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EL PASO COUNTY
COVID RECOVERY
TOWN HALL
MEETING

10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Panel Discussion



PROGRAM



10:00 AM - 10:05 AM

Welcome - Moderator Dean Valerie Martin-Conley
Opening Remarks: UCCS Chancellor Venkat Reddy

10:05 AM-10:50 AM

Health and Safety Panelists
Introductions by Moderator Dean Valerie Martin Conley

10:50 AM -11:00 AM

Q & A Health And Safety



11:05 AM -11:50 AM

Education Panelists
Introductions by Moderator Dean Valerie Martin Conley

11:50 AM -12:00 PM

Q & A Education

12:00 PM

Closing Remarks Moderator Dean Valerie Martin Conley
UCCS College of Education

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PANELISTS AND BIOS

- Dr. Chip Benight, director, National Institute for Human Resilience
- Dr. Tom Christensen, provost, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Dr. Valerie Martin Conley, dean, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Joel Ellis, secondary English teacher, Simla High School
- Nathan Gibson, athletics director, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Stephanie Hanenburg, executive director of health and wellness, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Dr. Robin Johnson, medical director, El Paso County Health
- Marigny Klaber, epidemiologist, El Paso County
- Christopher Noll, director of athletics, activities and physical education, Colorado Springs School District 11
- Cory Notestine, Executive Director of Student Success and Wellness
- Susan Payne, K-12 School Districts and Higher Education Liaison ECC, El Paso County Emergency Coordinator Center, Executive Director Safety, Security and Emergency Management Cheyenne Mountain School District
- Dr. Venkateshwar 'Venkat' Reddy, Chancellor, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- Dr. Michael Roshon, chief of medical staff, Penrose-St. Francis
- Dr. Michael Thomas, superintendent, Colorado Springs School District 11
- Erika Tunson, principal, Monterey Elementary, Harrison School District 2

Dr. Chip Benight, director, National Institute for Human Resilience

Professor Charles C. Benight joined University of Colorado at Colorado Springs from University of Miami where he completed his postdoctoral training in behavioral medicine. Dr. Benight earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Stanford University with an emphasis in Health Psychology/Behavioral Medicine in June 1992. He earned his Masters Degree in Counseling in 1986 and his Bachelors in Business Management from Arizona State University in 1983. Dr. Benight teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Clinical Psychology, Health Psychology, Trauma Psychology and was the Director of Clinical Training for the Clinical Masters Program from 1996-2004. In 2000, Dr. Benight founded and is the current Director of the Trauma, Health & Hazards Center, a cross-disciplinary center focused on extreme human events. From 2015 to 2017, Dr. Benight was the UCCS Psychology Department Director of Clinical Training & Trauma Clinical Ph.D. Program.

Dr. Tom Christensen, provost, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Tom Christensen joined the faculty of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Department of Physics and Energy Science in 1989. He has served the campus as a faculty member, department chair, associate dean and dean. Dr. Christensen has received both the College (1993) and campus (1996) Outstanding Teaching Awards and the Chancellor's Award (2003) to recognize his service and teaching. Dr. Christensen's research in experimental surface physics has led to 21 published papers in international science journals and over 90 presentations at scientific meetings. He has been the principal investigator on over \$0.5 million in research grants and contracts for work in surface physics and in science education. In his spare time, Dr. Christensen plays string bass with the Pikes Peak Philharmonic orchestra and bass guitar with the Physics Classic Rock and Roll Orchestra.

Dr. Valerie Martin Conley, Dean and Professor Leadership, Research, and Foundations, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Dr. Valerie Martin Conley is Dean of the College of Education and will serve as moderator for the El Paso County Educational Community COVID Recovery Town Hall meeting. Dean Conley joined UCCS in 2015 as dean and professor of Educational Leadership, Research, and Foundations. Before joining UCCS, Dean Conley served as professor and chair of the department of Counseling and Higher Education, director of the Center for Higher Education, and as program coordinator for the Higher Education and Student Affairs program in The Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education at Ohio University. She holds among her most notable accomplishments being named the Ohio University Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member—an award given by graduate students to recognize an individual professor who has made a difference in their lives. As past chair of the Colorado Council of Deans of Education, Dr. Conley provided leadership for engaging with Senator Todd on Senate Bill 19-190, focused on providing teacher preparation program support. She holds the M.A. and B.A. in Sociology from the University of Virginia, and the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Tech.

