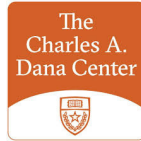


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"State education chiefs' commitment to student success doesn't end at a high school diploma. Post-secondary success as well as access to well-paying careers are fundamental measures of equity and chiefs are dedicated to delivering on this commitment for all students. Partnerships between state chiefs, higher education and business colleagues are critical to ensure all children are on pathways to college and career success. In pursuit of this work, CCSSO is proud to partner with Level Up to bring more attention, and find solutions, to ensuring all kids are prepared to seamlessly transition to career, college or the military." — **Carissa Moffat Miller, Executive Director of CCSSO**

"Level Up clearly aligns with SHEEO's commitment to support states and their efforts to ensure positive postsecondary student outcomes, which is predicated on successful transitions from high school. Educational equity and achievement gaps are narrowed when collaborative policies and practices are in place that support all students and their quest for higher education. We must be deliberate and persistent in our efforts." — **Rob Anderson, President, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association**

"Postsecondary readiness and success must be a priority for every policymaker, educator and student, in order to ensure that the transition between high school and higher education is a launch pad, not a hurdle," — **Matt Gandal, President, Education Strategy Group**

"Successful transitions from high school into the workforce and postsecondary education requires clear pathways, timely advising and support, and financial resources. By working in partnership through the Level Up coalition, we can ensure that students have access to all they need to advance themselves and their communities." — **Brian A. Sponsler, Vice President, Education Commission of the States**

"Collaboration across all sectors of public education is essential in preparing engaged citizens in our changing world. Level Up offers us the chance to work in a broad coalition to support student success in college and beyond." — **Rebecca Martin, Executive Director, National Association of System Heads**



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"Students have more options than ever before as they pursue postsecondary success – but students need information to choose a path forward that will help them and their families decide how to spend often limited resources while meeting students' goals for themselves. Illuminating these pathways will require breaking down the silos of data that exist between K-12, post-secondary and the workforce. Parents and educators deserve this information to better support students to and through these transitions and that students are able to pursue the path that helps them achieve their own goals." — **Jennifer Bell-Ellwanger, President and CEO, Data Quality Campaign**

"Now more than ever, high-demand, living-wage careers require that learners have a postsecondary credential that signals and validates their experience and competency to employers. We commend Level Up's commitment highlighting this important issue and welcome the opportunity to connect this with the work Advance CTE is doing to promote and support high-quality Career Technical Education programs of study, which provide learners with a clear path from secondary to postsecondary education and the academic knowledge and technical skills necessary to succeed in further education and careers." — **Kimberly Green, Executive Director, Advance CTE**

"Students face many challenges transitioning from high school to postsecondary education, partly because there is not always alignment among K12, nonprofits, and the many types of postsecondary opportunities. The Level Up Coalition will address those gaps and help states to provide more secure paths for student transition." — **Kim Cook, Executive Director, National College Access Network**

"A quality education must serve students well beyond their K-12 years, empowering them for success in careers and in life. ExcelinEd is pleased to join Level Up's dedicated partners in building stronger pathways into postsecondary learning, giving many more students an accelerated track into productive futures." — **Patricia Levesque, CEO, Foundation for Excellence in Education**

"The vast majority of well-paying jobs in our economy today require an education beyond a high school diploma. From aligning graduation requirements and college admissions criteria to limiting the need for remedial education, we've got to do more to make sure students are prepared to meet this challenge head-on. That's why LevelUp's work is critical to improving success in higher education for low-income and first-generation students." — **Center for American Progress**

"We must own and redouble our commitment to ensuring that students graduate with rigorous college- and career-ready skills. We also need new forms of collaboration between leaders in higher education, state and national policymakers, nonprofit organizations, and regional employer networks to redefine success in postsecondary education and produce the changes young people and working families need and deserve." — **Chiefs for Change**

"Too often first-generation and other college students from underrepresented backgrounds need to take remedial courses in addition to their freshman classes, setting up barriers to success right from the start. APLU is working with others to support colleges and K-12 systems as they identify alternative, more effective ways to provide these students the support they need. That is why we are pleased to partner with others in the Level Up Coalition who are committed to removing common roadblocks to a college degree that far too many students face." — **Association of Public & Land Grant Universities**