

Data Friends of Dallas College 3.0

Building the College of the Future: Driving Workforce Impact

Thursday, September 17, 2026 • 8:30am-3:30pm

Bill J. Priest, Room 1530

AGENDA

Topic	Description	Time
Arrival and Connection	Join colleagues for breakfast snacks and warm-up conversations.	8:30-9:00
Welcome Remarks, Dr. Beatriz Joseph		9:00-9:15
Meeting the Healthcare Workforce needs of the future, Dr. Brad Williama	Dallas College designs new downtown El Centro campus 'knowledge district'	9:15-9:45
From Insight to Action: Designing Student and Workforce Outcomes Through Data and AI," Dr. Jamie Fogel	This session explores how research and artificial intelligence can be used to move from insight to action in designing student and workforce outcomes, with a focus on aligning strategy, decision-making, and impact.	9:45-10:45
Introduction to Breakouts and Transition		10:45-11:00
Breakout Session 1:	1. Early Momentum: Data-Driven Pathways for Dual Credit and P-Tech Students Facilitated by Dr. David Mahan, Dr. Sayeeda Jamilah, and Dr. Tiffany Kirksey – <i>Room 1350</i> 2. Designing for Today's Learner: Engaging Adult Students, Parents, and Veterans Facilitated by Becky Klein-Collins, Dr. Stephanie Hill, Dr. Carlos Cruz, and Dr. Scott Campbell – <i>Room 2802</i> 3. From Graduation to Career: First Destination Outcomes of Dallas College Graduates Facilitated by Navi Dhaliwal and Derek Soper – <i>Room 2580</i> 4. Pathways to Mobility: Strengthening Transfer and Economic Outcomes Facilitated by Dillon Lu, Dr. Paula Guidry, and Dr. Catherine Olivarez – <i>Room 2002</i> 5. Mapping Opportunity: Using Labor Market Data, GIS, and AI Facilitated by Jema Lomas, Ammar Nanjiani, and Shah Abdullah – <i>Room 1530</i> 6. The Evolving Workforce Ecosystem: Noncredit Pathways, Credentials, and Workforce Pell Facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Edwards, Dr. Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, and Katherine Doss – <i>Room 1300</i>	11:00-12:00
Lunch		12:00-1:00
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Break and Transition		2:00-2:15
Meeting the Moment: Strategy, Scale, and Student Success, Dr. Rick Smith	Leaders from workforce development, academic affairs, technology, and institutional strategy discuss how colleges can align key levers to meet the moment, serve learners at scale, and strengthen economic mobility. The panel will explore how artificial intelligence is reshaping workforce preparation, institutional strategy, and the evolving expectations facing community colleges. Panelists: Russ Pearlman, Dr. Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, and Dr. Raghunath Kanakala.	2:15-3:15
Commitment to Action: What Comes Next, Dr. David Mahan	This closing session defines next steps for advancing research and data-informed student and workforce outcomes.	3:15-3:30
Connections and Community: Data Friends Social		3:30