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## **Dr. Corr invited to participate in White House Workforce Convening**

*Attendees shared ideas to help prepare Americans for job market of tomorrow*

Yuma, AZ (May 8, 2024) – Arizona Western College President **Dr. Daniel Corr** was recently invited to join the Biden-Harris administration and other state leaders at the White House to discuss efforts to expand investments in students and workers that lead to good jobs in high-demand sectors including clean energy, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, and more.

On Friday, May 3, Dr. Corr attended the [White House State Workforce Day Convening](#) along with representatives from workforce policy and advocacy organizations, unions, federal agencies, and other stakeholders from across the nation.

Senior Administration officials including **Neera Tanden**, Director of the Domestic Policy Council, and **Mala Adiga**, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Policy for the First Lady, heard from leaders representing a dozen states about model programs to lower costs, expand quality job training for students and workers, and better connect education and workforce systems; how they are braiding together federal and state investments; and how the Biden-Harris Administration can continue to support states' efforts.

“It was an honor to be invited to the White House Workforce Convening along with a select group of educators and government officials. We spent a very productive afternoon discussing ways to better prepare Americans for the job market of tomorrow,” said Dr. Corr. “The fact that Arizona Western College was invited to the table highlights the amazing work being done here at AWC. It was a very proud personal and professional moment.”

Dr. Corr was asked to participate in a breakout discussion during the event amongst White House staff, federal agency staff, and state leaders focused on state-level initiatives and opportunities for aligned efforts regarding preparing for federal investments and expanding career pathways and sector strategies.

Participants during this breakout session included:

Federal Participants:

- **Ishan Sharma**, Office of Science and Technology Policy, White House
- **Luke Rhine**, U.S. Department of Education
- **Maya Goodwin**, U.S. Department of Energy
- **Rachel Lipson**, U.S. Department of Commerce
- **Robert Hovis**, National Science Foundation

State Participants:

- Arizona: **Dr. Daniel Corr**, President of Arizona Western College
- Pennsylvania: **Akbar Hossain**, Secretary of Policy and Planning
- Maryland: **Carmel Martin**, Special Secretary for the Governor's Office for Children and Senior Advisor to the Governor on Economic Mobility
- North Carolina: **Dr. Andrea DeSantis**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Workforce
- Utah: **Casey Cameron**, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services
- Illinois: **Brian Durham**, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board
- New York: **Justin Zanetti**, Associate Director of Federal Policy for the New York Governor's Office
- Indiana: **Whitney Ertel**, Executive Director of the Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet

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