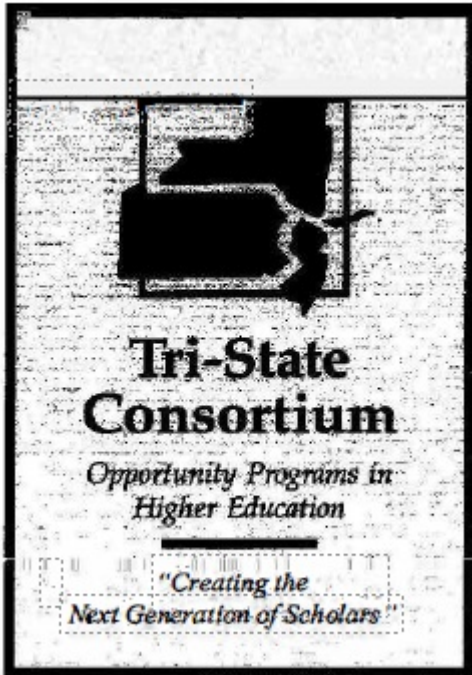


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The History of the Tri-State Consortium Conference

The Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs in Higher Education represents the realization of the vision of the first Tri-State Opportunities Association conference that was held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in 1978. That historic conference brought together for the first time, opportunity program advocates and practitioners from the states of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. While the association formed by these educators was short-lived, their vision remained, and in December 1988 the Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs in Higher Education was revived. In March of 1991, the Consortium held its first biennial conference, "A Mirror to the Past: A Window to the Future" in East Brunswick, New Jersey, the second biennial conference, "Advancement and Change: The Next Challenge" in April 1993 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the third biennial conference, "Re-Visioning Community: Meeting the Challenge of a Changing Society" in Uniondale, New York in April 1995. In 1997, the organization held its fourth biennial conference "Developing a New Vision and a Renewed Commitment: Tri-State Leadership Conference for Access, Opportunity and Student Success" in East Rutherford, New Jersey. In 1999, the organization held its fifth biennial conference "Rejuvenation: A Call to Action for the Betterment of Our Students" in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Calvin O. Butts
President, SUNY College at Old Westbury
Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church

Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, is President of SUNY College at Old Westbury and Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in the City of New York. His commitment to the enhancement of God's kingdom on earth has manifested itself in his loyal attention to the daily activities and services of both the College and the congregation. His commitment has also been evinced by the leadership role he has taken in community development initiatives concerning education, homelessness, senior citizen and youth empowerment, cultural awareness and ecumenical outreach.

Dr. Butts works continuously to create an invigorating atmosphere dedicated to academic excellence and the development of leadership qualities in students. In his short tenure at the College at Old Westbury, he has reaffirmed the College's commitment to strengthening measures of academic excellence for its students, initiated cutting-edge technologies on campus, and facilitated open communication.

A native of New York City, Dr. Butts earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He returned to New York and earned a Master of Divinity Degree in Church History from the Union Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry in Church and Public Policy from Drew University. He has taught Urban Affairs at City College, Black Church History at Fordham University, and has given numerous lectures and speeches at colleges and universities across the nation. Dr. Butts also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the African Studies Department at City College, New York.

Along with his presidency at the College at Old Westbury, Dr. Butts continues as pastor of the historical Abyssinian Baptist Church in the City of New York. Among the many projects completed under his direction are: the acquisition and renovation of apartment units for the homeless, the construction of senior citizen housing; and the acquisition of the Renaissance Ballroom and Small's Paradise, two historic landmarks in Central Harlem. He has also been instrumental in the establishment of the Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change, under the direction of the Abyssinian Development Corporation.

For his efforts and community activism, Dr. Butts has received numerous honors, including Man of the Year, Morehouse College Alumni Association; The Morehouse College Candle Award; The William M. Moss Distinguished Brotherhood Award; The Louise Fisher Morris Humanitarian Award and more than 1,000 other awards and commendations. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity, Prince Hall Masons, and has received the 33rd and final degree in Masonry. He has been recognized as a Living Treasure by the New York City Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Dr. John Mayher
Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning
New York University

John S. Mayher is Professor of English Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning at New York University where he directs the teacher education program. New York University saluted him in 1999 with its Distinguished Teacher Award.

A former junior and senior high school English teacher, Professor Mayher has long been active in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). He served as Chair of the Conference on English Education, and was honored by the NCTE with its two highest awards: the Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and the Russell Award for Distinguished Research in 1991 for his book *Uncommon Sense: Theoretical Practice in Language Education*.

Professor John Mayher directs the doctoral program in English Education at NYU that has prepared a large number of distinguished graduates who have served in developmental composition, reading, ESL and teacher education programs across New York City, New York State, and the nation. A partial list of such graduates includes: Martha Bell, Lucy Calkins, Kate Garretson, Keith Glyard, Karen Greenberg, Joyce Harte, Mary K. Healy, Linda Hirsch, Jane Isenberg, Nancy Lester, Cynthia Onore, Marianne Pita, Sondra Perl, Patricia Schall, Sally Smith, Trudy Smoke, Joan Steiner, and Judith Summerfield.



Dr. John Brooks Slaughter
President/CEO
National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering
New York, New York

Dr. John Brooks Slaughter is president and CEO of NACME, Inc. – The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering. Founded in 1974, NACME is a not-for-profit corporation that conducts research, analyzes and advances public policy, develops and operates precollege, university and workplace programs, and broadly disseminates information through publications, conferences and electronic media. NACME is also the nation's largest private source of scholarships for minorities in engineering. Since 1980, nearly ten percent of all African American, Latino and Native American engineers have graduated from college with the assistance of NACME scholarships. For its record of leadership, NACME received a Presidential Award for Excellence in 1996 and the U.S. Department of Labor's EPIC Award in 1998.

