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STATE OF LOUISIANA

Commissioner Joseph C. Rallo welcomes you to the

2017 Spring Forum

February 1st | Holiday Inn Alexandria ~ Downtown | 9:30 AM registration

Rep. Nancy Landry, Legislative Co-Chair

Sen. Blade Morrish, Legislative Co-Chair

AGENDA

Game Changers: *Think 30 Louisiana!*

10:00-10:15 AM

GREETINGS, HOUSEKEEPING & AUDIENCE CHECK-IN

Dr. Claire Norris ~ Assistant Commissioner, *Board of Regents* - **Facilitating**

- Mr. Richard Lipsey ~ Chairman, *Louisiana Board of Regents*
- Rep. Nancy Landry ~ Education Chair, *Louisiana House of Representatives*

~ AUDIENCE CHECK-IN ~

Note: Participants will need their laptops, iPads, and other electronic devices to fully participate.

10:15-10:40 AM

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Dr. Joseph C. Rallo ~ Commissioner of Higher Education
Elevate Louisiana

10:45-11:50 AM

SYSTEMIC REFORMS, SIGNIFICANT RESULTS, & MORE GRADS: GAME CHANGERS

Dr. Dhanfu Elston ~ Vice President for Alliance State Relations

Mr. Blake Johnson ~ Director of Communications

Complete College America

This session is designed to provide tools that enhance the student services function. Participants will be empowered with game-changing strategies that improve student learning and promote timely completion, including the importance of data collection and accuracy, one-stop shop creation/enhancement, structured scheduling, meta majors, etc.

11:50-12:30 AM

THE NUTS & BOLTS: BUILDING THE *THINK 30 LOUISIANA!* INFRASTRUCTURE

Dr. Nia Haydel ~ Director, Academic Center for Excellence, *Dillard University (CCA)*

This interactive session is designed to share how one institution has implemented the Think 30 Louisiana! strategies and experienced success in helping students navigate these unfamiliar areas.

12:30-1:25 PM

CHAT & CHEW: LUNCH/TEAM PLANNING ~ TOPIC: *Think 30 Louisiana!* Tool Kit

1:25-1:45 PM

COLLEAGUES IN ACTION: INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES & PRACTICE THAT SUPPORT *THINK 30 LOUISIANA!*

Ms. Rajni Ekta Soharu ~ Interim Registrar, *University of New Orleans*

In this session, UNO will highlight their three-pronged approach to institutional policies and practices that support Think 30 Louisiana!, sharing their challenges, victories and work in progress.

1:45-2:55 PM

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND: ACT 619 RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

Dr. Larry Tremblay ~ Deputy Commissioner, *Board of Regents* - **Facilitating**

This session has been set aside to give participants an opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback and offer suggestions to the draft response to ACT 619 by Sen. Hewitt, specifically, responding to the recommendations that impact the student services function.

2:55-3:00 PM

CLOSING & NEXT STEPS

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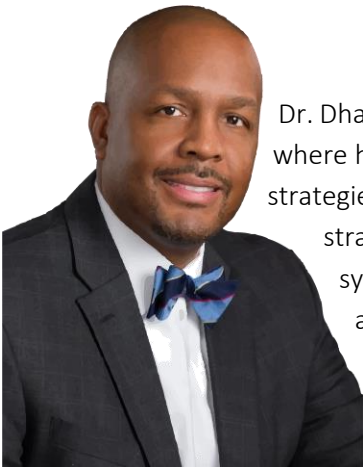
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Keynote Speakers

Dr. Joseph C. Rallo serves as the 8th Commissioner of Higher Education for the Louisiana Board of Regents. Dr. Rallo served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Texas Tech University System. Dr. Rallo is also the Past-President of Angelo State University. Prior to that appointment, he served as Provost and Academic Vice President at Western Illinois University, and was Dean of the College of Business and Administration and the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs.



Dr. Joseph C. Rallo



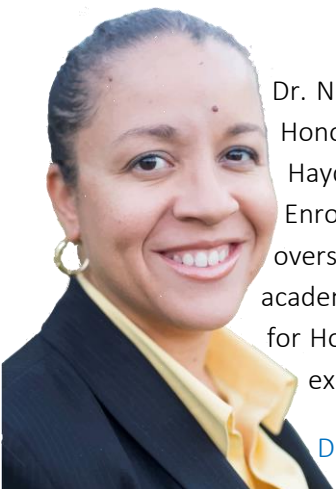
Dr. Dhanfu E. Elston serves as Complete College America's Vice President for Alliance State Relations where he utilizes his campus expertise for practical application, implementation, and scaling of CCA strategies at institutions throughout the nation. He also provides oversight of CCA's 15-To-Finish strategy and coordinates relationships with Governor's Offices and higher education state-wide systems in their college completion efforts. Over two decades of his higher education career in academic and student affairs, Elston has created and implemented comprehensive success and retention programs that have garnered national attention.

Dr. Dhanfu E. Elston

Blake Johnson manages Complete College America's media and communications strategy, including the development and implementation of all external communications such as publications, digital and social media, and stakeholder outreach. He oversees a national portfolio of reporters, bloggers and influencers who cover higher education, state government and public policy. In addition to his work in communications, Blake manages a policy portfolio in a number of CCA Alliance States and co-leads the organization's 15 to Finish initiative.



Mr. Blake Johnson



Dr. Nia Woods Haydel is the Director of the Academic Center for Excellence, the Thompson/Cook Honors Program and Assistant Professor of Urban Studies and Public Policy at Dillard University. Dr. Haydel has been a higher educational professional for over 18 years working in Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Academic Affairs and Intercultural Relations. In her current role, she oversees the University's retention initiatives, as well as, academic advising, progression and academic enrichment initiatives and service learning for first-year students, and coordinates initiatives for Honors students. Additionally, she is responsible for assessment initiatives within the first-year experience.

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