

# Summit Agenda

## Sustaining Innovation – Innovating Sustainability



8:30am - 9:30am  
2nd Floor Streetside

**Breakfast, Exhibit Tables and Networking**

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9:30am - 10:45am  
1st Floor Streetside

**General Session and Panel**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

**Drew Schlosberg**, *Emcee*, CFF Advisory Board & Leadership Team

**Dr. Leighangela Brady**, *CFF Board Chair*, Classroom of the Future Foundation (CFF)

**Dr. Nancy Rohland-Heinrich**, *Exec. VP, Communications & Community Engagement*, National University, *Hosting Sponsor*

**Dr. Mark Milliron**, *President and CEO*, National University, *Hosting Sponsor*

**Dr. Matthew Tessier**, *Assistant Superintendent - Innovation*, San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE)

**Future Workforce Student Panel: "The People Who Will Fix This"**

A talented panel of three students discuss their early career journeys as they pursue training for in-demand skills. Attendees will gain insight into the student experience and their decision-making process in choosing education and career training programs.

*Moderated by Alexander Becker and Dionicio Riego de Dios from the San Diego County Office of Education*

10:45am - 11:00am  
2nd Floor Streetside

**BREAK: Networking and Exhibit Tables**

11:00am - 11:50am

**Breakout Session 1**

**Breakout Session 1-A**

*Room: 1st Floor Canyonside*

Developing our Next Gen Water, Climate and Sustainability Leaders

**Breakout Session 1-B**

*Room: 2nd Floor Board of Trustees*

The Chamber of Commerce Connection: CTE, Sustainability and Regional Business Needs

**Breakout Session 1-C**

*Room: 1st Floor 121*

The Power of Symbiosis: 10 Years of Community-Driven Education

**Breakout Session 1-D**

*Room: 1st Floor 113*

Teaching Ethical and Effective Use of AI (K-8)



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## Sustaining Innovation – Innovating Sustainability

11:50am - 12:00pm  
2nd Floor Streetside

**BREAK: Networking and Exhibit Tables**

12:00pm - 12:50pm

**Breakout Session 2**

**Breakout Session 2-A**

*Room: 1st Floor Canyonside*

Leveraging Maritime Heritage to Strengthen Future Blue Economy:  
Building Pathways to Success in Sustainable Maritime Industries

**Breakout Session 2-B**

*Room: 2nd Floor Board of Trustees*

Environmental Literacy - K-12 Pathways to a Green Career

**Breakout Session 2-C**

*Room: 1st Floor 121*

Human Abilities AI Can't Touch

**Breakout Session 2-D**

*Room: 1st Floor 113*

New Rules: Skills-Powered Career Navigation

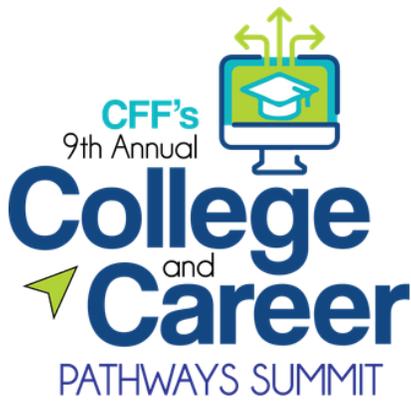
12:50pm - 2:00pm  
2nd Floor Streetside

**Lunch, Exhibit Tables and Closing Remarks**

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# Breakout Session 1

## Sustaining Innovation – Innovating Sustainability

Breakout Session 1-A **Room: 1st Floor Canyonside**

### Developing our Next Gen Water, Climate and Sustainability Leaders

**Presented by:** Kathleen Porter, Mike Gizzo, and Dr. Benjamin Churchill, *Poway Unified School District*

Discover how Poway USD is building an innovative, future-ready talent pipeline that prepares every student for high-wage, high-skill careers in water, environmental technology, climate resilience, and other fast-growing and in-demand industries. This engaging session showcases innovative partnerships with colleges, utilities, government agencies, and industry leaders that launch new inter-disciplinary pathways, embed sustainability and industry-specific AI literacy into programs, and expand early college credit, certifications, and meaningful work-based learning. Learn how targeted outreach, case management, and wraparound supports ensures access and success for all learners. Walk away with practical strategies to align curriculum with workforce demand and inspire the next generation of sustainability leaders!

Breakout Session 1-B **Room: 2nd Floor Board of Trustees**

### The Chamber of Commerce Connection: CTE, Sustainability and Regional Business Needs

**Presented by:** Chris Thorne, *North San Diego Business Chamber*

Sustainability is now a core business driver shaping competitiveness, profitability, and workforce demand in the San Diego region. This session explores how Chambers of Commerce connect Career Technical Education programs with employer needs as industries integrate sustainability into operations and innovation. Designed for educators and administrators, the discussion highlights CTE's role in preparing students for green and blue economy careers, emerging technologies, and the evolving business economics driving regional growth.

