

Educators Rising Connecticut
State Conference and
Competitions
March 31, 2021

8:00-8:30 a.m. Welcome Address (Dr. Shuana K. Tucker, Chief Talent Officer, CSDE)
Dr. Zulma Toro, President, CCSU
Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Secretary, US Secretary of Education
Charlene Russell-Tucker, Acting Commissioner of Education, CSDE
Ned Lamont, Connecticut Governor
Dr. Jane Gates, Interim President of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities
Sen. Doug McCrory & Rep. Bobby Sanchez

George Claffey, CIO, CCSU will post slide directions for technical assistance

8:30-11:30 p.m. [Competitions](#)
 Learning Sessions (On-Demand)

Time	Mode	Session	Facilitator(s)
8:30-9:00	Q & A Live	Educators Rising, Next-Gen, & Aspiring Educators: What does it mean to be an aspiring educator? What does it mean to be a Next-Gen student? William Tucker , Chrystal Gordon What does it mean to be an Ed Rising student? Deseriah Castillo , Dallas Bastek , Jane Gustafson , Jose Carrillo How do these support your journey as an educator?	Sandy Fraioli, Michele O'Neill
9:00-9:30	Synchronous Session	Kahoot #1	Wayne Stevens

9:30-10:10	Q & A Live	Meet the Deans: What are the deans looking for in the next generation of educators	Dr. Kim Kostelis, Dr. Dianna Wentzell & Dr. Jason Irizarry, Patricia Michael Dr.Regina Hopkins,Facilitator
10:10-10:40	Synchronous Session	Kahoot #2	Wayne Stevens
10:40-11:10	Synchronous Session	Teach Connecticut: What is it and how it can benefit high school students applying to colleges and universities?	Teresa Alexandru & Claudine Primack, Lauren Danner
11:10-11:30	Synchronous 15-20 minutes	Intro to CCSU, Tour, and Admissions Process #2 OR Asynchronous Session	Lauren Turenne
11:30-11:40 11:40-12:00	Synchronous	Overview of Education Testing Service (ETS)-Praxis Kahoot #3 Education Themed Kahoot ETS-Praxis Sample Questions	Malik McKinley Wayne Stevens
Lunch and Learn 12:00-12:10	Synchronous	Congresswoman 5th District of Connecticut	Jahana Hayes
12:10-12:25	Synchronous	Lunch & Learn- National Conference	Dr. Josh Starr to intro National Platform Jose Carrillo to promote competition

12:25-12:30	Asynchronous	Deseriah's speech from National Conference Deseriah Castillo - Educators Rising - CSDNB Convocation 2019 - YouTube	Sandy Fraioli
12:30-12:40	Synchronous	Awards and winning Edrising Moment Competition	Shuana and Wayne

12:40 p.m. Panel Discussion #1

Discussion Facilitator: **Cynthia Cassada, Educational Consultant CSDE**

Topic: [How can today's educators meet the current needs of ALL students? \(Jason\)](#)

- [What do you think our student's greatest need will be when they return to school full-time after Covid? \(Sal\)](#)
- [How do you think teaching practices will need to change after Covid for students? \(Megan\)](#)
- [Can you address the importance of the need for teacher diversity in teacher prep programs? \(Anne\)](#)

Dr. Jason Irizarry, Dean of School Education, Sal Escobales, President American Federation of Teachers, Megan Geary, CT Teacher of the Year 2020 and UConn Dr. Anne Dichele, Quinnipiac University

1:10p.m. Panel Discussion #2

Discussion Facilitator: **Sandy Fraioli, Teacher Leader in Residence, CSDE**

Topic: [Why is it imperative for Rising Educators and Current Practitioners to Lead Change? \(Betty\)](#)

- [What are some of the changes that you feel need to happen in education? \(Colleen\)](#)
- [What do we need to know about our students because of Covid? \(Adam\)](#)
- [What do students need to know about the importance and benefits of choosing teaching as a profession? \(Reggie\)](#)

Panelist: Dr. Betty J. Sternberg, The CCSU Teacher Leader Fellowship Program CT Commissioner Emeritus

Colleen Moffett, Current Educators Rising Teacher Leader, Adam Gottner, Former EdRising Student-Current Teacher Candidate, Arizona State University, Dr. Reggie Johnson, PDK,

1:40 p.m.- 2:00

Introduction: Dr. Shuana Tucker

Keynote Address:

Rochelle Brown, The 2021 Connecticut Teacher of Year

Closing remarks Sandy Fraioli, Teacher Leader in Residence CSDE