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FORUM
A WINNING WORKFORCE



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Welcome to the 2023 Catawba Regional Forum! As we come together at the start of a new year, we're looking forward to meeting new friends, re-engaging and re-energizing existing relationships, and learning more about a critical part of our collective economic future: our workforce. The Forum is a partnership between the Catawba Regional Council of Governments (COG) and the region's Chambers of Commerce. Working together across jurisdictions and with collaboration between the public and private sectors, we are excited about our region's potential in 2023 and beyond. Please take a moment to review the Chambers' legislative priorities as well as the workforce development programs available through the COG. Happy New Year!

FORUM AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome | Mr. Randy Imler Executive Director, Catawba Regional Council of Governments |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation | Ms. Charlene McGriff Lancaster County Council/ Vice Chair, Catawba Regional COG |
| III. | Chamber Legislative Priorities | Mr. John McCain President and CEO Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce |
| IV. | Introduction of Panelists | Ms. Celeste Tiller Vice President of Talent and Workforce Development, York County Regional Chamber of Commerce |
| V. | A Winning Workforce - Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities in Workforce Development | Dr. Laura Ullrich Senior Regional Economist Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond |
| | Panelist Perspectives and Discussion | Dr. Walter Collins, III Dean, University of South Carolina, Lancaster |
| | | Dr. Randy Lowell Dean, University of South Carolina, Union |
| | | Dr. Lester McCorn President, Clinton College |
| | | Dr. Stacey Moore President, York Technical College |
| | | Dr. Edward Serna President, Winthrop University |
| VI. | Closing Comments | Mr. Robert Winkler, Chair, Catawba Regional COG |
| VII. | Adjourn to Networking Reception | |

MODERATOR AND PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Laura Ullrich is a Senior Regional Economist at the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Previously, Ullrich was Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and a Professor of Economics at Winthrop University. She has worked as a business consultant for Ernst & Young, specializing in executive compensation determination, and in 2014 she served as a Fulbright Scholar teaching economics in Kosovo and working on local economic development issues in Bolivia. Ullrich is a member of the Aspen Institute Global Leadership Network via the South Carolina Liberty Fellowship. She is also an active member of her community, serving on the Executive Committee of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance and the board of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments.



Dr. Walter Collins, III is Palmetto College Campus Dean and Professor of French and English at the University of South Carolina at Lancaster. Prior to his appointment in 2013, Dr. Collins served as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at USC-L. A first-generation college student, Collins earned his Bachelor and Master's degrees in French literature from Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, respectively, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. His commitment to USC-L extends to the Lancaster community, where he serves on the board of Lancaster County's Communities in Schools, the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International. A native of Clinton, NC, Dr. Collins and his wife Ashley, have four children, Jack, Abby, Caroline, and Ellie.



Dr. Randy Lowell joined USC Union in 2012 after earning his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He transitioned into an administrative role as Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs in 2016. In 2021 he was appointed Campus Dean. During his tenure at USC-U, Dr. Lowell has made it a priority to work with students on independent research beyond the classroom in his Perception, Attention, Language, & Memory (PALM) Psychology Lab. In recent years the campus has experienced significant growth as it has added new NJCAA and club level athletics, a nursing program in partnership with USC Aiken, new and updated facilities, and increased opportunities for students within and beyond the classroom.



Dr. Lester A. McCorn is the 13th President of Clinton College in Rock Hill, a private, historically black college (HBCU) with a strong Liberal Arts tradition. Prior to joining Clinton in 2017, Dr. McCorn served as senior pastor at Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church in Baltimore, MD and at other A.M.E. Zion congregations in Boston, Chicago, and Atlanta. An alumnus of Morehouse College, Yale Divinity School, and Chicago Theological Seminary, Dr. McCorn holds the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, and he is a candidate for the Ph.D. in Ethical and Creative Leadership at Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. McCorn has served on the boards of the United Way, Urban League and as chair of the Anti-Racism Task Force of the Illinois Conference of Churches. He and his wife Charlene are the proud parents of William Elijah Benjamin, Maliaka Kenyetta, and John-Charles Wesley.



Dr. Stacey Moore currently serves as President of York Technical College. Passionate about the comprehensive mission of community and technical colleges, Stacey has a particular love for York Tech and the mission-centered personnel at the College. She believes community colleges provide the nation's best opportunity to advance educational access, equity and affordability for the economic vitality of our communities. To this end, Stacey also works closely with community partners in the service area to grow educational partnerships and build innovative solutions to address workforce needs. Stacey holds a Ph.D. and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Akron and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Eckerd College. She lives in Rock Hill, SC with her husband Scott and daughters, Caitlin and Maggie.



Dr. Edward A. Serna became the 12th President of Winthrop University on July 1, 2022. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Serna served as President of the University of Maine at Farmington and previously served as Interim Chancellor at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. Before his work in higher education, Dr. Serna was a senior business analyst and strategic management consultant in the private sector. He received a Doctorate of Education in higher education from the University of Alabama, a Master of Science in management information systems from Auburn University, a Master of Science in industrial management from Clemson University, and a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Winthrop. Dr. Serna and his family, wife Lauren and daughters Anna Kate and Caroline, reside in the historic President's House on Winthrop's campus.