Breakout Session 1-C **Room: 1st Floor 121**

### The Power of Symbiosis: 10 Years of Community-Driven Education

**Presented by:** Jen Nation, *Olivewood Gardens*

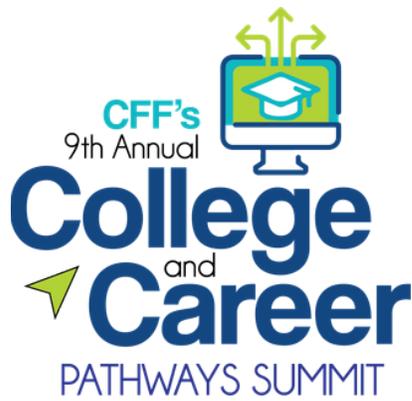
What started as a single seat at a wellness committee table has blossomed into a model for district-wide sustainability and student success within the National School District. Join Olivewood Gardens to discover how a nonprofit-school partnership can scale from simple classroom participation to high-impact career pipelines. For educators, this is a blueprint for bringing hands-on, real-world learning into your curriculum without reinventing the wheel. We will discuss the art of leveraging community resources to address educator "pain points," supplement student learning from elementary to high school, and provide life-changing internship opportunities. For business leaders wanting to enter the school space, this session offers a proven, ten-year roadmap for building a deeply rooted partnership that creates a lasting legacy. Come learn how to create a symbiosis of your own and cultivate a collaboration that yields results for years to come.

Breakout Session 1-D **Room: 1st Floor 113**

### Teaching Ethical and Effective Use of AI (K-8)

**Presented by:** Gina Thackrey, *NextGenEducation*

Effective use of AI technologies will prove to be critical employability skills for the next generation of young people. Educators are faced with the challenges of allowing students to develop mastery of the newest technologies while at the same time ensuring fidelity to learning the skills we know are essential to lifelong success. Discover ways to teach AI while promoting ethics, critical thinking, and creativity.



# Breakout Session 2

## Sustaining Innovation – Innovating Sustainability

Breakout Session 2-A **Room: 1st Floor Canyonside**

### Leveraging Maritime Heritage to Strengthen Future Blue Economy: Building Pathways to Success in Sustainable Maritime Industries

**Presented by:** Dr. Christina Connett Brophy and Peter DiSimone, *Maritime Museum of San Diego*

The Maritime Museum is developing a replicable and scalable model that positions maritime museums worldwide as essential partners with port authorities, industry leaders, universities, and policy makers in driving workforce development pathways for a sustainable maritime future. Augmenting our existing programs in living history, oceanography and maritime skills training with new partnerships with local schools, universities, industry entrepreneurs and leaders, we are creating a collaborative maritime hub of opportunity support and training for the youth of San Diego.

Breakout Session 2-B **Room: 2nd Floor Board of Trustees**

### Environmental Literacy - K-12 Pathways to a Green Career

**Presented by:** Dr. Tim Baird, *Green Schools National Network*; Dr. Christine Corrao, *San Marcos Unified School District*

Our job market is adapting to meet the challenges of our changing climate. Our students need to be prepared to succeed in this emerging sector. This session will focus on understanding the changes in our new green economy and the jobs that are changing and also being created within it. Participants will learn about the job skills and learner attributes that we should be teaching, so that our students will have the tools to thrive in the green economy. Authentic K-12 learning experiences and models that support this shift will be highlighted. Come to this session to learn how to support our students' journey on the green pathway!

Breakout Session 2-C **Room: 1st Floor 121**

### Human Abilities AI Can't Touch

**Presented by:** Dr. Leighangela Brady, *National School District*; Charles Parisi, *Cloudcast Media*

As AI reshapes education and the workforce, the most valuable skills remain deeply human. This session explores a central question: does technology improve outcomes for people, or must people learn to use technology in ways that lift others? Using a human-AI collaboration framework, the session highlights five essential abilities AI cannot replicate—Teamability, Coachability, Accountability, Reliability, and Likability. Using practical examples from elementary education and student leadership, the session illustrates how these abilities are deliberately taught and practiced to prepare learners for an AI-augmented future.

Breakout Session 2-D **Room: 1st Floor 113**

### New Rules: Skills-Powered Career Navigation

**Presented by:** Peter Sibley, *Journeys Map*

As career paths become more complex and skill demands evolve rapidly, learners need more than job titles to navigate their futures. This session explores how skills-first career navigation helps translate education and experience into real employment opportunities. Drawing on workforce data and employer insight, participants will learn how skills visibility, pathway mapping, and AI-enabled tools are reshaping how learners move from education to work — and how educators can support career success in a changing economy.

Participants will examine: (1) why skills translation is becoming the currency of career mobility; (2) how learners can build and communicate a living portfolio of skills across education, work, and life experiences; and (3) how AI-enabled tools are helping individuals navigate careers with greater clarity and confidence.

Designed for educators, counselors, and workforce leaders, this session reframes career navigation as an evolving system — one where skills visibility, pathway alignment, and adaptability drive long-term success.