FEATURED KEYNOTE

DR. FREEMAN A. HRABWOSKI, III

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, III served as president of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) from 1992 - 2022. He is a nationally renowned leader of STEM education and widely lauded for creating “the country’s strongest pipeline of Black graduates in science, technology, engineering and related fields” at UMBC, according to the New York Times. Dr. Hrabowski’s many recognitions include being named one of America’s Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report (2008) one of America’s 10 Best College Presidents (TIME magazine, 2009), and one of the “100 Most Influential People in the World” (TIME, 2012).

FEATURED MODERATOR

DR. LANDE AJOSE

Dr. Lande Ajose is vice president and Walter and Esther Hewlett Chair in Understanding California’s Future and a senior fellow at Public Policy Institute of California. Most recently, Dr. Ajose was Governor Gavin Newsom’s senior policy advisor for higher education and chaired the Task Force on Recovery with Equity led by the Governor’s Council for Post-Secondary Education. Dr. Ajose is a widely recognized leader in California higher education, previously serving as the executive director of California Competes and chair of the California Student Student Aid Commission.