



SESSION AGENDA

Session #1: Thursday, February 6th, 2025

Location: CSC Station (4th Floor) – 112 S French St, Wilmington, DE 19801

February Themes: Launching Our Immersion into All Things Delaware

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Welcome from Scott Malfitano, VP, CSC Global	
8:30 – 9:30 am	Speaker: Edward Ratledge <i>Director, Center for Applied Demography & Survey Research (CADSR); Biden School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Delaware</i> Topic: <i>“Delaware by the Numbers: Demographic Trends Impacting the First State”</i>	Introduction by: Wenona Sutton
9:40 – 10:40 am	Speaker: Representative Melissa Minor-Brown <i>Speaker of the House, Delaware General Assembly</i> Topic: <i>“Leading the House of Representatives – Shaping Delaware’s Future”</i>	Introduction by: Sakinah Slayton
10:50 – 11:50 am	Speaker: Senator Brian Pettyjohn <i>State Senator, 19th District, Senate Minority Whip, State of Delaware</i> Topic: <i>“Making Sure That All Voices are Heard in the Legislature”</i>	Introduction by: DJ Herr
11:50 – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Group Project Work	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Speaker: Doneene Damon, Esq. <i>Director, Immediate Past President, Richards, Layton, and Finger</i> Topic: <i>“The Unique Role of the Delaware Legal System”</i>	Introduction by: Kylie Taylor-Roberts
2:10 – 3:10 pm	Speaker: Allison Levine <i>Publisher and CEO, Spotlight Delaware</i> Topic: <i>“The Evolving – and Essential – Role of Journalism in Delaware”</i>	Introduction by: David Karas
3:20 – 4:20 pm	Speaker: Dave Tiberi <i>Co-Founder, Donate Delaware, LDI Advisory Board Member</i> Topic: <i>“The Peoples’ Champ! Doing So Much for So Many!”</i>	Introduction by: Bernie Kale
4:30 – 5:15 pm	Debrief: Fellows Review of Themes, Topics, Presentations	Moderator: Mike Eppehimer & Jaimie Watts
5:15 – 7:00 pm	Reception: Group Project #1 Presentations CSC Station: 112 S French St, Wilmington, DE 19801 – 4 th Floor	

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SESSION AGENDA

Session #2: Friday, February 7th, 2025

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8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:30 am	Speaker: Senator Bryan Townsend <i>State Senator, 11th District, Senate Majority Leader, State of Delaware</i> Topic: <i>“Leading in the Senate and Keeping the Peace”</i>	Introduction by: Marshall Hawkins
9:40 – 10:40 am	Speaker: Rod Ward <i>President & CEO, CSC; Co-Chair, Delaware Prosperity Partnership; LDI Advisory Board Member</i> Topic: <i>“The Leading Role of Our Business Community in Delaware – and Across the World”</i>	Introduction by: LaVante Dorsey
10:50 – 11:50 am	Speaker: Andrea Godfrey <i>Director, Budget Development & Planning, DE Office of Management and Budget</i> Topic: <i>“The Revenues, Expenses, Challenges, and Opportunities that Drive the Delaware Budget”</i>	Introduction by: Haley Belcher-Patton
11:50 – 12:30 pm	Lunch	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Speaker: The Honorable Kyle Evans-Gay <i>Lieutenant Governor, State of Delaware</i> Topic: <i>“The Role of the Lt. Governor in Ensuring Equality and Prosperity for All Delawareans”</i>	Introduction by: Yachira Torres
1:40 – 2:40 pm	Speaker: Shanté Hastings <i>Deputy Secretary/Chief Engineer, Delaware Department of Transportation LDI Alum and Advisory Board Member</i> Topic: <i>“Safe and Resilient Transportation for All”</i>	Introduction by: Caitlin Aunet
2:50 – 3:50 pm	Speaker: Chris Fraser, MBA, FACHE President & CEO, & Maggie Norris Bent, MPA <i>Chief External Affairs & Communications Officer, Westside Family Healthcare</i> Topic: <i>“Our FQHCs Promoting Healthcare Access, Quality, and Equity”</i>	Introduction by: Pia Stokes
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Speaker: Kurt Foreman <i>President & CEO; Delaware Prosperity Partnership</i> Topic: <i>“Attracting and Sustaining Economic Growth in the First State”</i>	Introduction by: Linda Schirmeister-Gess
5:20 – 6:00 pm	Recap: Fellows Review of Themes, Topics, Presentations	Moderator: Mike Eppheimer & Jaimie Watts

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SESSION AGENDA

Session #3: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Location: Hockessin Colored School #107C (4266 Millcreek Road, Hockessin, DE 19707)

