



National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity

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Jane Oates Joins Board of National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Education Foundation

Cochranville, PA (10/17/13)—The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) Education Foundation announced today that Jane Oates, Vice President for External Affairs, Apollo Group, Inc., has joined its Board of Directors. In this capacity, Ms. Oates will work with Foundation leadership to continue to grow the organization into a sustainable national nonprofit that provides public educators and policymakers with professional development, technical assistance, research, and advocacy on equity and diversity in education and career development.

Foundation President, Mary Wiberg, expressed the organization's excitement about the addition of Ms. Oates to the Board, which is composed of experts from education, business, and industry who are dedicated to ensuring access, equity, and diversity in education and the workforce: "Jane brings demonstrated commitment to equity and a wealth of knowledge about education, the workforce, and federal and local governments to the Foundation Board. We are very pleased to have her join us."

Prior to joining the Apollo Group, Ms. Oates served as the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training at the U.S. Department of Labor. Immediately before joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Oates served as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education under Governor Jon Corzine.

For the preceding decade, Ms. Oates worked as senior advisor to Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Her portfolio for the Senator included higher education, teacher preparation, research, workforce and training issues, national service, and special populations. She was the lead staff on reauthorizations of the Higher Education Act, the Office of Educational Research, the National Science Foundation, the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, and the Workforce Investment Act.

Earlier in her career Ms. Oates was the Director of Field Services at the Temple University Center for Research in Human Development and Education, where she was engaged in research on inclusion, community schools, charter schools, and the work of the federally funded Mid-Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory.

Ms. Oates began her career as a special education teacher in the Boston and Philadelphia public schools. She holds a B.A. in special education from Boston College and an M.ED in Reading from Arcadia University.

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NAPE is a national, nonprofit consortium of state and local agencies, corporations, and national organizations that collaborate to create equitable and diverse classrooms and workplaces where there are no barriers to opportunities. The NAPE Education Foundation has been involved in a number of initiatives to increase diversity in America's workforce and to increase opportunities in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand careers. Among these is the National Science Foundation-funded STEM Equity Pipeline Project, which works with educational systems to increase the participation of underrepresented populations in STEM education. For more information, visit www.napequity.org.

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