

**Site Visit**  
**CT Commission on Educational Achievement**  
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**About The Connecticut Commission on Educational Achievement**

The Commission is a volunteer and privately funded group composed primarily of business leaders. It was established by Governor Rell to research why Connecticut has one of the largest achievement gaps between low-income students and their more affluent peers, and to make recommendations to the Governor, lawmakers, relevant state and local institutions and the public on how to close it. The Commission is planning on releasing a report with specific recommendations at the end of October. The site visit to Delaware on July 30 is intended to assist the commissioners in shaping their recommendations to Connecticut's Governor.

**Visiting Commissioners and Staff:**

- Steve Simmons (Chairman), Chairman and CEO of Simmons/Patriot Media and Communications
- Ramani Ayer, retired Chairman and CEO, The Hartford
- David Carson, retired Chairman and CEO, Peoples Bank, Bridgeport
- Nancy Benben, First Vice President, Director of Marketing Communications for New Alliance Bank
- Lauren Kaufman, former VP of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association
- Pei Pei Ma, Co-Executive Director
- Nicole Washington, Research Intern

**Delaware Hosts:**

- Daniel Cruce, Deputy Secretary, Delaware Department of Education
- Debbie Doordan, Executive Director, Innovative Schools
- Doug Gramiak, Education Voters of Delaware
- Teri Quinn Gray, President, State Board of Education
- Sherry Gross, former principal, McKean High School, current Assistant Superintendent, Philadelphia School District
- Susan Haberstroh, Education Associate, Legislative Liaison and Regulation Review, DDOE
- Paul Harrell, Director, Public-Private Partnerships, Delaware Department of Education
- Paul A. Herdman, President and CEO, Rodel Foundation of Delaware

- Amelia Hodges, Associate Secretary, College and Workforce Readiness, DDOE
- Dori Jacobson, Sr. Vice President, Rodel Foundation of Delaware
- Lillian Lowery, Delaware Secretary of Education
- Sally Maldonado, Upper School Dean, Kuumba Academy Charter School
- Jim Palmer, Associate Secretary, DDOE
- Jennifer Ranji, Office of the Governor
- Marvin N. "Skip" Schoenhals, Chair, WSFS Bank, and Chair, Vision 2015
- Mike Stetter, Director, Curriculum Instruction and Professional Development/Accountability Resources, DDOE
- Helen Stewart, Director, Community Relations, JPMorgan Chase
- Connie Bond Stuart, President, PNC Bank-Delaware, and Chair, United Way of Delaware
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