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GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP
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CRITICAL ISSUES FORUM

Thursday, August 18, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Assembly-Atlanta, Ponce City Market

“21st Century Skills for a 21st Century Workforce”

In an economy driven by innovation and knowledge... in marketplaces engaged in intense competition and constant renewal... in a society facing complex business, political, scientific, technological, and environmental challenges, the skills of our workforce are crucial to our state's and nation's competitiveness. The new reality in preparing our students for life in the 21st century centers on understanding that the workforce they're entering is global, and required skills are increasingly multimodal and digital. Workforce success for the individual will require the ability to adapt as the pace and need for innovation accelerates. STEM knowledge and specifically, computer science, underlies most innovation, from biotechnology to cinematography to national security. Are our schools equipped to move beyond simple computer literacy to computer science that involves the use of critical thinking and problem solving? What can our education system do to prepare students to innovate and create the new technologies that drive local and national economies? What can we, as education stakeholders, do to chart a path for public education that will secure our economic competitiveness?

Plan to join the Georgia Partnership for its August Critical Issues Forum as we hear industry, military and education experts define our challenges and opportunities as we work to formalize the connection between education and competitiveness with an agenda focused on 21st century skills. Program participants include --

- **Valarie Mackey**, IT Global Performance Leader, The Coca-Cola Company;
- **Maj. Charles Lewis**, Chief, Cyber Leader College, U.S. Army Cyber School;
- **Michael Robertson**, Executive Director, TAG (Technology Association of Georgia) Education Collaborative
- **Gilda Lyon**, CTAE STEM Coordinator, Georgia Dept. of Education;
- **Pete Franconi**, Regional Director, General Assembly

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. “21st Century Skills for a 21st Century Workforce”

Location – General Assembly, Ponce City Market, 675 Ponce De Leon Ave. NE, 2nd Fl., Atlanta

Due to the location of this Forum, it is best to conduct an online map search for directions from your originating location to Ponce City Market, 675 Ponce De Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta. General Assembly is located on the 2nd floor of Ponce City Market.

When you arrive, look for GPEE or General Assembly signs. Follow this link to parking information:

<http://www.poncecitymarket.com/parking/>

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

<http://ga.co/21stcenturyskills>* **by Monday, August 15.**

**Online registration through General Assembly will lead you to their site to establish a password account.*

I WILL attend the August 18 Critical Issues Forum.

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