



Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education

2023 What’s Next DEI Conference

Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. ET
via SOCHE Zoom Platform

“Adapting, Growing, Thriving”

The Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) is pleased to announce the **2023 What's Next DEI Conference, which is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. ET**. This third annual virtual event will focus on important conversations about the impact of diversity, equity, and inclusion on all areas of higher education.

Join other higher education colleagues, advocates, and allies for panels covering “Creating Transformative Spaces” and “Equitable Change Management.” Our morning will end with a special keynote from Jorge Figueroa, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Curriculum & Strategic Initiatives at Texas Woman's University.

Plan now to be part of a conference that will help you understand What's Next in the transformational DEI landscape at our nation's colleges and universities.

Event Program:

8:45 a.m. ET	Meeting link opens
9:00 a.m. ET	Opening and Welcome <i>Conference Host:</i> Primrose Igonor , Columbus State Community College
9:05 a.m. ET	PANEL: Creating Transformative Spaces In higher education, the role of chief diversity officer is responsible for leading efforts to conceptualize, implement, and cultivate inclusion and belonging. Chief diversity officers (CDOs) guide institutions toward organizational and transformational change. In this panel discussion, a group of CDOs will share their expertise and experience in creating transformative spaces, as well as strategies for cultivating transformational leadership. <i>Panelists:</i> Dr. Matthew Chaney (Wright State University), Dr. Dilip Das (University of Toledo), and Dr. Tiffany Taylor (University of Dayton) <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Adrienne Lyles , University of Cincinnati
9:45 a.m. ET	Break
10:00 a.m. ET	PANEL: Equitable Change Management Chief diversity officers are charged with leading their institutions in adapting, growing, and thriving in the midst of change. In this session, panelists will lead a conversation about equitable operational change. They will discuss how to cultivate equity, inclusion and belonging through organizational shifts, and the ways in which organizational design can enhance community and belonging. <i>Panelists:</i> Dr. Cristina Alcalde (Miami University), Dr. Frank E. Dobson Jr. (Otterbein University), and Dr. Amoaba Gooden (Kent State University) <i>Moderator:</i> Oliver Ferguson , University of Dayton

10:45 a.m. ET	Break
11:00 a.m. ET	<p>KEYNOTE - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education: Rethink, Regroup, and Relaunch for Student Success</p> <p>Dr. Jorge Figueroa, Vice Provost for Curriculum & Strategic Initiatives, Texas Woman’s University</p> <p>This short “crucial conversation” critically examines the evolving landscape of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in higher education, particularly in the context of shifting state policies. It seeks to provide insights into how academic institutions could rethink their strategies, regroup resources, and relaunch initiatives to uphold inclusive excellence principles and ensure ongoing support for student success.</p> <p>Q&A Moderator: Dr. Julio Quintero, University of Dayton</p>
11: 45 a.m. ET	Closing comments