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## **AMERICAN RURAL PROSPERITY SUMMIT**

October 4-6, 2021 | The Classic Center | Athens, GA

### **DAY ONE – OCTOBER 4 @ 12:30 PM**

#### **REGISTRATION**

*Outside Athena Ballroom, The Classic Center*

#### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME REMARKS**

#### **PRESENTING SPONSOR REMARKS**

#### **FUTURE OF AMERICA'S RURAL WORKFORCE**

*Bryan Hancock, Partner, McKinsey & Company, Inc.*

*Nick Noel, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company, Inc.*

#### **A REIMAGINED NEW RURAL ECONOMY**

*Chris Clark, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber*

#### **NETWORKING BREAK**

#### **BREAKOUT TRACKS – SESSION 1**

**TRACK A:** The Art of Telling Your Story | Downtown Revitalization & Mainstreet

**TRACK B:** Cultivating a Start-Up Community | Entrepreneurship & Small Business

**TRACK C:** Housing Strategies | Community Development

#### **BREAK & RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

#### **FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE IN RURAL AMERICA**

*Dr. Veronica Womack, Executive Director, Rural Studies Institute, Georgia College & State University*

*Stacy Funderburke, State Director Georgia & Alabama, The Conservation Fund*

*Krisztian Varsa, Working Farms Fund Associate, The Conservation Fund*

**Moderator:** *Casey Cox, President, Longleaf Ridge Farms*

#### **DAY ONE CLOSING REMARKS**

*Dinner on your own.*

*Note that this is not the final agenda. Speakers, topics, and order of show may change based on schedules and availability. Please consult your Chamber representative for the latest information as you plan your upcoming travel to Athens. Thank you.*



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## **DAY TWO – OCTOBER 5 @ 7:30 AM**

### **BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

*Athena Ballroom, The Classic Center*

### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME REMARKS**

### **SPONSOR REMARKS**

### **FUTURE OF RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Tiffany Anton, Vice President, The Biz Foundry*

*Corinne Hodges, CEO, Association of Women’s Business Centers*

### **FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTHCARE**

*Dr. Doug Miller, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University*

*Dr. Chadburn Ray, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University*

*Daniel Mehrabian, Medical Student, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University*

### **FUTURE OF RURAL EQUALITY & INCLUSION**

*Adam Dickson, Chairman, Diversity Equity & Inclusion Alliance of Northeast Tennessee & Southwest Virginia*

**Moderator:** *Terence Johnson, Public Service Assistant, J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, University of Georgia*

### **NETWORKING BREAK**

### **BREAKOUT TRACKS – SESSION 2**

**TRACK A:** The Art of Telling Your Story | Downtown Revitalization & Mainstreet

**TRACK B:** Cultivating a Start-Up Community | Entrepreneurship & Small Business

**TRACK C:** Housing Strategies | Community Development

### **BREAK & RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

### **SPECIAL REMARKS**



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### **LUNCH SPONSOR REMARKS**

*Laura T. McCarty, President, Georgia Humanities*

### **DAY TWO CLOSING REMARKS**

#### **GRAB-AND-GO LUNCH**

*Outside Athena Ballroom, The Classic Center*

#### **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

*Atrium, The Classic Center*

#### **DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT**

*Atrium, The Classic Center*

### **DAY THREE – OCTOBER 6 @ 7:30 AM**

#### **BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

*Outside Athena Ballroom, The Classic Center*

#### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME REMARKS**

#### **SPONSOR REMARKS**

#### **FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**

*Beth Phillips, Director of Economic Development, University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services*

*Rich Price, Executive Director, Economic Development & Regional Partnerships, Western Carolina University*

*Michelle Elliott, Director, Archway Partnership, University of Georgia*

#### **NETWORKING BREAK**

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS & INTERVIEW**

*Dr. Raphael Bostic, President & CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta*



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### **BREAKOUT TRACKS – SESSION 3**

**TRACK A:** The Art of Telling Your Story | Downtown Revitalization & Mainstreet

**TRACK B:** Cultivating a Start-Up Community | Entrepreneurship & Small Business

**TRACK C:** Housing Strategies | Community Development

### **BREAK & RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

#### **FUTURE OF LEADING BRAVELY**

*Dr. Margie Warrell, Bestselling Author and Founding CEO, Global Courage*

#### **SPONSOR REMARKS**

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**