

Region South Meeting Recap

The Region South 2016 Conference was held in the Savoy Multipurpose Room at Hostos Community College, as over 50 CEANY members and guests enjoyed an intriguing, insightful and informative presentation from Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, Former Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education.

Approximately 8 colleges were represented with staff including two Vice Presidents, one Provost, two Deans and various other staff titles represented. Peter Mertens, Chair and Diane Gahagan, Co-Chair gave welcoming remarks, introduced CEANY Board members, and Carlos Molina, Vice President, Hostos Community College introduced the speaker. Dr. Dann-Messier touched on topics of importance regarding workforce development, specialized programs and grants, program trends, real-time labor market data and opportunities, U.S. policies and legislature in terms of adult education, and critical partnerships within high growth sectors. Dr. Dann-Messier spoke for about 45 minutes with another 30 minutes dedicated to questions and answers from the attendees.

Andrea Huda, Baruch College, gave a presentation on the upcoming CEANY conference and introduced George Rosales, Medgar Evers College, as the CEANY Chair. Andrea and George solicited suggestions on what the attendees thought might interest them at the annual conference. The Chair and co-Chair made sure the afternoon was engaging and fun with three raffles throughout the event, 2 drawings for \$50 American Express gift cards and a \$20 bill awarded to the person who sat in the lucky seat it was secured under. Due to the generous donations from Hostos Community College the CEANY Region South Conference had a great return.