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The Education Commission
of the States presents the
**2010 ECS National Forum
on Education Policy**

**August 18-20
Portland, Oregon**

**Register by Friday, July 30th in
order to receive a \$100 discount.**

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Why you should attend

- * Talk with deeply knowledgeable experts who will help you connect theory to action
- * Extend relationships with other leaders from your state ... and from across the country
- * Connect breakthrough ideas with implementation

Learn from those who understand the complexities and difficulties state policymakers confront.

Insights into learning

What We Can Learn From How the Brain Works

John Medina, a developmental molecular biologist, is an affiliate Professor of Bioengineering at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and the Director of the Brain Center for Applied Learning Research at Seattle Pacific University. He recently authored the book *Brain Rules*.

How Thinking In Pictures Provides New Perspective

Invited: Temple Grandin, an Associate Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and the author of several books, has used her autism – which helps her to conceptualize complex issues, including education-related problems – in meaningful ways.

Tools

Improving Problem Solving Through Geographic Mapping

Former Governor Jim Geringer, ESRI and friends. ESRI is a leader in geographic information systems (GIS) spatial modeling tools and mapping software, which can reframe challenges to help you explore more effective policy solutions.

Thought leadership

Bounce Your Boldest Ideas Off the Best and the Brightest (an interactive, open-mic session)

Clifford Adelman, Senior Associate, Institute for Higher Education Policy, has expertise in secondary/postsecondary transitions, higher education, international issues and data. **Michael Kirst**, Professor Emeritus of Education and Business Administration at Stanford University, has expertise in K-12, high school/college readiness and transition, and higher education.

It's Beyond Raising Graduation Requirements: Helping More Students Graduate College- and Career-Ready

David Conley is Professor of Educational Policy and Leadership; Founder and Director of the Center for Educational Policy Research at the University of Oregon; and Founder and CEO of the Educational Policy Improvement Center in Eugene, Oregon. His new book is *College and Career Ready*.

Moving From "Best Practices" to Creating Conditions Where Effective New Problem-Solvers Can Grow

Frederick M. Hess is Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute, and author of the recently released book *Education Unbound*.

How Future Assessments Can Hit the Real Targets

A panel of national testing experts will focus on the next generation of assessments and what these must include to be aligned to international benchmarks and improve instruction – and still be affordable and not burdensome to administer.

New Strategies for Teacher Prep Programs To Improve Teacher Effectiveness – Diverse Perspectives

This panel will include new thinking on teacher preparation programs and how these ideas are leading to action and success.

Invited: Wendy Kopp (CEO and President, Teach for America), **Tony Bennett** (State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana), **Pat Wasley** (Dean of the College of Education at the University of Washington), **David Steiner** (New York State Education Commissioner and President of the University of the State of New York) and **Jonathan Plucker** (Professor of educational psychology and cognitive science at Indiana University).

What Does Being Work-Ready Look Like?

Invited: Debra Lyons, Governor's Office of Workforce Development, Georgia

Lessons learned

The Biggest Challenges Facing Teacher and Leader Prep – and the Greatest Triumphs

Linda Darling-Hammond, Charles Ducommun Professor of Education; Co-Director of the School Redesign Network, Stanford University; and **2010 ECS James Bryant Conant Award winner**

The Lumina Foundation's Big Goal: Increase the Percentage Of Americans with High-Quality Degrees and Credentials to 60% by the Year 2025. What Lessons Have We Learned?

An interview with Jamie P. Merisotis, President, Lumina Foundation

Working sessions

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TALK TO THE EXPERTS

Follow up with the following plenary speakers: Michael Kirst, Clifford Adelman, David Conley, Temple Grandin, John Medina and Jim Geringer.

SCHOOL FINANCE 101

These are the times that try men's souls (and pocketbooks). Talk with school finance experts about how states fund schools and how your state might address this fiscal crisis.

WHAT STATE LEADERS CAN LEARN FROM HIGHER EDUCATION REFORMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Come hear expert analysis of which international reforms might hold the most promise for state systems. For example, what actions have our peer countries taken to increase completion or to increase the options for "short cycle" degrees, etc. – and do their approaches hold promise for solving challenges such as re-tooling, improving transfer and supporting adult learners?

DOES RACE TO THE TOP PROVIDE A TEMPLATE FOR THE ESEA OF THE FUTURE?

Discuss which state-level approaches got funded, what their acceptance might suggest for ESEA reauthorization and what analyses tell us about where we have and have not made progress in improving student outcomes.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS: WHAT ROLE WILL YOU PLAY?

Grab your bag. It's on.

A COMBINATION OF SUPPORT AND PRESSURE IN KANSAS: THE LEARNING NETWORK APPROACH TO INTERVENTION

Many see intervention as heavy-handed, but it needn't always be. The Kansas approach builds on the skills and dispositions of the people who will be there when the expert advisors leave.

