

## ***Diplomas Count 2012: Trailing Behind, Moving Forward***

### **Preliminary Event Program**

**June 8, 2012  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**The Pew Charitable Trusts  
901 E St. NW, 9th Floor  
Washington, DC 20004-2008**

#### **WELCOME**

**10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. (15 min.)**

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

#### **SPONSOR ADDRESS**

**10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. (15 min.)**

**James Applegate**, Vice President for Program Development, Lumina Foundation

Representative from sponsoring organization will deliver 15 minutes of substantive remarks related to Latino youths and education, which may include illustrations from the organization's work in the area.

#### **DIPLOMAS COUNT 2012 HIGHLIGHTS**

**10:30 a.m.— 11:15 a.m. (45 min.)**

Experts from Editorial Projects in Education and the EPE Research Center will discuss findings from the 2012 edition of *Diplomas Count*.

#### **Speakers:**

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

**Amy Hightower** Director, EPE Research Center

Moderator: **Debra Viadero** Associate Managing Editor, *Education Week*

#### **The Latino Experience—Past, Present, Future**

**11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (60 min.)**

The continued growth of the Latino population and the educational challenges it continues to encounter could change the face of the nation's population and labor force over the course of the 21st

century. Our panel of policy experts, advocates, demographers, and researchers explores the implications of broader demographic and educational trends in the coming decades.

**Panelists:**

**Sarita Brown**, Co-founder and President, *Excelencia* in Education

**Richard Fry**, Senior Research Associate, Pew Hispanic Center

**Raul Gonzalez**, Legislative Director, Office of Research, Advocacy & Legislation, National Council of La Raza

**Ana Sol Gutierrez**, Md. State Legislator, District 18, Montgomery County, Democrat

Moderator: **Lesli Maxwell**, Staff Writer, *Education Week*

**LUNCH BREAK**

**12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (45 min.)**

**REFORM STRATEGIES**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (60 min.)**

This four-person roundtable session will explore the most significant and distinct educational challenges facing the Latino population and, more importantly, discuss promising strategies for improving the educational and life opportunities of these students. The session will offer a concrete treatment of these issues from the perspectives of district- and school-level leaders, program developers, technical assistance providers, and others engaged in on-the-ground reform efforts.

**Panelists:**

**Brett Kimmel**, Principal, Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School, New York City

**Daniel King**, Superintendent of Schools, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District, Texas; 2006 Texas Superintendent of the Year

**Deborah Short**, Senior Research Associate, Center for Applied Linguistics

**Gabriela Uro**, Manager, ELL Policy and Research, Council of the Great City Schools

Moderator: **Christina Samuels**, Staff Writer, *Education Week*

**CONCLUSION**

**2:00 p.m.**