

CCTE Fall 2018 Conference Keynote Speakers



Ross Hall

Ross Hall will be the keynote speaker on Thursday of the Conference. Ross is a founder of The Global Change Leaders—and is also directing Ashoka’s education strategy—in both roles aiming to transform education silos into learning ecosystems in which every young person is empowered to live for the greater good. He has participated in various Changemaking summits in the United States and internationally, most recently in France, Bogota, and in New York where school deans, teachers, and school administrators met to discuss the integrating of Changemaking in schools and in colleges of education. Later this spring a Changemaking summit will be held in Boston.

Before Ashoka, Ross designed the Better World Program, a ground-breaking program that empowers young people to be well and do well. The first implementation of the Better World Program was with 500,000 children in communities across Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and Ghana. The Better World Program extends the Effective Education for Employment project that Ross also conceived and researched, and which he used with ministries and organizations around the world to evaluate the effectiveness of education systems and institutions. Ross has also led international qualifications business, where he spearheaded the development of a new consultancy service and an extensive suite of 21st Century Skills qualifications.



Lynn Gangone

Lynn Gangone will be the keynote speaker on Friday morning of the Conference. She is a seasoned higher education leader with both campus- and association-based senior leadership experience. Prior to her current appointment as president and CEO of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), she served as vice president at the American Council on Education (ACE), where she and her team guided ACE’s suite of programs, products, and services for current and future higher education leaders. She consults, writes, and speaks on higher education leadership, advancement of underrepresented men and women, strategic planning, and change management.

Lynn served as dean of Colorado Women’s College, University of Denver, where Gangone’s faculty appointment was at the clinical professor rank at the University’s Morgridge College of Education. Prior to that, she was a visiting professor of higher education at the George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development (DC). As vice president of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, she led the association’s academic policy and related lobbying work, with specific oversight of teacher education and accreditation in the independent college sector. She has also served as executive director of the National Association for Women in Education, and as vice president of development, as well as vice president/dean of students, at Centenary University (New Jersey). With experience as a faculty member, campus senior administrator, association executive, and lobbyist and policy analyst, Gangone brings a unique perspective to her work.

She has written and been published extensively in the field of higher education and women’s leadership. Gangone received an Ed.D. and M.Ed. in higher and postsecondary administration, with a concentration in organizations and leadership, from Teachers College, Columbia University (NY); an M.S. and C.A.S. in counseling psychology from the University at Albany, State University of New York; and a B.A. in political science from the College of New Rochelle.