USING THE RIGHT DATA AND DEVELOPING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS FOR ALL: AN ARKANSAS PARTNERSHIP

How a partnership centered around student achievement data and research on higher performing schools can help facilitate collaboration and school improvement within a state.

CLIMATE CHANGE EVERYONE CAN SUPPORT

Let's examine school policies and practices that support positive school environments.

TARGETING COLLEGE COMPLETION AND THE ALIGNMENT OF PATHWAYS

Everything you wanted to know about the Complete College America project, and a presentation of new findings on transfer and articulation.

BUILDING STRONG LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS THROUGH 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Overview of research and expert opinion on 21st century learning environments with emphasis on support systems that include: structures for learning, time for learning, tools for learning, communities for learning and policy in support of learning.

Pre-meeting events Wednesday, August 18



ECS President Roger Sampson and Vice Chair Barbara Clark with 2009 Conant Award winner Kati Haycock.

- * **National Center for Learning and Citizenship Board meeting**
(8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., invitation only)
- * **Teachers of the Year** (2–4 p.m., invitation only)
- * **Legislative Education Staff** (1:00 p.m., role group only)
- * **State P-16/P-20 Councils and Linking Early Learning, K-12, Postsecondary and Workforce Data**
(1:00 p.m., special session sponsored by the Data Quality Campaign; open, drop in when you arrive)
- * **ECS Business Meeting** (4:00 p.m., ECS Commissioners only)
- * **Chair's Reception** (5:00 p.m., invitation only)
- * **General Reception** (6:00 p.m., open)

Meeting officially begins early on Thursday, August 19, and ends Friday by 3:15 p.m.

For a complete list of sessions, descriptions, dates and times, visit www.ecs.org/NF2010.

National Forum on Education Policy

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*Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty
ECS Chair 2008-10*



Participants at the 2009 ECS National Forum on Education Policy.

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50 states + D.C. + territories = America

ECS connects you with:

- * Thinking that represents what everyone will be talking about a year from now
- * What other states have learned so you don't have to make the same mistakes
- * Innovation, new knowledge and promising approaches.

ECS provides you with:

- * "Best in class" approaches to problems
- * Model policy elements and options
- * Clear presentation of implementation considerations and processes critical to success.

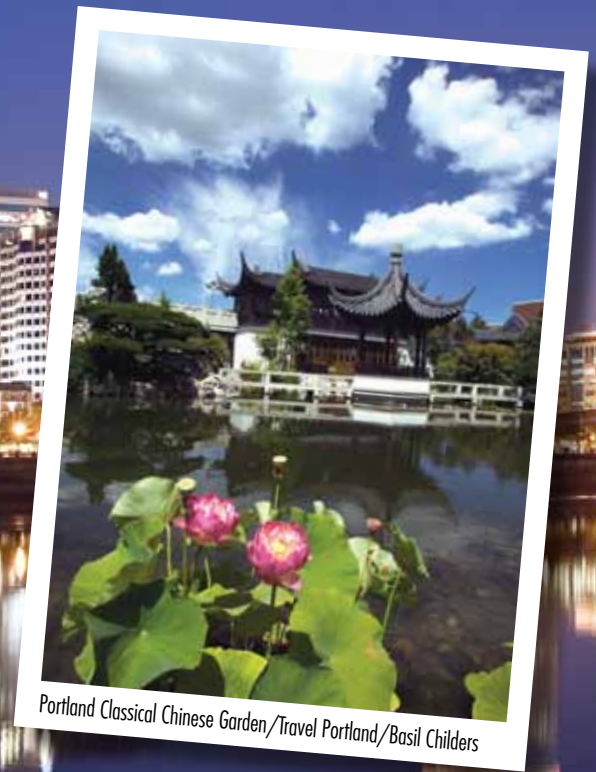
ECS, your Compact for Education, helps you forge relationships with other states, so your educational systems will become more effective and result in high student achievement and growth.

ECS Commissioners:

- * Reach across the aisle
- * Seek diverse perspectives
- * Look for new solutions
- * Honor diligence.

**This is your meeting.
We hope to see you there.**

Amazing things are happening in Portland.
Creative things. Outlandish things. Beautiful things.



Portland Classical Chinese Garden/Travel Portland/Basil Childers

Maybe you've heard that the city of Portland, Oregon, has been proclaimed as North America's "Best Big City," according to *Money* magazine. One visit will explain why. Take a first-hand look at the region's natural beauty, its bustling local scene, the seasonally focused dining and welcoming accommodations – much of which can be accessed via the region's convenient and eco-friendly light-rail system. Portland is known for its green spaces and proximity to natural wonders like the Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood. In addition, Portland's arts and culture scene has taken an exhilarating turn in recent years, garnering worldwide attention for its meld of enriched classical institutions and innovative new venues. A rich diversity of cultures has contributed to the Portland of today. Start exploring and you'll soon understand why so many visitors flock there year-round. Portland gracefully combines its eccentric touches with the traditional to roll out a whimsical welcome mat.



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