

# National Career Pathways Network

*Educators and Employers—Discovering Solutions through Partnering*

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## **NCPN ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON IMPROVING ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS FOR TRADITIONAL STUDENTS AND ADULTS**

**Orlando, Florida** — Over 1,000 educators and business partners will convene in Orlando for the 2011 National Career Pathways Network (NCPN) Conference, October 13-14 at the Marriott World Center. The conference theme, *Transforming Lives for a Strong America*, reflects the increasing emphasis on the need to create opportunities for student academic and career success, thereby increasing both personal and corporate economic successes in the U.S. “Career Pathways can play a key role in the restructuring of American education and the return of a thriving economy if we remain focused on the goal of helping all who want to succeed in life,” says Dr. David Bond, NCPN Director.

NCPN’s twentieth anniversary national conference will feature over 130 concurrent sessions divided among several programmatic strands including: Instructional Innovations, Focusing Students, Curriculum Design and Instruction, Adult Education Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, and Engaging Business. The conference is designed for high school and college administrators and faculty as well as business partners involved in Career Pathways partnerships across the country. This year’s featured speakers represent a broad spectrum of visionary thinkers and educational leaders. Here is a sampling:

- **Jim Brazell**, technology forecaster, VentureRamp, Inc.
- **William Symonds**, *Pathways to Prosperity* project, Harvard University
- **Loretta Costin**, Chancellor, Career & Adult Ed., Florida Department of Education
- **Richard Hinckley**, President and CEO, CORD
- **George “Pinky” Nelson**, former NASA astronaut
- **Ed Meadows**, President, Pensacola State College
- **Charles “Chuck” Mojock**, President, Lake Sumter Community College
- **Eileen Holden**, President, Polk State College
- **Michael Brawer**, Executive Director and CEO, Association of Florida Colleges
- **Tony Iacono**, President, Adult and Community Educators of Florida
- **Jeraline Marsh**, President, Florida Career Pathways Network
- **Marilyn Barger**, Executive Director, Florida Advanced Technological Education Center
- **Libby Livings-Eassa**, U.S. Department of Education

The general conference is preceded by 12 optional workshops on Wednesday, October 12, focusing on special emphases within Career Pathways programs. Some of the topics are: Adult Career Pathways Leadership Certification, Career Pathways Leadership Certification, Advising Students in Career Pathways, Teaching with Meaning, and Ensuring a Secure and Competitive America.

The 2011 NCPN Conference offers participants a wealth of networking and information-sharing opportunities. “Participants will leave Orlando with new tools and the knowledge to use those tools to their fullest potential to strengthen their local education-employer partnerships,” says Bond.

***About NCPN***

The National Career Pathways Network is a membership organization for educators and employers involved in the advancement of Career Pathways, Tech Prep, and related education and workforce development reform initiatives. Founded by the Center for Occupational Research and Development in 1991, NCPN assists its members in planning, implementing, evaluating, and improving programs for traditional and adult learners. Members have access to free resources and a discounted conference registration fee.

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