



Moderator



Katherine N. Fulton, *Director at Deloitte Consulting and President of Monitor Institute*

Katherine is a graduate of North Cross School and Harvard College. She has dedicated her career to changing lives through teaching and learning in a variety of contexts: as a journalist, a college teacher, a facilitator, writer, public speaker, and, most recently, as an advisor to prominent leaders learning to navigate change quickly and skillfully. Katherine is a director at the world's largest consulting firm, Deloitte Consulting, where she leads the practice dedicated to nonprofits, philanthropy, and social change. Her most famous talk, on the future of philanthropy (see video below), was given on the TED main stage, and her innovative course design at Duke University was featured in *Time* magazine.

Panelists



Dr. Rita D. Bishop, *Superintendent of Roanoke City Schools*

Dr. Bishop has served as Superintendent of Schools since her return to Roanoke on August 1, 2007, after having served for three years as Superintendent of Schools in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In 2013, she was named the Virginia Superintendent of the Year, Region VI Superintendent of the Year, and was the recipient of the 8th Annual VH1 Save the Music Educator of the Year Award. Additionally, she was named one of the top fifty women leaders in Virginia in 2010, and is a recipient of the American Association of School Administrators Forrest E. Conner scholarship, a two-year University of Southern California Dean's Off-Campus Scholar, recipient of the University of Southern California Dissertation Award of Merit, and the Roanoke YWCA 2004 Educator of the Year.



Dr. Christopher B. Howard, *President of Hampden-Sydney College*

Dr. Howard, the 24th President of Hampden-Sydney College, is one of the youngest college presidents in the United States. Dr. Howard is a distinguished graduate of the US Air Force Academy, where he earned a BS in political science. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned his Doctorate in politics at Oxford University and an MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School. At the Academy he received the Campbell Award (previously known as the Draddy Award), the highest academic award in the country presented to a senior football player; he was inducted into the Verizon Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 2003.



Dr. Robert H. Sandel, *President of Virginia Western Community College*

Dr. Robert H. Sandel has been president Virginia Western Community College for 14 years, establishing the College as a major driver of economic development in the Roanoke Region while ensuring that higher education is accessible and affordable for students. He has formed partnerships with localities and private businesses to develop innovative programs that ensure student success. Meanwhile, in a time of dwindling state resources, he has managed Virginia Western's extensive campus growth. Dr. Sandel earned his bachelor's degree from The Citadel, his master's degree from South Carolina State University and his doctorate from the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining Virginia Western, he was president of Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap and he has been a community college educator for more than 30 years.

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