



Agenda

- 10:45 am Welcome- **Dr. Mort Sherman**, Associate Executive Director, AASA Leadership Network
- 10:50 am Remarks- **Dr. Bernadine Futrell**, Director of the Office of Head Start
- 11:00 am Urban Summit Panel- Moderator: **Dr. Shawn Joseph**, Co-Director and Howard Professor

Panelists

Dr. Dawn Williams, Dean, Howard University

Dr. Pedro Noguera, Dean, USC Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California

Dr. Daniel Domenech, Executive Director, AASA

- 11:50 am Partner Welcome – **McGraw Hill Education**, **Nicole Holland Harris**, Senior Director, Equity, Inclusion and Urban Partnerships

McGraw Hill Education, **Amber Woodford**, National Ambassador, Literacy & Educational Equity

- 11:55 am Sponsorship Welcome – **Cigna**, **Dorsey Hopson**, National K-12 Lead

- 12:00 pm Speaker Introduction- **Dr. Sam King**, AASA Lead Superintendent Urban Educator

- 12:00 pm Keynote Speaker, **Erin Jones**

Erin Jones has been involved in and around schools for the past 26 years. She has taught in a variety of environments, from predominantly Black to predominantly White to some of the most diverse communities in the nation. Erin received an award as the Most Innovative Foreign Language Teacher in 2007, while working at in Tacoma and was the Washington State Milken Educator of the Year in 2008, while teaching in Spokane. She received recognition at the White House in March of 2013 as a "Champion of Change" and was Washington State PTA's "Outstanding Educator" in 2015. After serving as a classroom teacher and instructional coach, Erin worked as an executive for two State Superintendents. Erin left the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2012 to work in college-access at the school district level. She left her job to run as a candidate for State Superintendent and was the first Black woman to run for any state office in Washington state, a race she lost by a mere 1%.

- 1:30 pm Recording/Interview Discussion with **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, Pulitzer Prize winner, Knight Chair in Race and Journalism at the Howard University School of Communications

Nikole Hannah-Jones is an American investigative journalist, known for her coverage of civil rights in the United States. In April 2015, she became a staff writer for The New York Times. In 2017 she was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship and in 2020 she won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for her work on The 1619 Project. Hannah-Jones is the inaugural Knight Chair in Race and Journalism at the Howard University School of Communications, where she will also found the Center for Journalism and Democracy.

- 1:55 pm Morning Closing comments- **Dr. Allison Wilson Leggett**, Program Administrator Department for Professional Development, Rossier USC



2:00 pm

L U N C H (30 minutes)

2:30 pm

Welcome Back

Dr. Mort Sherman, Associate Executive Director, AASA Leadership Network

Dr. Shawn Joseph, Co-Director and Howard Professor

Dr. Sam King, AASA Lead Superintendent, Urban Educator

Dr. Maria Ott, Professor of Clinical Education, USC-Rossier

Dr. Allison Leggett, Program Administrator Department for Professional Development, USC-Rossier

Traci Davis, AASA Lead Superintendent, Howard and USC-Rossier

2:40 pm

Superintendents Panel - Urban Leadership- **Moderator: Maria Ott/ Traci Davis**

Panelists:

Avis Williams, Superintendent of Selma City Schools, AL

Michael Hinojosa, Superintendent of Dallas Independent School District, TX

Vivian Ekchian, Superintendent of Glendale Unified School District, CA

3:45 pm

Closing Remarks

Dr. Mort Sherman, Co-Director, Urban Superintendents Academy, Associate Executive Director, AASA

Dr. Shawn Joseph, Co-Director, Urban Superintendents Academy, Howard University School of Education

