 additional graduates. How are Georgia's postsecondary systems deploying resources to reach this goal? What is the status of Complete College Georgia since its unveiling?

Moving the needle on degree attainment encompasses finding policy solutions to a complex set of issues ranging from readiness, to access, to affordability, to persistence, to completion. Addressing the many challenges is requiring an unprecedented level of partnerships and shared responsibility. The November 4 Critical Issues Forum will strive to keep attendees on the leading edge of what's happening to advance students and strengthen the fit between the production of postsecondary credentials and workforce demand.

Several Georgia game changers will look at the broad range of current and emerging issues and innovations related to postsecondary success. Our stellar line-up of program participants includes Chancellor Hank Huckaby, University System of Georgia, to kick off the program. Also appearing will be Commissioner Gretchen Corbin, Technical College System of Georgia and Dr. Kyle Marrero, President of the University of West Georgia; additional panelists will be announced in the coming days.

Plan to be on hand for the upcoming Forum and join in this compelling discussion as we learn the implications for policy and practice.

**AGENDA**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Registration

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**DIRECTIONS – Georgia Public Broadcasting, 260 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Atlanta – 404-685-2400**

**Traveling South on I-75/I-85:** From I-75 South, take Exit 250 for 17<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. Follow the exit ramp to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and turn right at the traffic light onto 14<sup>th</sup>. From I-85 South, take Exit 84 for 17<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. Follow the exit ramp to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and turn right at the traffic light onto 14<sup>th</sup>. From the light at 14<sup>th</sup>, the GPB facility is at the top of the hill (approximately two blocks) on the left, immediately past the Georgia Tech building.

**Traveling North on I-75/85:** Take Exit 250 to 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Proceed through the 1st traffic light to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left onto 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Cross over the Interstate. The GPB facility is at the top of the hill (approximately two blocks on the left, immediately past the Georgia Tech Research Institute – GTRI – building).

**Parking:** Turn left into the driveway between the Georgia Tech building and GPB and approach the parking gate. Please park in the 2<sup>nd</sup> level or above on the west side near the elevators marked with black and gold GPB signs.

**REGISTRATION –Return by fax to 404-223-2299 or register online at**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/critical-issues-forum-tickets-19009406647> by Monday, November 2.**

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