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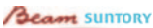
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## What is the Inaugural Kentucky Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Summit?

The summit will bring together business, civic and education professionals to explore how we can advance this crucial issue to better shape our workforce of the future. Join us as we take a look at some of the components – such as criminal justice, economic empowerment, education equity, and inclusive business practices – needed to build a stronger and more united future where all Kentuckians can grow and thrive.

## Who Should Attend

Professionals involved in managing staff and operations — everyone from the CEO to the HR Manager.

- Policy leaders
- Human resources personnel and HR consultants
- Business owners
- Personnel directors and managers
- Employee relations specialists
- Career and technical educators
- Trade association members
- Education professionals from P-12 and postsecondary
- State and local workforce innovation board members

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## AGENDA

### **8:00 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast with Sponsors and Exhibitors**

### **8:30 a.m. | Welcome: Why the Kentucky Business Community Established the Center for Workplace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Ashli Watts, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber  
Joe Frazier, Executive Director, Center for DE&I, Kentucky Chamber Foundation

### **9:00 a.m. | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: A Matter of America's Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity**

Rick Wade, Senior Vice President of Strategic Alliances and Outreach, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

### **10:00 a.m. | What is the Role of Public Policy in Fostering a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Commonwealth?**

Honorable David P. Givens, Senator, Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Honorable Samara Heavrin, Representative, Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Honorable Gerald A. Neal, Senator, Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Terrance A. Sullivan, J.D., Executive Director, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights  
Moderator: Kate Shanks, Senior Vice President, Kentucky Chamber

### **11:00 a.m. | Supplier Diversity: Importance, Impact, and Barriers**

Fesha Buie, Associate Vice President of Strategic Planning, Women's Business Enterprise Council Ohio River Valley  
Marilyn Clark, 1st Supplier Diversity Manager, University of Kentucky  
Ray Daniels, Owner & President, Equity Solutions Group, LLC and Community & Minority Business Development Accelerator, Commerce Lexington  
Kellie Watson, Equity and Compliance Officer, Louisville Metro Sewer District  
Thomas Woods-Tucker, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner and Chief Equity Officer, Kentucky Department of Education  
Moderator: Lettie Johnson, CEO/Founder, Gifted By Design Leadership and Consulting

### **12:00 p.m. | Luncheon: Culture Matters: What Got Us 'Here', Won't Take Us 'There'**

Chris Johnson, Chief Diversity Officer, Frost Brown Todd  
**Luncheon Closing Comments**  
Joe Frazier, Executive Director, Center for DE&I, Kentucky Chamber Foundation

### **2:00 p.m. | Education Equity in Kentucky: Disparities in Representation, Retention, and Talent Attrition**

Dr. Kevin Cosby, President, Simmons College  
Dr. Jessica Cunningham, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics  
Dr. Kish Cumi Price, Ph.D., Commissioner, Department of Workforce Development  
Dr. Aaron Thompson, President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Moderator: Beth Davisson, Senior Vice President, Kentucky Chamber, Foundation

### **2:45 p.m. | Equity in the Criminal Justice System**

Kungu Njuguna, Policy Strategist, American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky  
Dennis Ritchie, Senior Director of Reentry and Young Adult Services, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky  
J. Michael Brown, Simmons College  
Moderator: Jennifer Hancock, LCSW, President & CEO, Volunteers of America (VOA)

### **3:30 p.m. | The Backbone of Inclusion: Human Resources and its Role in DE&I**

Katelyn Bloyd, Director of Employee Experience, Baptist Health System  
Cheri Glass, System VP Employee Experience, Baptist Health System  
Cyndi Benedict, Director Equity, Inclusion & Belonging, Norton Healthcare  
Moderator: Lisa Johnson, Director HR, Kentucky Chamber

### **4:15 p.m. | Closing Comments**

Joe Frazier, Executive Director, Center for DE&I, Kentucky Chamber Foundation

### **4:30 p.m. | Inaugural Kentucky Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Summit Concludes**

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CEO/Founder, Gifted by Design Leadership and Consulting



### **Cyndi Benedict**

Director of Equity Inclusion & Belonging, Norton Healthcare



### **Katelyn Bloyd**

Director of Employee Experience, Baptist Health System



### **J. Michael Brown**

Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Simmons College



### **Fesha Buie**

Associate Vice President of Strategic Planning, Women's Business Enterprise Council Ohio River Valley



### **Marilyn Clark**

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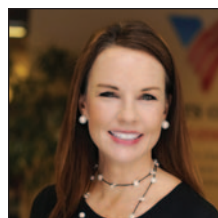
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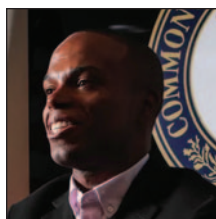
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Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Kentucky Chamber



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Chief Diversity Officer, Frost Brown Todd LLC



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Director of Human Resources, Kentucky Chamber



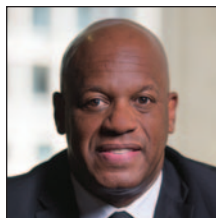
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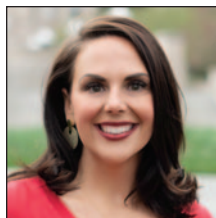
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