Tuesday, June 7, 2011

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Pew Charitable Trusts
Washington, D.C.

AGENDA

10:00  Welcome and Opening Remarks

Christopher B. Swanson  
Vice President, Editorial Projects in Education

Jamie P. Merisotis  
President and CEO, Lumina Foundation for Education

10:15  Diplomas Count 2011 Highlights

Amy M. Hightower, Director, EPE Research Center

Christopher B. Swanson, Vice President, Editorial Projects in Education

Moderator: Debra Viadero, Assistant Managing Editor, Education Week

11:00  Morning Break
11:15  **Point-Counterpoint—The “College for All” Debate**

*Ronald F. Ferguson*, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Achievement Gap Initiative, Harvard University  
*Amy Wilkins*, Vice President for Government Affairs and Communications, The Education Trust  
Moderator: *Sarah D. Sparks*, Staff Writer, *Education Week*

12:00  **Lunch Break**

1:00  **Perspectives on High School Reform**

*Michele Cahill*, Vice President for National Programs, Carnegie Corporation of New York

1:15  **Policy Roundtable—Multiple Pathways**

*Kevin Carey*, Policy Director, Education Sector  
*Clarice A. Sommersall*, Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Services, Montgomery College  
*Joel Vargas*, Vice President of High School through College, Jobs for the Future  
*Jerry D. Weast*, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools  
Moderator: *Christina A. Samuels*, Staff Writer, *Education Week*

2:00  **Concluding Remarks**

*Christopher B. Swanson*  
Vice President, Editorial Projects in Education