A forum for Virginia public higher education faculty, staff, administrators and leaders to **share ideas** and **best practices** about **educational innovations, administrative improvements** to increase effectiveness and efficiency, and **enhanced services**.
MORNING
9:00 - 9:30 A.M.  Poster Set-up and Registration
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.  Poster Exhibits
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.  Concurrent Breakout Sessions
   Efficiency and Effectiveness: What You Should Know about Higher Education’s Consulting Engagements
   Institutions have turned to outside consultants to aid in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of administrative and finance functions. The Educational Advisory Board (EAB) recently released its analysis of 21 engagements across higher education, evaluating consistency in recommendations and actual savings generated. This panel discussion will present the results of the EAB study with comments on local efforts from Virginia institutions.
   - Sam Jones, Vice President for Finance, CWM
   - Matt Pellish, Director of Member Education, EAB
   - Sarah Collie, Assistant Vice President for Organizational Excellence, UVA
   - Michael Halleran, Provost, CWM
   - Will Johnson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning, VCCS

High Impact Retention and Graduation Practices
This panel discussion will focus on innovative high-impact practices related to student retention, progression, and graduation. The session will provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange creative and innovative program concepts that engage students, strengthen the academic experience, and result in successful outcomes.
   - Jeanne Mekolichick, Interim Assistant Vice Provost for High Impact Practices, RU
   - Gardner Campbell, Vice Provost for Learning Innovation and Student Success, Associate Professor of English, VCU
   - Kevin Hughes, Dean of Students, CNU
   - Randy Mitchell, Associate Vice President for Student Success, JMU
   - Bethany Usher, Director of Students as Scholars, GMU

LUNCH & KEYNOTE ADDRESS
11:45 A.M. - 1:15 P.M.  Higher Education: Meeting our Responsibilities in an Era of Fiscal Constraint
   Dr. William "Brit" Kirwan
   Chancellor, University System of Maryland

AFTERNOON
1:15 - 3:00 P.M.  Poster Exhibits
1:30 - 2:30 P.M.  Concurrent Breakout Sessions
   High Impact Course Design Initiatives
This session will highlight the unique features of UVa’s Course Design Institute and JMU’s jmuDesign, share evidence of the impact of these intensive course design initiatives, and highlight exciting new variations that promise to have greater impact and reach.
   - Carol Hurney, Executive Director of the Center for Faculty Innovation, Associate Professor of Biology, JMU
   - Michael Palmer, Associate Director of the Teaching Resource Center, Associate Professor, Lecturer of Chemistry, UVA

Conversation Café
Engage in meaningful discussion, exchange ideas, and discover collective wisdom in several rounds of dialogue on the following topics:
- Fostering a Culture of Change
- Leveraging New Models of Service – Outsource, Shared Services, Centers of Excellence
- Investing in Strategic IT
- Generating New Sources of Revenue
- Growing Leaders and Organizational Capacity
- Administrative Functions as Mission-Enabling Partners
- Balancing Innovation and Risk
- Stopping: What services/activities should or could be stopped?