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**To:** Participants of the NAPE National Summit for Educational Equity (NSEE)

**From:** Mimi Lufkin, CEO

**Re:** NAPE's NSEE '16, April 11-14, 2016



The globalization of the American economy has increased the need for a workforce prepared for new and emerging high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers. Preparing every student to be college and career ready and ensuring successful postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree attainment is critical to meeting the current skills gap, especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and many career and technical education (CTE) disciplines.

Learning how to help students meet the challenges in this changing world is vital not only to their success as individuals but also to society at large. Participating in NSEE '16 will take you to the next level as an educator, a leader, and a counselor, and you will leave with ideas that you can implement the minute you return to your schools.

We hope you will join us the National Summit for Educational Equity (formerly the Professional Development Institute) being held April 11-14, 2016, at The Westin Alexandria in Virginia, just over the Potomac River from our nation's capital.

## Reasons you should attend:

- **Learn from experts** on topics such as implementing best practices for ensuring the success of special population students, designing nontraditional programs of study that lead to post-secondary transition, increasing the participation of women in STEM careers, and MORE!
- **Participate** in plenary sessions led by national experts on equity issues facing secondary schools and community colleges in preparing the workforce of tomorrow.
- **Hear from federal policy makers** about how public policy affects your state and local education and workforce development programs.
- **Network** with equity professionals from around the country with whom you can share best practices.
- **Join a professional learning community** where you can continue learning throughout the year.
- **Take home tools and resources** you can implement the minute you return home.

For more information on NSEE '16, please visit: [www.nsee.info](http://www.nsee.info), where you will find an agenda, travel information, online registration, and highlights from the 2015 conference – with more details to come.

*We look forward to seeing you in Alexandria, April 11-14, 2016!*