Joel Ellis, secondary English teacher, Simla High School

Mr. Ellis has been an English teacher at Simla High School since 2012 and was the head baseball coach until 2019. He attended the University of Colorado Colorado Springs after high school, graduating with a bachelor's degree in English with an emphasis in secondary education. He worked as a writing consultant at the UCCS writing center during his time at the university.

Nathan Gibson, Executive Director of Athletics

University of Colorado Colorado Springs Mountain Lion Athletics

Gibson is the Executive Director of Athletics at UCCS and oversees the athletic department, including the operation of 16 intercollegiate athletic programs competing with the NCAA Division II and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Gibson currently serves on the UCCS COVID 19 Student Experience Recovery Team, which has focused on the reopening efforts for UCCS in the Fall. Gibson is a current member of the prestigious NCAA Division II Championships Committee, along with currently serving on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Athletic Director's Council and along with chairing the RMAC Championships Committee.

Stephanie Hanenberg, executive director of health and wellness,

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Stephanie Hanenberg has been with the University of Colorado Colorado Springs since August 2005. She currently serves as the executive director of health and wellness where she provides direct oversight for the Gallogly Recreation and Wellness Center's campus recreation, mental health, health, nutrition, and wellness promotion services. This model is one of the first in the nation to co-locate all five disciplines into one building. Hanenberg also oversees residence life and housing and continues to see patients one day a week as a family nurse practitioner. She previously taught one of our Gateway Program Seminar classes to incoming freshmen for 11 years, and served on the American College Health Association board for 7 years, including the role of president. During her time on that board, she was able to bring her passion for what she does on campus to a national level.

Dr. Robin Johnson, medical director, El Paso County Health

Dr. Johnson has 26 years of medical practice and health care advocacy in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado. She practiced Emergency Medicine at University of Colorado Memorial Hospital, and has served as Deputy Medical Director for the Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) Community and Public Health Division. Dr. Johnson was part of the CSFD team developing Community Assistance, Referral and Education Services (CARES), Community Response Team (CRT, a mobile mental health unit) and Community Treatment Plans for more complicated patients. Dr. Johnson currently serves as Medical Director for El Paso County Public Health and as Public Health Consultant for JULOTA.

Marigny Klaber, epidemiologist, El Paso County

Marigny Klaber is the South Central Region Epidemiologist in El Paso County Public Health's Emergency Preparedness Program, where she serves as a resource for all South Central Region health departments that provide routine disease surveillance and outbreak management. Marigny graduated with a B.S. in Biology from Purdue University and holds an MSc in Biology from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. She began her public health career more than 25 years ago as a Water-Related Disease Control Vector Intern with the La Porte County Health Department in Indiana, and her background in public health includes extensive environmental health and communicable disease work. Currently, Marigny is serving as the lead of epidemiology, case investigations, and testing sections for El Paso County Public Health's COVID-19 response, and she also supports Teller, Lake, Chaffee and Park Counties as an epidemiological Subject Matter Expert.

Christopher Noll, director of athletics, activities and physical education, Colorado Springs School District 11

Christopher has been the Director of Athletics, Activities, and Physical Education in Colorado Springs School District 11 since 2018. Before serving in this role, he was the athletic director and business manager at Doherty High School for thirteen years where in 2010 he was named Colorado Athletic Director Of The Year. Noll serves as the CHSAA Football Chairperson and serves on many CHSAA committees. After graduating from Mitchell High School he played football at Adams State and completed his undergraduate work at CSU-Pueblo. He holds a Master Of Arts – School Administration degree from the University of Phoenix. He married his high school sweetheart and together, they have three beautiful children. His oldest daughter, Abbi, is a junior at Fort Hayes State majoring in education with an emphasis in special education. His middle child, Makenzie, is a senior at Doherty High School where she is a basketball and track athlete. She will also major in education in college. Finally, Brody, his sixth grade son is a three sport athlete and attends Jenkins Middle School.