March Themes: Education and Equity

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:30 am	Speaker: Drew Fennell , <i>Executive Vice President, Social Contract; Former Board Member, Hockessin Colored School #107C</i> Sonny Knott <i>Student from 1937-44, Hockessin Colored School #107C</i> Topic: <i>"The Legacy of Hockessin Colored School #107C"</i>	Introduction by: Marshall Hawkins
9:40 – 10:40 am	Speaker: Bebe Coker <i>Community Activist; Founding Director, Black Heritage Educational/ Theater Group; Playwright, Poet, and Lyricist</i> Topic: <i>"Arts and Activism - A Conversation with a Delaware Legend"</i>	Introduction by: Brittany Williams
10:50 – 11:50 am	Speaker: Julia Keleher <i>Executive Director, First State Educate</i> Topic: <i>"Strengthening School Boards, Improving Student Outcomes, Shaping Delaware's Future"</i>	Introduction by: Emily Navarrete
11:50 – 12:30pm	Lunch	
12:30—1:30pm	Speaker: Secretary Cindy Marten <i>Cabinet Secretary, Delaware Department of Education</i> Topic: <i>"The Challenges and Opportunities Facing Delaware's School System"</i>	Introduction by: Yachira Torres
1:40-2:40 pm	Speaker: Mark T. Brainard, J.D. <i>President, Delaware Technical Community College</i> Topic: <i>"Delaware Tech: Connecting Delawareans with Opportunity and Jobs"</i>	Introduction by: Andrea DeSimone
2:50 – 3:50pm	Speaker: Atnre Alleyne <i>Co-Founder and CEO, TeenSHARP; Founder, The Proximity Project; LDI Alumni '17</i> Topic: <i>"Leadership Lessons, the Power of Proximity, Unlocking Student Success"</i>	Introduction by: Wenona Sutton
4:00 – 5:00pm	Speaker: CMC Charles "Chuck" Baldwin <i>Chairman, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs; Former President, The Charter School of Wilmington; Co-Founder and Former Commandant, Delaware Military Academy; Command Master Chief US Navy Ret; Former LDI Board Member</i> Topic: <i>"Deck Plate Leadership: From Carrier to Classroom"</i>	Introduction by: DJ Herr
5:00 – 5:45pm	Debrief: Fellows Review of Themes, Topics, Presentations	
6:00 – 7:30pm	Reception: Dew Point Brewing Company; 2878 Creek Road, Yorklyn, DE hosted by Kevin Dombrowski (LDI Alumni '16) and Ted Lauzen (LDI Alumni '19); <i>Founders, Grey Fox Wealth Advisors</i>	

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SESSION AGENDA

Session #4: Friday, March 7, 2025

Location: Hockessin Colored School #107C (4266 Millcreek Road, Hockessin, DE 19707)

March Themes: Education and Equity

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – LDI Proud	
8:30 – 9:30 am	Speaker: Britney Mumford <i>Executive Director, DelawareCAN; LDI Alumni '23</i> Topic: <i>"Delaware CAN Do Better for Students"</i>	Introduction by: David Karas
9:40 – 10:40 am	Speaker: Yvonne Johnson, President, National Parent Teacher Association, Kelly Coffey, President, Delaware Parent Teacher Association Topic: <i>"The Voice of Parents in Our Education System"</i>	Introduction by: Carrie Hart
10:50 – 11:50 am	Speaker: Speaker Melissa Minor-Brown <i>Speaker of the House – 17th District, Delaware General Assembly</i> Topic: <i>"Leading the House of Representatives – Shaping Delaware's Future"</i>	Introduction by: Sakinah Slayton
11:50 – 12:30 pm	Lunch	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Speaker: Sen. Laura Sturgeon <i>Delaware State Senator – 4th District; Chair, Senate Education Committee</i> Topic: <i>"Navigating the Legislative Education Agenda as an Educator and Politician"</i>	Introduction by: Courtney DeVane
1:40 – 2:40 pm	Speaker: Maria Matos <i>President & CEO, Latin American Community Center</i> Topic: <i>"Shaping Long-Term Advocacy into a Seat at the Public Policy Table"</i>	Introduction by: Cimone Sylver
2:50 – 3:50 pm	Speaker: Aaron Bass, Ed.D. <i>CEO, Eastside Charter School</i> Topic: <i>"Inspiring Our Students to Realize Their Vision for the Future"</i>	Introduction by: Kristen Scott
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Speaker: Kendall Massett <i>Executive Director, DE Charter Schools Network; LDI Alumni '10</i> Topic: <i>"The Role of Charter Schools in Impacting Student Success"</i>	Introduction by: Pia Stokes
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Debrief: Fellows Review of Themes, Topics, Presentations	

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