

## Higher Education

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### ***Improving Equity in Education through STEM Career Readiness and Access to Opportunities***

**Thursday 9:45 am; Panel 1**

Janet Johnson

**Abstract:** The presentation "Improving Equity in Education through STEM Career Readiness and Access to Opportunities" will focus on the sea change in education due to Race to the Top, the Common Core, increased accountability and the demand for more equity in education. Dr. Janet Johnson, founder and CEO of EDSTAR Analytics, Inc. has designed curricula for and taught mathematics to K12 and college-level students. Dr. Johnson has been conducting educational research for over a decade. She has conducted both small and large scale program evaluations to identify effective practices for twenty years, including the evaluation of many STEM programs. She is a proponent of equity in education for all, and has worked tirelessly to help North Carolina school districts ensure all students have access to rigorous STEM coursework.