



## INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

*A DISCUSSION BETWEEN EDUCATORS, ENTREPRENEURS AND  
STUDENTS ON THE LEADING EDGE OF CHANGE*

**Thursday, June 30**  
**Kresge Auditorium, Bowdoin College**  
**8:30 – 4:00**

Maine's economy is in transition and the jobs of tomorrow will require new skills and training. What are the state's education innovators doing to respond? What do Maine's entrepreneurs, businesses and students need to succeed?

**Join us for this important conversation about Maine's future.**



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## SPEAKERS INCLUDE

**Chris Gabrieli**

Empower Schools  
Mass Board of Higher Education

**Elosie Vitelli**

New Ventures

**Benjamin Brigham**

2015 Washington County Teacher  
of the Year

**Flynn Ross**

ETEP, USM

**John D'Anieri**

Harpwell Coastal Academy

**Beth Fisher**

Midcoast School of Technology

**Derek Pierce**

Principal of the Year  
Casco High School

**Richard Schuhmann**

The Landing School

**Adam Burk**

Treehouse Institute

**Holly Parker**

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**Gordon Donaldson**

UM System, retired

**Michelle Neujahr**

SMCC

**David Sullivan**

Breakwater School

**Brenda Laverdiere**

2015 Franklin County Teacher of  
the Year, Academy Hill School

**Chris Hall**

Greater Portland Chamber

**Brad Swanson**

MSBD Center at CEI

**Jess Knox**

Maine Accelerates Growth

**Kerem Durdag**

Entrepreneur

# THE SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

- 8:30: **Registration**
- 9:00 **Welcome**
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| <b>Alan Caron</b>   | Envision Maine                  |
| <b>Ed Cervone</b>   | Educate Maine                   |
| <b>Dana Connors</b> | Maine State Chamber of Commerce |
- 9:10 **Getting Started: Morning Keynote**
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| <b>Chris Gabrieli</b> | Empower Schools, Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education |
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- 9:40 **Education Innovators Share Their Experience and Vision**
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| <b>Eloise Vitelli</b>    | New Ventures  |
| <b>Benjamin Brigham</b>  | 2015 Washington County Teacher of the Year, Shead High School |
| <b>Flynn Ross</b>        | ETEP, USM   |
| <b>John D'Anieri</b>     | Harpswell Coastal Academy                                     |
| <b>Beth Fisher</b>       | MidCoast School of Technology                                 |
| <b>Derek Pierce</b>      | 2016 principal of the year, Casco Bay High School             |
| <b>Richard Schuhmann</b> | The Landing School  |
| <b>Adam Burk</b>         | Treehouse Institute   |
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 **What Are Education Innovators Doing and What Do They Need?**
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| <b>Holly Parker</b>      | Academic Innovations, University of New England               |
| <b>Gordon Donaldson</b>  | Retired from UM System  |
| <b>Michelle Neujahr</b>  | Southern Maine Community College                              |
| <b>David Sullivan</b>    | Breakwater School   |
| <b>Brenda LaVerdiere</b> | 2015 Franklin County Teacher of the Year, Academy Hill School |
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:15 **What Do Businesses and Entrepreneurs Need from the Education System?**
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| <b>Chris Hall</b>   | Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce           |
| <b>Brad Swanson</b> | Maine Small Business Development Center at CEI |
| <b>Jess Knox</b>    | Maine Accelerates Growth                       |
| <b>Kerem Durdag</b> | Entrepreneur                                   |
- 2:30 **What Do Students Need, Today and Tomorrow?**
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| <b>Illaria Dana</b>  | Southern Maine Community College           |
| <b>Ethan Pierce</b>  | Freeport High School                       |
| <b>Shelby Bishop</b> | Harpswell Coastal Academy                  |
| <b>Stephen Adams</b> | USM ETEP Graduate, SEAM President, Teacher |
| <b>Jerry Mopembe</b> | Portland Adult Education                   |
- 3:30 **Lightning Round: One minute at the microphone for your great idea!**
- 4:00 **Next Steps, Alan Caron and Ed Cervone**

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