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Save the Dates for the RURAL Conference! December 5-6, 2017 – Hot Springs, VA

Resources Uniting Rural American Leaders (RURAL)

A National Conference for Colleges, Universities, Workforce Agencies & Others

Who RURAL conference participants will include leaders from community and technical colleges, universities, regional economic and workforce development boards, state and federal workforce and education agencies, and others interested in advancing education and workforce opportunities to benefit rural America. Speakers will include government leaders with jurisdiction over programs and funding to benefit rural communities as well as college, university and nongovernmental organizations.

What A conference focused on workforce development, career training and higher education opportunities to benefit rural America.

Where The Omni Homestead, 1766 Homestead Drive, Hot Springs, Virginia.

When December 5-6, 2017. The RURAL conference leads into annual community college Hire Education conference taking place at the Omni Homestead December 6-8, 2017.

Why Problems to be addressed – The RURAL conference will address how low postsecondary education attainment levels and low levels of participation in workforce development and career training programs create barriers to social and economic progress, contributing to unemployment, low wages and poverty in rural America.

Solutions – The conference will explore opportunities and strategies for collaboration involving community and technical colleges, K-12 schools, universities, economic and workforce development boards, and state and federal workforce, economic development and education agencies, to drive attainment of education, workforce and economic development goals in order to improve opportunities in rural America.

Topical areas – RURAL conference sessions will showcase economic and workforce development strategies; youth STEM education; a multi-state rural writing initiative; a forthcoming Smithsonian exhibition on the history of American farming technology; forest management; broadband access; drone technology; healthcare; energy; Promise Zones; motorsports; viticulture & enology; craft brewing; community college student success; apprenticeship programs; entrepreneurship programs; and other areas.

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About the RURAL Conference Venue

The Omni Homestead, Hot Springs, Virginia – America's first luxury resort hotel

Designated as a National Historic Landmark, the Homestead was originally established in 1766. Its story began when Gen. George Washington awarded a land grant to Capt. Thomas Bullitt, on which the first hotel was built. Since 1818, when Thomas Jefferson spent three weeks soaking in the pools, 23 American Presidents have stayed at the Homestead. The resort offers over 72,000 square feet of meeting space, a full-service European spa, a geo-thermal water feature, various dining options, and 2,000 acres for outdoor activities including two golf courses and a ski resort.



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