

FUTURE READY OREGON

Addressing Oregon's workforce crisis by investing in equitable job training and education that leads to employment. Meet our panel of experts:



Mark Mitsui

President | Portland Community College

Since 2016, Mark has proudly served as President of PCC — the first Asian American president in PCC's 60-year history. In 2018, Mark was selected as Portland Business Journal's "Executive of the Year," and he currently serves on several board and councils, including the American Council on Education and the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board. Prior to working at PCC, he served in the Obama Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges in the U.S. Department of Education.



Patricia "Patsy" Richards

Director | Long-Term CareWorks at RISE Partnership

Patricia is a native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and brings 20+ years of workforce development experience to RISE Partnership. Before taking on the role of Director for Long-Term CareWorks, Patricia played an intricate role in developing and implementing the state of Alabama's workforce apprenticeship program. Patricia serves on the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board and served as Co-Chair of Gov. Kate Brown's Racial Justice Council's Workforce Workgroup.



Marin Arreola III

President and Owner | Advanced Economic Solutions Inc.

Marin has spent 25+ years implementing workforce development programs that better serve diverse communities — receiving recognition from Presidents Bush and Clinton for his work in promoting economic and workforce opportunities in the Latinx community. He has worked with OHSU, OHA, Microsoft and dozens of other groups, and has served on a number of boards and commissions including Gov. Kate Brown's Racial Justice Council, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, and many others.



Anne Mersereau

VP, Human Resources, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | PGE

Since 2016, Anne has led PGE's efforts to develop, attract and retain a diverse, inclusive and engaged workforce. Anne has 25+ years of human resources experience in the utility, insurance and hospitality industries, and is actively involved in education and workforce development issues across Oregon. In 2017, Anne was appointed by Gov. Kate Brown to serve as Vice Chair of the Oregon Workforce Talent and Development Board.