Second Biennial Statewide Inclusive Excellence Summit Set for April 20

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DURHAM, N.H. – The Second Biennial Statewide Inclusive Excellence Summit, cosponsored by the University of New Hampshire, will take place April 20, 2012, at the Southeastern Regional Education Service Center in Bedford from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

“Making Excellence Inclusive: Building Engaged Higher Education Learning Communities” will continue to explore higher education learning communities’ efforts to forge strategies to address needed change in New Hampshire during the next 10 years.

Cosponsored by Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH), New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC), and New Hampshire EPSCoR (NH EPSCoR), the collaborative event will feature higher education leadership; representatives from community organizations; corporate and community leaders and officials from government agencies involved in advancing diversity and inclusion within the Granite State.

“If the Granite State is to remain relevant to its changing community and to the pluralistic society in which it exists, it will need to consider innovative ways to interact with all of its citizens, businesses, and educational institutions,” says Wanda Mitchell, vice provost for faculty development and inclusive excellence at UNH. “Moreover, individuals and organizations throughout the state can accomplish more and achieve excellence when they engage others with different perspectives and complementary strengths in plotting the future of the state.”

Freeman Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and nationally recognized for his work in creating scholarships and supporting business partnerships, is the keynote speaker. Hrabowski is an outspoken advocate for the advancement of key higher education and business partnerships.

His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. Hrabowski chaired the National Academies Committee that recently produced the report “Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America’s Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads.” In 2009, Time magazine named him one of America’s 10 Best College Presidents.

The one-day event is designed to build connections, create networks, and share successful campus and community strategies for advancing diversity, access and inclusive excellence throughout the state, especially in communities where there are large diverse populations or communities that are under-served and under-resourced.

The summit will include roundtable discussions, presentation, and panel responses to engage the audience in exploring ideas or sharing exemplary practices and initiatives that foster access, diversity, and excellence on their campuses and in the external community.

Registration is $35 for members and K-12, and $100 non-members. Register here.

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