Dr. Slaughter has a long illustrious career as a leader in the education, engineering, and scientific communities. President Emeritus of Occidental College in Los Angeles, California, he has also served as Director of the National Science Foundation and Chancellor at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering where he has served on the Committee on Minorities in Engineering and currently co-chairs its Action Forum on Engineering Workforce Diversity. He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Tau Beta Pi Honorary Engineering Society. In 1993, he was inducted into the American Society of Engineering Education Hall of Fame.

Dr. Slaughter was an electronics engineer at General Dynamics. He was also a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Washington, Academic Vice President and Provost at Washington State University, and, most recently, the Irving R. Melbo Professor of Leadership in Education at the University of Southern California.

Dr. Slaughter earned a Ph.D. in engineering science from the University of California, at San Diego (UCSD); an M.S. in engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a B.S. in electrical engineering from Kansas State University. He holds honorary degrees from more than 20 institutions. Winner of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Award in 1997 and UCLA's Medal of Excellence in 1989, Dr. Slaughter was also honored with the first "U.S. Black Engineer of the Year" award in 1987. He serves on the board of directors of IBM, Northrop Grumman and Solutia, Inc.



Mr. Thomas Mortenson
Senior Scholar/Study of Opportunity in Higher Education
Policy Analyst
Oskaloosa, Iowa

Thomas G. Mortenson is Senior Scholar at the Center for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education in Washington, D.C. and an independent higher education policy analyst.

Mr. Mortenson's policy research focuses on opportunities for postsecondary education and training and how public policy fosters or impedes access to these opportunities. He has a special concern for populations that are under-represented in higher education. His studies have addressed academic and financial preparation for college, access, choice, persistence, attainment, and labor force entry of college graduates. He is particularly interested in public and private finance of higher education opportunity and the enrollment consequences of the cost-shift from taxpayers to students that has been taking place for the last 20 years. He has been employed in policy research and budget analysis for the University of Minnesota, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois State Scholarship Commission, and the American College Testing Program.

Currently Mr. Mortenson is editor and publisher of Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY, a monthly research letter devoted to analysis and reporting on the demographics, sociology, history, politics and economics of educational opportunity policy to state and national organizations.

In 2000, Mr. Mortenson was awarded the Shirley Chisholm Award by the New England Educational Opportunity Association for his research and policy analysis of issues facing TRIO students. In 1990 and 1999, Mr. Mortenson was awarded the Robert P. Huff Golden Quill Award by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for his research on financial aid for college students. He is the only person to receive this award twice.



Hector Garza, Ed.D, MPH
President
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships

Hector Garza is the founding president of the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP), the goal of which is to bring together colleges and universities, local schools, parent groups, government agencies, foundations, corporations, and community-based organizations to work collaboratively to improve student achievement and expand educational opportunities for all of America's children. Dr. Garza is on a leave of absence from the American Council on Education (ACE), which he served as Vice President for Access and Equity Programs.

For the past eight years, Dr. Garza has served as a senior consultant on K-16 initiatives to the Ford Foundation. Previously, Dr. Garza served as Associate Graduate Dean for Academic Program

Development and Review at Eastern Michigan University. Dr. Garza earned his baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Dr. Garza's service and achievements in academe have earned him awards and accolades from the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Central Michigan University, The National Hispanic University, George Mason University, the American Association for Higher Education, the Council of Graduate Schools, and the State of Michigan.



Dr. Jaime Merisotis
President, Institute for Higher Education Policy
Washington, D.C.

Jamie P. Merisotis is the founding President of The Institute for Higher Education Policy. The Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan research and policy organization located in Washington, DC. As President of The Institute, Mr. Merisotis' work addresses a broad array of topics, including higher education financing, student demographics and outcomes, minority-serving colleges and universities, technology-based learning, and government policy development.

Mr. Merisotis currently serves as director of several of The Institute's major projects, including the "New Millennium" project, a multi-year study of college costs, pricing, and productivity, funded by the Ford Foundation. He also is directing project work regarding national government funding for higher education institutions in southern Africa, and has helped to launch the Global Higher Education Exchange, an initiative designed to educate policymakers around the world about tertiary education policy issues. In addition, Mr. Merisotis is coordinating a coalition of more than 320 U S -based colleges and universities that serve large numbers of students of color, known as the Alliance for Equity in Higher Education.

Prior to founding The Institute in 1993, Mr. Merisotis served as Executive Director of the bipartisan National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Postsecondary Education. Mr. Merisotis is extensively published in the field of higher education. He is the author or editor of several books and monographs, including *Minority-Serving Institutions: Distinct Purposes, Common Goals*, and *The Changing Dimensions of Student Aid*, both published by Jossey-Bass, and *Proprietary Schools: Programs, Policies, and Prospects*, co-authored with John B. Lee and published by The George Washington University.

Jamie Merisotis is active as a meeting facilitator, board member, and speaker. He is the President of the Alumni Association of Bates College, and serves as an advisory board member for several organizations, including the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education (where he serves as 1998-2001 chair), the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, and the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance at the University of Houston. He is the recipient of the 2001 Community College Government Relations Award presented by the American Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Community College Trustees, and in 1998 was named one of the top leaders in American higher education by *Change* magazine.