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# More than a GPA: Innovating to Build a Pathway to Success

*A moderated discussion exploring how both longstanding and emerging programs are innovating to ensure students at all ages have the necessary support to thrive in school and in their careers.*



**Wednesday, October 27**  
**12:30 p.m. CT**



# Meet Our Panelists

*Moderated by*



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1. Subscribe to our YouTube channel and Find our live stream [here](#)
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3. Click the Share Screen button on the bottom of the Zoom window.
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7. Utilize the discussion question provided and facilitate a conversation



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# Discussion Questions

- What resonated with you the most about today's discussion?
- What innovations or insights surprised you?
- What did you want to hear more about?
- After today's event, what immediate action will you take to help Chicago youth thrive?



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