Cory Notestine, Executive Director of Student Success and Wellness

Cory Notestine serves as the Executive Director of Student Success and Wellness and most recently served as the Director of Counseling and Wellness for Colorado Springs School District 11 (D11). In these roles, Cory has implemented and developed a district-wide Comprehensive Student Support Model that integrates SEL practices, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Restorative Practice with a focus on Trauma Responsive classrooms. Within this role he currently overs the work of School Nurses, Discipline and Attendance, Homebound and Extended Learning, MTSS, Counseling Services, and the development of a Community Based Health Center. Currently, he is serving as D11's COVID Incident Commander and supporting the district's response and services provided across the school community during these challenging times.

Susan Payne, K-12 School Districts and Higher Education Liaison ECC, El Paso County Emergency Coordinator Center, Executive Director Safety, Security and Emergency Management Cheyenne Mountain School District

Susan Payne, the Founder of Safe2Tell, a nationally recognized model prevention initiative developed as a response to the Columbine tragedy in Colorado. Susan has worked with many states to implement school safety and prevention frameworks with a customized approach to their unique focus on prevention and school safety strategies to include issues, resources, laws and capacity. The U.S. Department of Justice, The U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education have recognized Susan as a subject matter expert in school safety and prevention strategies, and she is often sought out by media, schools, and law enforcement for her expertise. She is recognized as a national expert on prevention, intervention, awareness, education, and training for school safety. Susan also consults extensively with Legislative Committees, Emergency Management planning teams, crisis response teams, schools and law enforcement throughout the U.S.

Dr. Venkateshwar 'Venkat' Reddy, Chancellor, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Dr. Venkat Reddy has been a member of the UCCS community for over twenty eight years. He currently serves as the Chancellor and Professor of Finance at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). Prior to being appointed to the Chancellor position in May 2017, he served as the Dean of the College of Business at UCCS and as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Online Education and Initiatives.

Dr. Michael Roshon, chief of medical staff, Penrose-St. Francis

Experienced Medical Director with a demonstrated history of working in the hospital & health care industry. Skilled in Healthcare Consulting, Clinical Research, Medical Education, Medical Devices, Sports Medicine and Medicine. Strong healthcare services professional graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Dr. Michael Thomas, superintendent, Colorado Springs School District 11

Dr. Michael Thomas is a committed leader with an outstanding record of success. He has leveraged the effectiveness of those around him to enhance the learning of ALL students by creating and sustaining safe learning environments, upholding high expectations for rigorous curriculum and instruction, maintaining a continuous focus on school improvement and modeling professional relationships that promote communication & collaboration with diverse stakeholders. He believes in creating the conditions whereby students and families will be engaged and aspire to accomplish their dreams and also be prepared for college, career and life.

Erika Tunson, principal, Monterey Elementary, Harrison School District 2

Erika Tunson has been part of the HSD2 family for over 24 years. During that time, she has served as a second-grade teacher at Stratmoor Hills for 4 years, a first-grade teacher at Sand Creek for 12 years, an Instructional Coordinator for 3 years and the assistant principal at Monterey for the last 5 years.

Erika earned Exemplary Distinguished Teacher honors in 2009 and has served on several district committees during her tenure in HSD2. Erika is proud to have worked with so many teachers and staff over the years in the district and formed so many positive, collaborative partnerships, including now supervising a teacher who was a former student in her 2nd grade class! She is so proud to have been a part of Monterey's journey from turnaround to performance and looks forward to leading Monterey into the next phase of their journey! Ms. Tunson is a Colorado Springs native and a proud Coloradoan! Erika graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder (Go Buffs!) with a bachelor's degree in Communication. She continued through the Alternative Licensure Program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and obtained a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and then entered the Leadership Program at UCCS to obtain principal licensure. When she is not working with the students, staff and families of Monterey, Erika enjoys spending time with her family, friends, her loveable shihtzu Honey and working throughout the Colorado Springs Community through her public service sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Erika is excited to begin this new journey with Monterey as they continue to increase student achievement, strong community partnerships and building the foundation for students, staff and families to grow and achieve!