Keynote

Andy Van Kleunen is the Chief Executive Officer of National Skills Coalition, which he founded in 2000 in collaboration with leaders from the workforce development and philanthropic communities. Andy has since led the Coalition to become a nationally recognized voice on behalf of a variety of stakeholders—including business leaders, labor leaders, community colleges, community-based organizations, and leaders from the public workforce system—who have come together to advocate for an America that grows its economy by investing in its people. Andy is a recognized expert on workforce and education policy issues and is regularly invited to advise Congress, the federal government and state agencies.

Prior to founding the Coalition, Andy was Director of Workforce Policy for the national Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, where he worked with employers, unions and client advocates to improve job quality and training for low-wage workers within the nation's long-term care sector. Andy also spent over 14 years in community organizing and development efforts within several of New York City's low-income and working-class neighborhoods.

He holds a master's degree in urban sociology from the Graduate Faculty at the New School for Social Research, and a bachelor's degree in political science and honors studies from Villanova University. He is based in Philadelphia and Washington, DC.

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**EQUITY**

- **Refining The Intake/Interviewing Process to Achieve Desired Outcomes**
  Milissa Daniels, Career Development Counselor/Program Coordinator and Kermit Dunkelberg, Assistant Vice President, ABE & Workforce Development, Holyoke Community College

- **Embracing the Blustery Climate of Equity and Fairness in the World of Workforce Development**
  Fay Godbolt, Director of Community Development/Continuing Education, Naugatuck Valley Community College

- **Strategies and Actions to Assess and Meet Community Workforce Needs**
  Margaret Glenn, Program Manager, Workforce Development and Alex Rodriguez, D.B.A. Director, Center for Corporate & Community Education, Northern Essex Community College

**RESILIENCE**

- **“Got Relationships?” Strategic Partnership Development to Enhance Student Success: A Regional Approach**
  Kara Galvin, Executive Director, MassHire Cape & Islands and Kerry Akashian, Ph.D., Career Development Education Lead, Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

- **Committed Possibilities: Pedagogy and Course Approach**
  Sandra “Sandi” Coyne-Gilbert, Program Director of MSOL Program and Matt Connell-Assistant Professor/Program Director of Business Administration, Goodwin University

- **Compassionate Leadership During Change**
  Colleen DelVecchio, Certified Gallup Strengths Coach
• **Preparing for the Digital Economy of Tomorrow: Assessment and Scale in the Age of Covid**
  Cody Fino, Director of Industry Partnerships-Health and Defense, Alexandria Hartley, Director of Industry Partnerships-Advanced Business Services, and Mason Folcarelli, Director of Industry Partnerships-Technology and Renewable Energy

• **Outcomes, Resilience, and Responsiveness: Corporate Telework Outcomes Culture: C-TOC—Workforce 2021**
  Wayne Johnson, Advanced Automation with domestic and international experience in higher education leadership, intercultural communication research, and Instructional Systems Design (ISD) in the private and public sectors.

• **When the Virus Voided In-Person Visits, MassHire Central Region Workforce Board (MCRWB) Filled the Void Virtually**
  Bruce R. Mendelsohn, Resource Development Coordinator, MCRWB

**STACKABLE CREDENTIALS**

• **Building Careers and Workforce Pipelines at Middlesex Community College**
  Kate Sweeney, Dean of STEM and Stefana Soitos, Director of Biotech Learn and Earn, Middlesex Community College

• **Using Stackable Credentials to Create Noncredit to Credit Pathways in High Demand Industries: A Case Study**
  Dr. Cristy Sugarman, Executive Director, Center for Alternative Studies and Educational Testing, North Shore Community College

• **The Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative**
  Mark Vesligaj, Professor of Engineering Science, Three Rivers Community College and Mark Hill, President/CEO of the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

• **Building Powerful Connections between Apprenticeship and Postsecondary Education Partners**
  Beth Doiron, of College Access and Department of Education Programs and Initiatives, Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH)
and Kristine Dudley, Director of Workforce Development at Manchester Community College (MCC)

VIRTUAL TOOLS

• A Match Made in Workforce Equity
  MA Community Colleges and Handshake Partnership: Ashley Moore, Director of Career Services, Northern Essex Community College and Christine Cruzveraga, VP of Higher Education and Student Success, Handshake

• Using Open Educational Resources (OER) in Your Training
  Kathy L. DesRoches, EdD, Program Director, MS Leadership, Granite State College

• Podcasting for Outreach!
  Mike Fazio, Workforce180, popular, nationally recognized speaker and workforce development consultant

• Overview: National Institute of Metal Working Skills (NIMS) Hybrid CNC Milling Certification Training
  Larry Martin, Director of Business Services and Market Research, Masshire Hampden County

• Learn to Ride the Wave, Go with The Flow in the Water Industry
  Dan Laprade, Training Coordinator and David Buonora, Assistant Vice President Workforce Development, Springfield Technical Community College