

Affirmations



The Higher Ed Forum of NE Oklahoma
Anchor Institution Consortium

“Penn's Netter Center for Community Partnerships views the Anchor Institution Consortium of Northeastern Oklahoma as a national model for higher education-school-community partnerships. The level of collaboration is truly impressive. Working together the Consortium is helping to transform the local high schools into university-assisted community schools that support students' highest academic and personal goals.”

Ira Harkavy, Ph.D., Associate Vice President and founding
Director of the Barbara and Edward Netter Center for Community Partnerships
University of Pennsylvania

“One of the keys to transforming public schools is to realize in practice the University-Assisted community school model. The Higher Ed Forum is creating a down on the ground model that will help us achieve that goal.”

Henry Louis Taylor, Jr., Ph.D.
(7th Annual William T. Small, Jr. Keynote Lecturer) Professor
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
School of Architecture and Planning Director
Center for Urban Studies University at Buffalo, New York

“The good work being facilitated by The Higher Education Forum of Northeastern Oklahoma represents the future of campus and community collaboration. It will be increasingly important for colleges and universities, pk-12 schools, and community agencies to partner and work together in order to address societal needs, create meaningful learning for students, and to maintain relevance.”

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“The collaboration of institutions of higher education with community partners and community schools is the most important work in the 21st century in propelling students, communities and we ourselves towards the equality and vibrancy promised in a participatory democratic society. The Higher Ed Forum of NE Oklahoma exemplifies this through its highly participatory process as the consortium links colleges, secondary schools and community to meet the needs of teachers and their students in Northeastern Oklahoma.”

Reva Curry, Ph.D.
Executive Director of Community Partnerships
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

“Often there are many access points to an anchor institution—which cause challenges for faculty, K-12 schools, and community agencies in collaboration. I am thoroughly impressed with the systematic approach The Higher Ed Forum of NE Oklahoma developed to enhance this work. The innovative RAP process is an efficient, replicable and accountable model for higher education/community academic engagement.”

Starla D. H. Officer
Co-Director of the Midwest Center for
University-Assisted Community Schools at IUPUI
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